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17th June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

What a busy week we had last week - from BBC News to the Cliffs Pavilion with sports in between!

The update on the tree is that the insurers are now commissioning an independent report to look again at the issue of the tree and the conservatory in question. We have been offered support from arborists, solicitors, engineers, surveyors, councillors and many, many people who just have a keen interest in trees! We are much more optimistic than we were this time last week and want to thank everyone who shared posts or talked to anyone about our tree. The children are in the process of naming our tree which will personalise it and help them to engage with the issue. In the KS2 assembly on Friday, I updated the children about our tree and when I said that the insurance company had said it needed to be felled, there was just this huge, collective gasp! We will keep you updated.

Our Cricket team did a great job at the tournament last week, only narrowly missing out on a medal. As always they were great sports and seemed to love the event. Let's hope this leads them to play it far into the future.

The Cliffs Pavilion rang out with the singing of hundreds of children all last week and on Wednesday, it was the turn of the Thundersley Choir. They were wonderful and their smiles said it all - they loved being up there! I know they have been working towards this event for moths and want to say a huge thank you to Mrs West and Mrs Griffiths for preparing them so well.

Again, huge thanks to the PTA for both the Bouncy Castle event and the Fathers' Day present Palace - the children loved both and the funds that are raised will be vital to our school moving forward.

So that you are aware, the children will be meeting their new teacher on Tuesday, 25th June, 2024. Following feedback from

your surveys and discussion with teachers, we have made this earlier this year to give more opportunity for children to get to know the new staff in their class. Year 2 going to Year 3 will be being mixed this year and teachers in those classes will be asking the children for the names of children who they would like to be in class with. The children will be guaranteed one of those children.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our Sports Day on Thursday - EYFS/KS1 in the morning at 10.00am and KS2 in the afternoon at 1.30pm. Let's hope for a lovely sunny day - when the children will need our oak tree for shade!

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance

For the week ended 14th June 2024, there was one class who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Bears who achieved 97.0%. 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.

Congratulations to this week's winners
BEARS

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

Attendance figures:-

| Class | Week |
|--------------|-------|
| Chipmunks | 90.7% |
| Dragonflies | 95.5% |
| Butterflies | 88.1% |
| Rabbits | 94.7% |
| Ladybirds | 95.0% |
| Robins | 91.0% |
| Fireflies | 94.0% |
| Owls | 91.0% |
| Bears | 97.0% |
| Sparrows | 92.7% |
| Ants | 95.5% |
| Bees | 92.4% |
| Kestrels | 96.6% |
| Badgers | 88.3% |
| Squirrels | 90.7% |
| | |
| Whole School | 92.9% |
| Target | 97.0% |

KS2 Accelerated Reader



This week:-

Word Count

1st Owls - 497,247

2nd Squirrels - 302,953

3rd Ladybirds - 300,245

Quizzes

1st Ladybirds - 38

2nd Owls - 30

3rd Bears - 18

Overall:-

Word Count

1st Kestrels - 13,359,618

2nd Bees - 10,180,141

3rd Ants - 10,046,081

Quizzes

1st Owls - 1009

2nd Bears - 724

3rd Fireflies - 708





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Cricket Competition



On Wednesday, a team of cricketers from Thundersley made their way to the annual Kwik Cricket competition hosted at Hadleigh and Thundersley Cricket Club. The boys were nervous entering their first game but put those nerves aside when they got started with some tremendous bowling and fielding taking a number of wickets in the first couple of overs. From that point they grew in confidence and batted superbly winning the first game comfortably. In their final group game they came up against strong opposition who batted well and forced the Thundersley team into some brilliant pieces of fielding. Following that, it was our time to bat and there was some very solid hitting leading to a number of runs being scored. At the end of an incredibly close game, Thundersley were unfortunate to lose by only 2 runs. The incredible cricket they played in the group meant they did qualify for the semi-final and again they acquitted themselves brilliantly showing exceptional sportsmanship throughout. Despite their valiant efforts they did not reach the final but instead entered the 3rd/4th playoffs. This was another incredibly close game where Thundersley were narrowly beaten by a handful of runs. The boys really did play with determination and team spirit and they did our school proud. It is always difficult to lose games in such a close fashion but they never let their heads drop and kept battling to the end. Fair to say we have a new group of budding cricketers who may be future World Cup stars. Another example of the children being 'the best they can be'. Sam Beasley tells of his experience below:-

"We were told we were in the team on Wednesday so we only had practice as a team on Monday and Tuesday. Our parents took us up to John Burrows and the tournament started at 9.30am. We had a bit of a practice and then we were told who was in our group. In our group we had Northwick and Edward Francis. Our first game was against Northwick which we won quite easily. The next game was against Edward Francis which we lost quite narrowly - it could have gone either way. After we had played both our group games, we had to wait for Northwick to play Edward Francis. Edward Francis won which meant that we came second in our group. There were 3 groups and the top scorers in each group went through for definite and then the best second place score went through to the semi-finals as well which was Thundersley. In the semi-finals we had to play Edward Francis again which we lost. Then we had to play the 3rd/4th place play off against Wyburns which came down to quite a tight game and we got unlucky at times which meant we lost the match. This meant we got 4th place. I play cricket outside of school so it was quite a different experience for me but I thought our team overall had improved so much since the Monday. We all enjoyed the tournament and the goal was to have fun and we definitely achieved this."

SEESMA Festival

Mrs. West was so incredibly proud of the choir children On Wednesday, when they represented our school in the Music Festival at the Cliffs Pavilion. They sang their hearts out and danced enthusiastically whilst being impeccably behaved. Olivia Hindley (Ants) gives her account of the event below:-

"In Choir we learnt the words to songs for about a month and once we had learnt them we had a rehearsal at school where 12 other schools came too. The conductors Miss Jo Brown and Mr. Andrew Withams, came to teach us the actions. On Wednesday, we went to the Cliffs Pavilion at 9am to rehearse and there was a stage with different levels. Our school had about 3 rows. There were also 4 seats for

the announcers to sit on and I was one of them. There were only 2 microphones so we had to share them. When it came to the real event, we had to meet Mrs. West outside and then once we had all got ourselves ready we went inside and took our places. It was very, very scary! Once all the parents arrived we sang the National Anthem first and everyone stood up. Once we had got the first few songs out of the way, it was my turn to speak. I was very nervous but once I started speaking it started flowing. I spoke with one of the other announcers and then we sang more songs, then the other announcers got to speak. It repeated twice. In between, St. Michael's did a medley of songs playing their instruments. There was also another school which did a cheerleading routine with tambourines with ribbons on. I had two favourite songs which were '5, 6, 7 8' and 'Six'. My mum and dad came to watch me. I saw them at the start but when the lights dimmed, I couldn't see them. They said in their opinion that I was the best announcer and they loved the songs. When we closed it off saying "Thank you and goodnight", we sang one final song which was 'We go together'. I loved the whole event so much because I like doing musical theatre and singing. I especially liked this event as it was the first time I was the announcer. I would like to do it again next year 100%!"

Dance Congratulations



We would like to congratulate Emily Duggan (Owls), Dior Sellick (Owls), Evie Betts (Owls), Millie Smith (Sparrows) and Isla Taylor (Ants) on taking part in a dance show called 'Let's Take a Bow' which was performed at the O2 Indigo in London on Sunday, 9th June 2024. All the students attend Mala Dance School in Benfleet and





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the show showcased dances from several danc schools in the South East area including Mala. The girls performed two dances including a ballet and tap number as well as performing the finale dance alongside all the other performers on the day. The girls have attended extra rehearsals since March in order to be able to perform in the show. They were all fantastic on the day and had a wonderful time performing in such a large theatre. It was an incredible experience for them all.



Muddy Kids Race for Life



We would like to congratulate Harper McEvoy and Amelie Mara (both in Bees) who participated in the Muddy Kids Race for Life on Saturday with their football team. The whole football team managed to raise the fantastic sum of £2,080.00 for Cancer Research UK. Well done Harper and Amelie for raising money for such a great cause. We're sure you had lots of fun too!



We would also like to congratulate Oscar Gladwin (Bees) and his sister Ava Gladwin (Robins) who completed the 5K Muddy Kids Race too on Saturday in aid of Cancer Research. This was a significant personal challenge which they both embraced head on and completed it with smiles on their faces. Their parents are very proud of them and they raised the amazing sum of £500 for this worthy cause.

Stars of the Week

- Year 6:-** Lara Tune and Holly Digby-Graham
- Year 5:-** Isla-Rose Frimley, Lucas Jackson and Dexter White
- Year 4:-** Phoebe Barron and Lily Crawford
- Year 3:-** Norman Wheeler and Harry Hills
- Year 2:-** Percy Keane and Stanley Beckford
- Year 1:-** Roux Bilkey and Rosie Spears
- EYFS:-** Hudson Barber and Lacey Gibson



Playground Stars of the Week

Grace Parmenter, Tyler Murphy, Alevia Pjetra, Rose Beckford, Ollie Barker, Mavis Heckles, Lucy Sutherland, Evelyn Deal, Jack Wigington, Isla Lake, Jaxon Bellinger, Nancy Walters, Florence Deal and Phoebe Burns

This week's 'Thanks'



If animals could speak, what would they say to humans?

House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

| | |
|---------------|------|
| Blue Dolphins | 3591 |
| Red Arrows | 2868 |
| Golden Eagles | 2770 |
| Green Dragons | 2271 |



Well done Blue Dolphins!

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 - Elijah Hyet (Chipmunks)
- Year 1 - Francesca Podolska-Prince (Butterflies)

Well done to you both!

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





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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

Essex Fire Museum Open Day - 30th June 2024

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Cirque - The Greatest Show

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

<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

