

Thorndown Newsletter

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Interhouse competition results

Over the last few weeks, Years 2-6 have competed in their termly Interhouse competitions. Each year group focused on the sport/skills which they have been learning about in their PE lessons. As a result, we had competitions in rugby, ball skills and even a 'Strictly Come Tudor Dancing' in Year 6! Teachers have been very impressed with the determination, teamwork and sportsmanship shown in these friendly competitions and I'm pleased to announce the overall winning team is the Yellow Team (Willow)!

Along with this, there has been a STAR PERFORMER chosen from each year group for fantastic contribution to their team and demonstrating our school sport values beautifully. A huge Thorndown 'well done!' to Stanley (Panthers) in Year 2, Reilly in Year 3, Bobby in Year 4, Summer in Year 5 and Elijah in Year 6 for their admirable efforts, attitudes and performances.

Miss Sibanda

Bikeability 2020



During the week beginning 23rd November, our Year 6 pupils completed their Bikeability course. This course makes sure they are safe to ride around St Ives and help them when they move on to Secondary School.

The weather was kind this year and didn't rain too much!

The St Ives Snowmen Festival

We are starting to receive wonderful pictures of recycled snowmen, which you are all starting to display in your front windows. We have ours by the interlink corridor. Don't forget the winners will receive a book. More information can be found in a letter we sent recently.

The festival has started a Facebook page, which gives details of a trail around the shops in St Ives for which children can receive another prize. It's definitely worth a look if you need to do some shopping and keep your children busy at the same time!

You can find them at ["2020 St Ives 'Recycled' Snowman Festival"](#)

Student Council

Our Student Council and Class Councils have been looking at where they feel safe in and out of school. We wanted to make sure that they felt safe in school during such different and potentially anxious times. I thought you may find the results interesting.

KS1 felt safe in school with adults, in the cookie playground, with their friends and at lunchtime. They also feel safe at home, with their pets and cuddly toys.

KS2 pupils said they feel safe in: their classrooms, with their families and in the park with friends. They commented on the fact that how safe they felt depended on who they were with, more than where they were. Quite a lot of children said they didn't like being on their own much. Interestingly, some children feel unsafe in shops because of COVID and they would not feel safe going near another bubble. This is something to think about as we start to get ready for Christmas.

Playtime snacks

Key Stage Two- can I please remind everyone that a snack at playtime should be fruit, a plain biscuit or a healthy snack. We ask that children keep their crisps etc for their lunchbox to be eaten with their sandwiches etc. Thank you



Year 6 pupils were very excited to virtually welcome Star Radio's Josh Lovatt to record the song 'Sleeps 'til Santa'.

Presenter Josh was really impressed with how well they sung and asked them to sing the song in a range of different ways. He also spoke to the children about their Christmas experiences in school and at home. It was a fun experience and everyone really enjoyed being radio celebrities.

Tune in on the morning of 23rd December at 6:30am, 7:30am and 8:30am to hear Thorndown's rendition of 'Sleeps 'til Santa'!

Feel Good Friday

On Friday 4th December, the whole school stopped to tune into their mental health and well-being. Children tried mindfulness colouring and lots of crafts.



Year 6 had discussions about what "Mental Health" means to them and how they can look after it during stressful and unknown times, such as SATs and moving to secondary school. Children throughout the school also took part in some yoga, pre-recorded by Verity Windmill, who usually runs a very successful yoga after school club.



Children also had a chance to just spend time with friends, when they got to chat and play games and Lego together. I know they are missing doing things like this because of the latest Lockdown and now, as we are in Tier 2, friends can't come around to play at the moment.

Feedback from staff, pupils and parents has been very positive and, depending on the restrictions we are experiencing after Christmas, we may do this again.