

Thorndown Primary School Newsletter

Hello,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school after half-term.

We have already had a great range of things happening in school this week.

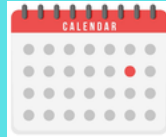
We have had visitors from Anglian Water, football matches and Tag Rugby tournaments taking place, all of which you can read more about in this newsletter. A huge thank you to those parents who have supported with these trips and the preparation for them.

We are also delighted to share that we have become members of the National College - this has a huge database of courses and information to support parents with keeping their children safe online. Details on how to sign up are in the newsletter.

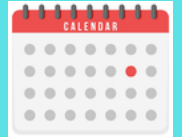
Take care,
Mr Snape

School Hall

Unfortunately, it is taking longer to find a solution to the issue with the school hall ceiling than first anticipated. We continue to work with our premises team, the Local Authority and the insurance company but it will still be a number of weeks before we are able to use the hall. We will send a letter to parents detailing our contingency plans for certain school events soon.



School Dates



11th-15th November - Anti-Bullying Week

13th November - Odd Socks Day

15th November - Children In Need & Non-Uniform Day

19th-22nd November - Y6 Hilltop Residential

20th November & 4th

December - Flu Vaccinations
(Year 6 children who will be at Hilltop will have their vaccinations on 4th December)

26th/28th November - Parents' Evening

29th November - Training Day
(school closed to children)

Achievement



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:

Elephant - Pola
Kangaroo - Paige
Owl - Millie M
Bat - Leo
Puffin - Hans
Giraffe - Lilly
Meerkat - Thomas
Chameleon - Omer
Lion - Ruby
Orca - Jordan
Panther - Mateo
Penguin - Emelia-Grace
Jaguar - Eleni
Lemur - Andre
Toucan - Raven



Our writers of the week this week are Lilly from Giraffe and Ruby from Lions. Well done to all our writers this week!

EAL

This week's language of the month is Spanish. Thank you to Mateo for helping with this week's vocabulary.

Hello- Hola!

Good morning- Buenos días

Good afternoon- Buenos tardes

How are you?- ¿Cómo estás? (koh-moh ehs-tahs)

Good- Bien

Not good- Mal

Ok- Vale

Thank you- Gracias

Good bye- Adios



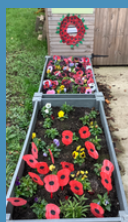
Pre-School

"What a fantastic week we've had back at preschool! We've had the joy of celebrating three special occasions, starting with the vibrant colours and lights of Diwali, followed by the excitement and sparkle of Bonfire Night, and closing with a heartfelt mini remembrance service in our garden for Remembrance Day. Reception classes also joined us for this. It's been a wonderful mix of joy, learning, and reflection for the children.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed the variety of activities, and the art area has been a particular favourite! They especially enjoyed creating beautiful firework pictures and poppies. During our remembrance service, the children were incredible—they stood in silence for a minute, then planted their handmade poppies in the garden as a gesture of thanks to the soldiers.

We can't wait to see all the amazing creations your children bring next week as we dive into our new theme all about Nursery Rhymes!

Becky Smith



Oracy

With it being Remembrance Sunday this Sunday, this week we spent Oracy assembly reflecting and remembering why this day is so important.



In KS1 & Year 3, we watched a CBeebies animation titled 'Poppies' which follows a young rabbit's journey through the fields during the Great War.

Why not watch the video at home together and discuss the journey?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/poppies>

Well-Being



National College



We're delighted to let you know that Thorndown Primary School has become a member of The National College - a multi-award-winning online training provider for staff and parents.

What does this mean for you?

As part of our membership, The National College provides dedicated training and resources for parents and carers - particularly, around online safety and keeping children safe online.

Online safety advice on any topic

Of course, staff will continue to teach children about the risks online. But with the internet so readily accessible, the most effective approach to online safety needs everyone involved, including parents and carers.

That's why you've now got access to hundreds of courses, explainer videos and online safety guides to support your awareness of the online world. Topics range from understanding apps like TikTok and Instagram, to recognising the signs of online harm and what you can do to help.

Sign up is easy!

Signing up to the platform is simple. Just follow [this link](#) and complete your details. Once you're set up, you'll be able to choose 'Parent/Carer' as your user type and get instant access to all training and resources.

Download the app for free

Another fantastic benefit of The National College is its National Online Safety app, which you can download for free. It gives you access to all their parent and carer resources on the go, whenever you want. You can download the National Online Safety app from your usual app store.

The National College has a brilliant support team if you have any questions. Their help centre provides a comprehensive bank of answers to most FAQs, but if you still can't find the answer you're looking for, you can always get in contact with them.

I hope you'll sign-up and make the most of their resources.



OPaL



A huge thank you to all those who have donated wellies to our Great Welly Hunt! We have an overflowing donations bin but would still appreciate any further donations.

You may have noticed some new green storage sheds around the site following half term. These will be both for storage of equipment for our lunchtime provision as well as housing our welly storage. Here children will be able to change into their wellies at lunchtimes allowing them to access all parts of the school grounds, all year round. Stay tuned for further updates!

Opportunity

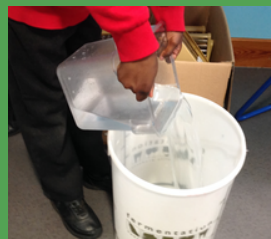
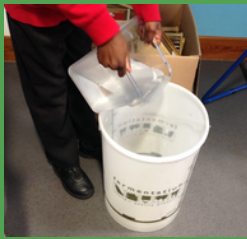
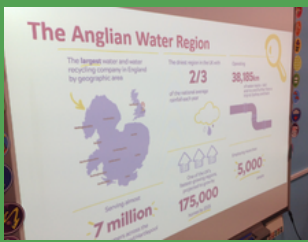


Year 3 Anglian Water

Richard visited from Anglian Water.

We learnt about the water cycle. You need to make sure the water you drink has been cleaned so that you don't get sick. Richard taught us where our fresh water comes from and how it gets to us. Edie used up about 8 litres of water to brush her teeth! We learnt that we should turn off the tap whilst brushing our teeth. We played a game where we had to clean some paint and have as much clean water left over. We learnt that we should wash up in the same water, so we don't have to have the tap running all the time. We mixed Weetabix, grease, washing powder and other things into a bowl with water to learn what sewage is. We learnt about what and what not to flush down the toilet and to always press the small flush button for a wee and the big flush button for a poo! It was informative and interesting.

By Meerkat Class



Tag Rugby

On Tuesday 5th November, Year 5 and 6 went to a TAG rugby tournament. We were split into two teams: Thorndown Thunder and Thorndown Thistles with 12 in each group. They got lots of tags and some awesome tries. There were about twenty schools at the event and they all played their hardest. One of our teams played great and advanced to the semi-finals and came fourth overall. Thorndown Thistles had a tactic called "Blue Ball" this helped them hold their defensive line. Thorndown had a lot of fun and we'd like to say thank you to all the people who made it happen.

Written by Sienna and Brodie

