



Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy

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

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NEWSLETTER

5th July 2024

Dear parents, carers and friends of The Nightingale Federation

Sports' Day

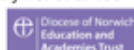
The week got off to an exciting start when we held our Sports Day on Monday. Children in years 1 to 6 competed in flat and obstacle races in their year groups and the year 6 led the house teams around for clockwork sports. It was hugely enjoyable morning, perfect weather conditions and big 'well done' to all the children for taking part and trying their best. It was especially nice to see so many families and friends who enthusiastically cheered on the children and competed very competitively in the Mums' and Dads' races! - The teachers didn't do so bad either! A picnic lunch was enjoyed outside afterwards by all.



Class	King of Speed	Queen of Speed
Yr R	Jude	Betsy
Yr 1	Kayden	Dottie
Yr 2	Reggie	Emma
Yr 3	George Ho	Jemima
Yr 4	Harry	Halle
Yr 5	Miles	Elsa
Yr 6	Logan H	Tigga



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County Tennis Finals

After qualifying last month, it was a good effort by Team TB this week at the County Tennis Finals. Amelia, Eliza, Rory and Theo all in year 4, met some very solid opposition and put in some spirited performances. Amelia finished as our MPV (most valuable player) with 22 points, closely followed by the other children. Shot of the day came from Eliza who produced a stunning cross court forehand to the baseline to win her second match!



Notices and Reminders

Uniform Orders

To ensure delivery of uniform before the end of term, please place all orders with the school office by Monday 8th July.

Wraparound Care

The link for booking onto Breakfast and After School Club for next term is below. To secure a place please book before 31st August.

<https://forms.gle/fzsYkRBHUhAMaWjNA>

WOW MOMENTS!

Aria (Nursery) completed the 30 Days Wild Challenge and raised £50 for the Wildlife Trust!

Arthur (yr 5) competed in his 1st shooting competition on Saturday and was awarded 1st place for standing discipline at the Central Norfolk Cubs District Shooting Competition.

Tom (yr 5) has gone up another stage in swimming.

Eva (yr 4) ran her first 5K last weekend.

Dolcie (yr 6) received 2 bronze, a silver and a gold medal at the County Challenge Swimming gala last weekend



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

<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijUMV7>



Shining Lights of the Week

- Ark Nursery **Arthur C** for his recent huge increase in confidence. Arthur is showing confidence and great imagination during his roleplay and involving himself during our carpet time discussions too.
- Antarctica Class (R) **Isabella** for her wonderful contributions about pollution and transport to school this week.
- Oceania Class (yr 1) **Ernie** for always being a kind and caring classmate. Ernie regularly offers to help out friends in need or to do jobs which benefit others around the classroom.
- Africa Class (yr 2) **Bethany** for always caring for our school environment, both inside and outside the classroom. She is a wonderful role model to others.
- Europe Class (yr 3) **Jacob** has been super focused this week, finishing all his tasks and some extras as well. A great effort and positive attitude to his learning.
- S America Class (yr 4) **Reece** for his fantastic enthusiasm and engagement in English this week. Reece has shared some fabulous ideas during shared write opportunities and has worked hard to include all the features in his own writing.
- Asia Class (yr 5) **Harry T** for his exciting portal story. Harry made effective word choices, followed his plan and edited carefully.
- N America Class (yr 6) **The whole of Year 6** for facing challenges, conquering fears and working together so well on the residential visit to Kingswood.

This week's overall attendance 95.3% Oceania Class (yr 1) 99.6%

OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the week
1	Can we plan a trip to the seaside?
2	What is it like to live in urban Kenya?
3	Who was Alexander the Great?
4	What is California like and who lives there?
5	How did Baghdad compare to London 1000AD?
6	How have people protested for justice?

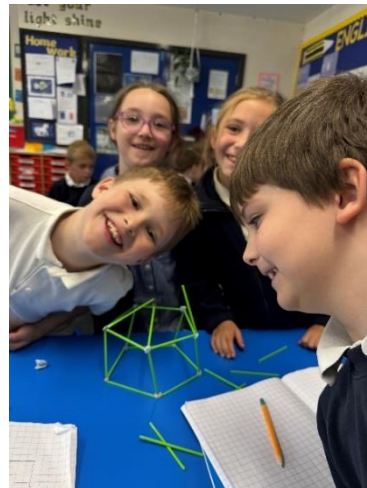
Special Visitor for North America Class

Last Friday Year 6 had a special visitor. Joyce came to visit us, with her son, to talk to the children about her life and her experience of WW2. Joyce celebrated her 100th birthday last October and even brought in her birthday card sent from the King and Queen! Year 6 had prepared questions to ask Joyce and were fascinated to hear her stories about life in wartime Dereham.



Europe Class (yr 3)

The class have been exploring 3d shapes this week. They were learning about the properties of 3d shapes and making them helped us count the vertices, edges and faces.



Oceania Class (yr 1)

This week in science we have learnt all about trees. We drew and labelled the three main parts of a tree in our books before going for a walk to find leaves from different trees. We found out about deciduous and evergreen trees.



Africa Class (yr 2)

In Maths, Year 2 have been using numicon to describe turns. They have been describing full turns, half turns, quarter turns and three quarter turns both clockwise and anti-clockwise. In DT, they have been following their designs carefully to paint their plant pots. They look amazing!



South America (yr 4)

The class did brilliantly with making cornbread this week! They worked in groups to follow a recipe, weighing and measuring accurately and the outcome was amazing. Their teamwork was fantastic and they enjoyed trying their finished bakes at the end. Junior bake off, here we come!



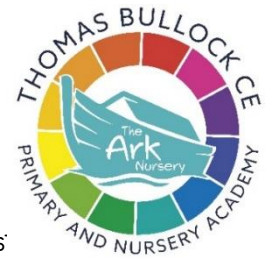
North America Class (yr 6)

The Year 6's have had an amazing time at the Kingswood residential centre this week. Many children have achieved things or conquered fears at the start they didn't think they would. Climbing walls have been scaled, zip wires flown down, obstacle courses while blindfolded achieved and some secret talents for Aeroball have been uncovered! The children have all been required to problem solve and work as a team and they all stepped up. Although for some there have been challenges along the way, no one has given up and everyone has completed the visit with pride and wonderful memories made. Well done Year 6 we are proud of you all! We would especially like to thank The Thomas Bullock Trust who funded a substantial amount towards the cost residential for all the children.



The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This week



This week we have been immersed in our learning based around 'Jack and the Beans' school on Monday to find a letter that had been left for us from a boy called Jack. He asked us to keep an eye out for the magic beans that he had lost! We've had lots of discussions about what might have happened and the children have been so excited. We've retold the story of Jack and the Beanstalk many times with actions, remembering the key phrases. We've also been practising our whole class mark making and writing sessions, in readiness for September. As well as this, we've joined in with some lovely activities and had lots of talks about transition, as well as reading some story books about going to big school!



Next week

We will finish story mapping our story, making marks on our own story maps too. We will continue recapping sounds we have learnt so far in Phonics, as well as 'more than' and 'fewer than' in Maths. During our afternoons, we will continue preparing for our graduation and transitions, as well as joining in with some themed activities!

Learning links at home

- Retell the story of Jack and the Beanstalk! Can you remember the key phrases? Can you remember our actions?
- Can you remember how big the Giant's footprint was in our classroom? Who has the biggest feet in your house?



DIARY DATES

JULY

- 8th Federation Church Service at Dereham 9.15am
- 10th Yr 6 Performance at 5.45pm
- 11th Yr 1 Trip to Wells Heritage Centre and Beach
- 11th Yr 6 Charlie & the Chocolate Factory at Northgate
- 12th Leavers Service and End of Year Awards (afternoon)
- 12th Yr 6 BBQ @ 4.15pm and Production at 5.45pm
- 13th FOSS Summer Fete
- 15th Nursery Graduation at 2.30pm
- 16th School Disco
- 17th, 18th, 19th Year 6 transition days (Northgate & Neatherd)
- 18th Last day of term
- 19th INSET Day School Closed

2024/2025

September

2ND and 3RD INSET days

- 4th School re-opens and children return
- 23rd School Photographer (individual and sibling photos)

October

Half term 28th – 1st November

November

22nd Flu Vaccinations year R to 6

December

20th last day of term

Christmas holiday 23rd December – 6th January

February

Half term 17th -21st February

April

Easter holiday 7th-22nd April

May

5th **Bank holiday**

6th Yr R School Nursing Team Vision & Hearing, Height & Weight

12th – 16th May KS2 (yr 6) SATs week

Half term 26th – 30th May

June

2nd **Inset Day – school closed**

July

22nd **Last day of term**

Summer holiday commences 23rd July

* New addition



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