



Dear Parents/Carers,

What an exciting couple of weeks we have had! Not only are children working incredibly hard and making super progress, but it really does feel that the full experience of school, which we have missed for two years, is returning.

Our Year 4 children had the most wonderful time on their residential trip - the first time ever that this year group has been offered this experience. They are our trailblazers and it was a huge success; they were of course a credit to the school.

Ladybirds' class performed beautifully at the Music Festival yesterday. Their excitement, prior to leaving, was palpable and they had a wonderful time - those beaming smiles were a joy to see!

Finally, sport at Thundersley is back and with it the opportunities for children's determination, courage and resilience to be tested. Our football team played a blinder at Montgomerie last night scoring 5 goals and the 48 children who took part in the Cross Country competition at Garons made our hearts soar with pride. Not only did they bring home 3 trophies - Year 3 boys, Year 4 girls, Year 5 girls and stories of personal bests, but every single child represented the school brilliantly. A local Head remarked to me that Thundersley are always 'good' winners - not arrogant, not conceited, just joyful - what a super compliment. It was also a ROBUS success as out of the 8 trophies, ROBUS took home 4 of them with Woodham Ley winning Year 5 boys.

COMIC RELIEF Red noses galore today! Our children are always very keen to help those who need it. Thank you for supporting them in this.

On a reflective note, none of us will ever forget that Friday - 20th March 2020 - when, with tears in our eyes, we sent our children home, never believing that they would be out of school so long. Events in the world have taken over, but today, our thoughts are with our many families who

have lost loved ones to Covid and the way that the last two years has adversely affected many lives. I dare to believe that at TPS we gained more than we lost to this terrible virus and that during the times we were apart, we came together. We will never forget the support you gave to our staff and the children. As a result, although there may still be gaps in learning, your children are flourishing.

Have a super weekend (and remember to read - the ice cream treat for those who have read 150 times is still within reach!).

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance



For the week ended 11th March 2022 there were 4 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Bears who achieved 98.6%. 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	89.6%
Dragonflies	94.5%
Butterflies	95.2%
Rabbits	66.8%
Ladybirds	93.6%
Robins	92.0%
Doves	94.6%
Owls	97.2%
Fireflies	96.1%
Bears	98.6%
Foxes	96.2%
Ants	93.1%
Sparrows	97.1%
Badgers	91.6%
Kestrels	93.8%
Squirrels	97.2%
Whole School	92.9%

Congratulations to this week's winners
BEARS

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

Reading Scores

- 1st - Ants & Badgers 100%
- 2nd - Foxes 93%
- 3rd - Squirrels 90%

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

Ukraine

As you know, last Friday we held a non school uniform - wear



something blue and yellow day - in order to raise funds for Ukraine. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised the huge sum of £1,134.63. The children in Sparrows, who made Loom Bands to sell, also made the fantastic sum of £143.71 making a total of £1,278.34 which will be sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee.

British Values





British Values
18th March 2022

Mutual Respect

Bravery comes in many forms. A new or tricky situation may be challenging for one person but not another. We can respect our differences and support each other in difficult times.

Our British Value focus this week was Mutual Respect, with the focus question - How important is it to show bravery as a leader? This centred around Volodymyr Zelensky the Ukrainian President. Lily in Sparrows said 'A leader does need to be brave as you are a role model and people count on you to do the right thing.' We attach the British Values poster and Picture News at Home resource should you wish to carry on these interesting discussions at home. Please feel free to share your views with us.

Football match vs. Winter Gardens Primary School



On Thursday last week, Thundersley girls had their second league game of the season against Winter

Gardens. We didn't get off to the greatest of starts, conceding a goal within the first 2 minutes, but the girls rallied well and from that point on defended resolutely with some tremendous saves from our fantastic Goal Keeper. With moments left in the game, having trailed 1-0 from the start, the girls finally made the break through and with 20 seconds to go, Isabella Legg stormed through on goal and fired a shot into the bottom corner of the net. A really wonderful display of courage and resilience which paid off with Thundersley taking a hard earned point from the game. Once again proving they are the best they can be. Issabella Reeves (Ants) gives details of the match below:-

"We drew 1-1. We walked over to the field and we waited for Winter Gardens to come and did some practicing. Then we did two people dribbling the ball to the

goal whilst three people tried to stop them. I was off until the last five minutes of the first half and when I went on, I was in midfield. In the first half Winter Gardens scored one goal. Fifteen to twenty minutes into the second half, we had lots and lots of corners as when the corners were taken a member of the other team would kick it off. We also had lots of throw ins which me and Jessica (in Year 6) took. Then in the last few seconds of the second half, Isabella Legg scored a goal which made it a draw. If I had the chance to play another game I definitely would and even if we lost, I would still enjoy it."

Cross Country Competition



On Wednesday, a team of 48 runners from Thundersley made their way to Garons for the local Cross Country competition. There were around 25 schools in attendance with over 1,000 children participating. The event is broken into age races with boys and girls in Years 3 to 6 competing in teams. The Year 3 girls led off in the first race full of nerves and excitement. They were roared on by the cheers of the crowd and ran tremendously in their first ever competitive race. They were then followed by the Year 3 boys and the Year 4 teams all of whom ran with great courage and resilience. The Years 5s and 6s were next and everywhere we looked there were yellow shirts out at the front of their races. There were many individual medals throughout the afternoon and then all the schools gathered to hear how the teams were placed. Amazingly, Thundersley Year 3 girls placed 2nd and Year 3 boys managed to secure 1st place and a trophy. The children were of course delighted. The Year 4 results were read out next with the Year 4 boys placed 2nd overall and the girls winning their race and taking home a second trophy for the school. Year 5 results were next and Year 5 girls had battled themselves to win their trophy

making it three in total. Despite some amazing individual performances, the Year 5 boys and Year 6 teams were not quite able to secure a trophy of their own. This was a truly remarkable team performance and all 48 children in attendance showed stamina, fortitude and desire. We now have a large number of children who will be representing Thundersley at the County Finals, which is very exciting news. This was another example of the children being the best they children can be. Alfie Hulton (Squirrels) and Ellen Weeden (Owls) give details of their experiences below:-

"When I was chosen it was after assembly and they read out all the names. I felt excited and nervous. We did training on the Friday and Monday before. On Wednesday, we were called to the hall and we had to bring a towel in case it rained, shorts, warm clothing, a coat, lunch and a water bottle. Then they called the Year 6s to go onto the minibus. We had fun on the minibus and it was a nice journey. When we got there, we parked a little way away and then walked. We had to carry the gazebo and mat. When we got there, it was a massive field and we were on the far side near the football pitch with a temporary fence around. We were then shown around the track. The Year 3 girls ran first after we had set up the gazebo and all the other schools arrived. The second race was the Year 3 boys and Chase Goodwin came 3rd and got a medal. Louie Tucker came 2nd in the Year 4 boys. When it was my turn to race, I did a warm up with Leo, Connor, Noah, Joseph and Lenny and right before the race started, we took our jumpers off and got into our shorts. We all got ready to race with our Thundersley yellow tops showing. As soon as the race started, we had to follow a person in green to show us where to race. We did a small lap first and then we did a larger lap across the entire field and at the end of the race, there was a zone where you had to walk through and get a number. I came 65th out of 174. I thought it was nerve wracking but fun. At the end there was a massive ceremony where trophies were given to the winners and Thundersley ended up winning three! We





then got back on the minibus and came back to school." (Alfie Hulton)

"I walked with my partner to the coach and we played I Spy. When we got there, we had a little bit of our lunch and then we went to line up for our race. I felt excited. When we started the race, I was going to come into 2nd place but slowed down a bit and came in 5th place. After it finished, we had the rest of our lunch and then we ran around to try and warm up. Then we went back on the coach once all the races were finished. I enjoyed it because it was fun and enjoyable as I like going on coaches and I like running." (Ellen Weeden)

Motocross Success



We would like to congratulate Isabelle Sugg (Owls) who will be starting her Motocross journey in the Kensworth Schoolboy Motocross Club this year competing in the 50cc auto class races. This will be Isabelle's first year competing and she has only been riding for a year. Her first race is 27th March 2022 at Mildenhall. Isabella has also received sponsorship from Titans of Dirt who will be providing her with all the cleaning products for her bike throughout the year. Isabelle is absolutely dominating the tracks at the moment when practicing and everyone is finding it hard to keep up with her - she's even lapping a few! Isabelle's family are very proud of her. We all look forward to seeing what positions Isabelle will achieve and wish her good luck.

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. Bezdel in the Green Building Offices.

Stars of the Week

Year 5:- Braiden Alsela and Casper Saban

Year 4:- Foxes and Bears

Year 3:- Ava Nery and Bella Blackshaw

Year 2:- Isaac Wood and Kody Hearne

Year 1:- Leo Smith, Louis Seymour and Lucas Bartrup

EYFS:- Bobby Fillary and Percy Keane



Playground Stars of the Week

Theo Moyo, Arther Davison, Ruby Hampson-Long, Kyle Clarke, Darcey Gayler, Ruby Moorcraft, Leo Jackson, Briar Bilkey, Sylvie McEvoy, Ava Macdonald and Sophia Jarvis

House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

- 1st with 2,663 points - Red Arrows
- 2nd with 2,654 points - Green Dragons
- 3rd with 2,648 points - Blue Dolphins
- 4th with 1,964 points - Golden Eagles



Well done again Red Arrows!

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.





PTA Mothers' Day Present Palace



On Friday, 25th March 2022, we will be holding a Mothers' Day Present Palace during school time where

children may purchase a gift (one only on this occasion) for their mum or someone special. The price is **£2.50**. The children absolutely love this event, especially being able to choose and purchase a gift for a loved one. Please ensure your child has their money on this day in a sealed envelope marked with their name and class. The children will be collected by class throughout the morning and taken to the Palace. Please note that only children who have money with them on the day will be allowed to visit. Thank you.

PTA Spring Festival



On Thursday, 31st March 2022, we will be holding a Spring Festival between 3.15pm and 5.00pm.

Tickets will be on sale today, 23rd, 24th and 25th March 2022. Tickets are priced at £3.00 each, which includes the Easter Egg Hunt and will be on sale in the Gazebo on the KS1 playground before and after school. 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 FRIDAY, 25TH MARCH 2022** - so please ensure you buy one before this date if you wish your child to attend. Thank you.

PTA Pre-loved Uniform Sale

We are holding a pre-loved uniform sale today after school and on Thursday, 24th March 2022 after school. If you have any clean uniform in good condition, please drop it off to the main School Office.

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

The Deanes Sports Centre Easter Holiday Programme

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Rugby Easter Sports Camp

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Girl Power Rugby Camp - Easter 2022

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Rediscover the Joys of Reading

The [Essex Year of Reading](#) aims to help families discover the joy of reading through a programme of fun activities and events in 2022. Get involved now by downloading the Essex Year of Reading app from Google Play or the App Store. Simply search for Essex Year of Reading.

Nominate for Essex Teaching Awards

[Nominate an inspiring teacher or member of school staff](#) for Essex Teaching Awards.

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

