



Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy

"Let your light shine" Matthew 5:14-16

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock

It has been a challenging week at Thomas Bullock, and we are extremely grateful to our wonderful community for their ongoing support of our wonderful teachers. On Monday all of our parents' phenomenally stepped up so as to support us to keep our children safe and warm following a series of long-term blackouts. In school our systems unfortunately could not be repaired for several days. Despite a series of analysts working behind the scenes, full power, phone lines, WIFI and our server only returned to full use this afternoon. So thank you for your patience and understanding this week.

As well we have some good news! In all year groups our data is above national and in Phonics we are above local and national figures for two years running. This is a huge improvement on our previous results showing a sustained and rapid improvement even through a pandemic. We appreciate your support at home with reading, thematic home learning and maths which supports their in-school learning. Please continue this. From Spring 2, we will be including a weekly 'Knowledge Question of the Week' we will share a 'Big Enquiry Question' from an aspect of the children's learning which you can ask them at home to allow them to 'Let their learning Light Shine!'

This week Mr Wade and I have spent time with the children completing the Ofsted Pupil Voice Questionnaire. We have not been around to all children yet, but the results and comments are truly interesting and exciting! 100% of children 'Strongly Agree' that they feel safe, cared for and enjoy their learning- 100% would recommend our school to a friend and enjoy our extra-curricular learning and creative curriculum. 100% of children know who to talk to and have said there is no bullying in our school. We have noted that 15-20% of children said that they somewhat agree there is some low-level disruption in their year and across school. This is an area we are really working on and need your support in! The Government has outlined their 'levelling up' policy this week to include that children should not be disrupted during learning and we agree. We will continue to follow our positive Behaviour Policy in school and look to eliminate low level disruptions for all children.

A quick reminder for safeguarding and concerns. If you hear, see it or are worried about it please report it!



Shining Lights of the Week!

- Antarctica Class (yr R)** **Theo** for a continued positive attitude towards his learning; always trying hard, particularly with his phonics and reading. Theo has moved up a book band this week too!
- Oceania Class (yr 1)** **Quinn** for having more confidence to take part in group discussions and use his developing vocabulary.
- Africa Class (yr 2)** **Eva** for her fantastic effort with her writing this week. Eva has shown resilience and independence working hard to write her own chapter of "The owl who was afraid of the dark"
- Europe Class (yr 3)** **Vinny** for showing resilience and for producing a large amount of correct, ordered and neat maths work this week.
- S. America Class (yr 4)** **Adelaide** for always trying extremely hard in every subject and supporting other children in their work and learning.
- Asia Class (yr 5)** **Oscar** for settling back into class so smoothly and always brightening up everyone's day with his cheery smile!
- N. America Class (yr 6)** **Jameson** has shown great effort and focus on his work of late which has resulted in great progress in his assessments

WOW MOMENTS!

Thanks to everyone for the donation of food to the Mid Norfolk Foodbank at our Harvest Festival last term. An amazing 130.8kg of food was donated which helped provide 278 meals for people in crisis

Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school
<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijcUMV7>

The week's overall attendance - 85.1%

New Menu

There will be a new lunch menu after half term. A copy has been emailed and is available to view on the school website. Apart from a few changes to the main choices, there is a new addition every day of hot tomato pasta with cheese. This replaces the cold pasta pot. This means alongside the sandwich and wraps already provided there will be four hot meal choices every day.

Thinking Day- 22nd February

Over the last few years, it has become traditional for members of Girlguiding and Scouts - Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to wear their uniform to school on February 22nd known as Thinking Day. This is the joint birthdays of Lord and Lady Baden Powell who started the Scout and Guide movements over 100 years ago.

The day is celebrated by over 10 million girls in over 50 countries worldwide in many different ways.

We would love to see the children in their uniforms on the special day and invite other uniform organisations to join in.



Antarctica Class (yr R)

The children:

- Have explored the number blocks stampoline.
- Made their own stampoline crowns using numicon.
- Practiced forming numerals in a variety of fun ways.
- Completed a number hunt and compared height.
- Watched their much loved story 'Six dinner Sid'
- In PE they enjoyed a number and shape obstacle course.



Oceania Class (yr 1)

The children:

- Did their usual Number Ninjas to get their maths brains warmed up!
- Did some number aerobics to count and get fit!
- Took part in the NSPCC Maths Quiz to help free Buddy!
- Played place value BINGO - eyes down looking!
- Had a maths story or two before home time



Africa Class (yr 2)

The children:

- Enjoyed dressing up for Number Day, wearing their fabulous number related clothes!
- Created multiplication and division flowers, number crowns
- Played "Who wants to be a Mathionaire".



Europe Class (yr 3)

The children:

- Did a "Who Wants to be A Millionaire" quiz.
- Played many different number games.



South America Class (yr 4)

The children:

- Did lots of times table and division activities in prep for our big test in May!
- Made times table flowers.
- Did a number scavenger hunt in Forest School and collected natural aspects to make numbers, looked at signs of spring and counted the evidence of spring!
- Played times table games by jumping into hoops to find the correct amounts.



Asia Class (yr 5)

The children:

- In teams the children played percentage, decimal and fraction games.
- They found the area and perimeter of the school playground and field using trundle wheels



North America Class (yr 6)

The children:

- Did an active 'Formulae 1' activity where they had to race around pretending to be Formula 1 cars answering algebra questions.
- Did a "Who wants to be a Mathionaire" Quiz.

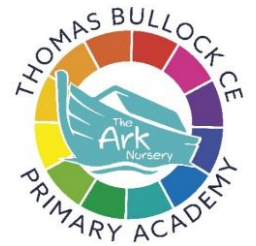


Miss Stewart

We are incredibly proud of Miss Stewart, our year 3 teacher, who finally attended her graduation ceremony after finishing her course in 2020!



The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This week

Our literacy focus this week has been 'Jack and the Beanstalk', following the children's interest with the Giant who featured in our story last week. We even had an exciting visit from the Giant himself! This created lots of discussion surrounding why he came to visit and where he may have gone next. We hope he will visit again! Our magic beans have helped us do lots of counting and subitising within our classroom. We then planted some of these beans so we can watch our own beanstalks grow.



Next week

Our literacy learning will continue to centre around the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We will begin practising our number formation of the numbers 1, 2 and 3, using a range of materials in our messy tuff spot. We will continue to discuss 'short' and 'tall' and will be introducing 'smallest' and 'biggest'. Our new sound in phonics next week will be 't', whilst reviewing our sounds 'm', 'a', 's' and 'd'.

Learning links at home

- Can you make a model of a castle, like the one in the clouds? You could use anything: lego, junk, duplo, play dough.
- Who has giant feet in your family? Draw around all of your feet, cut them out and line them up. Talk about who has the 'smallest' and who has the 'biggest' feet.
- Can you take part in the Jack and the Beanstalk yoga?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RtrvmlqhndQ>

DIARY DATES

February half term – 14th – 18th February inclusive

February

21st School re-opens for Spring Term 2

22nd Thinking Day*

March

3rd World Book Day

18th Red Nose Day

24th & 25th Lunchtime FOSS Mothers' Day Shop

31st Reception Class visit to the Dinosaur Park

Easter Holiday – 4th April – 19th April inclusive

20th April School re-opens for Summer Term 1

May 2nd – School Closed – Bank Holiday

May half term – 30th May – 3rd June

6th May School re-opens for Summer Term 2

June

9th School Nursing Team – Reception class -Height, Weight, Vision & Hearing Screening
and Year 6 Height and Weight Screening

11th FOSS Yard Sale

16th & 17th Lunchtime FOSS Fathers' Day Shop

29th June – 1st July – Year 6 Residential to Eaton Vale

30th Norfolk Show – Years 3, 4 and 5.

July

9th FOSS Summer Fete

15th FOSS End of Year Children's Disco

22nd July – Last day of term.

***New addition to calendar**