

Thorndown Primary School

Newsletter

Hello,

What a scorcher of a week it has been here at Thorndown.

Genr8 returned to school this week to perform a new assembly for the children. All the school greatly enjoyed the assembly and message of using your words to build people up and not to knock them down.

The weather looks set to continue to be very warm over the next week. Please ensure children come into school with a hat, water bottle and any sunscreen they may need each school day.

Take care,

Mr Snape



School Dates



23rd June - Pre-School Leavers Party

23rd June - Reception trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park

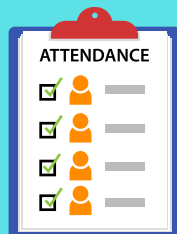
25th June - Sports Day - Y1/Y2/Y3

26th June - Sports Day EYFS (am) and yr 4/5/6 (pm)

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 Puffins!

Sports Day.

A reminder that next week are holding our annual Sports Day events.

Years 1,2 and 3 - Thursday 25th June in the afternoon.

EYFS - Friday 26th June in the morning.

Years 4,5 and 6 - Friday 26th June in the afternoon.

Achievement



Oracy Assembly

On Wednesday 17th June this week, the children looked at what it means to agree and disagree with someone. We explore the fact that it is okay to disagree with someone and think differently to them and how importance it is to try and be kind when we do disagree. The children spoke in their trios throughout the assembly to see if they agreed or disagreed with statements such as:

- It would be better to have a 2 hour lunch break but finish school an hour later
- Rainy days can be fun
- It is better to be kind than always be right.

The children then shared some of their reasons within the assembly and considered the content of the whole assembly moving forward.



Writers of the Week

Elephant - Lewis
Orca - Amiyah
Otter - Louie M
Camel - Lyra
Kangaroo - Ollie
Owl - Louis
Bat - Harry G
Turtle - Millie M
Puffin - Albert
Meerkat - Hans
Lemur - Darcey
Giraffe - Rumeysa
Chameleon - Nesi
Penguin - Elenor
Lion - Freddie
Toucan - Omer
Panther - Frank
Jaguar - Caleb



Pre-School

We have had a busy and wonderful week at preschool! The children enjoyed making Father's Day biscuits and were even lucky enough to make some extra biscuits to enjoy at snack time. We have also started our visits to Reception Playgroup and have been having a great time exploring and playing with all the outdoor resources.

We continued our theme of being healthy and active and were delighted to welcome Verity from Windmill Yoga, who led a yoga session with the older children. Everyone had lots of fun taking part and trying out the different poses.

We also built a tent in the garden, which everyone enjoyed and went to the allotment to check on our raspberries that we are growing.

In phonics, we have been revisiting stories we have previously enjoyed, seeing if we can remember the familiar phrases and key parts of the stories. During maths time, we have been practising counting, number recognition, and subitising using our fingers.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday!

The preschool team



Well-Being

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about KEEP CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE OVER SUMMER

School's out ... for summer! Yes, it's that time of the year again: around six weeks at home for ecstatic youngsters. For many young people, a bumper stint off school means a welcome chance to spend even more time with their games console, phone, tablet or smart TV. So whether your children are likely to be scrolling on Snapchat, nestling in front of Netflix or frying foes on Fortnite, we've put together some top tips to help you keep them safe online this holiday.

THERE'S NO NETWORK LIKE HOME

Teenagers, especially, tend to be delighted to find that a coffee shop, restaurant or shopping centre offers free WiFi. These public networks are much less secure than home WiFi, though, so discourage your child from making online purchases or entering personal details when out and about.

IT'S 'THE GREAT OUTDOORS' FOR A REASON

For most northern hemisphere-dwellers, this time of year is a rare opportunity to enjoy the outside world in pleasant weather. Remind your child how amazing it is to feel the sun on their back and fresh air in their lungs. Disney+ and Minecraft will still be there on drizzly Sundays in October.

PRIVATE INFO STAYS PRIVATE

It's worth checking your child's social media or gaming profiles occasionally to make sure they aren't inadvertently giving away too much information. Details such as their full name, address or where they go to school could all be used to track them down by individuals with sinister intentions.

KEEP TALKING

It sounds blindingly obvious, but having regular chats with your child about who they're talking to online, what games and apps they're using and what shows they're streaming is a huge benefit. It doesn't have to be every day or even every week, but it can signal potential issues well in advance.

LIGHTS OUT, SCREENS OFF

This is a golden rule: try to limit how much screen time your child has towards end of the day. Staring at the screen of a phone or tablet for too long before bed severely impacts a child's quality of sleep – which can play havoc with their concentration, mood and energy levels the next day.

FOCUS ON FACTS

The internet is phenomenal at spreading gossip. When children of certain ages aren't in daily contact at school, the digital rumour mill can go into overdrive. Remind your child not to believe everything they're told online – especially if the person involved isn't around to provide their side of the story.

WATCH FOR EXCESSIVE GAMING

With no school, children often take every opportunity to fit in 'just one more go' on their favourite game – sometimes at the cost of their daily routine, or having family time. A little extra gaming is to be expected in the holidays, but if it could become problematic if it evolves into a recurring habit.

LIMIT SOCIAL AUDIENCES

When they're old enough, young people love to broadcast their summer holiday highlights all over social media. The unfortunate truth, however, is that we don't always know who might be viewing this content. Check the settings to ensure that only friends and family can see your child's posts.

DEMONSTRATE GOOD HABITS

Children often learn their digital behaviour from watching the grown-ups around them. So make sure your child observes you being positive and supportive on social media, for example – and, especially, sees that you know when it's time to switch the screen off, even though you're having fun.

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Opportunity



Free Healthy Relationship courses for parents

All relationships have their ups and downs, but if parents are regularly arguing in front of their children, it can have negative and lasting consequences. Help is available for parents who want to communicate in a healthier way. Family Hubs are running courses to support parents who would like to improve the relationship with their partner or ex-partner.

Courses bookable directly via the QR code.

****SUMMER TERM 2026****

Improve the communication with your partner to support your children

(Arguing Better)

Online via Teams: Tuesday 23th June and Tuesday 30th of June
Midday - 1 pm

Improve the communication with your ex-partner to support your children

(Getting it Right for Children)

Online via Teams: Wednesday 24th June and Wednesday 1st July
Midday - 1 pm

2026 workshop booking form

