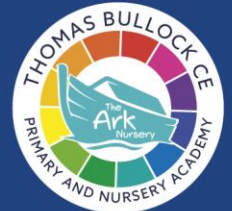




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"Let your light shine" Matthew 5:14-16

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NEWSLETTER

1st July 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock

What fantastic experiences our children have had! I cannot say how grateful and proud I am to spend time with our children enjoying out of school learning experiences. This week at Eaton Vale and the Norfolk Show, our children acted as excellent ambassadors for our school and trust by fully demonstrating our values and letting their lights shine. On this occasion we took 3 classes to the Norfolk Show at the same time! So many stall holders and members of the public took the time to comment to our staffing teams just how wonderful our children were! Next week our Nursery children will have their first class trip to Gressenhall with the Reception children. We are truly lucky to be able to offer free transport and class trips to all of our children!

I have also had the pleasure of showing around members of Norfolk County Council, members of the Thomas Bullock Trust Committee and our CEO Oliver Burwood this week. All adults commented on the calm and consistent learning environments, excellent resources and school building improvements and how confident our children are to discuss their learning.



North America (yr 6) Residential

Year 6 have returned from their amazing 3 day residential at Eaton Vale Activity Centre. Praised for their behaviour and willingness to conquer fears on many challenges they were a credit to us all.

Lots of fun, laughs and giggles were shared, nearly as many as the sweets being dished out in the bedrooms. Miraculously though, these were kept in fairly respectable order - regular room inspections added some competition to this!

We crammed in an excellent variety of activities over the time, including kayaking, caving, air rifles and go karting to name but a few. Everyone had an opportunity to test themselves with a new or different activity. In the evenings, after some wholesome evening meals, we always came together for the often ludicrous but always hilarious whole group challenges which required some good team skills.

It was a wonderful way to celebrate this year's group's achievement and hopefully lots of fun and happy memories were made. Well done Year 6, now go and get some rest this weekend!

Mr Wade, Mrs Fowler and Mrs Heavens



Shining Lights of the Week!

Antarctica Class (yr R)

Reggie for making fantastic progress with his learning and has shown wonderful resilience this term.

Oceania Class (yr 1)

Kai for his amazing time telling skills in maths this week.

Africa Class (yr 2)

Dexter for writing a fantastic introduction to his non-fiction text this week. He worked independently and used interesting vocabulary and different sentence types.

Europe Class (yr 3)

All of the children for their thoughtfulness, helpfulness and excellent behaviour on our trip to the Royal Norfolk Show yesterday! We all had a great time!

S. America Class (yr 4)

All of the children for their helpfulness, considerate behaviour, beautiful singing and enthusiasm whilst at the Royal Norfolk Show yesterday! Well done!

Asia Class (yr 5)

All of the children for their amazing behaviour, singing and enthusiasm whilst at the Royal Norfolk Show yesterday - well done!

N. America Class (yr 6)

All of the children who were away on their residential this week showing all our values brilliantly and 'Letting their Lights Shine'

WOW MOMENTS!

Autumn C (yr 3) won her first golf competition this week.

Olivia (yr 4) represented the Norfolk Girlguiding and Scouts at both days of the Royal Norfolk Show taking part in the Royal Salut in front of The Lady Dannatt Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk and thousands of people. Olivia put in a lot of time rehearsing and was amazing.



Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school
<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQQGpijcUMV7>

The week's overall attendance – 95%

OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

| Year Group | Half Term Key Learning Question |
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| 1 | What do people do at the seaside today? |
| 2 | Why is recycling important? |
| 3 | How did Athens and Sparta become important city states? |
| 4 | What is the physical landscape like across the USA? |
| 5 | Who made great advancements in science, mathematics and medicine? |

Reception Class September

We have welcomed our reception transition groups on Thursday and Friday of this week. We have been super impressed with how they arrived and settled for these sessions and can't wait to welcome them back again next week.



County Tennis Finals

Betsy, Max P, Cole, Sophia (yr 3) and Adelaide, April, Caleb and Max J (yr 4) took part in the County Tennis Finals at the UEA Sports Park this week. There were 33 teams taking part. They were not only representing Thomas Bullock but our Schools Sports Partnership as well. Well done to both our teams who showed perseverance and resilience. Yr4 got through to the final and only lost by 1 point. All the children received a medal for taking part.



KS1 Athletics Festival

Nellie, Martha, Oscar, George, Reuben (Yr 1) and Rory, Jacob, Dexter, Elizabeth, Lana (Yr 2) took part in a KS1 Athletics Festival at Hellesdon High School today along with over 100 children from different schools across the County. The children had the chance to have a go at the following activities - javelin, running relay, standing long jump, ladders and beanbag balance. The competition value was determination, and this was given to Oscar in Yr 1 for trying his best and giving everything a good go.



Europe (yr 3) and South America (yr 4)

Both classes received some virtual road safety from the Norfolk County Council road safety team this week. The children had an interactive experience, discussing a variety of ways to be safe as a pedestrian or a cyclist. Both classes engaged in safe ways to identify lots of different hazards which can be seen or heard close to the road.

BOOK LOOKS

We will be holding some more 'book looks' for parents in school on the following dates:

Monday 11th July at 3pm - Reception Class, years 2, 4 and 6
Wednesday 13th July at 3pm – Nursery Class, years 1, 3 and 5

We look forward to seeing you.

Race for Life and PE Tops

The children will be taking part in the Race for Life on the school field on Monday 18th July. Sponsor forms will be sent home next week. Please make sure the children come to school wearing their PE kits.

Reminder – If your child does not have a PE top for Sports Day it is not too late to order one. Forms available from the school office or a quick message to the office staff who will be happy to order for you.

Friends of Shipdham School Tesco Community Grants Scheme

FOSS have made a successful application to the Tesco Community Grant Schemes Project. Voting will commence in the Tesco Watton store from the first week of July. The project with the highest number of votes across the region will receive £1500, the second place £1000 and the third place £500. Please tell everyone you know and get voting!

Thank you!

The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme is back for summer!

The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun (BNHF) activity programme provides holiday activities for children and young people aged 5-16 (or 4 if your child is slightly younger but in school) in Norfolk.

It is run in partnership with Norfolk County Council.

Following a hugely successful Easter programme, the summer programme will take place between **25th July – 5th September 2022**.

Those who are eligible for means-tested free school meals can claim free spaces on the activities, whilst paid spots are available on many activities for those who don't.

For more information click on the following link

<https://www.activenorfolk.org/public/bignorfolkholidayfun/>

This year it is even easier for families eligible for means tested free school meals to book on to activities. Instead of needing a HAF code to book, eligible parents just need to enter the name of their child's school during the booking process.

2022/2023 TERM DATES

School closure dates in red

School open dates in green

Autumn Term

Inset Days – 1st & 2nd September

Monday 5th September – Friday 21st October

Half term – Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October

Monday 31st October – Friday 16th December

Christmas – Monday 19th December – Tuesday 3rd January

Spring Term

Inset Day Tuesday 3rd January

Wednesday 4th January – Friday 10th February

Half term – Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February

Monday 20th February – Friday 31st March

Easter holiday – Monday 3rd April – Monday 17th April

Summer Term

Inset Day – Monday 17th April

Tuesday 18th April – Friday 26th May

Bank holiday – Monday 1st May

Half term – Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Inset Day – 5th June

Tuesday 6th June – Friday July 21st

DIARY DATES

July

4th Year 5 Cycling (group 2)

5th Year 5 Cycling (group 2)

6th Year R trip to Gressenhall (note change of date)

9th FOSS Summer Fete 12 – 3pm

11th Year 1 Trip to Wells Heritage Centre and Beach

11th Parents invited to a Book Look in years R, 2, 4 & 6 at 3pm*

12th July Year 3 Redgrave and Lopham Fen

13th Parents invited to a Book Look in years N, 1, 3 & 5 at 3pm*

14th Sports Day

14th Yr 6 Production 6pm

15th FOSS End of Year Children's Disco (KS1 5pm-6.00pm, KS2 6.15pm-7.30pm)

15th Yr 6 BBQ – 5pm – 6.15pm

18th Race for Life (change of date)

19th Year 6 Leavers Service and Awards at All Saints Church at 2pm

20th Year 5 Cycling (group 2)

21st Move up Day

22nd Year R to 5 Awards Assembly and party afternoon

22nd July – Last day of term.

***New addition to calendar**

The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This Week

In Read Write Inc Phonics, we have learnt our final sounds and have been looking at using our knowledge of these sounds to read CVC words. The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring and learning the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' in Literacy, using resources in their independent learning time to retell the story, putting on voices for the characters.



Next week

In Read Write Inc Phonics, we will recap all of our Set 1 sounds whilst moving onto a focus on blending. We will continue with I:I phonics sessions with the children to fill in any gaps. We will look at the book 'Monkey Puzzle' in Literacy and will continue to learn about positional language in Maths.

Learning Links at Home:

- Within our focus story, Monkey is confused when Butterfly keeps taking him to wrong animal when trying to find his mum. Butterfly doesn't realise that his mum looks just like him because her children look different to her. Find photos of you when you were a baby. What did you look like? How have you changed? Is anything still the same about you?
- Throughout the story there are animals of all different shapes and sizes. Can you think of some small animals? Can you think of some big animals? Maybe you could draw them.