



Dear Parents/Carers,



A sunny, happy week of learning at Thundersley. Let's hope this continues as the majority of our Year 5 children will be

heading off on Monday to Bradwell Outdoor Pursuits Centre for their two night adventure. Have a super time one and all!

On Tuesday and Wednesday next week, we are so excited to be welcoming Grandparents back for the first time in two years, for their afternoon tea with EYFS. We know the children will love them being there.

A huge thanks to the PTA for all they do! Throughout the past two years they have been determined to keep things going, despite the challenges and for that we are most grateful. Yesterday the ladies were in running the regular recycled uniform shop, which we are so grateful for - a great way of saving both money and the planet! Today it's been the Mother's Day Present Palace, which the children always love and next week it is the super Spring Festival (last day to purchase tickets today). These are a small dedicated band of parents/carers who do a great job. They do however need others to join them. Joining the PTA is a super way to help the school, get to know other parents/carers from other year groups and also get to know the school better. We are especially looking for parents/carers in the lower years. Please let us know in the office if you could spare some time to help our school. We are such a close community and I am sure there are lots of you who would be delighted to get stuck in - take the plunge!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance



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For the week ended 18th March 2022 there were 5 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Chipmunks who achieved 98.7%. They will look after Attendance Ted next week. 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
Chipmunks	98.7%
Dragonflies	93.3%
Butterflies	90.7%
Rabbits	94.0%
Ladybirds	94.7%
Robins	97.3%
Doves	94.2%
Owls	98.6%
Fireflies	97.4%
Bears	93.1%
Foxes	90.6%
Ants	90.9%
Sparrows	97.7%
Badgers	96.3%
Kestrels	94.6%
Squirrels	94.0%
Whole School	94.8%

Congratulations to this week's winners
CHIPMUNKS

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for
2021 - 2022 is:
97%

Reading Score

- 1st - Ants 100%
- 2nd - Foxes 96%
- 3rd - Kestrels 91%

Well done to Ants again on achieving 100%. Please note the scores run a week in arrears.

Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who supported this event. We managed to raise **£196.33** for Comic Relief.



Summer Uniform

Please note that when the children return after the Easter break, they are required to wear our Summer uniform which is:-

- Yellow Polo shirt (School logo)
- Grey trousers, grey shorts, grey skirt or yellow gingham dress
- Grey sweatshirt or grey cardigan (School logo)
- Sturdy school shoes/black trainers

PE kit remains the same.

Please also note the following:-

Children with shoulder length or longer hair must have it all tied back during the school day.

Children must not wear nail varnish or makeup.

Children may wear stud earrings only (which **must** be removed for P.E. and swimming)

Swimathon Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Isaac Swaby (Doves) on his recent swimathon! Isaac completed a Great Ormond Street Hospital swimathon which was to swim 5000m (5K) in the month of March. He started on 1st March 2022 and finished on 23rd March 2022. Isaac set a target to raise £250





which he has exceeded by raising the magnificent sum of £494. Well done Isaac, such a worthy cause to raise money for and a brilliant achievement!



Dance Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Annabelle Tuvey (Badgers) who recently took her modern and ballet dance exams and gained a pass with merit for both. Well done Annabelle, what a fantastic achievement!



Football match vs. Montgomerie Primary School



On Thursday last week, a team of Year 6 children made the trip over to Montgomerie for a football league fixture.

It was a close first half with Thundersley

edging it 2 - 1. In the second half, the team grew in confidence and thanks to some tremendous defending managed to keep Montgomerie out. Thanks to some super playmaking from the midfield, Thundersley managed to score a further three goals in the second half, winning the game by a comfortable five goals to one. The children showed great teamwork and respect for their opponents and were a real credit to the school. A prime example of Thundersley children being the best they can be! Jack Wooden (Badgers) gives his version of the match below:-

"When the game kicked off, we played super super well. The people up front were quite solid and after a few minutes we managed to secure a goal from Connor. We had Jack O'Dell in goal and he played really well. He was unhappy when the other team scored as they just managed to tip it into the corner of the net. Then after that goal, we didn't put our heads down and we managed to score another four goals. The final score was 5-1 to us and we were all very happy. At the end, we had a drink and a biscuit. I played centre defence and Jessica Knight and Lenny Raymond played next to me and they were really good. Personally, I thought the game was really good and like Mr. Jetten said, we could have got many more but we played really well. I enjoyed the match because I was happy we won and we played really well as a team. I would love to play in the next match as we were a really good team and we get along with each other really well."

Badgers' Science visit to The Deanes

Last Friday, it was the turn of the children from Badgers to visit The Deanes for a Science extravaganza! Once again the children worked with Bunsen Burners, made electrical circuits and tested for diabetes. Connor Harringley gives an insight into the exciting afternoon below:-

"We walked to Deanes and when we got there we went to the new Science building. We went into a room to put all our stuff away before we went to the main room. We got a pair of goggles and a lab coat. Then we all sat in rows of 5 or 6 chairs.

For the first experiment we were using a Bunsen Burner. We also did an electrical circuit where we had to connect a few wires and turn on a lightbulb. Then we made a burglar alarm.



We had to connect a buzzer so when anyone put pressure on the pad, it would go off and we would know if we were being burgled. We used the Bunsen Burner to mix different chemicals. We had different types of liquids which we put into the flame and it would make different coloured flames. We learned some different scientific words. We learned that the scientific word for wee is urine and we learned that the Bunsen Burner was named after the person who invented it. Then we had an experiment. There were 2 cups of urine and one of them was a diabetic one. We learned that diabetes is where your body has too much sugar and gets into your urine. One of the tubes had sugar in and we had to burn them to boil them to see which one it was. The one that went orange was the one with the sugar in. We also learned that water boils at 100 degrees. My favourite bit was using the Bunsen Burners to make different colours as there were lots of pretty colours. It's made me really interested in Science and chemicals. They told us that Science is split into three; Biology, Physics and Chemistry. I thought it was a thrilling afternoon as I learned loads and I was happy and enjoyed being there. It was a good experience of being near chemicals and what we will be learning soon."

KS1 Music Festival

Ladybirds' class were lucky enough to take part in the SEESMA Key Stage 1 Music Festival this year, at the United Reformed Church in Westcliff. The theme for this was "Our World". The children had a fabulous time performing songs that they had been practising for a number of weeks and sang a total of 5 songs along with other schools. Each school had to accompany one of the songs using





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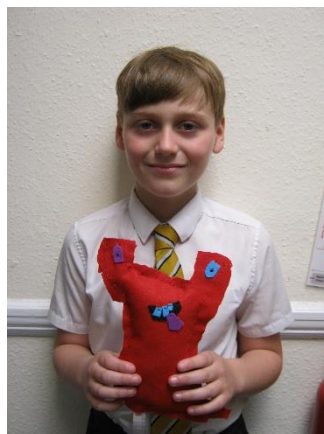
percussion instruments and Ladybirds were brilliant at using the claves, egg shakers and drums. The Musical Director was really good fun and taught the children some funny songs. All the children really enjoyed the festival and smiled, laughed and sang their hearts out! Staff and parents were very proud of their performance. Ethan Fitzmaurice gives his account of the event below:-

"We went on the coach and we sang some songs. We stood up on the stage and I was in the middle. I was excited. My mum and dad came to watch me. My favourite song was 'Save our water'. Some songs we sang together with the other schools. I liked listening to the other schools sing too. It was really fun."



colourful and bright, what could we do better next time and what did we find tricky. Once we had filled out the evaluation sheet, we could help other people do threading the needle and putting stuffing in. My nan came in to help me but as I was doing so well she helped Alfie. I thought it was really fun as we got to spend time with our nans, grandads, mums and dads. I was pleased with my toy as I had done it myself. I didn't know how to sew before so was really proud of myself for learning how to sew fabrics together." (Riley Frost)

"We had to make some teddies and the parents came in to help us. We had to sew it altogether and sew all the eyes on and then we had to put fluff in it. Then we sewed the rest of it and then we could name it. I named mine Chip. My mum came in to help me and she helped me put the thread through the needle and helped me sew it altogether. She had to help me sew all the eyes on and she also had to help me



hold it together to put all the fluff in. She also helped me cut out another piece of thread. I thought my mum coming in was really nice as she helped me. My mum said it was very nice to come in and help and she enjoyed it." (Darcie Hearne)

eSchools App



As you are aware, our main form of parent/carer communication is via the eSchools platform. Please download the app (free of charge), in order that any

messages we send you are not charged to the school. We thank you for your support.

Twitter

Please keep checking our Twitter feed for various updates/messages:-

@Thundersley_P_S

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. Bezzel in the Green Building Offices.

Stars of the Week

- Year 6:-** Callum Axford
- Year 5:-** Betsy Kenrick
- Year 4:-** Luke Avison and Keira Heathfield
- Year 3:-** Ellen Weeden, Maisie Upfield and Theo Preston
- Year 2:-** Florence Rawles and Ladybirds' Class
- Year 1:-** Jack Wigington and Mason Major
- EYFS:-** Jack Weeden and Frankie Greig



Year 5 Parent/Carer Involvement Afternoon

On Monday, the Year 5 parents/carers visited the children to take part in a sewing task as part of the children's work in Design and Technology. Everyone had a lovely afternoon and Riley Frost (Ants) and Darcie Hearne (Sparrows) give details of their afternoons below:-

"We had our fabric piece cut out already. We had to get coloured thread, thread the needle and start sewing. We had to sew on whatever we wanted on the face first and then we had to sew on the arms and legs if there were any. Then we started sewing the body together. Then, once we had sewn the body together, we had to leave a hole at the top or bottom so we could put the stuffing in. We then had to sew up the bottom and then fill out an evaluation sheet to say if it was





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Playground Stars of the Week

Isla Church, Luke Avison, Penny Sycamore, Henry Painter, Jayden Carrington, Fritz Eyong, Scarlett-Grace Cater, Ronny Reid, Renley Baker, Rey Higgs and Sophia Jarvis

House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

- 1st with 2,633 points - Blue Dolphins
- 2nd with 2,372 points - Red Arrows
- 3rd with 2,261 points - Green Dragons
- 4th with 2,175 points - Golden Eagles



Well done again Blue Dolphins!

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

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

PTA News

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 25th April 2022 in the White Hart Pub at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

Pre-loved Uniform Sale

We are pleased to advise that we raised **£103.50** from the recent pre-loved uniform sales.

PTA Spring Festival

On Thursday, 31st March 2022, we will be holding a Spring Festival between 3.15pm and 5.00pm. The final day to buy tickets is today. They will be on sale after school until Running and Fun & Fit Clubs finish at 4pm in the Gazebo on the KS1 playground. Tickets are priced at £3.00 each, which includes the Easter Egg Hunt. There will also be Book and Toy stalls, Hoopla, Find the Chick, Tuck, Biscuit Decorating, Face Painting, Teddy Tombola, and Name the Chick. **PLEASE NOTE THAT TICKETS CANNOT BE PURCHASED AFTER TONIGHT.** Thank you.

PTA Bag 2 School

On Thursday, 21st April 2022, we are holding a Bag 2 School event. Bag 2 School is a company that specializes in the re-use and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing. All the bags will be weighed and we are then paid for the total weight collected. All clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories can then be sent for recycling. **Please note they are unable to accept uniforms, work wear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric.** Please take your filled bags to the cordoned off area at the top of the KS1 playground between 8.30am and 9.00am only. Unfortunately, bags cannot be accepted after this time.

Community News

Swim School

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Future Term Dates

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
21/07/22 - Last day of Term

05/09/22 - Start of Autumn Term
24/10/22 to 28/10/22 - Half Term
21/12/22 to 04/01/23 - Christmas Break
05/01/23 - Start of Spring Term
13/02/23 to 17/02/23 - Half Term
03/04/23 to 14/04/23 - Easter Break
17/04/23 - Start of the Summer Term
01/05/23 - Bank Holiday
29/05/23 to 02/06/23 - Whitsun Break
21/07/23 - Last day of Term

******NON PUPIL DAYS******

06/06/22
07/06/22

01/09/22
02/09/22
31/10/22
20/02/23
05/06/23

