

Thorndown Primary School

Newsletter

Hello,

It has been a busy, if cold, week here at Thorndown.

Some of our Year 6 children embarked on their residential trip to Hilltop this week. They've had a fantastic time filled with activities, adventures, a disco, and even snow! We can't wait to hear all about their experiences when they return. A huge thank you goes to all the staff who joined the trip for their dedication in making this a truly memorable experience for the children.

Meanwhile, on Monday, we had an exciting invasion of Rockstars and Robots during our Marvellous Maths Morning. The children looked amazing in their outfits and had a brilliant day of mathematical fun and learning!

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend, despite the rather murky weather forecast.

Take care,
Mr Snape

Notices

The weather has turned colder this week, and we've noticed that some children have been coming to school without coats. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather, as we will try to spend time outdoors in most conditions. If you have any concerns about this, please speak to Mr. Snape or Mrs. Harris.

We've also noticed an increase in parents using the car park in the morning. While some families have permission to do so for specific reasons, we kindly remind all other parents to avoid using the car park at the start and end of the day. This helps ensure there are enough spaces available for those who need them.

Thank you for your cooperation.

School Dates



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)

2nd December - Year 1 Christmas Sharing Assemblies

3rd December - Year 2 Christmas Sharing Assemblies

10th/11th - EYFS Christmas Performance

3rd December - Y6 trip to Ivolution

12th December - Christmas Lunch

12th December - Christmas Jumper Day

19th December - Pantomime

20th December - Last day of term

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 - Charlie F
Kangaroo - Harper
Owl - Darcie
Bat - Aariyan
Puffin - Amelie
Giraffe - Esme
Meerkat - James B
Chameleon - Leigha
Lion - Noah
Orca - Lily
Panther - Charlie
Penguin - Theo



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

Pre-School

What a wonderful week we've had continuing our theme around nursery rhymes! The children really enjoyed exploring the Old McDonald tuff tray during messy play. They had so much fun with the farm animals, and some even sang the song as they played, which was a lovely surprise!

We've also had lots of exciting Show and Tell moments this week, with many of the children sharing their nursery rhyme creations from home. It's always a joy to see the children so proud of their work and to hear them share their ideas with the group. We also loved spending time with the stories "Wriggle and Roar" and "One Mole Digging a Hole." The children were really engaged with the lively rhythms and playful language, and we had some great discussions about the characters in the stories.

Outside, the children made the most of the leaves that have fallen from the trees. They had a wonderful time sweeping them into piles, jumping in, and throwing them into the air, only to start all over again! It's lovely to see them enjoying the changing seasons in such an active and creative way.

Our outdoor playhouse has also been transformed into a cosy lounge where the children have been using their imagination to look after the dolls and babies. It's been a lovely way for them to practice social skills, communication, and role-play, drawing on their own experiences from home.

It's been a week filled with creativity, exploration, and lots of fun, and we're already looking forward to what next week will bring!

EAL

Professor of psychology, Onnie Rogers wrote an interesting study in 2021 about the way that the media we consume has a profound influence on how we see, understand, and treat people, both those within and different from our own race or ethnicity. She believes this is particularly true, when considering young children.

At Thorndown we strive to represent diversity across our curriculum and this is something that we are developing all the time.

Below are three recommendations for children's television programmes which provide lots of opportunities for your child to learn new words, explore new cultures and perhaps even be influenced to try a new hobby:

-I can do it, you can too- This show allows children to learn about many different activities and hobbies including rockclimbing, Bhangra dancing and kayaking.

-Nikhil and Jay- This show is about two brothers who have a mother who is from South India. The brothers speak Tamil and there are many fantastic references to this throughout the show. One of our upcoming languages of the month is Tamil.

-Jo Jo and Gran Gran- There are many references to JoJo's Caribbean heritage in this show and also lots of brilliant festivals and celebrations.

All three shows are on BBC iPlayer.



Oracy

This week in Oracy assembly, we discussed 'Global Entrepreneurship Week'! In KS1 + Year 3 and KS2, we discussed slightly different questions.

KS1 and Year 3



KS2



Well-Being



FOTS Santa Letters



Letters from Santa
THE MAGIC IS BACK!

FOTS HAVE TEAMED UP WITH SANTA TO OFFER A PERSONALISED LETTER FOR YOUR CHILD.

£3 PER LETTER

ORDERS TO BE PLACED VIA CLASSLIST BY 6TH DECEMBER

Please note, letters will be cleverly disguised and sent home W/c 9th December

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Marvellous Maths Day



Monday was our Marvellous Maths Morning. As well as looking fabulous in their Numbots and TTRS costumes the children engaged in excellent maths activities throughout the day to build on their enjoyment of all things maths!



Opportunity



Reading Champions

Did you know we have a wonderful bunch of Year 6s who are 'Reading Champions'? They work with Mrs Browne to look after the Discovery Suite and update the books in the reading shed. This half term some of the champions have buddied up with some Year 2 children. The older children help the younger children to apply all of the strategies they are learning to read unknown words by segmenting and blending. They also talk about the text and the illustrations and ask questions to see if the younger children understand what they are reading. This helps to develop everyone's reading confidence!



Year 6

This week in Year 6, we have been extremely busy with lots of fun activities while our classmates have been at Hilltop. We have baked our own biscuits, completed some fieldwork around the school, made our own board games, used laptops to create a 3D image of Maya temple pyramids and played with the children in Reception. Our favourite activity was probably making the origami capybaras. They were hard but a lot of fun and look very cute!

