

Thorndown Primary School

Newsletter

Hello,

It is certainly starting to feel more wintery as we continue into November. The weather forecast is showing this cold trend is set to continue so please ensure your child has a coat in school to wear at playtimes.

Next week, our Year 6 children head off on their residential trip to Hilltop. I know they will have a fantastic time and represent the school brilliantly. There is also a wonderful array of activities for those children who are remaining at school.

We have had a lot of exciting and interesting things happening in school this week from football matches and art trips, to Odd Socks Day and special visitors. You can read more about all of this in the Newsletter below.

I hope you have a good weekend!
Take care,
Mr Snape

Girls Football

An update from a match that took place last week...

The football match against Brampton was a competitive, hard competition. Sadly the victory was not ours but the Thorndown team gave it their all. We had eight amazing players and two brilliant goalies. There were a couple of powerful shots from Brampton but our goalies saved a number of them. Loads of family members and friends came to watch and support the Thorndown girls play, they cheered us on and gave us hope for the second round. In truth, the Thorndown girls were a bit disappointed with the overall score, but our coach Mr Peel told us he was proud of what we'd achieved. We tried our hardest and were happy that we were selected to represent our school.

Written by Isabella and Florence

School Dates



19th-22nd November - Y6
Hilltop Residential

(Please can children meet teachers at the Fruit Door on Tuesday between 8:35-8:55am)

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)

12th December - Christmas
Lunch

12th December - Christmas
Jumper Day

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 - Rocco
Kangaroo - Myla
Owl - Tommy
Bat - Ella
Puffin - Archie
Giraffe - Evalyn
Meerkat - George
Chameleon - Grayson
Lion - Alice
Orca - Dolly
Panther - Hiba
Penguin - Harvey
Jaguar - Ava
Lemur - Kaiah
Toucan - Evelyn



Our writers of the week this week are Archie in KS1 and Harvey in KS2. Well done to all our writers this week!

Pre-School

This week at preschool, we've been exploring nursery rhymes, and the children have loved every moment! They've enjoyed singing familiar favourites and learning some new ones too. We've also started practising our Christmas songs in preparation for the Christmas Sing-Along on 17th December—it's going to be a wonderful celebration!

A big thank you to everyone who has created nursery rhyme-themed crafts at home with their children. The children have been so proud to share their creations with us. Since they've enjoyed this theme so much, we'll continue it next week. There's still time to join in, so feel free to work on a rhyme-inspired creation with your child and bring it in for them to share.

This week, we also introduced two exciting new activities:

- Squiggle While You Wiggle: a fun activity on Monday afternoons that combines movement and drawing to develop both fine and gross motor skills. The children have really enjoyed wiggling and squiggling!
- Story Dough: a creative activity where the children use playdough to craft stories, sparking their imaginations and storytelling skills. We're looking forward to another exciting week ahead!

EAL

Did you know this weekend there was a sweet celebration named 'British Pudding Day!' It might surprise you that British Pudding traces back to the early 14th century when "poding" was referred to an animal stomach filled with meat, which was then boiled. The sweet puddings we know today are the result of centuries of evolution and sugar become much more readily available and affordable.

What's your favourite pudding? Is it a traditional British pudding or does it have an international origin?

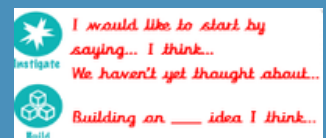
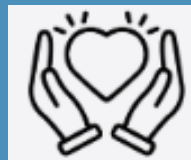


Oracy

This week in Oracy assembly, we celebrated world kindness day! We spent the assembly discussing the following questions:

- what does kindness mean?
- how can we make sure our classroom's and school shine with kindness?
- what random act of kindness are we going to pledge to complete this week?

Why not try discussing these questions at home?



Achievement



Poetry.

Following some wonderful poetry from Year 6 about WW1 in our Remembrance assembly, two children in our school were inspired to write their own poems. They were so great we thought we would share them!

Winter is Here

Snow falls on the ground
Silently
Without a sound
The misty air swirls around
Winter is here

It's freezing cold out there
The trees are very bare
And the snowflakes are scattered
everywhere
Winter is here

Snuggle up to a blanket
And read a book about the planet
Rest your head on a fluffy pillow
It is cold out there so close to the window
Winter is here

Autumn has passed
Now winter is here
Spend time with family and friends
Do you like winter?
It depends
Because winter is here

By Sienna in Year 5

Kindness

Kindness is a phrase
as soft as silk,
as smooth as butter
sweet like milk.

Kindness is portrayed
In many ways,
helping someone
can make their day.

Kindness is water,
you are the cup
it pours it's self in you
to fill you up.

Kindness is in you,
whoever you are
remember kindness
shows in many ways...

Have you shown a kindness today?

By Skye in Year 6

Well-Being



FOTS Santa Letters



Odd Socks Day



It was great to see so many children and staff participating in Odd Socks Day on Wednesday to celebrate the diversity of the school and how everyone is different.

During Anti-Bullying Week the children have also been producing class poems to explain what they have learned during this week which will go on display in the school

Opportunity



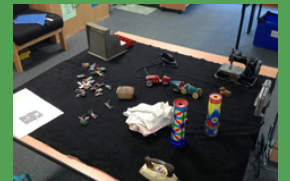
Football

On Tuesday, Year 6 played a Dickenson Cup match against Wheatfields Primary. We were evenly matched but we played more effectively as a team. Initially, we scored an own goal but we kept our cool and went on to make it 1:1 in no time at all. There was a lovely cross from Alix taking the score to 2:1 but then Wheatfields scored again. We decided we needed to double mark their strongest player. This kept the left side open for our attack so with this strategy we scored another. Shortly after Wheatfields scored bringing us to 3:3. Despite some awesome saves from Fin the score edged up to 4:4. Eventually, with only 30 seconds left we drew ahead with a fabulous goal giving us a 5:4 victory. The game was very enjoyable and we are very proud to be through to the next round of the cup.



History of Toys

On Tuesday, Year 1 had a truly magical experience with History Off The Page. The toy museum came to Thorndown! Together we become investigators and explorers, discovering what toys were like in the past and how they could be played with. We also had the opportunity to make some toys. It really was a fabulous opportunity and lots of fun was had by all.



Art@One Exhibition

On Thursday, a group of children from Years 4, 5 and 6 attended an art exhibition in Hemingford. The theme of the exhibition was perspective and included an outdoor installation, paintings, sculptures and a film. The children took part in a workshop, led by Mrs Patrick who recently retired from Thorndown, which explored perspective. They also had a series of tasks to complete which took them all around the exhibition. We had such a lovely morning, and the children were engaged, calm and polite.



Remembrance

On Monday 11th November Thorndown Primary School came together in their assemblies to mark Remembrance Day. We were joined by Flight Sergeant Derren Jones and Corporal Lily Cottrell from RAF Wyton. They spoke to us about their roles in the Armed Forces and what Remembrance meant to them as someone who worked in the RAF. A big thank you to both for joining us on this important day. We also had some fantastic poems about WW1 written about our Year 6 children.

