

Thorndown Primary School

Newsletter

Hello,

It has been an action-packed week this week at Thorndown.

Our Year 6 children have completed their bikeability training and had some first aid training this week. The bikeability instructors were so complimentary about the children, their skills and their resilience, keeping on trying even when the weather was bad!

We also had some children take part in the Panathlon this week. They represented the school fantastically and put in a great effort when participating.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Open Classrooms over the next few weeks, details on how to sign up were sent in a letter this week.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Snape

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this year is 95.8% which is above the national average of 94.5%.

This week, the class winning our attendance trophy for best attendance was Puffin Class with 100%.

Well done Puffins!

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

School Dates



- 27th January - Poplar (Blue) House Non-uniform day
- 28th January - Reception Maths Cafe
- 29th January - Year 3 Open Classroom
- 4th February - Young Voices
- 4th February - Year 1 Open Classroom
- 4th February - Connecting Together Coffee Morning
- 5th February - Year 4/5 Open Classroom
- 6th February - Year 6 Open Classroom
- 10th Feb - Y2 St Ives Mosque trip
- 10th February - Safer Internet Day
- 11th February - Class Photos
- 11th February - Phonics Screen Check Information Session
- 11th February - Y2 Open Classroom
- 19th - 23rd February - Half Term
- 26th February - Y6 SATs Meeting (Online)
- 27th Feb - Y6 St Ives Rotary Club Quiz
- 28th February - FOTS Silent Disco

House Awards

A reminder that on Monday those pupils who are in Blue House are able to wear non-uniform. This is a reward decided by School Council for gaining the most tokens last term.

Happy New Arrivals

I am delighted to let you know that Mr Brook and his family welcomed a new baby girl last weekend. I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating him and his family on this happy occasion. Mrs Harrold will be teaching in Penguin class whilst Mr Brook is on paternity leave.

Achievement



Pre-School

This Week's Adventures with "Dear Zoo"

This week, we've had a fantastic time exploring the story "Dear Zoo". The children have thoroughly enjoyed a variety of activities linked to the book. They got creative making stick puppets while practicing their scissor skills, listened carefully as we read the story, and had fun identifying all the different animals and the sounds they make. In the playdough area, the children created animal patterns using our fun pattern stamps, and they also worked on their pencil grip and control with the Dear Zoo maze sheets.

Looking Ahead

Next week, we are excited to celebrate Chinese New Year! We have lots of exciting activities planned, from working together to make a big dragon to trying out different foods and learning about Chinese traditions. We can't wait to share this special week with the children!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend ahead!

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:

Badger - Harrison
Hedgehog - Kiaan
Otter - Eric
Kangaroo - Lamar
Owl - Lily
Elephants - Zach
Bat - Samuel
Puffin - Charlie
Giraffe - Tristan
Meerkat - Imogen
Chameleon - Casey
Lion - Connor
Orca - Vincent
Penguin - Theo
Panther - Ava
Toucan - Violet
Lemur - Kaylem
Jaguar - Izzy



Well-Being



Oracy Assembly

Red Squirrel Appreciation Day



In this week's assembly we looked at some animals from the UK and thought what they might have in common, using the instigate and challenge talk tactic. We used Red Squirrel Appreciation Day to draw attention to some of the UK's endangered animals.

In KS1 we thought about what endangered means, using the instigate and build talk tactic. We discussed why we thought they might be endangered and what we can do to stop them from becoming extinct.

In KS2 we used the summarise talk tactic to highlight the key point in our discussion about what we can do to stop our native species from becoming extinct.

Perhaps you might like to research these issues at home and discuss things you can do to help our native species, using the instigate, build and summarise talk tactics.



Instigate

*I would like to start
by saying...
I think...*



Build

Building on _____ idea,
I think...



Summarise

The main points were...
The main ideas were...



FOTS PRESENTS:

SILENT DISCO

FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

8 - 11:30 PM THORNDOWN SCHOOL ENTRY £5

ADULTS ONLY | BAR | TICKETED EVENT

SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK



Opportunity



Bikeability

This week the Y6 children did bikeability. We focused on riding our bikes on the road safely. We learned a series of skills like snaking, u-turns, major to minor roads, road positions and road signs.

Despite the weather we had an amazing time! The instructors were very kind and patient with us and found a way to help us understand what we did wrong. We are very grateful they could come to our school. We visited Oak Tree Close and Ramsey Road and it got more challenging each day.

Ava and Eleni in Y6

First Aid

Today we did a first aid training course on how to save somebodies life. We learned different ways to keep them alive such as chest compressions and learned how to put them in the recovery position. We really enjoyed it and found it useful. We were taught how to use a bandage if needed. We were taught how to tell if someone is unconcious. They taught us a set of instructions called DRABC

D = Look for danger

R = Response

A = Airways

B = Breathing

C = Circulation

It was really fun and good to learn.

By Adriel and Eliza

Panathlon

On Tuesday the 21st January we went to the Panathlon at One Leisure, St Ives. We played polybat, beanbag throw, basketball, bowling, flightpath and bocciablast. It was fun and we scored points for our team. We enjoyed throwing balls at targets and knocking down skittles. In polybat we hit a ball across a table. We all got heavy, shiny medals and a certificate. Then we walked back to school for lunch. By Hiba, Harry and Elena

