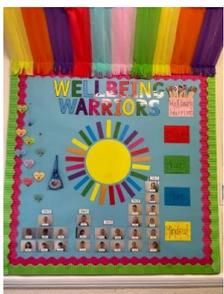




Dear Parent/Carer,

Yesterday we said goodbye to Miss Magahy, who has been training in Dove class this year. She began her time at TPS through the 'Future Teacher' programme in which she spent a year as an LSA working in EYFS. She has worked exceptionally hard and we know will make a fantastic teacher - good luck Miss Magahy!



Our School Councillors have been taking part in a new course, created by Miss Parmenter, Mrs Hoeb and Miss Hause to help them look after their wellbeing. The

course focuses on five themes - health, kind, mindful, hope and reflect. Once they have completed the course, they will graduate and the course will be opened up to other children who are potential Wellbeing Warriors. I am sure we will be inundated!

You know how much we love reading at Thundersley and we are delighted that from September, our Library will be reinstated to its rightful place in the Yellow Building where children will once more be able to lose themselves in a book. Mrs Marlow and Mrs Pagan are working hard to make sure the Library will flow with books next year - we have used £10,000 of catch up money on books! Thank you to all those families who have already donated hundreds of their used books to the cause - please keep those donations coming! You can also help us in our quest by nominating us to win £5000 in books through this link to National Book Tokens

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

You could take home £100 of books for your child too.

This is the first half term this academic year when no classes have had to work remotely and life is gradually getting back to normal - let's hope that continues.

Have a wonderful half term and keep safe.

We return on Wednesday 9th June 2021.

Miss E. Dawson,
Headteacher

Attendance



For the week ended 21st May 2021 there were thirteen classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Voles who achieved 100%. They will be looking after Attendance Ted next week and will receive a £10 Amazon voucher to spend on something for their class. We have a number of children who have medical conditions which mean that they have to have time off school for appointments and therefore their data is not included in these figures.

Attendance figures:-

Class	Week	Year to date
Chipmunks	98.7%	97.5%
Dragonflies	94.4%	96.1%
Rabbits	98.2%	98.9%
Frogs	98.0%	98.2%
Dormice	99.3%	95.9%
Ladybirds	98.6%	98.8%
Robins	95.2%	96.6%
Doves	97.1%	96.4%
Owls	98.3%	97.2%
Bears	97.3%	97.3%
Foxes	97.6%	98.2%
Ants	95.4%	97.4%
Sparrows	95.2%	97.3%
Voles	100%	96.9%
Badgers	97.6%	98.2%
Kestrels	97.5%	96.9%
Squirrels	98.1%	95.5%
Whole School	97.1%	96.9%

Congratulations to this week's winners

VOLES

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for 2020 - 2021 is:

97%

Return to School after Half Term

Please note that the children return to school on **Wednesday, 9th June 2021** due to the two inset days on 7th & 8th June 2021.

Year 1 - That's a Wrap!



On Monday, the children in Year 1 made vegetable wraps. They researched what makes a healthy meal and planned their ingredients the week before. Once they had finished making

them, the children got to eat them as a mid-morning snack - yummy! Poppy Hemmings (Rabbits) gives her account of wrap making below:-

"On Monday we all made wraps and we shared the jobs of getting the food ready. I was excited to make my wrap as I have never done this before. My favourite job was slicing the tomatoes and it was my first time. It was a bit tricky because when I tried to hold the tomato it moved. I had cucumber, carrots and ham in my white wrap. I didn't think I would like it but when I tried it, it was delicious."





Year 1 Dance Festival



It's been a busy week for Year 1. On Tuesday morning, they took part in a Dance Festival via Zoom. This would normally take place at the Palace Theatre but the organisers worked hard and found an imaginative way for them to participate. The children have worked with Miss Lane this half term to create a dance linked to their Toy topic. They were the youngest children taking part in the festival and watched the other seven schools on the big screen. Florence Rawles (Frogs) said "We had to do our dance in front of a camera and we had spots to show us where to stand. Before our dance, we watched other schools on the big screen and I liked the first one best. They were Year 2s. We had to practise a lot otherwise, we wouldn't have



known it. It was super fun. I'd love to do it again when we can go to a real theatre!" Mrs. Sawyer, Miss Pickard and Miss Lane were incredibly proud of the children's hard work and professionalism. It was wonderful to see their faces light up as they performed in front of an audience even if it was virtual!

Healthy Relationships Week

Last week we had a very successful Healthy Relationships Week across the school. We have been doing this for a few years now and the teachers have all commented on how well the sessions went and how sensible the children were.



COVID



We would like to remind parents/carers that if your child has a cough, high temperature or loses their taste/smell, they need to have a **PCR test** before returning to school. Please **do not** send your child to school with any of the above symptoms. Siblings should also remain at home. **Therefore, if anyone in your household is testing for COVID, your child or children must not come to school until that person receives a negative test result.** Please note that Lateral Flow Tests are used to pick up any asymptomatic positive results. If your child has symptoms, they must take a **PCR test** at one of the **COVID Test Centres** (<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>).

Change of Menu - 9th June 2021

Please note that due to ordering logistics the menu on



Wednesday, 9th June 2021 (our first day back after the Whitsun break and inset days) will be:-

Pasta Choice (Tomato or Cheese Sauce)

Filled Jacket Potato
Garlic Bread
Broccoli, Sweetcorn
Cooks Choice Cookie with Fruit Slices

Successes and Achievements

If your child has had an achievement or a success recently which they would like to share with the rest of the school community we would love to hear about it. Please email the details and, if possible, a photograph to Mrs. Waumsley at

admin@thundersley.essex.sch.uk

Honesty is the best policy!

We would like to congratulate the following for handing in money they found recently.

Oscar Muscat (Bears)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourself!

Book Recommendations

If your child has a book they would like to recommend to other children, please email admin@thundersley.essex.sch.uk.

WISE Women in STEM WISE

WISE Women in STEM WISE, whose goal is to increase the participation, contribution and success of women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) are running an interactive online session designed to raise awareness of the brilliant variety of STEM roles available out there, with a view to encourage more girls to pursue STEM subjects and careers. The event will be held on Thursday, 3rd June 2021, aimed at girls aged 11-19. The event is open to all, so if you know of any girls with an aspiration in STEM or even those who don't know it's the industry for them yet, do take a look at what is on offer and to book visit: <https://www.wisecampaign.org.uk/what-we-do/expertise/welcome-to-my-skills-my-life/>



Oak Academy Literacy Trust Author of the Week - Ross Mackenzie

You may know that each week on Oak Academy there is a new book promoted with a video of the author talking about it. This is a great way for your child to find out about authors and books they may not have come across.

'Thousands of years ago, the Evernight came to the Silver Kingdom and turned everything to darkness and chaos. It was only defeated thanks to the skill and bravery of the Witches. But now the Evernight is about to return, released by the evil Mrs Hester, and the only spell that might stop it is lost, deep below the great city of King's Haven.'

Let this week's Literacy Trust Author of the Week, Ross MacKenzie, take you on a fantasy ride to King's Haven by reading his book, Evernight, free of charge via the Oak Academy Library. Ross was born in Glasgow, and has been fascinated by the magic of stories for as long as he can remember. He scribbled his first "book" - an illustrated story about a hungry crocodile called Colin - in a smuggled school jotter when he was seven. He studied Graphic Design at college, moving on to work as a Page Designer for a national newspaper. He continued to write in secret, until his first book was published in September 2010. He is pleased to welcome new readers to his world!

Stars of the Week

Year 6:- Oliver Horwood, William Maddex & Sonny Groombridge

Year 5:- Elliott

Year 4:- Darcie Hearne & Arther Davison

Year 3:- Joshua Benton & Sydney Greig

Year 2:- Sharia Miah, Ivy Cook & Ella Sewell

Year 1:- Poppy Hemmings and Darcey Gayler



EYFS:- Leo Jackson, Louis Seymour, Toby Warner, Jack Wigington, Sienna Murphy & Jeremy D'Aleo

Playground Stars of the Week

Maisie Upfield, Ollie Pereira, Lily Harvey, Hardy Thompson, Jenson Ditton, Leo Field, Jack Wooden, Connor Harringley, Missy Burton-Moore, Riley Frost, Joshua Benton, Pippa Hawkins, Ava Nery, Alice English, Isobel Hawkins, Teddy Thompson, Scarlett-Grace Cater, Alfie Seymour, Oliver Giles and Leo Smith

House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

- 1st with 1,955 points - Red Arrows
- 2nd with 1,876 points - Blue Dolphins
- 3rd with 1,818 points - Green Dragons
- 4th with 1,488 points - Golden Eagles



Well done Red Arrows!

Please note that Stars of the Week, Playground Stars of the Week and House Point Scores run a week in arrears.

Breakfast Club & Treetops After School Club

We offer a Breakfast Club (7.45am to the start of school) and an After School Club called Treetops (3.15pm to 6.00pm) each day. If you are interested in a place for your child and would like more information, please speak to Mrs. Bezdel in the Green Building Office.

Uniform Shops

We would like to advise that we now have two uniform shops as follows:-
Penn UK,
15-17 Kents Hill Road,
South Benfleet,
Essex, SS7 5PN.

Telephone:- 01268 751724

www.pennuk.com

Danielle's Uniform,
Claydons Lane,
Rayleigh,
Essex, SS6 7UP.
Telephone 01268 967542

www.daniellesshop.co.uk

Community News

Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner for Essex - Update

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

ACL Family Learning

Please find attached information regarding the above.

Little Footprints Day Nursery - Staff Vacancies



Little Footprints Day Nursery urgently requires more staff!

They have hardly any spaces for new children until September 2023 and so are seeking:-

Full & part-time staff.

Experience in childcare or perhaps considering starting a career in this field.

Available to start as soon as possible.

Initial contact please by phone on 01268 795577 (ask for Debs or Vicki) or email debs@littlefootprintsnursery.org.uk.

Kid Around Magazine

The May relaunch issue is here and full of things to do with the kids this half-term. Please click on the link below:

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/9a127000-6abb-4a1f-aed7-7c20951a7d45>





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Future Term Dates

31/05/21 to 04/06/21 - Whitsun Break
21/07/21 - Last day of Term

02/09/21 - Start of the Autumn Term
25/10/21 to 29/10/21 - Half Term
20/12/21 to 03/01/22 - Christmas Break
04/01/22 - Start of the Spring Term
14/02/22 to 18/02/22 - Half Term
04/04/22 to 18/04/22 - Easter Break
19/04/22 - Start of the Summer Term
02/05/22 - Bank Holiday
30/05/22 to 03/06/22 - Whitsun Break
22/07/22 - Last day of Term

****NON PUPIL DAYS****

07/06/21
08/06/21

01/09/21
Additional Non Pupil Days are yet to be confirmed

