

Thorndown Primary School

Newsletter

Hello,

The weather hasn't really been playing ball this week but we haven't let that dampen our spirits here at Thorndown.

We had a team participate in a Dynamo Mixed Cricket competition, a bee-keeper in Reception and launched our Thorndown Run Club! What a week!

Please ensure your child has a coat in school everyday - we go outside in most weathers and a coat can be needed at lunchtime even if it looks like a sunny morning!

Take care,

Mr Snape



School Dates



16th June - GENR8 Assembly

16th to 17th June - Unsafe Relationships Workshop for Y6

19th June - Father's Day Den Building for Reception

23rd June - Pre-School Leavers Party

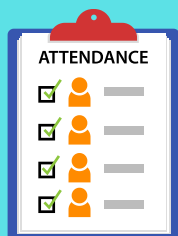
23rd June - Reception trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park

25th June - Sports Day - Y1/Y2/Y3

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this year is 95.16%

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



This week, the classes winning our attendance trophy for best attendance was Jaguars!

Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal

Just heard back from the Marie Curie Group to confirm that Thorndown raised a fantastic £114.29!

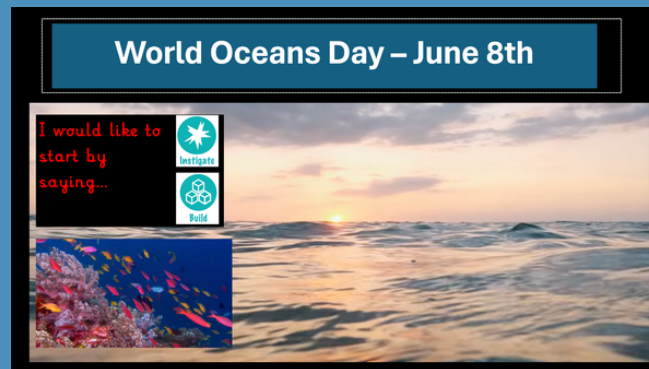
Thank you so much for your continued support! 🎪

Achievement



Oracy Assembly

This week, on Wednesday 10th June, our Oracy Assembly focused on World Ocean Day



During the assembly, children revisited our discussion guidelines and worked collaboratively using 'instigate' and 'build' talk strategies to share ideas respectfully. We began by exploring where we get water from and why it's important to us. We moved on to talking about what we find under the water and then we talked about how our oceans are being threatened. Finally, we talked about how we can help in our own way, even if it's just a little action. We were challenged to find out about climate change and learn how to explain what it means!

Writers of the Week

Elephant - Avery
Orca - Curtis
Otter - Jobey
Camel - Luna
Kangaroo - Rowan P
Owl - Felix
Bat - Ethan
Turtle - Mollie H
Puffin - Zara
Meerkat - Noor
Lemur - Ava
Giraffe - Tristan
Chameleon - Ajay
Penguin - Chloe
Lion - Arlo
Toucan - Mujtaba
Panther - Zoe
Jaguar - Elouise



Pre-School

We have had a very busy and exciting week at preschool! The children thoroughly enjoyed visiting the allotment, where they picked fresh radishes and learned more about how vegetables grow. We were also delighted to welcome Football Fun Factory, who led a fun and engaging session that the children absolutely loved. Afterwards, we shared our Story of the Week, Veg Patch Party, which linked perfectly with our learning about growing vegetables.

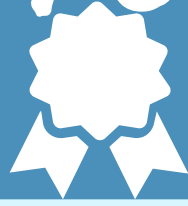
We have also begun our transition-to-school activities for our older children. The children enjoyed visiting the Reception playground, and one of the Reception teachers came to preschool to read them a story. This was a lovely opportunity for the children to become more familiar with their new school environment and teachers.

Looking Ahead to Next Week

We have another busy week planned! Windmill Yoga will be visiting to lead a yoga session with the children, helping them develop their balance, coordination, and mindfulness. We will also be enjoying a fruit and vegetable tasting activity during snack time, encouraging the children to explore new tastes and learn more about healthy eating.

We look forward to sharing more of our adventures with you next week!

Achievement



Writing at Thorndown

Year 1 Castle Day

On Wednesday just before half term the children in Year 1 took part in a Little Lords and Ladies day where they had the opportunity to discover what life was like living in a castle. They made clay gargoyles, wrote their names with a quill and created their very own Bayeux Tapestry. Thank you to all the volunteers that made this day such a success and to the families for providing such wonderful costumes for the children, allowing them to immerse themselves into the experience.

Eli and Myla in Owl Class wrote a short summary of the day:

"First we went into the hall. Then we did a catwalk. Next we did some jobs. My favourite was making the clay gargoyles. We were very busy."

"First we walked down the catwalk with our pretty colourful costumes. Next we made shields with gems. Then we did different but fun activities. After we had a calming feast."

Year 2

Year 2 had a wonderful opportunity to meet Rob Biddulph 'Draw with Rob' on Wednesday. He shared his inspiring story of how he became an author and illustrator, sharing a beautiful animation of his text 'I Follow The Fox'. Towards the end of the session, he taught the children how to draw an owl with a scarf. It was such a lovely opportunity, and all the children thoroughly enjoyed the session.

At Thorndown, we have been working on writing for a purpose and with an audience in mind.

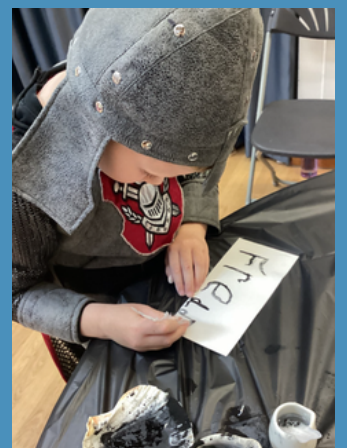
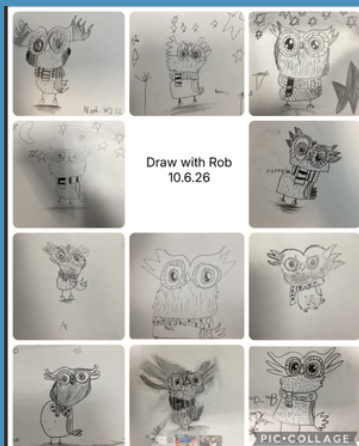
Year 3 Performance Poetry

Year 3 have been working on poetry and the effect it may have on the reader, trying to create emotion to an audience. Today Meerkat class performed their class poem in assembly to the rest of the school. It was delightful to see and hear the language used to create emotion.

Year 4 Writing to Ben Obese-Jecty

Last half term, Year 4 learnt about persuasive letters and the features that make this type of writing successful. They have then written their own persuasive letters about a local issue that is important to them and have carefully chosen their intended audience. Some children chose to write to the local MP Ben Obese-Jecty. They have written about the state of their local park (Hill Rise Park), the building of houses on green spaces and the dangerous main road outside of their school. They have worked incredibly hard on their letters and are very proud of them.

The children were excited to send their letters and were even more excited to receive a reply!



Well-Being

Cricket Tournament

On Tuesday 9th June, 10 year 5 and 6 children went to St Ives Outdoor centre for a cricket tournament. As we walked on to the pitch, we were ready! With each batter that had their turn, we slowly gained some points. As fielders, we had better luck as we got 4 wickets and 1 catch! As the matches went on, it started to rain and thunder! Once the sun was shining once again, we were able to persevere and finish the tournament. Everyone played really well and we had a fun time too!

Written by Frank



Thorndown Run Club

This morning 20 wonderful runners, walkers (and a cartwheeler!) met on the oval for our inaugural Thorndown run club, and they're now well on their way around their tracking charts. If you'd like to join in, run club runs each Friday from 8-8.30am on the oval. See you there!



Opportunity



Year 5 Dragons Den



This week, Year 5 were visited by a local police officer and restaurant owner. These visitors acted as 'Dragons' for the children to present pitches for a problem-solving product that they had been creating various adverts for over the previous few weeks. All groups spoke with confidence, explained their products well and responded very maturely to both feedback and suggestions from the visitors. Very well done indeed!



The Circus came to Thorndown!

Last week, our playing field was transformed into a 'Big Top' as we welcomed Happy's Circus to Thorndown.

We were thrilled to see so many happy children, and adults, enjoying the performances and lively atmosphere, especially when the water guns came out! From start to finish, the event was bursting with energy, and it was lovely to see the Thorndown community coming together to share in the fun.

Congratulations again to Darcey, Eric, Grace and Lara – all winners of our 'Design a Circus Poster' competition. Well done also to Edie who took to the stage with 'Steve the Clown' to do a bit of singing and did an excellent job!



A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who supported, attended, and helped make the event such a success – including all our fabulous teachers and support teams.

Without them, the event simply couldn't have taken place!

We're delighted to announce that we raised an **amazing £2,300 for the school** which will go towards supporting future activities and opportunities for our children.

The FOTS team