



# Newsletter No. 18

5<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Today is the beginning of Children's Mental Health week 2024. Each year we take part in this initiative because we believe so fervently in supporting children's wellbeing as well as their academic development. Last week, we had the Life Space workshop tent in school from our SCARF Personal Development Scheme team in which children were able to explore their feelings and learn about such ideas as resilience, gratitude and how to be emotionally well. This is vital work for us, for our children and for our staff.

The children look great in their non-uniform gear - and will learn this week about making their voice be heard. They will learn that they can change the world and that their thoughts on issues that are important to them are important to us too. We have a strong voice at Thundersley through our fantastic School Council, but we are never complacent and are always looking for ways that we can listen to what our children are saying.

Sport and getting outdoors is so good for children's mental health! Lots of sport took place last week at Thundersley, including clubs, matches and PE. We also had the delight of four of our pupils joining staff training so that we could learn how to teach such skills as forward rolls and handstands in gymnastics.

I was just delighted to see so many parents attend the super Anxiety workshop last Wednesday. Kaisha and Lauren gave us all some really great strategies for supporting our children and also reminded us that a level of anxiety is normal in all of us, including our children. It is when it stops us from doing things that it becomes tricky. I know that this is an area that we will continue to work on and support families with in the future. Look out for the slides from the workshop coming soon.

Attached to this email is a poster with information about parent workshops which Kerry Williams, our wonderful Family

Support Worker, will be running by Zoom in March. This is the link through which to book and can also be found on the poster:-

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/balancing-act-support-child-mental-health-tickets-803994287557?aff=oddtcreator>

Thank you to those who have signed up for our Reading Army. If you are interested in helping all of our children to succeed in reading, please do let us know by emailing 'Reading Army' to the admin email.

**Miss E. Dawson**  
**Headteacher**

### Attendance



For the week ended 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 there were 3 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Ladybirds who achieved 97.4%. 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.

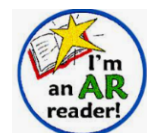
Attendance figures:-

Class	Week
Chipmunks	96.1%
Dragonflies	91.1%
Butterflies	89.7%
Rabbits	94.7%
Ladybirds	97.4%
Robins	95.7%
Fireflies	97.3%
Owls	95.5%
Bears	94.0%
Sparrows	92.3%
Ants	97.1%
Bees	94.3%
Kestrels	95.5%
Badgers	94.1%
Squirrels	91.6%
Whole School	94.4%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners  
**LADYBIRDS**

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

### KS2 Accelerated Reader



This week:-

**Word Count**

1<sup>st</sup> Ants - 269,313

2<sup>nd</sup> Bears - 187,463

3<sup>rd</sup> Bees - 184,101

### Quizzes

1<sup>st</sup> Fireflies - 29

2<sup>nd</sup> Bears - 20

3<sup>rd</sup> Owls - 17

Overall:-

### Word Count

1<sup>st</sup> Kestrels - 7,015,129

2<sup>nd</sup> Ants - 5,174,595

3<sup>rd</sup> Bees - 4,829,076

### Quizzes

1<sup>st</sup> Owls - 663

2<sup>nd</sup> Bears - 444

3<sup>rd</sup> Fireflies - 424

### Charities Day

Wow - the children raised an incredible **£1,488.17** during the Charities Day sale and the charities benefiting from this money are listed below:-





Charlie & Sharia - Dogs Trust £28.93  
Ava - Little Havens £47.24  
Dexter & Sam - George's Windmills £52.95  
Freya, Chace, Harrison & Harry - Little Havens £52.56  
Isaac - GOSH £36.10  
Archie - Glenwood £42.03  
Sophie & Leon - RSPCA £25.03  
Louella & Lola - Little Havens £8.24  
Jimmy, Teddy & Lucas - Down Syndrome £39.46  
Brooke - AA Dog Rescue £28.65  
Zara - PDSA £13.75  
Lois - Off the Streets £43.70  
Melis, Rosie & Isla - Basildon MIND £13.10  
Mason - RSPCA £22.01  
Millie - Diabetes £24.89  
Jasmine, Harper, Lara & Amelie - Battersea £16.25  
George, Darcie & Olivia - Dogs Trust £51.54  
Cancer Research & PDSA £27.22  
Willow, Saskia & Isla - Little Havens £26.05  
Evie - Dogs Trust £47.45  
Lara - HARP £20.75  
Ettly & Sydney - Crisis £48.02  
Isla - Basildon MIND £19.23  
Finley & Luke - Tourette's £28.20  
Pippa, Ayda, Grace, Serena and Chloe - GOSH £67.10  
Harry & Bobby - RSPCA £37.60  
Snow, Evie & Eva - Eva's Wheelchair £120.05  
Kyle & Liam - Dogs Trust £15.05  
Jenson, Zach & Harley - MacMillan £8.05  
Bella - Cancer Research £38.52  
Noah - Whizz Kids/Barnardo's £56.00  
Henry - £44.15  
Rosie - Cancer Research £21.00  
Ed, Carter & Lincoln - Salvation Army £33.14  
Paighton - Little Havens & Rays of Sunshine £42.80  
Sienna, Belle & Lucas - Down Syndrome £31.10  
Ruby, Honey & Aaliyah - Alzheimer's £35.40  
Emilia - WWF £37.98  
Ava, Olivia, Alexia & Arlo - NS10 £91.68  
Patrick - Action for Children £45.20

## Year 2 Fire of London Day

On Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024, the Year 2 children enjoyed a day experiencing life as it would have been in 1666 London before, during and after the



Great Fire. The children learned about the issues of the time, with the opportunity to participate in a range of cross-curricular activities and crafts. Everyone had a fabulous time and Rey Higgs (Robins) and Preston Hooper (Ladybirds) give their joint description of their exciting day below:-



"We dressed up like 1666 people. We did some sewing and we made our first initial. We did some activities. We had to brush all the dirt off to find out what shop we had and we had the perfumery.

We made some perfume and we made it out of flowers and it smelt really nice. There was a silver rock and we had to boil it and pour it into a mould. Then when it was hard, we had to get it out of the mould and put it into the water. The mould buttons were just clay but after they were put into the fire, they were hard silver and it was like a type of metal. We also made some ink and we got to write our names with a quill which is like a feather. We also had a hammer and we made a leather bookmark and we used a nail to try and hammer our names into it. We had to bash it 3 times. There were rat catchers called Millie, Eleny and Ruby and they had to go and tie the rats' tails around the brooms. We made a candle and we had to dip it 20



times into hot wax. We made some bread. It was dough and we had to crush the wheat which made the flour. We had to squish the dough into a circle and make some holes or we could cut it into 3 strips and make it into a plait. After all the activities, we asked the grown-ups some questions and they told us the answers. Preston's favourite part was sewing his initial and Rey's favourite part was hammering the leather. They both thought the day was AMAZING!!!

## LifeSpace

This week we have been lucky enough to welcome back the SCARF team to deliver Mental Wellbeing Workshops to all classes across the school. The children have participated in interactive activities in the life-size inflatable classroom whilst exploring a range of themes. Some of the themes included resilience and bouncing back, emotional and self-regulation, gratitude and acceptance. These workshops helped to give the children a voice, feel empowered and enable them to articulate their needs and feelings. Chace Donovan-Toone (Squirrels) gives her account of the session below:-



"We went in and we talked about decisions and we watched a video about some boys who were hanging out. They were all talking about football and cars and two of them thought it was boring so they started rummaging around the house and found an alcohol cupboard. They started filling a glass with alcohol and tried to peer pressure one of the boys to drink it. He said "No" and the other boys were sticking up for him so the two boys who were pressurising him left as they thought it was boring. Then we had a discussion about the decisions made and what was right and wrong. Then we talked about having friends, groups and personal time and deciding in our own opinions what is





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important. I thought the session was really helpful and they had a lot of good tips for future life."

### Honesty is the best policy!

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

- Harry Robinson (Owls)
- Arlo Puckey (Badgers)
- Louie Tucker (Badgers)
- Alexia Lewington (Badgers)
- Patrick Ridgwell (Bears)
- Isaac Wood (Bears)
- Jenson Main (Bears)
- Henry Walters (Bears)

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!



Eli Swaby - Butterflies

Well done Eli!

### Stars of the Week

- Year 6:-** Grace Parmenter and Kitty Brazier
- Year 5:-** Isabelle Sugg, Annabelle Weeden and Matilda Willers
- Year 4:-** Isla Bedford and Maison Alsela
- Year 3:-** Emily Clayton and Oliver Rees
- Year 2:-** Mia England-Cowen and Elijah Aldridge
- Year 1:-** Emily Parmenter and Rae Law
- EYFS:-** Amari Clements and Robyn Caulfield

### Playground Stars of the Week

Lillie-Mai Williams, Belle Benny, Isla-Rose Frimley, Evie Chapman, Matilda Willers

Skylar Angerstein, Poppy Ferdinando-Hemmings, Ronny Reid, Evie Betts, Joshua Arram, Ferne Bradley, Reggie Duke, Isla Jackson, Evie Crompton and Susie Pellett

### House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

Red Arrows	2,996
Golden Eagles	2,302
Blue Dragons	1,804
Green Dragons	1,695



Well done 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.

### 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](http://www.pennuk.com)

Danielle's Uniform,  
Claydons Lane,  
Rayleigh,  
Essex, SS6 7UP.  
Telephone 01268 967542

[www.daniellesshop.co.uk](http://www.daniellesshop.co.uk)

### PTA

#### Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PTA will be on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> 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

#### LW Coaching

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

#### Mega Camps - February Half Term 2024

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.





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## Multiply Maths Course

Please find attached information 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

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

