



Newsletter No. 19

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Dear Parent/Carer,



A super Children's Mental Health week last week with children

learning about how to keep themselves well emotionally and also how important their 'voice' is. The voice of our children has always been important to us and the role of our School Council is vital in this. Our School Councillors work hard to give us the views of their classmates and make a difference to life in school. If you feel your child has views about school they haven't shared with us, please do encourage them to let their School Councillor know. Some of our councillors went to the Multi-Schools' Council in Eversley Primary School today, alongside councillors from a number of other schools in South Essex, to make their views known to a wider audience. I am sure they made us proud.

A busy week for Year 5 who have their Greek Day on Friday and on Thursday, Year 5 across ROBUS will take part in a workshop, the purpose of which is to introduce them to Opera. Run by our very own Mr Rhys Morgan, they will work alongside professional singers to learn music from the Opera, The Selfish Giant written by Michael Heath, who will also be here. Ultimately, the group aims to put this Opera on in a venue locally, using children from our schools and will be filming the workshops to gain funding for their project.

In KS2 assembly this morning, I talked about using our voices and being activists like Greta Thunberg, Lucy Gavanah who campaigned to persuade Tesco to stop selling eggs from caged hens or Kesz Valdez from the Philippines who set up a charity to help children who were in poverty or Malala Yousafzai who campaigned for girls to be educated in Pakistan. I know there are children at Thundersley who have used their voice to do something they feel strongly about. If your child has done something and their voice has been heard, we'd love to hear

about it and put it in the newsletter. They don't always let us know!

Have a super week - and half term when it comes. Children are back on Tuesday, 27th February 2024.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance



For the week ended 9th February 2024 there were 2 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Bears who achieved 98%. 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 | 95.7% |
| Dragonflies | 91.4% |
| Butterflies | 92.8% |
| Rabbits | 97.3% |
| Ladybirds | 96.5% |
| Robins | 95.7% |
| Fireflies | 96.0% |
| Owls | 95.2% |
| Bears | 98.0% |
| Sparrows | 93.3% |
| Ants | 96.8% |
| Bees | 93.7% |
| Kestrels | 95.5% |
| Badgers | 86.2% |
| Squirrels | 95.8% |
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| Whole School | 94.7% |
| Target | 97.0% |

Congratulations to this week's winners
BEARS

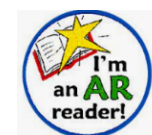
Aspirational attendance target set for the school for 2023 - 2024 is:
97%

New Office Opening Times

Please note the new opening times for the main School Office are as follows:-

- Mondays - 7.30am to 5pm
- Tuesdays - 7.30am to 4.30pm
- Wednesdays - 7.30am to 4.15pm
- Thursdays - 7.30am to 4.30pm
- Fridays - 7.30am to 4.15pm

KS2 Accelerated Reader



This week:-

Word Count

1st Kestrels - 374,763

2nd Bees - 246,143

3rd Ants - 231,985

Quizzes

1st Fireflies - 26

2nd Owls - 24

3rd Ants & Bees - 13

Overall:-

Word Count

1st Kestrels - 7,389,892

2nd Ants - 5,412,078

3rd Bees - 5,095,968





Quizzes

- 1st Owls - 687
- 2nd Bears - 455
- 3rd Fireflies - 451

We would also like to congratulate **Henry Grover (Bears)** for becoming a **word millionaire** - well done Henry.

Charities Day

We would like to congratulate Thomas Harvey and Jaxon Grange for their part in organising a stall and raising the amount of £42.03 for Glenwood as mentioned in last week's newsletter.

Non-School Uniform Day - Wear something to express who you are!

Thank you to everyone who supported this day. We raised a fantastic **£237.26!**

Picture News

Each week children explore current affairs and how they relate to British Values through our Picture News Assemblies. We're very pleased to share with you the first edition of Picture News for Parents (attached), a bi-annual newsletter to keep you updated with Picture News coverage and how children explore current affairs in a productive, appropriate way.

Roots to Food



Last Tuesday, the Year 4 and Year 6 classes enjoyed a cookery session

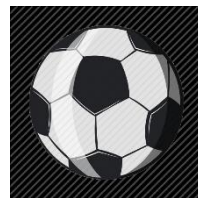
with Darren from Roots to Food. The children prepared, cooked and ate a Chicken and Vegetable Chow Mein and we have attached the recipe if you would like to try it at home. Ricky Van Der Fransen (Sparrows) and Joshua Benton (Squirrels) give their respective descriptions of their sessions below:-

"We were making Chicken Chow Mein. We had to chop up all the beans and red and yellow peppers. Then we had to put them

in the pot and squish the garlic with a plate and peel the skin off. Then we put it in the pot and boiled it and then we put some noodles in. Then we put some soy sauce in it and then we ate it. It tasted yummy! I enjoyed doing the cooking class 9/10. It wasn't 10/10 because I didn't like some of the ingredients. It was very fun though. It was so yummy I can't wait to cook it at home." (Ricky Van Der Fransen)

"First, we had to chop up some spring onion, peas in a pod but it had no peas in it, a red pepper, a yellow pepper and some carrots. We had to put some chicken in a pan and wait until the chicken went white and then we put the other ingredients in. We also put some soy sauce and honey in it. Then the chef added some noodles. Then we had a taste test after about ten minutes and it was really good. The soy sauce and honey really added some flavour. I enjoyed the cooking of it the best. In all of it, I think that it is going to be amazing for other people to do as well."

Years 5/6 Boys' Football match vs. Robert Drake



Last Tuesday, our Years 5/6 Boys' team played against Robert Drake at home. The match was very well fought by both teams but Robert Drake

managed to snatch a last minute goal making the final score 4-3 to them. Jaxon Grange (Bees) gives his account of the match below:-

"It started good and we were looking to score early which we did. Then we scored two more. They brought it back to level it 3-3 and then scored another one in the last minute to win the game. It was a tough game and we struggled to finish our chances which we should have but we all played well and we're looking forward to our next game."

Sports Hall Athletics



On Wednesday, 48 very excited Thundersley children competed in the annual District Sports Hall Athletics competition at Deanes. Designed to keep athletics skills ticking over during the winter, the competition includes track events which run up and down the length of the hall and field events, such as standing triple jump, javelin and speed bounce. It's a high-energy competition in which every child's performance earns points for the team and race times are used to calculate points on the track. At the end of the day the points are collated and the schools ranked according to their totals. Thundersley's athletes were absolutely amazing on the day. They competed superbly, showing determination, talent and a real desire to succeed, making our staff incredibly proud. When the results were in, the morning team finished 4th out of the schools in their session and the afternoon team ran out winners of their session and indeed overall winners of the competition! They will now go to the Essex Sports Hall Athletics Finals in March to represent Castle Point and Rochford Schools. Well done to all involved! Darcie Bristow and Serena Hawkins (both in Squirrels) give their respective accounts of the morning and afternoon competitions below:-

"I really enjoyed the indoor athletics competition! The man on the microphone was very loud and excited to start the events and races. First we did a warm up, that involved running, speed bounce, hurdles and the high-stepper! Afterwards they started the races. After the whistle everyone started shouting and cheering on





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their team. There were lots of different races, including the obstacle relay, the over under relay and lots of different groups. After each race, everyone got a high five and it was great! Whilst they were racing, people got called for their field events! We went to our event with one person from each school and competed! I was very excited because I was doing the triple jump and standing long jump which are my favourite. We each got 3 attempts and I got my personal best! For the final event, everyone threw their javelins to add to their score! At the end, we lined up to hear our score! Overall it was an amazing experience!" (Darcie Bristow - morning team)



"When we arrived at the Deanes, we went into the hall and sat behind our hurdle. To get us warmed up we all did a warm up race that consisted of running, jumping over hurdles, speed bouncing and high stepper. After our warm up the events started. The first event was the obstacle relay where the people in that race had to go through the obstacles and pass the baton to their partner. Following that there were loads of different types of races. I did the long jump and the triple jump as my field events. so I walked to the other end of the hall where the field events were being held. As I stepped up to the jumping line I could feel the adrenaline inside of me as I was ready to jump. My running event was the last event for the girls (the 4 x 1 relay) so it was a lot of pressure on the girls that were with me in that race but our baton changes were amazing and we won! At the end, everyone was really excited and nervous to find out the overall results - but then the man announced that we had won and

we cheered!" (Serena Hawkins - afternoon team)

Honesty is the best policy!

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

- Patrick Ridgwell (Bears)
- Teddy Thompson (Bears)
- Cooper Kenrick (Bears)
- Jacob Sandford (Squirrels)
- George Ridwell (Squirrels)
- Lily Crawford (Sparrows)
- Skylar Angerstein (Sparrows)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

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!



Jared Nyama - Butterflies

Well done Jared!

Stars of the Week

- Year 6:-** Arlo Puckey and Grace Crawford
- Year 5:-** Ava Lake, Bella Blackshaw and Lois Okie
- Year 4:-** Rosie Mann and Patrick Ridgwell
- Year 3:-** Taylor Dwyer-St-Pier and Albert O'Connell
- Year 2:-** Eva Mandizha and Evelyn Taylor
- Year 1:-** Mila Balci and Frank Mataj
- EYFS:-** Ivy Beachcroft and Mason Wright

Playground Stars of the Week

Ruby Hampson-Long, Tom Clayton, Sam Beasley, Alice English, Oscar Gladwin, Rosie Anstis, Millie Smith, Toby Sutherland, Hermione Delf, Reggie Collins,

Alice Ridgwell, Sophia Jarvis, Jaxon-Jai Winter, Stanley Potts, Lenny Little and Teddy Terry

House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

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|---------------|-------|
| Red Arrows | 4,757 |
| Green Dragons | 3,537 |
| Blue Dolphins | 3,039 |
| Golden Eagles | 2,620 |



Well done again Red Arrows!

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.





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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

Bill's - Kids Eat Free

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Autism Help Website

Please find below a link in respect of the above:-

<https://www.autismcentral.org.uk/guidance/understanding-autism>

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
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

