



Dear Parent/Carer,

This packed summer term has three short weeks to go and much to enjoy. Please keep your eye on the calendar by downloading the eschools lite app. The newsletters, daily calendar and website will then be at your fingertips.

Art is an area of the curriculum that many of our children enjoy and excel at. Today, we have an artist in residence! Children in Years 5 and 6 will be participating in art workshops to create 3D installations - we can't wait to see the outcome and I know the children will enjoy being creative and working together to produce something amazing.

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will compete against four other teams in the BATIC and Canvey Swimming Gala on Wednesday. The event, sponsored by the Castle Point Borough Council, takes place at Runnymede Pool over three sessions and involves thirteen schools in the area. Medals and trophies will be presented by the Mayor of Castle Point, Cllr Lynsey McCarthy-Calvert - let's hope we come back clanging!

You will see below a very positive update on our tree from Simon English, our Chair of Governors, who has been working tirelessly on our campaign to save our beautiful oak. We will announce the name of the tree later this week when children have voted.

Enjoy your week.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Oak Tree Update

The votes to name the tree have been cast and are being gathered together and will be shared once the children have chosen one from the shortlist!

Sport Day demonstrated just how important a natural feature our tree has become to everyone in and around the school, it was the topic of a lot of

conversation whilst it provided shade for those wishing to stay out of the direct sun and heat we've been having. Lots of people shared memories with each other and it reaffirmed how important this tree is to everyone.

Last week Miss Dawson, Mr Mackay, Mr Berry and I met with representatives from both insurers. We hadn't expected so large a contingent but it demonstrated just how seriously the insurers are taking this and for that we are so grateful.

Whilst we still wait the final reports and recommendations from both sides, the initial discussions have proved very positive and we are more hopeful than ever that both LV and Zurich will reach an agreement that retains the tree and puts in place a root barrier or similar measures to mitigate any further impact or claim.



I then later met with Tim and Laurence from SaveChester (please see QR code) and we spent some time really looking at the tree and how

healthy it is, the differing habitats it provides. They kindly completed a TEMPO assessment and then we were helped by Alice (Kestrels) to measure the tree and calculate its age... a magnificent 165 years old!

We are grateful for your help and support and we have a renewed confidence that we can save our beautiful tree."



Attendance

For the week ended 28th June 2024, there were six classes who achieved 97%

attendance or above. Well done to Chipmunks who achieved 99.7%. They will be looking after Attendance Ted this 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 | 99.7% |
| Dragonflies | 92.8% |
| Butterflies | 96.3% |
| Rabbits | 96.3% |
| Ladybirds | 90.0% |
| Robins | 99.0% |
| Fireflies | 99.0% |
| Owls | 99.0% |
| Bears | 98.7% |
| Sparrows | 94.7% |
| Ants | 96.5% |
| Bees | 92.8% |
| Kestrels | 97.6% |
| Badgers | 95.2% |
| Squirrels | 81.3% |
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| Whole School | 95.4% |
| Target | 97.0% |

Congratulations to this week's winners

CHIPMUNKS

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for

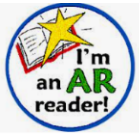
2023 - 2024 is:

97%





KS2 Accelerated Reader



This week:-

Word Count

1st Fireflies - 715,915

2nd Bees - 275,279

3rd Bears - 238,433

Quizzes

1st Fireflies - 39

2nd Ladybirds - 20

3rd Bears - 13

Overall:-

Word Count

1st Kestrels - 13,539,693

2nd Bees - 10,842,394

3rd Ants - 10,266,357

Quizzes

1st Owls - 1,035

2nd Bears - 775

3rd Fireflies - 756

Super Sitting Sponsored Sports Event

As you know, on Monday, 24th June 2024 we held a Super Sitting Sponsored Sports Event to raise money for Eva-Mei's new power chair which will mean she will be able to join in more easily with lots of things the other children do. The children got to experience just what it is like for Eva-Mei taking part in sports sitting down. Nellie Gaskin (Owls) gives her account of the day below:-

"We did lots of activities. The first one we did was make your own game and we had to get some of the materials and make a game. I made a game where we had to throw bean bags into different hoops and each one was worth different points. The second game was sitting volleyball which was quite hard as we couldn't stand up. Then we did javelin and we had to see how far we could throw the stick. I found it a little bit easier than

the volleyball but it didn't go as far as it normally does. Then we did sitting football. We had to put the ball on the floor and roll it into the net. I think my favourite activity was making my own game as it was quite easy but hard at the same time. It was really nice as we got to experience how it would be in a wheelchair but at the same time it was sad because we couldn't do some of the things we normally would. I'm glad that we have raised enough money so that Eva can get her wheelchair and join in with everyone."

We would like to thank everyone who has paid in their sponsor money so far as the total amount currently stands at **£14,070** and rising. Please remember that all sponsor monies should be paid to the justgiving link below by Monday, 8th July 2020 - thank you.

<https://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Evaspowerchair>

QuadKids



Athletics season is in full-swing here at Thundersley! On Wednesday, 16 children from Years 3 to 6 went to Deanes to compete in a QuadKids competition. The format is designed to challenge children's all-round athletics skills, as they compete for performance-related points in a long jump, throw, sprint and long distance run. For some of the Years 3 and 4 team it was



their first chance to participate in this type of athletics event, but you would never have guessed it - as they showed such determination and confidence! The T.P.S. teamwork was also outstanding, as the children motivated and encouraged each other to beat their personal bests- especially in the events that they knew were more challenging for them. When all the scores were in, the Years 3 and 4 boys' and girls' team finished second out of the seven schools, and received silver medals. Not to be outdone, the Years 5 and 6 team built up a fantastic grand total and also finished second! All of the children should be proud of their efforts and it certainly was a happy but weary walk back to Thundersley afterwards!



Etta-Mae Duke (Badgers) gives details of the event below:-





"We walked up and the Years 3 and 4 children were split into one group and the Years 5 and 6 children were split into another group. Years 3 and 4 did the sprint first and the Years 5 and 6 did the throwing. I was the first one to throw and it was a bit hard but good. After that, we went back and had a drink and a little snack. Then the Years 3 and 4 children did the long distance and the Years 5 and 6 did the standing long jump. My highest standing long jump was 1.7m. After that, we switched and I did the long distance. I thought it was quite tricky as it was 1.5 laps (600m). I came 3rd. After, we had the rest of our lunch and then we had to pack our bags and sit down ready for the results. There were 8 schools and the Years 3 and 4 came 2nd and the Years 5 and 6 came 2nd too. We had to go up and get our medals from the lady. I was quite proud we came 2nd but I did think we would come in the top 3. We were all cheering and really happy. The afternoon was really fun and everyone supported everyone as a team and cheered for everyone."



Year 1 visit to the Call of the Wild

On Friday, the Year 1 children visited Call of the Wild as part of their topic work on 'The world around us'. The children learned about a range of animals from around the world and experienced a talk.

They also got up close and personal with some of the animals through their displays and demonstrations. The children also visited the Butterfly House where they watched the beautiful butterflies. Reggie Duke (Rabbits) and Isla Jackson (Butterflies) give their respective accounts of the day below:-

"We went through the gates and saw goats and we saw stinky pigs. Also we saw penguins. Also we saw crocodiles and we saw a blue bird squawking. Also we saw a parrot climbing. We ate lunch on a bench. Also we saw a butterfly flying and we saw a chicken flying around. I thought it was really good and the best bit was seeing the parrots." (Reggie Duke)

"It was a long journey on the coach. When we got there we sorted out the groups and put our lunches on the table. We saw an otter. Then we went to see some more animals and we went through a butterfly tunnel and there were some creepy birds that had red eyes. We ate our lunch outside and we went to the park. We had a sheet to tick off the animals we saw. My favourite part was going to the park. I thought it was good." (Isla Jackson)



Stars of the Week



- Year 6:-** Badgers and Squirrels
- Year 5:-** Ozzie Jiggins, Sam Clark and George Cox
- Year 4:-** Eleanor Henry and Emily Harvey
- Year 3:-** Leo Smith
- Year 2:-** Jaxon Bellinger and Brady Harringley
- EYFS:-** Oliver Smith

Playground Stars of the Week

Harrison Lewis, Olivia Collins, Harry Cecil, Edward Potts, Grace Bowman, Trisha Patel, Darcey Rowland, Daniel Arram, Jake Clapton, Eva Mandizha, Archie Whitaker, Summer Barber and Eleanor Page

This week's 'Thunk'



Are cats better than dogs?

House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

| | |
|---------------|------|
| Golden Eagles | 2884 |
| Red Arrows | 2459 |
| Green Dragons | 1866 |
| Blue Dolphins | 1631 |



Well done Golden Eagles!





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Numbots Certificates

Well done to all of the EYFS and Year 1



children that have used NumBots to help support their fluency in Maths. Certificates will be given during Celebration Assembly. The following children are our NumBot superstars this week!

EYFS - Nancy Walters (Dragonflies)
Year 1 - Rae Law (Butterflies)

Well done to you both!

Honesty is the best policy!

We would like to congratulate the following for handing in money they found recently.

Brayden Nyama (Ladybirds)
Joshua Arram (Robins)
Emily Clayton (Fireflies)
Sharia Maih (Kestrels)
Rey Higgs (Robins)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

eSchools App

We kindly ask that you to download the



eSchools and eSchools Lite apps (free of charge), in order that any messages we send you are not charged to the school and you will be able to access the calendar, newsletter and website easily.

Twitter

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

@Thundersley_P_S

Early Birds Breakfast Club & Treetops After School Club

We offer a Breakfast Club called Early Birds (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. Hayward in the main School Office.

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

Community News

Thundersley Rovers U11 Tigresses

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

CSC Summer Gymnastics Camp

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Mega Camps Summer 2024

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Barracudas

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

School Calendar - Dates

<https://www.thundersleyprimary.co.uk/web/home/86964>

or eSchools app Lite

Future Term Dates

19/07/24 - Last day of Term

03/09/24 - Start of the Autumn Term
28/10/24 to 01/11/24 - Half Term
21/12/24 to 05/01/25 Christmas Break
06/01/25 - Start of the Spring Term
17/02/25 to 21/02/25 - Half Term
07/04/25 to 21/04/25 - Easter Break
22/04/25 - Start of the Summer Term
05/05/25 - Bank Holiday
26/05/25 to 30/05/25 - Half Term
22/07/25 - Last day of Term

****NON PUPIL DAYS****

22/07/24
23/07/24

02/09/24
25/11/24
14/02/25
21/07/25
22/07/25

