

Thorndown Primary School Newsletter

Hello,

It has been a lovely week here at Thorndown.

We had more of our Open Classrooms this week and it has been fantastic to see so many parents, carers and grandparents come in to engage in their children's learning. We have had some wonderful feedback from these sessions and will look to run more in the summer term.

Our Year 4/5 girls football team had a great morning at the Outdoor Centre taking part in a competition. The team represented us fantastically and had a great time.

All of our Year 4/5 children also took a trip to St. Ives Mosque to support their learning in Religion & Worldviews. More information about this trip can be found in this newsletter.

Next week is our half term and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 4th November.

Take care,
Mr Snape

Parking

It has come to our attention from a number of local residents and parents that parking around the school continues to be an issue. There have been reports of inconsiderate and illegal parking around the school and some of near misses involving children crossing the road. We continue to ask you to park considerately and safely if you need to use the car to transport your children to or from school. We are in regular contact with the local PCSO regarding the issue who also monitor the situation. The outdoor centre car park is short, 5 min walk away from the school and is an ideal place to park at the start or end of the day. Thank you for your continued support around this issue.

School Dates

28th Oct-1st Nov - Half Term
Holiday

4th November - Children
return to school

19th-22nd November - Y6
Hilltop Residential

20th November & 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)

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 - Leo
Kangaroo - River
Owl - Theo
Bat - Freddie
Puffin - Emilia
Giraffe - Lincoln
Meerkat - Isla
Chameleon - Matilda
Lion - Evan
Orca - Angela
Panther - Taniyah
Penguin - Emelia-Grace
Jaguar - Delilah
Lemur - Alexander
Toucan - Ollie

EAL

Would you like to share something about your home country in our newsletter?

Would you like to inform members of Thorndown school about a special celebration, a famous dish or something important to you? Please get in touch with Mrs Dunsdon (Bat class - Year 2) who will be so happy to discuss this with you. Thank you!



Pre-School

What an amazing half term we've had! The children have really settled in and embraced preschool life.

This week, we explored the story "Room on the Broom." Thank you for all the fantastic wands the children made at home; they enjoyed sharing these with their friends during carpet time. On Monday, Mrs. Hamilton (our school SENCo) came in to celebrate all the hard work the children have put in, and they even received a special sticker from Mr. Snape.

In addition this week, the children enjoyed mark making with bubble paints, going on a "Room on the Broom" character hunt around preschool and the outside area, making potions, and taking a walk around the school including a visit upstairs.

We hope you have a lovely half term and look forward to welcoming you back!

Becky Smith

Well-Being



The Great Welly Hunt



I am excited to share that we will be hosting an event called 'The Great Welly Hunt'! This fun initiative encourages all families to help us gather pairs of wellington boots for our wonderful children to use during play and lunch times. The idea is simple: we would love for you to bring in any spare wellies you may have lying around your home.

Before you rummage through your cupboards, please note that we kindly ask you not to bring in your own current wellies. Instead, think about any pairs that no longer fit, ones that your children have grown out of, or perhaps pairs that are spare and reside at a family member's house. Additionally, if you happen to stumble across any wellington boots at a car boot sale or a local charity shop, those would be fantastic too!

Our goal is to create a 'welly bank' that ensures every child has access to wellington boots, allowing everyone to fully engage in our outdoor play provision (OPaL). We believe that this will not only help in promoting physical activity but also enhance the children's overall enjoyment of their time spent in the great outdoors.

We would greatly appreciate your support in this endeavour, and we encourage everyone to participate in this fun hunt. Please feel free to drop off the wellies at school anytime during the first week back after half-term (week beginning 4th November 2024).

Thank you for your co-operation and support.



Cherish Sibanda



Opportunity



Girls Football

On 22nd October, 8 fabulous Year 5 girls walked over to the Outdoor Centre and played 6 matches of football. These girls were: Frankie, Kitty, Zoe, Izzy, Dolly, Dua, Iris and Cerys. Each match was 12 minutes long and was enjoyed more than ever. We even joined with St. Helens School and went against Offord Year 6s. Overall, we played well and enjoyed the morning.

Written by Kitty and Frankie



Year 4/5 St Ives Mosque Trip

This week Year 4/5 walked into St. Ives to visit the local mosque. We were very warmly welcomed by the Iman who spoke to the children about the Islamic faith and shared some of the things that are important to Muslims. On the way back to school, we took part in a geography walk, identifying the human and physical features of our local area. During the afternoon, the children worked together to create maps of St. Ives using their observations, thinking carefully about how to use keys to represent the features we had identified.

The children were superbly behaved and we were very proud of the way they represented Thorndown.

