

# Thorndown Primary School

## Newsletter

Hello,

What a lovely week it has been at Thorndown. The sun has made a welcome return and it feels like Spring is here!

There has been some fantastic work going on around the school and Reception completed the week with a visit from Zoolab. They got to see and hold a range of different insects and animals and this was a great enrichment of their learning this term.

In assemblies we have begun listening to range of music to expose the children to different genres and eras. This week we've been listening to 'Bolero' by the composer Ravel and next week our song is 'Hound Dog' by Elvis Presley. You might even hear of some teachers arriving with instruments to play along some weeks!

Take care,

Mr Snape

### School Dates



24<sup>th</sup> April - Zoolab for Reception

28<sup>th</sup> April - Y2 visit to Zoology and Fitzwilliam Museum

4<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday

11<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> May - Mental Health Awareness Week

11<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May - SATs Week

11<sup>th</sup> May - Duckling eggs arrive to Reception

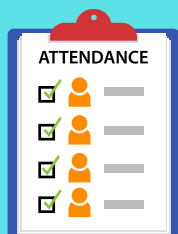
18<sup>th</sup> May - Individual photos this week

18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> May - Flatford Mill Residential

### Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this year is 95.6%

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



This week, the classes winning our attendance trophy for best attendance was Puffins with 98.8% That's 3 in a row for Puffins!

### Lost Property.

We are running a trial on a new free site, also used by St Ivo Academy, for displaying our lost property. You can find this at <https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/thorndown-primary-school>.

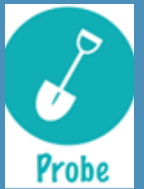
We'll send reminders but feel free to take a look at any time!  
Feedback welcome!

# Achievement



## Oracy Assembly

This week, on 22<sup>nd</sup> April it was World Earth Day. World Earth Day celebrates our planet by raising environmental issues and ways in which we can help our planet. We discussed why we need to take care of our planet and ways in which we can all help do this such as planting trees, discarding litter in the appropriate bins and picking up litter. We all made a promise to do something to help take care of our planet. Can you tell your adult at home what your promise is? Maybe, they could help you keep your promise!



## Writers of the Week!

This weeks writers of the week are...

Elephant - Gabi  
Orca - Esme  
Otter - Kai  
Camel - Henry  
Kangaroo - Kassima  
Owl - Reuben  
Bat - Darius  
Turtle - Alice  
Puffin - Heidi  
Meerkat - Edie  
Lemur - Phoebe M  
Giraffe - Jess G  
Chameleon - Hannah  
Penguin - Elanor  
Lion - Olivia  
Toucan - Ziwei  
Panther - Isaac  
Jaguar - Maisie



## Pre-School

We began our "Occupations" learning this week and were very lucky to welcome two parents who came in to share their roles with us. The children really enjoyed learning about working as a data analyst and also as a Rainbow leader.

Next week, we're looking forward to visits from a photographer and a dentist from The Old Grammar, who will be telling us all about their jobs, we can't wait!

We've also been making the most of the lovely sunshine this week: getting sandy in the sand pit, creating lots of chalk drawings, and making potions with water in the mud kitchen. We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

# Well-Being

## NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. programme

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Programme this term. Speak out. Stay safe. is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities which we have reviewed. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy.

Parents and carers are asked to let school know if their child may have experienced anything (in the past or happening now) which may mean they need extra support before, during or after taking part in this programme.

If you would like to know more about the Speak out. Stay safe. programme visit [www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout).

## Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

### **Parent/Carer support**

Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers.

[www.nspcc.org.uk/parents](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/parents)

### **Activities to extend learning at home**

Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe.

[www.nspcc.org.uk/activities](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/activities)

### **Online Safety Hub**

For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more.

[www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety)

### **Childline – under 12's**

Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content.

[www.childline.org.uk/buddy](http://www.childline.org.uk/buddy) (5-7)  
[www.childline.org.uk/kids](http://www.childline.org.uk/kids) (7-11)

# Opportunity



## Language of the Month

This week Bakhita and Fazil taught our school about Nigeria and shared some Yoruban. Thank you to Bakhita and Fazil for being so confident, when talking in front of the whole school. We learnt lots from you!

We will now practise these greeting, when answering the register in our classrooms.

Good morning- E kaaro (E- kah- roh)

Good afternoon- E kaasan (E- kah- son)

Goodbye- O dabọ (oh dar - boh)

Thank you- Esé (Esh - ay)



# DON'T MISS OUT ON DLA!

Did you know you can get DLA,  
the main benefit for disabled  
children even if:

- Your child doesn't have a diagnosis.
- You have a job or savings.
- You get other benefits.

**ONLY 1 THING  
MATTERS:**

Your child has a disability, illness  
or health condition and needs  
more care or watching over than  
other children their age.

Visit [www.contact.org.uk/dla](http://www.contact.org.uk/dla) to find out more

**contact** For families  
with disabled children

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## Tots Group

Every Tuesday 9AM TILL 10AM