

# Thorndown Primary School Newsletter

Hello,

It has been another great week here at Thorndown.

Our year 4 children completed their Flatford Mill residential and represented the school fantastically. The children who remained at school also had a fantastic time.

We have had our school photographs being taken this week so keep a look out for information on how to order these.

Finally, a quick reminder that Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June is a training day and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Have a great half term,

Mr Snape



## School Dates



25<sup>th</sup> May - 29<sup>th</sup> May - Half term

1<sup>st</sup> June - Teacher Training Day

2<sup>nd</sup> June - Children return to school

2<sup>nd</sup> June - Quad Kids Competition

4<sup>th</sup> June - A Team Football Tournament

5<sup>th</sup> June - Happy Circus

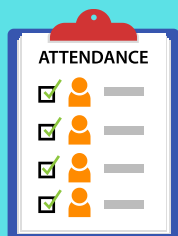
8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> June - Y6 Smoking/Vaping  
Workshop

11<sup>th</sup> June - New Reception Parents Meeting

## Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this year is 95.3%

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



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

## The Circus is Coming to Town

Just a friendly reminder that FOTS are collecting red, yellow and blue items to help create our wonderful Circus Hampers—every donation really helps! Please pop any items into the brown wheelie bin outside the office.

Thank you so much for your continued support! 🎪

# Achievement



## Year 2 Visitor

Last week Year Two had a fantastic visit from a kind parent who came in to talk to the children about her experience of hijab. (Hijab is a headscarf worn by Muslim women that symbolizes modesty, faith, and spiritual protection. Hijab also encompasses broader principles of modest behaviour.) The Year Two children have been reading the text 'The Proudest Blue' in English and this visit brought our learning to life in the most wonderful way!

The children wrote questions before the visit and asked questions such as:

'Can you wear your hijab at the same time as other things on your head?'

'Which one is your favourite hijab?'

'How many scarves do you actually have?'



We are so grateful to our visitor for taking the time to come in and share her personal views with us. It was so interesting to hear about her journey and how she feels hijab has helped her to develop resilience and strength. This links brilliantly with our story and the characters the children are studying!

## Yr 1 Cricket!

Year 1 would like to say a huge thank you to Freddie's Daddy for delivering an exciting cricket morning. The children learnt how to catch, throw and hit a cricket ball. We then finished with a cricket game.



## Pre-School

What a busy and fun week we have had at preschool! The children have loved spending time outside, especially using the new diggers in the large sandpit. This week, we explored the book Busy Little Doctors and learnt all about the role of a doctor. The children especially enjoyed dressing up and acting out being doctors and patients during their role play activities.

On the art table, we explored the work of Wassily Kandinsky. The children created their own versions of his famous "Circles" artwork and were very proud of their creations.

Next half term, our theme will begin with healthy living, and we are looking forward to welcoming some amazing companies to preschool to deliver physical activities with the children, including Football Fun Factory, Theatre Artz dance school, and Windmill Yoga.

We hope you all have a lovely half term break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back on 2nd June.



# Well-Being

## Thorndown Junior Parkrun

It was absolutely fantastic to see so many of Thorndowns community at Parkrun on Sunday. We have been told by Junior Parkrun that we set a new attendance record of 203 – this is around 50 people more than they have ever had before!

There were 55 first-time runners and at least half the attendees were from Thorndown.

A huge thank you to Junior Parkrun and to Mrs Dargaville and Miss Goulding for helping to organise such a great event!

## St Ives Mayor Donation

Last week, St Ives held it's annual Mayor making ceremony at St Ives Corn Exchange. The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Julie Kerr, has been raising money all year for her chosen charities. One of these was for St Ives schools to support pupil wellbeing and a total of £12,330 was raised to be split across six schools in the town. Mr Snape went along to collect the big cheque. A huge thank you to the Mayor and the town council for supporting local schools in this way.



# Opportunity



## Thorndown Goes to Antarctica!

This term Year Two are learning about explorers! We have been focusing on the perilous expeditions of Sir Ernest Shackleton and learnt about the bravery and determination of Shackleton and his crew. In the early 1900s these brave men made two attempts to reach the South Pole and then one attempt to cross Antarctica from sea and sea. The family of one of our Year Two pupils shared a link directly to Antarctica as they have a cousin who works for British Antarctica Survey. Their family member has embarked on an expedition of her own. Here you can see the family member, who has travelled aboard the Sir David Attenborough ship to our southernmost continent. Can you spot the puffin, turtle and bat mascots that have joined her?

Thank you so much to the Pettitt family for giving our children this opportunity.



## Year 3 and 4 Girls Football Tournament

Yesterday a group of ten girls from year 3 and 4 took part in a football tournament at the St Ives Outdoor Centre. The resilience, perseverance and teamwork they showed was a superb example to all that were there. Despite playing over an hour of football they never lost their smiles and scored some fantastic goals. Well done!

# **DESIGN A CIRCUS POSTER**

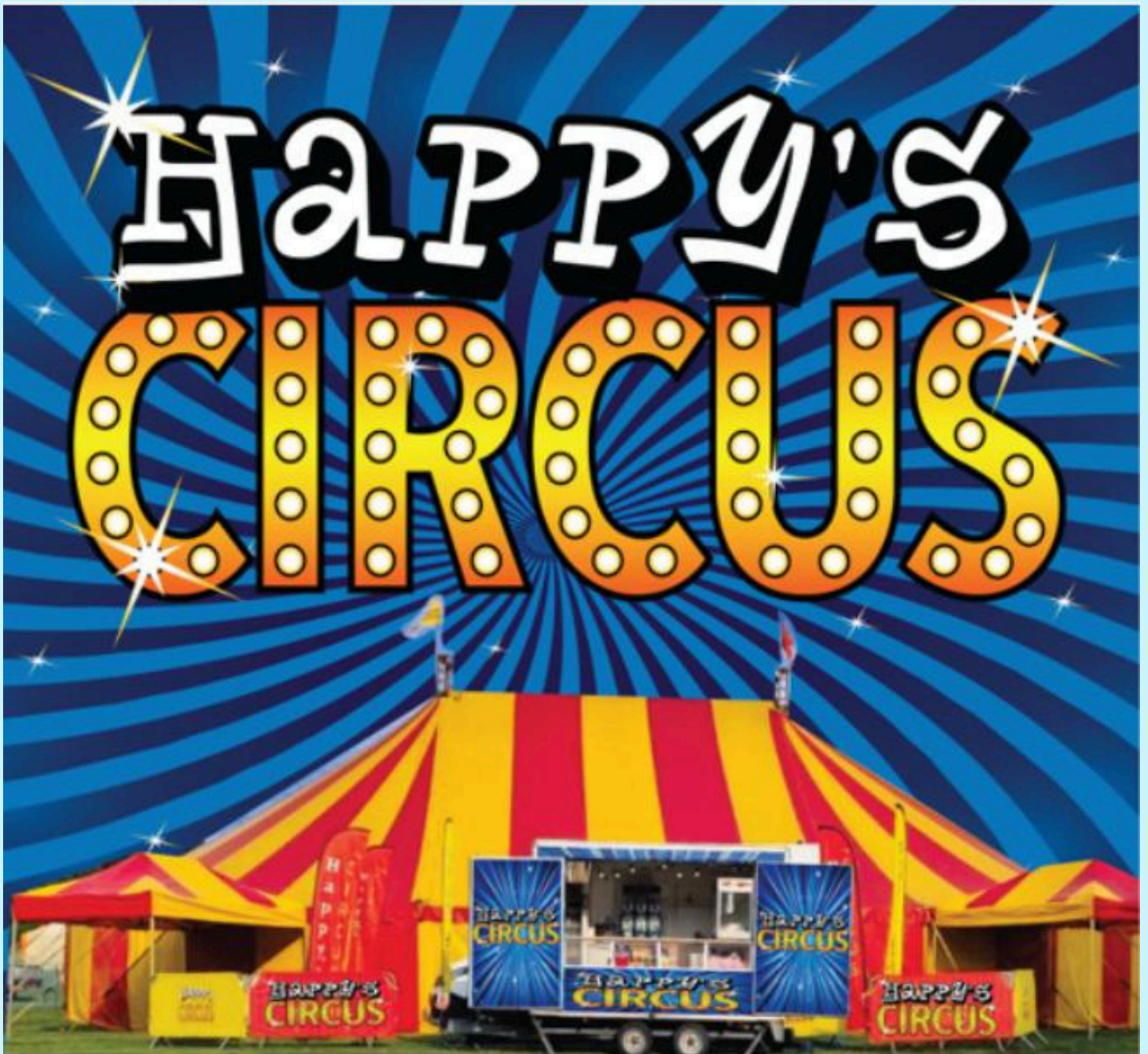
**STEP RIGHT UP... AND SHOW US YOUR  
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**10 WINNERS WILL EACH WIN A 'MEET &  
GREET' WITH MEMBERS OF THE CAST,  
PLUS A CERTIFICATE**

**TAKE YOUR ENTRIES TO THE SCHOOL  
OFFICE BY 22ND MAY.**

**£2 PER ENTRY**





**SAVE THE DATE**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June**  
**4.30pm-7.30pm**  
**Show 5.30pm – 7.30pm**  
**Food and drink available**

**A fun packed comedy show for all the family**  
**supported by amazing International Circus Artists**  
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