



Dear Parent/Carer,

Our Years 3, 4 and 5 children worked with a visiting artist last week to create the most amazing sculptures based on our values out of willow and tissue. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we now have the sculptures to display.

During the KS2 assembly on Friday, we celebrated a number of sporting successes and many children clanged with medals! What came across whilst enjoying their successes, was the importance that all staff involved placed on the manner in which the children presented themselves during their matches or events. Our school is consistently praised by those outside the school for how resilient, determined, sporting and polite our children are - and that has not happened by chance. It is wonderful to win, but we thoroughly believe that when taking part in an event or match, children learn so much more than just about that sport. During the Swimming Gala, it became clear just how brave children who hadn't taken part before needed to be - an experience that will stand them in good stead for any nerve wracking situation in the future.

As our new government takes over, they have pledged to relook at the curriculum to make sure that there is room for creativity and the wider opportunities - and we really welcome that.

Let's hope the weather is kinder to us this week and that the PTA Summer Fair will go ahead on Friday - I look forward to seeing you there.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance

For the week ended 5th July 2024, there were three classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Bees who achieved 99%. 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.

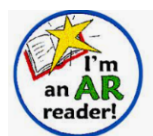
Attendance figures:-

| Class | Week |
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| Chipmunks | 94.0% |
| Dragonflies | 93.1% |
| Butterflies | 91.9% |
| Rabbits | 97.7% |
| Ladybirds | 94.7% |
| Robins | 97.3% |
| Fireflies | 96.0% |
| Owls | 95.2% |
| Bears | 95.3% |
| Sparrows | 95.7% |
| Ants | 92.6% |
| Bees | 99.0% |
| Kestrels | 94.5% |
| Badgers | 92.4% |
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| Squirrels | 94.2% |
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| Whole School | 94.9% |
| Target | 97.0% |

Congratulations to this week's winners
BEES

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

KS2 Accelerated Reader



This week:-

Word Count

1st Ants - 1,636,132

2nd Bears - 436,143

3rd Fireflies - 231,555

Quizzes

1st Ladybirds - 47

2nd Ants - 34

3rd Bears - 30

Overall:-

Word Count

1st Kestrels - 13,614,003

2nd Ants - 11,907,588

3rd Bees - 10,992,494

Quizzes

1st Owls - 1,045

2nd Bears - 807

3rd Fireflies - 775

Swimming Gala



On Wednesday, a contingent of swimmers from Thundersley visited Runnymede Swimming Pool to participate in the annual Swimming Gala. The children did really well and came 4th overall although lots of children came back with medals for their individual achievements. Phoebe Barron (Bears) and Eleanor Henry (Sparrows) give their respective accounts of the event below:-

"We walked to Runnymede. We got changed in the changing room and then we went into the pool area. We did a warm up and then we sat back down and waited for our race. I was nervous and excited. When it was my race I went as fast as I could. I did front crawl and it was easy. I came third. After my race I sat down and watched the other schools. At the end, I had to go and see the Mayor who gave me my bronze medal. I thought the whole event was good." (Phoebe Barron)

"At quarter to one we set off to the Runnymede Swimming Pool. When we got there we got changed into our swimming costumes and headed to the pool. We all sat waiting for the announcer to say that



we were having a warm up. When it was my first race which was relay, I got in the pool and went as fast as I could. When I got out of the pool I watched all the other schools have their turn. Then I had to do breast stroke. I powered my legs and fastened my arms and set off. I liked the race. I wasn't nervous just excited. I didn't get a medal but I really enjoyed it and we came 4th overall. I would really appreciate it if they decided that I could do it again next year as I found it very enjoyable." (Eleanor Henry)

Art



Some of our KS2 children worked with Sue Rendall, a visiting Artist from the School Artist Workshop to make bee sculptures made from

willow and paper mache which will be displayed in the school for everyone to enjoy. The children had a fabulous couple of days and Snow Peacock (Owls) tells of her exciting experience below:-

"We started paper mache bees and we had to layer them a lot and it was very gluey. We got to see them at the end and they looked really different as before they were just sticks and tape. It was really fun because we have never done anything like it and it was different for an



art lesson. We hadn't prepared for it and we would normally have prepared for it. We hope that the bees are going to be stuck on the wall so everyone can see them and it will look like they are flying. I'm not very good at art but I really enjoyed making the sculptures."

From a little acorn.....



Tom Clayton's Grandma brought in a tree that Tom had planted as an acorn when he was four years old! The young 7 year old Oak now has a new home at the edge of our Sensory Garden. As a school which cares about the environment and the future, we were delighted to receive a new Oak after all the publicity regarding our 165 year old Oak - the more the better and planted for future generations. Tom (Squirrels) tells of his acorn to Oak growing below:-

"When I was 4 I always used to collect acorns so me and my nan decided to plant an acorn and it lived in my back garden for 6 years and then my nan decided it was getting too big and she wanted to put it somewhere so that it didn't die. She decided to tell Mr. Mackay that she would donate £100 to the school if she could plant the tree on the school site because she heard that the oak tree was in danger. So I planted it on Thursday in the Sensory Garden. Mr. Berry dug the hole and I popped the tree in and then shovelled all the dirt back in. I hope that as time goes

by, it will grow and it will help the environment and kids will see it and be able to sit under it like the other one."

Year 4 visit to St. Peter's Church

As part of their work on the History of Thundersley, Year 4 visited St. Peter's Church today to have a look around, learn about the history of the church, ring the bells and sketch the church, stained glass windows and the cemetery. Louie Hulton (Bears) and Eleanor Henry (Sparrows) tell of their visits below:-

"When we arrived we sat in the seats and we got to see the uniforms for the people to wear at Christmas and different times of the year. Then we went outside and we got to look at all the different graves and we sketched the church and the stain glass windows. When we went back inside we got to look at the ancient rocks and the holy water. Then we saw how it had an extension and the old area where they would do their praying. We got to ring the bell which was really big and really, really loud. Apparently it had bats in it! After our snack we went back to school. I thought the visit was a fun history trip and I learnt lots." (Louie Hulton)

"First we set off to walk there. When we had walked there we went inside the church and had a look around and sat down. Mrs. Pavitt split us into two groups. One would stay inside the church and the other group would go outside. First I went outside. We looked around and went into the Remembrance Garden. We came back and sat outside the church and we drew a picture of the church. Then we went inside. We looked at the religious outfits they wear. Then we had a go at ringing the bells. They had three ropes and each rope had a person to pull them down. They were very, very loud and made a 'ding dong' sound. We went back outside and had our snack and a drink of water. Then we drew another picture of the graveyard and then we set off back to school. I learnt lots of information and it was a really fun trip." (Eleanor Henry)





Stars of the Week

Year 6:- Lillie-May Archer and Olivia Hession

Year 5:- Beau Lewis, Freddy Peryer and Carter Broad

Year 4:- Eleanor Henry and Henry Hogsden

Year 3:- Ollie Smith and Snow Peacock

Year 2:- Fearnie Horne and Isla Jacobs

Year 1:- Millie Anderson and Amelia Buckland

EYFS:- Florence Deal and Thomas Warren



support their fluency in Maths. Certificates will be given during Celebration Assembly. The following children are our NumBot superstars this week!

EYFS - Ethan Archer (Chipmunks)
Year 1 - Isla Jackson (Butterflies)

Well done to you both!

Honesty is the best policy!

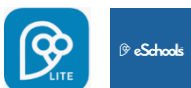
We would like to congratulate the following for handing in money they found recently.

Edward Payne (Bears)
Nojus Lukosevicius (Bees)
Harry Sayer (Beese)
Ozzie Jiggins (Kestrels)
Kai Beale (Kestrels)
Tyerie Mlambo (Ants)

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

Girls 4 Football - 31st July 2024

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Girls 4 Football - 20th August 2024

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Inklings Art Club for Kids

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

Playground Stars of the Week

George Fillary, Kayden Nicholls, Louise Martin, Reid Tuckwell, Kyle Clarke, Trisha Patel, Daisy Avison, Fireflies' Class, Snow Peacock, Mia England-Cowan, Stanley Leer, Edward Rowland, Arthur Lloyd and Mason Buckley

This week's 'Thunk'

Do footballers make too much money?



House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

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|---------------|------|
| Blue Dolphins | 4678 |
| Red Arrows | 4205 |
| Golden Eagles | 3738 |
| Green Dragons | 3032 |



Well done Blue Dolphins!

Numbots Certificates

Well done to all of the EYFS and Year 1 children that have used NumBots to help





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23/12/24 to 03/01/25 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
18/07/25 - 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

