



Parent/Carer,

Today, we are really proud of our Year 6 children who are starting their end of Key Stage Statutory Assessment tests (SATs) along with all other Year 6 children in England. They are sitting grammar, punctuation and spelling today, reading tomorrow and maths on Wednesday and Thursday. This cohort has an amazing attitude to their learning and have worked exceptionally hard in the lead up to these tests, which are more a test of the school than they are individual children. Although I could see many were a bit nervous coming through the gate this morning, once they started the test, they seemed to relax, determined to show what they can do. Go for it this week Year 6 (and all adults too!).



We are very excited about May Day on Friday - we hope you can come and join us. Please cross your fingers for wonderful weather!

Have a super week.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance

For the week ended 10th May 2024, there were 5 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Ladybirds who achieved 100%. They will be looking after Attendance Ted this week and will 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.

Attendance figures:-

Class	Week
Chipmunks	91.3%
Dragonflies	78.0%
Butterflies	91.4%
Rabbits	97.1%
Ladybirds	100%
Robins	90.0%
Fireflies	91.7%
Owls	94.0%
Bears	82.1%
Sparrows	88.8%
Ants	91.5%
Bees	98.3%
Kestrels	97.4%
Badgers	99.1%
Squirrels	83.9%
Whole School	91.6%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners
LADYBIRDS

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

3rd Kestrels - 174,335

Quizzes

1st Ladybirds - 26
2nd Bears - 19
3rd Owls - 15

Overall:-

Word Count

1st Kestrels - 12,493,311
2nd Bees - 9,435,866
3rd Ants - 9,329,797

Quizzes

1st Owls - 965
2nd Fireflies - 656
3rd Bears - 594

We would also like to congratulate Nathan Cirin in Badgers and Brayden Nyama in Ladybirds who have become millionaire readers. Well done to you both!

May Court - May Day Celebrations, Friday, 17th May 2024

As you will be aware, it is our traditional May Day celebrations on Friday, 17th May 2024 and we would like to congratulate the following children who have been chosen to be part of the May Court:-

May King - Tom Clayton
May Queen - Emilia Weedon
May Princes - Tyler Murphy, Elliot Hardwick and Bobby Fillary
May Princesses - Honey-Mae Hayes, Isla Jacobs and Marlee Morris

The festivities will start at 10am and we hope that everyone will be able to join us for what is always a fabulous event!

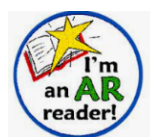
This week's 'Thunks'



What makes us happy?

Can we have happiness without sadness?

KS2 Accelerated Reader



This week:-

Word Count

1st Bears - 354,494
2nd Bees - 229,219





Hi5 Netball Tournament



The annual rally is always a really lovely event and something we all look forward to. This year was no different. We set off, with a spring in our step, ready for the challenges of playing teams in different leagues and judging whether we could hold on to our own league successes. At Thundersley, we are lucky enough to have lots of adults to help Mrs Hoeb manage the team, which has allowed us to take two teams to compete. The Black and Gold TPS netballers were looking smart in their kit and smart in their play as they stormed their way through the pool games. The Gold team came 5th in their pool and the Black team managed to win theirs so the game was well and truly on! The Black team barely had time to recover from the pool games before they played the semi-finals. People had stayed especially to watch TPS (because we are such a lovely team!) and were commenting that it should be the final as it was such a good game. This time, however, it was not meant to be and we narrowly lost. There was no time to dwell though, as again, the team picked themselves up to play in the play offs for 3rd place. Tired and weary the Black TPS team were as usual, the best they could be and were able to secure the Bronze position. What a buzz! Mrs Hoeb would like to thank each and every player that day for giving their all, learning how to lose as well as win and showing her that they are secondary school ready for the best sport in the World! Well done! Elsie-Mae Newland and Etta-Mae Duke both in Badgers, give their account of the tournament below:-

"We played all the positions such as goal attack, goal shooter, goal defence, goal keeper, centre, time keeper, centre pass marker and scorer. We also supported the whole team by giving them positive affirmations and telling them to try their best. There was one girl who didn't want to play as we were losing but we told her to keep going and said that wouldn't she rather know she has tried instead of just leaving so she agreed to stay and kept her head up. There were two teams which went from our school and they both played five matches each. Our team stayed in our pool but everyone said we still did a good job and kept our heads up. The other team, even though they won all their matches, still supported us even if we were losing. We came 5th in our group. The other team came 3rd overall. We thought it was an unforgettable experience and we really enjoyed it."

Science Week



What a STEM week we had! Super science, technology, engineering and maths activities, thrilling experiments, learning about STEM careers and even dressing up under the STEM theme.

The week started off with a brilliant visit from a volunteer engineer who shared their expertise and experience of working with Ford cars across the globe. He explained his route through school and further education, before talking through how the cars were built. The Years 5s and 6s had the opportunity to ask any questions and were hopefully thoroughly inspired by his visit. We rarely have the opportunity for people in STEM careers to share their experiences with us but they are so valuable for the children to see

what they could achieve in their own future lives.

Across the school, a range of great STEM activities took place which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Year 2 observed the effect of how a paper airplane can fly further with a pointed design. Year 3 made air spinners using a simple paper clip and rectangle of paper. Year 4 enjoyed building towers with marshmallows and spaghetti whilst Year 5 managed some complex coding using some Crumble Sparkles technology resources.

The week ended with a bang from our special visitor - Science Boffin Dave. He wowed us with a range of experiments including the science behind some fantastic air and fire experiments. One of the best experiments he did was to light his hand on fire using fire retardant and flammable bubbles. Science Boffin Dave was sure to tell us all that these are very dangerous science experiments that should only be done by trained professionals, we should not be attempting them at home!

We aim to continue our wonderful Science, Technology, engineering and Maths learning through our school subjects but are keen for you to keep the opportunities alive at home - perhaps you could discuss your career and skills with your children and what path through education you took or discover what their career journey might look like for their favourite skills. Bailey Paton (Ants) tells of what he learned during his session with the engineer below:-

"The engineer had a little slide show which told us about cars and it showed the car parts being put on by little robots. He also told us about car projects and how all of his jobs were about cars. The last project was a really big van which was blue. He said that being an engineer was interesting. He also talked about how rockets and tunnels were made. I would very much like to be an engineer one day as it would be very fun and exciting."





Ava Gladwin (Robins) describes below the dress up day and the session with Science Boffin Dave:-

"I dressed up as a pharmacist that makes medicine. I wore a pink t-shirt with numbers and letters on, a white lab coat and black trousers. We also saw Science Boffin Dave and he put stuff on his hand and then fire on his hand but he didn't hurt himself. We had the lights off as well. The fire went big and then it just disappeared. His friend Bob the balloon, had a house and he couldn't get in so Science Boffin Dave got Bob the balloon and put fire at the bottom of it and it dragged Bob the balloon into the house then the fire went out. He also had a long yellow tube and when he spun it around it made a sound. He had a big cylinder and when he tapped it, it made a low pitched sound. The best thing was where he put the fire on his hand. He told us not to copy it at home though."

Gymnastic Congratulations



overall, with gold in range and silver in

We would like to congratulate Eva Mandizha (Robins) who recently attended the Essex County Development grade competition which had 38 girls from around Essex. Eva came 2nd

bars. Eva truly enjoys gymnastics despite the hectic training schedule and is progressing really well in her gymnastics journey. Eva's parents are so proud of her! Well done Eva, what a fantastic achievement.

Football Achievement

We would like to congratulate Luke Avison and Nathan Cirin (both in Badgers) who currently play for Benfleet FC Youth U11 Reds who came top in their league making them League Champions. They competed against teams from Rochford, Wickford, Rayleigh and Southend without losing a match in their league. They also made it to the quarter finals of the U11 league vase. Well done boys - your parents are super proud of you both. An amazing achievement!



Nuclear Races Rookie Race



We would like to congratulate the following children who participated in the Nuclear Races Rookie Race on Saturday, 11th May 2024:-

Dexter White (Bees)
Aiden White (Rabbits)
Lincoln Bellingier (Ants)
Samuel Clark (Bees)
Chase Goodwin (Ants)

Carter Broad (Ants)
Ed Potts (Bees)
Theo Preston (Kestrels)
Bobby Foster-Pasterfield (Kestrels)

Some of the children were nervous and unsure but they showed great teamwork and resilience, working together, helping and motivating each other. They absolutely smashed it! Together as a group they raised £1,140 for George's Windmills charity. Well done boys, your parents are very proud of you and what an amazing amount of money to raise for such a worthy cause!

Polite Reminders

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle with them every day in order to stay hydrated, especially in this hot weather. We are getting lots of children asking for cups from the office which of course is not environmentally friendly and is costly. Thank you.



Bike Shelter

Please ensure that you secure bikes/scooters if you leave them in the bike shelter. Please note that everything is left at the owner's risk. Thank you.



Honesty is the best policy!

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

Daisy Avison (Bears)
Paighton Brown (Ants)
Grace Bowman (Ants)
Bobby Fillary (Robins)
Jaxon Bellingier (Robins)
Rebecca Heckles (Robins)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!



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House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

Red Arrows	2672
Green Dragons	2418
Golden Eagles	2309
Blue Dolphins	2211



Well done Red Arrows!

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!

- Ronnie Toogood - Dragonflies
- Summer Barber - Dragonflies
- Arthur Barclay - Butterflies
- Lilly Morgan - Rabbits

Well done to you all!

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

Aqua Swim School

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Vaccine Walk in Clinic

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Bioblitz

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Essex Fire Museum - May Half Term 2024

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

27/05/24 to 31/05/24 - Whitsun Break
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

Four dates for 2024/2025 have yet to be decided.

