



Dear Parent/Carer,

Attendance figures:-

A desperately sad day at Thundersley today. Our whole community has lost a bright, shining star whose loss we cannot begin to process. Our hearts and prayers go out to Millie's family at this hard time. Thank you all for your kind messages. If your child needs support, please do contact us.



Our Year 2 children have had a super day with the Fire of London coming to life for them. They have taken part in all manner

of engaging activities and are enjoying every moment. Thank you for helping them to look so super!

Last week was a busy one for us at TPS with children performing at the Palace Theatre in the Choir and in the dance troupe in BATIC's Got Talent and 30 of our Year 4 children performing in the Dance Festival. For many of our children this is their first experience of being on stage in a local professional theatre and I am so very grateful to Mrs West, Mrs Griffiths, Miss Lane and Mrs Farmer for giving the children this experience. We were very proud of all of the children.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance



For the week ended 26th January 2024 there were 8 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well

done to Badgers who achieved 100%. They will be looking after Attendance Ted this week and will also receive a £10 Amazon voucher to spend on something for their class.

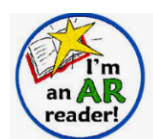
We have a number of children who have medical conditions which mean that they have to have time off school for appointments and therefore their data is not included in these figures.

Class	Week
Chipmunks	77.5%
Dragonflies	83.2%
Butterflies	95.9%
Rabbits	99.0%
Ladybirds	97.7%
Robins	98.3%
Fireflies	98.7%
Owls	98.3%
Bears	95.0%
Sparrows	96.3%
Ants	97.7%
Bees	97.7%
Kestrels	96.9%
Badgers	100%
Squirrels	93.6%
Whole School	95.2%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners
BADGERS

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for 2023 - 2024 is:
97%

KS2 Accelerated Reader



This week:-

Word Count

1st Kestrels - 283,043
2nd Bears - 235,519
3rd Bees - 221,417

Quizzes

1st Owls - 22
2nd Bears - 18
3rd Fireflies - 17

Overall:-

Word Count

1st Kestrels - 6,825,988
2nd Ants - 4,891,377
3rd Bees - 4,640,873

Quizzes

1st Owls - 642
2nd Bears - 424
3rd Fireflies - 394

Reading Army



Could you spare half an hour first thing in the morning and join our reading army? We have a number of children, across the school,

who for one reason or another do not manage to read at home. We do not want these children to fall behind in their reading, so we do try to hear them read at school as much as we can. However, it is impossible for us to do this each day. If we could have volunteers who would come in straight after they drop their children off at school to hear a few children read that would be wonderful. If you are interested, please let us know by emailing admin@thundersley.essex.sch.uk with the title Reading Army!

Years 5/6 Boys' Football match vs. Woodham Ley Primary School

On Tuesday afternoon, the Years 5/6 Boys' team played their third league game against Woodham Ley Primary School. It was a competitive start to the game which saw both sides start quickly. A good first half which had Thundersley attacking fantastically and Woodham Ley attacking and defending tenaciously. In the second





half, the Thundersley boys played some excellent football moving forwards and taking plenty of shots. The team had a great second half scoring some brilliant goals. The final score finished 8-5 to Thundersley and saw the team win their third game of the season. Overall, a great team effort who next play Robert Drake on 6th February 2024 at home which the boys are looking forward to. Well done to all involved - a super effort. Louie Tucker from Badgers gives his account of the game below:-

"The school was Woodham Ley. They were very friendly and it was a very close game and both teams had their chances. It was a very fun game but also really intense. I played striker. George, Chase, Theo and Jaxon all scored. Woodham Ley scored 5. We all played really well and the tactics were to hold the ball and we did that really well. Woodham Ley were really supportive of their team and kept saying 'heads up'. I really enjoyed the match and I can't wait for the next one because we played really well."



Year 3 - Park visit

Year 3 currently have a reward system in each class where they can win 'gumballs' to fill up their gumball machine and once filled, can choose a whole class activity

they would like to do as their reward. The children had the choice between a movie or a visit to the park and the children chose the latter. Charlie Elliott (Fireflies) and Eva-Mei Redmond (Owls) give their respective descriptions of the visit below:-

"First we had to put our high viz jackets on and then we walked to the park. When we got there, we all played on the equipment. I liked playing on the zip line the best because it was curvy and it would go faster if I swung my legs. We went to the park as we filled up our gumball machine for being good and we got to choose whether we watched a movie or went to the park. We chose the park and it was fun." (Charlie Elliott)



"We went on the swings, slide, trampoline and roundabout. My favourite thing was the swings. We had a gumball machine and we filled it up and we got a treat. We went until assembly time. We are now on our second one. If we are good as a whole class, we get a gumball. The trip was really good as I don't get to go to the park that often." (Eva-Mei Redmond)

Years 5/6 Girls' Football match vs. Kents Hill Junior School

On Thursday afternoon the Years 5/6 Girls' team played their second league game against Kents Hill Junior School. A competitive start to the game saw a pretty entertaining end to end start. A good first half which had both Thundersley attacking really well and Kents Hill putting pressure on Thundersley. In the second half the Thundersley girls played some excellent football, moving into space and finding players with some great passing. The team had a great second half scoring some brilliant goals. The final score finished 4-1 to Thundersley and saw the team win their second game of the season. Delilah Thomas scored 2 goals and Paighton Brown and Olivia Collins scored 1 goal each. Overall a great team effort from the team who next play Robert Drake on 13th

February 2024 which the girls are looking forward to. Well done to all involved - a great effort. Ayda Pudney from Squirrels gives her account of the game below:-

"Delilah scored the first and second goals in the first half going downhill then Paighton scored the third goal in the second half and Olivia Collins scored the fourth goal. The match was a hard match since every time we play them, they always manage to score a goal. They scored in the second half to make it 4-1. I was the goal keeper and I like playing goal keeper because it is exciting when the ball comes into my half. I really enjoyed the match since Delilah got 2 goals and Olivia and Paighton got one each. I'm looking forward to the next game too as we're playing Robert Drake."



Dance Festival

On Tuesday, 30 of the Year 4 children participated in the annual Dance Festival at the Palace Theatre together with other schools from the area. The children had a fabulous time taking part and also watching the other children perform. Olivia Oswald (Bears) tells of her exciting experience below:-



"When we went there we watched all the shows and we were the fourth one. We went on and quite a few of us were feeling nervous. After we went on, we were all feeling good. We then went back to our seats to watch the others. We practiced our dance with Miss Lane for about three or four weeks. We did electric and Miss Lane showed us all the moves to do. I thought the Barbie Dance and the Green Green dance were really good. I really enjoyed it because I've never done it before and it was my first time. I would like to do it again. My mum and two nans came to watch and they said I was really good in it."





BATIC's Got Talent

On Wednesday, the Choir and a dance troupe from Thundersley attended the Palace Theatre, Westcliff-on-Sea to participate in BATIC's Got Talent where lots of local schools showcase different acts to raise money for counselling services. It was a fabulous evening and the children enjoyed performing immensely but also watching the other children. Rosie Green (Ants) who was part of the Choir and Matilda Willers (Ants) who was part of the dance troupe, give their accounts of the event below:-

"We did two songs. One of them was called 'Extraordinary me and extraordinary you' and the other was 'Fight song'. It was quite scary being on stage because there were lots of people there and lots of lights. When we sat down, we were at the top so could see everything. I was a bit nervous but when we started singing my nerves went. My favourite song was Fight song because it had lots of movements. I liked the Thundersley dancing as it was quite good and I liked some of the other fun dancing too. I thought the whole event was quite good and I really enjoyed it so much and I would like to do it again. My mum came and she said it was the most confident she has ever seen me." (Rosie Green)

"It was a little bit scary because me and some of my friends had practiced on a flat floor but at the theatre there was a slope but I got used to it in the end. We practiced every Wednesday with Miss Lane at lunchtime to make it perfect. Also, I was very lucky to get to go as it is my third time. We did 'Clap if you're happy'. My favourite position was the human pyramid. There were five people and I was on the second row. My mum and my friend's mum came to watch and they said they loved it so much that they wish I could go and do it again. I enjoyed it a lot and when we went under the stage when it had finished, it was really cold as we had to go outside but it was really exciting and we could hear the next children's feet going above." (Matilda Willers)

Road Safety



Children in EYFS and Year 5 received Road Safety training last week from Lesley Winterflood from Safer Essex Roads Partnership. The children learned lots of important safety rules and Darcie Vine (Ants) tells of what she learned below:-

"A lady came in and told us all about road safety. She told us to look right, left and then right again. When we cross the road she told us not to cross in between parked cars as that is quite dangerous. She also said that we shouldn't be on our phone and we should put it in our pocket and also, if we have earphones in, we should take them out as we won't be able to hear the cars especially if they are electric. She also said that we shouldn't look down at the road as otherwise we won't see if another car is coming. She also said that if we are crossing the road and another car comes along, we shouldn't turn back we should carry on to the other side. She also told us that the little red man on a crossing means stop, green means go and if it is flashing don't start to cross. She told us not to cross roads like the A13 or A127 because it is really dangerous as the cars are going fast. She also told us that where the pavement is lowered and there are raised dots, this is for blind people to know where to cross. She also told us that if we are on a bike, we need to get off and walk it across zebra crossings. If we are near parked cars, we should check to see if there is a driver in it as they may start reversing. She also told us that white lights on a car means they are reversing and a red light means they are stopping. Also, if we are walking near a driveway or playing near one, we need to be careful as if a car is reversing out, they may not be able to see us. She told us about emergency vehicles. If we were waiting to cross and an emergency vehicle was coming, we should wait until it passes before crossing. If we were already in the road, she said that they are really good drivers so wouldn't hurt us. After our talk

we went out in groups to practice crossing roads. I thought the morning was helpful as when I am a teenager, I will be walking to school on my own. We also got a hi viz bag to wear so drivers can see us."

Gymnastics Congratulations



We would like to congratulate Eva Mandizha (Robins) who was recently invited to attend the gymnastic county trials at the Colchester School of Gymnastics and has since heard that she has been selected to join the Essex Juniors County Squad.

Well done Eva, your family are very proud of you as are we! We look forward to hearing how you get on in the future.

Charities Day

We would like to advise that the Charities Day money is still being counted and a final total will be given in next week's newsletter.

Honesty is the best policy!

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

- Reggie Collins (Owls)
- Freya Longmore (Squirrels)
- Brooke Squirrell (Squirrels)
- Jenson Main (Bears)
- Patrick Ridgwell (Bears)
- Isaac Wood (Bears)
- Esmac Emin-Wyatt (Badgers)
- Dylan Williams (Sparrows)
- Harley Punt (Sparrows)
- Kitty McCombe (Fireflies)
- Mrs. Fuller (LSA)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!





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Numbots Certificates

Well done to all of the Year 1 children that have used NumBots to help support their fluency in Maths. Certificates will be given during Celebration Assembly. The following child is our NumBot superstar this week!



Elsie Phillips - Rabbits

Well done Elsie!

Stars of the Week

Year 6:- Harrison Lewis and Sydney Greig

Year 5:- Isla Taylor, Beau Lewis and Ella Sewell

Year 4:- Melis Balci and Olivia Oswald

Year 3:- Harry Burns and Evie Betts

Year 2:- Oliver Rees and Millie Goldswain

Year 1:- Emmy Thompson and Arnie Higgs

EVFS:- Seth Mhembere

Playground Stars of the Week

Maxwell Blagg, Lillie-May Archer, Kai Beale, Teddy Little, Esme Murphy, Mavis Heckles, Fireflies' Class, Felicity Warren, Rey Higgs, Preston Hooper, Emily Parmenter, Jake Sewell and Amelia Buckingham

House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

Blue Dolphins	1,859
Red Arrows	1,364
Golden Eagles	1,321
Green Dragons	1,244

Well done Blue Dolphins!

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

PTA

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PTA will be on Monday, 26th February 2024 at 7pm in the White Hart. All are welcome.

Adventure Island & Adventure Island Inside Tickets



Please note that Lords' Barbers in Thundersley Village are selling the following tickets on our behalf:-

Adventure Island - £17.00

Community News

SEND the Right Message Charity (STRM) - Cost of Living Crisis

Please find attached two flyers in respect of the above.

Essex Fire Museum Open Days February Half Term 2024

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Sharp Shooters Golf

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

19/02/24 to 23/02/24 - Half Term
29/03/24 to 12/04/24 - Easter Break
15/04/24 - Start of the Summer Term





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06/05/24 - Bank Holiday
27/05/24 to 31/05/24 - Whitsun Break
19/07/24 - Last day of Term

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

26/2/24
22/7/24
23/7/24

