

Thorndown Primary School

Newsletter

Hello,

It has been another lovely week here at Thorndown.

We have had footballing success with our Year 5 football team winning a tournament this week. The team played fantastically well represented the school brilliantly.

We also had our World Book Day celebrations with lots of things happening in school. All the children enjoyed and engaged with the activities. A huge thank you to you all for your book donations to support reading within the school.

We have also had a number of visitors including our very own airplane being created in the hall for Year 1!

Have a great weekend

Mr Snape

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this year is 95.7% which is above the national average of 94.5%. This means we are in the top 20% of schools nationally for attendance. Well done Thorndown!

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This week, the class winning our attendance trophy for best attendance was Meerkats with 100%.



School Dates



12th March - Y4 Burwell Parents Information Evening

18th/20th March - Parents Evening

18th March - Y1 Science Visitor

20th March - Y6 Humanist Workshop

21st March - Y6 Local MP Visit

21st March - Comic Relief

24th-26th March - Y4 Burwell Trip

25th March - Drumming Assembly

28th March - Y1 Tennis Taster Sessions

28th March - Y4/5 Astronomy Visitor

28th March - FOTS Easter Disco

31st March - Y2 Great Fire of London Day

31st March - Author Visit

Achievement



Pre-School

This week, the children had a fantastic time soaking up the sunshine. They thoroughly enjoyed playing in our brand-new sandpit and had a blast exploring the two wooden play areas around the school. During snack time, we treated everyone to delicious pancakes, and the children even got creative by making their own playdough pancakes to flip in the air!

As it was World Book Week, we celebrated by sharing a variety of wonderful stories with the children. Some of the most-loved books were *Walking Through the Jungle*, *Mr. Wolves Pancakes*, and *The Gingerbread Man*. The children were completely captivated by these stories, and we could see their imaginations come to life throughout the week.

Becky Smith
Preschool Manager



Writers of the Week

Each week, in Celebration Assembly, we congratulate those children that have been working particularly hard with their writing. Children from each class have the opportunity to display their work in the hall and receive a certificate. Well done to the children below for receiving 'Writer of the Week' this week:

Badger - Bruno
Hedgehog - Maya
Otter - Arabella
Kangaroo - Archie
Owl - Pippa
Elephant - Isla
Bat - Joshua
Puffin - Zahra
Giraffe - Ruth
Meerkat - Bo
Chameleon - Imogen
Lion - Devon
Orca - Scarlett
Penguin - Jess
Panther - Melville
Toucan - Myles
Lemur - Isabella
Jaguar - Finley



Oracy Assembly

World Wildlife Day

This week we celebrated World Wildlife Day. It is an opportunity to celebrate and raise awareness of the world's animals and plants. Each year's World Wildlife Day theme encourages us to think about new ways we can help wildlife and develop conservation. This year, the theme of World Wildlife Day is 'Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in people and the planet'. This means exploring how we can work together to finance wildlife conservation more effectively and sustainably and build a resilient future for both people and the planet.



*I would like to start
by saying...
I think...*



Building on _____ idea,
I think...



In KS1 we discussed what wildlife is and what conservation means. We talked about endangered animals and thought about how we could participate in World Wildlife Day.

In KS2 we discussed the meaning of conservation and why wildlife is so important. We learnt that we rely on wildlife for many different purposes including: food, clothing, medicine, jobs and fuel. We talked about how we could participate in World Wildlife Day.

We talked about how the following things could help us and the planet. Perhaps you could discuss these which of these suggestions you could implement at home.

- Recycle: as much of our waste as possible.
 - Reduce water and energy use.
 - Plant trees.
- Get to know the species that face the most urgent threats in your area and how you and your community can help conserve them or support ongoing initiatives in your area.
 - Use sustainable products.
 - Donate to environmental charities.
- Walk, cycle or use public transport when possible.

Well-Being



E-Scooters

We have had an increase in the number of E-Scooters being ridden around school. Please can we remind parents that e-scooters should not be ridden on school grounds and also bring your attention to the laws a regulation around e-scooters below.

- E-scooters are treated by the law in the same way as driving a car or motorcycle. To ride them in public areas they need insurance, tax, and a valid licence. It's currently not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters. It is therefore illegal for any young person under 17 and without a driving licence to ride an e-scooter in a public area.
- Privately owned e-scooters are only allowed on private land (e.g., garden, driveway) and not public land (pavements, parks, and roads).
- Rental e-scooters can "ONLY" be ridden if you create an account with the company, hold a valid licence and are **over 16 years old**.
- There are fixed penalty notices, fines and penalty points and the police can seize e-scooters if they are not properly insured.

Year 6 Football Report

On February 27th, we went to a football tournament. We travelled to Bushmead Primary School and there were three other teams which we had to face. When we got there, we met up and went onto the field to warm up. Shortly after, we had to get off the pitch for the first game. We used this as an opportunity to observe the two other teams to make our tactics!! When we played our first match, we drew 1-1 and each half was 7 minutes. On our second match, we lost 1-0. On our third game, we won 1-0. We all thoroughly enjoyed the tournament!

Written by Finley, Romeo, Isaac and Benjamin



Opportunity



World Book Day!

What a fantastic World Book Day we've had at our school! It was a joy to see so many faces getting involved and embracing the love for reading. The children had a brilliant time visiting the book shop, where we sold over £600 worth of books at wonderfully affordable prices—what a triumph! Year 3 added an exciting twist by participating in a live stream with the legendary Michael Rosen, who captivated us all with his readings of some well-known poems. If you haven't had the chance yet, do take a peek at our school website to see the impressive Domino Drop.

A massive thank you to everyone for their generous contributions; it's heartwarming to see such quality books that our children will cherish for years to come.

We also revisited our class poets, discussed the importance of reading, and celebrated our love for literature with an engaging quiz. A huge shout-out to all the wonderful reading champions who have sorted through donations, organised class book drops, and managed the book shop—all the hard work put in by them made this day truly special. Here's to fostering a lifelong love of reading!



Opportunity



Yr 4/5 Buddhist Visitor



Kelsang Malaya a Buddhist nun came to visit this week and talked to the year 4/5s who have been learning about Buddhism in Religion & Worldviews recently. She spoke about the religion of Buddhism including; the Noble Truths, dharma and the Samsara Wheel. She explained to us about the significance of her robes: the 21 patches to remind us of the 21 meditations leading to enlightenment and the 16 stitches at the four corners of the border symbolic of the four sets of the Four Noble Truths. Malaya also set up a small shrine with offerings to Lord Buddha of water, light, food and flowers. Whilst talking with us she invited everyone to take part in a guided meditation session, it was a very calming experience for all. Children spoke afterwards about how much they enjoyed her visit and how informative it was teaching them more about Buddhism.

Y6 English Challenge

On the 3rd March 2025, we attended the English Writing Challenge at Westfield Junior School. We completed in a series of reading, spelling and English related questions up against 11 other schools. We can proudly announce that after 3 rounds, we came out on top along with 2 other schools. We will be going to the final on 2nd April... wish us luck!!

Written by Isla, Nina, Orlaith and Quinn



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