



Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy

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

Headteacher: Mrs Shannon O'Sullivan

Pound Green Lane, Shipdham, Norfolk, IP25 7LF • T: 01362 820300 • E: office@thomasbullock.dneat.org • W: www.thomasbullock.dneat.org



NEWSLETTER

11th November 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock,

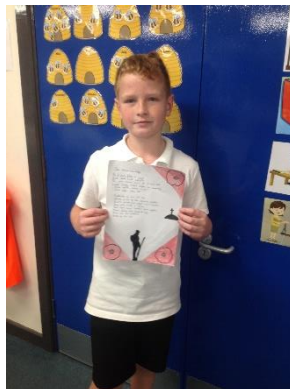
Our children showed their values of respect, responsibility and compassion in our Remembrance Service. It began with a beautiful rendition, by Mrs Drake on the clarinet, of Shindler's List by John Williams and after our minute's silence she played The Last Post. Following this, we reflected about why we remember and the children laid their handmade wreaths by our cross in the Peace Garden. Please do watch the vimeo of our children.

Please click on the vimeo link to see a short montage of more photos from our Remembrance Day.

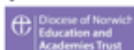
<https://vimeo.com/769395683>

The student councillors have written a piece below. There are two key dates to read up on for next week- Anti-Bullying Week begins with 'Odd Socks' day on Monday, so please dress in your odd socks and Friday is Children in Need Day, further details below.

Have a lovely weekend.



Diocese of Norwich Education and Academies Trust Registered Office: 109 Dereham Road, Easton, Norwich NR9 5ES
Registered in England & Wales Company no: 8737435 Tel: 01603 880853 Web: www.dneat.org



Shining Lights of the Week!

Ark Nursery	Elodie for settling in well and showing our value of creativity each and every day. Elodie enjoys all creative activities and can often be found drawing and colouring pictures on the writing table!
Antarctica Class (yr R) Oceania Class (yr 1)	Jude for fantastic efforts in phonics and writing this week. Kelsey for always being prepared and ready to learn. She listens to instructions and has worked really hard with phonics this week. Kelsey is a kind and caring friend to all her classmates.
Africa Class (yr 2)	Hadley for his super efforts in class. Hadley has shown fantastic problem solving skills in Maths. Well done!
Europe Class (yr 3)	Amelia for her independent creativity illustrating and writing a story in her own time.
S. America Class (yr 4)	Esme for her fantastic contributions in class this week, especially in English. Esme has suggested some amazing vocabulary and applied it in her own work.
Asia Class (yr 5)	Noah H for the confidence he is showing by volunteering answers and sharing ideas. Well done!
N. America Class (yr 6)	Henry has been really focused, listened well and contributed lots of ideas to class discussions this week.

WOW MOMENTS!

Violet (Reception) has passed her Stage 1 Swimming
Caiden (year 1) has gone up to level 2 in Swimming
April (year 5) won a Gold medal in the Ski Club Championships last weekend.
 She has now been invited into the Norfolk race team.

*Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school:*

<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijcUMV7>

The week's overall attendance – 94.3%
Asia Class (yr 5) – 99.2%

OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the Week
1	Can I describe my favourite toy?
2	What were the key events of The Great Fire of London?
3	How did life change within the Stone Age?
4	What was life like in a Roman town and how were those towns connected?
5	What were the Viking raids?
6	How do we distribute the world's natural resources?



E-Safety

Our E-safety guide, to coincide with Anti-Bullying Week next week, pulls together tips for trusted adults – including how to spot the warning signs in a child who's being bullied online, how you might respond if a young person opens up to you about such a situation and what steps you could take together to help make them safer from internet aggressors. The guide is attached to this emailed newsletter as a separate attachment.

Headlice

Please keep an eye out for those 'pesky beings' by regularly checking and treating, if necessary, your child's hair. In cases of headlice, children do not need to stay off school and can come in once their hair has been treated.

Smoking

Please be reminded that we operate a 'No Smoking' policy on site and in the immediate vicinity of the school premises. This also includes vaping.

Chicken Pox

We do have one confirmed case of Chicken Pox in KS1.

Families in hardship and needing wider support

Norfolk County Council have asked us to share the following information.

In addition to the offer of FSM vouchers which the Government has confirmed will continue for eligible families for the period November 2022 – April 2023, there is support available for families who are facing hardship and need support.

Anyone experiencing hardship may be able to receive support through the Norfolk Assistance Scheme (NAS), which may be able to provide support for food, fuel, clothes and other essential household items to families experiencing hardship. Wider support from a range of partners can then also be made available with NAS working alongside the Children's Services Community and Partnership service.

Families may get in touch with NAS via their dedicated website which includes an online application form <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/care-support-and-health/support-for-living-independently/money-and-benefits/norfolk-assistance-scheme> or if they cannot access the internet, they can call 0344 800 8020.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The School Council met earlier this week to make plans for next week's Children in Need and Anti-Bullying week.

Anti-Bullying Week

They commenced their discussions by firstly saying '*we do not stand for bullying in our school, we stand for friendships and kindness*'. Next week, from Monday to Thursday, in assembly and within class, we are focusing on anti-bullying and we will kick start the week by wearing odd socks to raise awareness and celebrate what makes us all unique! Throughout the week we will complete a number of activities and produce posters to place around school. We also have a Student Council display in the hall where the Student Council will choose what to display.





Children in Need – Friday 18th November

We will be celebrating and fundraising for Children in Need next Friday. For a **£1 donation** it will be a **non-uniform day** and if possible, children can make themselves **SPOTACULAR! Pudsey-fy yourselves by wearing something spotty, yellow, putting on Pudsey ears or just go spotty with face paints.** There will be a Pudsey outline on the floor of the school hall which we will aim to fill with pennies, **so please bring any spare pennies you might have!** Our student councillors decided they would run a cake sale in the hall at playtime to raise even more money for Children in Need - **cake donations will be gratefully received and we will take 50p donations for children buying cakes!**

The children will also be joining in live on the day to take part in a nationwide Children in Need ‘Mood boosting’ moment. Famous faces will be leading a short series of interactive, dynamic and imaginative activities for pupils to get involved with so they can have fun and boost their moods

Let’s see if we can be a ‘Spotacular’ school and raise lots for this worthwhile cause.

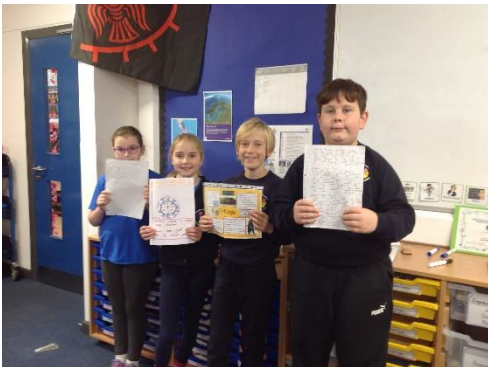
Europe Class (yr 3)

In History Year 3 have been exploring different artefacts from the Stone Age. They created a time line from the Stone Age through to the Iron Age and discussed the length of time between each era.



Asia Class (yr 5)

The class have worked hard creating some amazing Viking home learning projects. They made fact files, pictures, stories, Longships, games and even bread!



Thomas Bullock Recipe Book

Please could any family favourite recipes be sent into the office, either hand written or typed. The children would really love to be able to make our own family recipe book for Christmas!



REMINDER

The field is very muddy at the moment so please remember to send your child in with a change of footwear, especially if they choose to go on the field at break and lunch times. PE trainers cannot be work outside and then again for PE on the same day as we have found that a lot of mud is brought into the classrooms and the hall this way.

The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This week

We have been exploring musical instruments, practising playing them in different ways: quickly, slowly, quietly and loudly. We have also had our first week focusing on the Gruffalo. We discovered purple prickles and orange eyes and discussed what we thought they might be from. Then, we were gradually introduced to each character from the story and alongside other activities in the continuous provision, we made our own playdough Gruffalo's!

In Maths, we have been introduced to the number 2. Alongside lots of finger counting, rhymes and number recognition, we have also practised our subitising for numbers 1 and 2 now. We discussed Remembrance Day throughout the week, made our own poppy wreath from our handprints and joined in with the Remembrance Service in the school hall this morning.



Next week

Monday marks the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week – we will be participating in lots of activities surrounding kindness. Don't forget to wear odd socks on Monday too, to celebrate what makes us unique! Friday is Children in Need and again, there will be lots of themed activities as well as an opportunity to dress up! Further details are in the main newsletter.

We will continue learning about The Gruffalo, re-telling the story with actions and making our own marks on story maps. In Maths, we will look at counting – saying one number for each item and looking at the numeral 2.

Learning links at home

- Discuss how we can be kind to the people around us: peers, family and adults we know.



DIARY DATES

November

- 18th Open Afternoon 4pm Reception 2023 Parents
- 18th Children in Need
- 21st Open Morning 9.15am Reception 2023 Parents
- 22nd Yr 3 trip to Time and Tide Museum
- 30th Yr4 trip to Time and Tide Museum

December

- 5th James and the Giant Peach – theatre visit to whole school
- 8th Christmas Jumper Day*
- 9th FOSS Christmas Party/Disco afternoon
- 13th Yr 1 Trip to Holkham Hall Christmas Event
- 14th Christmas Lunch (wear your Christmas Jumper)
- 14th Carol Service 2.30pm at All Saints Church
- 16th Christingle Service 9.30am at All Saints Church
- 16th Last day of term

Christmas holiday Monday 19th December – Tuesday 3rd January

January

- 3rd INSET Day
- 4th School reopens

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

March

- 16th & 17th Year 5 one night residential to The Horstead Centre
- 20th School Photographer – whole class photos
- 31st Last day of term

April

Easter holiday Monday 3rd April – Monday 17th April

- 17th INSET Day
- 18th School reopens

May

- 1st Bank Holiday
- 8th Bank Holiday for King's Coronation*
- 8th – 12th Year 6 SATS week
- 15th – 19th – Year 2 SATS week

Half term Monday 29th May – Friday June 2nd

- 5th INSET Day
- 6th School reopens

July

- 5th – 7th Year 6 residential to Eaton Vale
- 21st Last day of term

* New addition

