

Thorndown Primary School

Newsletter

Hello,

It has been a wonderful week here at Thorndown.

Our children and teachers have been busy preparing for our Thorndown Olympics for KS1 and KS2 next week. The weather is currently looking dry so we are hopeful this remains!

Our netballers and footballers have been in action this week and I know they have all represented the school so well - well done to all those taking part in these events this week.

Next week, FOTs will be running their Pro-Strike fundraiser event and I know that many children are looking forward to taking part in this.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and the weather is kind to us.

Take care,

Mr Snape

Diary Dates

18th June - Thorndown Olympics (KS2am/KS1pm)
19th June - Y2 Gurdwara trip
25th June - Thorndown Olympics (EYFS)
1st July - Art Week
9th July - Year 5 performances
10th July - Life in Medieval Castle Day for Y1
11th July - Year 6 performances
17th July - Year 6 Pizza event
18th July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly
19th July - Year 6 trip to Grafham Water

Term Dates

19th July - Last Day of Term

22nd July - Training Day

3rd September - Training Day

4th September - First Day of Term

28th October - 1st November - Half

Term

Attendance

This week, the class with the best attendance was Penguin class with 99.54% - well done!

Our whole school attendance this week was 96%

Achievement



EAL at Thorndown

This month's Language of the Month is Portuguese.

Mrs Dunsdon was thrilled to have the help of Sara and Elena from Year Three to help learn some Portuguese. During the language sharing assembly we also had a look at some of the photos that Sara and Elena's parents kindly shared from the children's trip to Brazil last year. It was so interesting for the children to see the photos of the different types of food that the girls enjoyed during their travels and see photos from a sightseeing trip that the girls took to São Paulo. The girls taught the children how to say 'Good morning'/'Good afternoon', 'Thank you' and ask 'How are you?'

Children across the school will now have a go answering the register in Portuguese.



Pre-School

This week, we have carried on our theme of dinosaurs, the children have been busy creating a dinosaur land with Miss Gray, so far, the children have used papier-mache to decorate junk modelling and then painted it. Next week, the children will be filling the volcano and then watching it erupt. We will post the finished result to seesaw.

In our growing patch, the children have been busy exploring what is growing and are excited that we now have strawberries! They are looking forward to making jam soon to have on their toast at snack time. We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Becky Smith



Well-Being



The children are continuing to love the opportunities and play experiences that our OPaL provision is providing them. We will always try to keep the children outside at playtimes whatever the weather and our summer so far as proved to be quite unpredictable with the rain! Please ensure you child has some form of coat with them each day and you may to provide a spare pair of socks in their bags in case they get wet feet.

TESCO TOKENS

SHOP IN TESCO? WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Running until June, Thorndown is part of Tesco's 'STRONGER STARTS' Blue token charity event. Give us your vote by dropping your token into the Thorndown container, available in St Ives, Huntingdon and Stukeley Meadows Tesco Stores. The charity with the most tokens gets a grant of £1500. #Everytokenhelps



Opportunity



Summer Reading Challenge

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's Summer Reading Challenge. Sign up for FREE at St.Ives library!

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy reading anything they like! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It's completely FREE to take part.

It is an amazing way to boost children's confidence – last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident reading.

At Cambridgeshire Libraries the challenge starts on 20th July 2024 but you can sign up from Sat 13th July 2024.

Head to your local library this summer and sign up! If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Browne in Owl class.

Athletics Achievements!

Last Tuesday, Thorndown and the other schools participated in throwing, jumping, a running race and a sprint. Thorndown was very ambitious and also kind when running the 300m race. I would definitely say we could run one more lap. We really liked the tournament because it was very competitive and we like having a challenge. We got to wear cool school t-shirts and we pinned numbers to it. On the jumping competition, we had to stand behind an orange line and jump next to a long ruler. It was extremely tiring but the Thorndown children were very fast. I personally think throwing was the hardest because the vortex kept spinning in the air. If there was another athletics tournament, I would definitely consider going again! Written by Sarah and Sophia from Chameleon class.

Football Fun!

On Thursday we were welcomed to Westfield Primary School for a football tournament. We got our hopes up and got ready to play our first game against Round House. At half time it was 0:0 but we had several shots on target. We just couldn't get the ball at the back of the net. Just after half time, Zach independently drove through their team and scored. We managed to keep it 1:0 so we patiently waited for our next game. As the game started against Godmanchester, our team passed quickly and without hesitation, Zach scored again (top corner). In the second half Harvey threw in and connected with Zach for another goal.

For the third game against Westfield we knew we needed to win or draw to win the competition. We had lots of shots but the other team was on the counterattack. They took a shot and Lenny saved it. Then another shot but we didn't need to worry as Lenny made another impressive save. We finished 0:0 but that was enough to win the tournament and be through to the next round. Thank you for letting Thorndown attend this tournament. Written by Myles and Romeo