



Newsletter No. 8

5th November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,



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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ITALY

A super week back at school. Like much of the world, we have been discussing Conference of the Parties 26 (COP26) and the pledges that our leaders have been making to save our planet. I was very impressed by our Year 6 children's interest in the event when I spoke to them in assembly - many spoke eloquently about the effects of climate change and their fears for the future of the planet. At TPS, we will be looking at what we can do to reduce our carbon footprint.

Some of our Year 6 children visited The Deanes for the annual Paralympics Festival this week and had a wonderful time, coming first in Sitting Volleyball and New Age Kurling!



EYFS and Year 3 children loved having their parents/carers join them in their learning this week. We know that the partnership between school and home is vital in children's success and really appreciate you taking time out of your busy days to come and learn with your child.

Parents in EYFS and Year 1 have received a letter with dates of upcoming Phonics workshops, which we hope will help to support your child in this vital part of their curriculum.

Our Parent/Carer Consultations will take place in the weeks beginning 15th and 22nd November 2021. Each year group has a separate afternoon slot and the evening slot is Thursday, 18th November 2021. Video conferences will take place from 5pm on the evening slot for those who indicated they would prefer that method. Details of how you can book, using our booking system, will be sent out on Monday. If your child has a Structured Conversation meeting, this replaces the Parent/Carer Consultation meeting.

We look forward to updating you on your child's progress this term and sharing what you can do to help them at home.

I hope all those celebrating Diwali enjoy your festivities.

Have a super weekend.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Reading Leaderboard

- 1st - Badgers - 100%
- 2nd - Ants and Foxes - 96%
- 3rd - Squirrels - 95%

Well done Badgers on achieving 100%!
Please note that these scores are for the week ended 22nd October 2021.

Reading Club



Miss Wilkinson and Mrs. Sawyer will be holding a Reading Club during Monday lunchtimes (12.30pm to 1pm) for KS2 children in Badgers.

The club will give the children an opportunity to continue their love of reading, discuss books that they have read or are reading, catch up on Accelerated Reader quizzes and update their Thunderbolt Passports. If your child would like to attend, they need to go Badgers on Monday at 12.30pm.

British Values



As a school we use lots of different opportunities to promote and embed the fundamental British Values to prepare our pupils for life in the UK. One of the ways in which we do this is through our weekly Picture News assembly. This assembly focusses on a different British Value each week linked to something in the news. Last half term in our assemblies, we celebrated Black History month, learnt about the fuel crisis, recycling, Emma Raducanu and super role models. The children enjoy discussing current affairs in class and we would like to share this with you should they wish to carry on the discussion at home. Each week in our newsletter, we will share with you the British Value and Picture News at Home resource. You may of course email/print this document and add your thoughts and opinions as a family to share with your class teacher.

British Values
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Rule of Law

Most countries have rules and laws that have been put in place to tackle climate change. The COP26 Climate Summit brings world leaders together as although their rules and laws may vary, their aim is the same.

EYFS Parent/Carer Involvement Session

On Tuesday, the EYFS children had their very first Parent/Carer Involvement session. The session involved a sponsored number hunt. The children had to find numbers, which were hidden around the school grounds with their grown-ups and then draw a picture or write the name of the animal that was with each number. The sun was shining and they had lots of

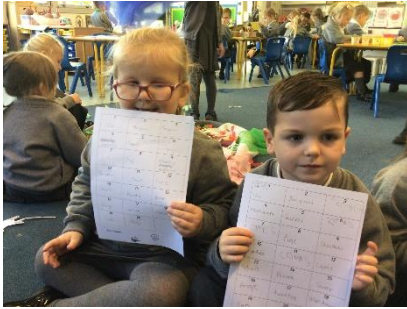




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fun. Thanks to the generosity of our lovely families, it will help us to raise some money for the Early Years Foundation Stage (the total amount will be given once all the sponsor money is received). Brayden Nyama gives his account of the afternoon below:-



"My mummy surprised me and came to school. We had to find numbers and animals in the playground and write the words on a clipboard. I had loads of fun!"

We also had some lovely comments from parents:-

"Was a really good afternoon. David loved it."

"It was great to do the number hunt with Joshua, we have both had a good time - thank you!"

"Fantastic! Great to see Reba learning the in school environment."

"Thank you, we had lots of fun and I enjoyed seeing what Sylvie is getting up to. Sylvie enjoyed herself too."

Paralympic Sports Festival



Fourteen Year 6 children had the chance to take part in the Paralympic Festival at The Deanes School this week. The children had a brilliant afternoon, taking part in a range of activities, including Boccia, New Age Kurling and Sitting Volleyball. Our children, once again, showed true determination and resilience which resulted in securing first place for both Sitting Volleyball and New Age Kurling! It was a pleasure to take such enthusiastic and positive children. Sophie Aldridge-Wilkins tells of her experience below:-

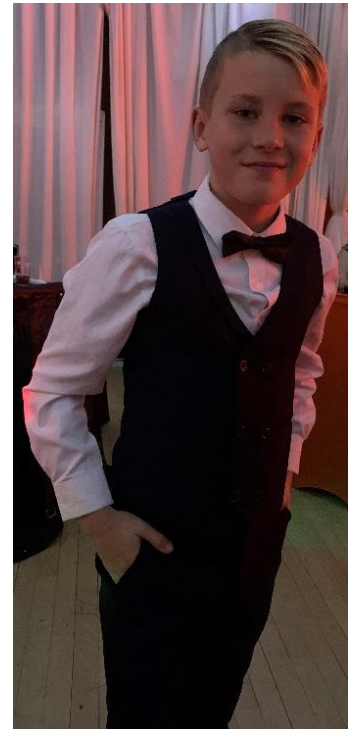


"At the Paralympics Festival there were 3 different sports you could do: Seated Volleyball, where you play Volleyball but sitting down; New Age Kurling, where there are these little disks with wheels and you roll them on the ground and try and get them in a target that's stuck on the ground; and finally, there was Boccia, where you sit on a chair and roll balls down a half-pipe to try and hit the white marker ball, also known as the Jack ball. The last I will say before I end the paragraph is that we won first place in Seated

Volleyball (the sport I played in) and New Age Kurling!"

Thundersley Superhero!

We would like to congratulate Connor Harringley (Badgers) who was recently nominated for a Thundersley Superhero award. Connor attended the prize giving during half term and won Young Person of the Year for his charity head shave. Well done Connor - very well deserved. Your parents and family are proud, we are proud and you should be extremely proud!



Polite Reminder

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day as the water fountains are not working (due to COVID restrictions). Thank you.





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TPS School Meals

Please note that due to the current situation with lorry drivers and deliveries, the kitchen may have to change the school dinner menu at short or no notice. Please accept our apologies but this situation is beyond our control.

eSchools App



As you are aware, our main form of parent/carer communication is via the eSchools platform.

Please find attached details of their new improved app which we kindly ask you to download (free of charge), in order that any messages we send you are not charged to the school. We thank you for your support.

Twitter

Please keep checking our Twitter feed for various updates/messages:-

@Thundersley_P_S

Breakfast Club & Treetops After School Club

We offer a Breakfast Club (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. Bezdel in the Green Building Offices.

Honesty is the best policy!

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

Aidan Taylor (Sparrows)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourself!

Stars of the Week

Year 5:- Phoebe

Newson

Year 4:- Joshua

Benton and Sienna

Anderson

Year 3:- Kayaan Patel, Nicolas Ellis and Jayden Carrington

Year 2:- Willow Leer and Poppy

Hemmings

Year 1:- Leo Jackson and Jeremy D'Aleo



Playground Stars of the Week

Olivia Hession, Dawson Halls, Bobby Foster-Pasterfield, Alice English, Lily Crawford, Isobel Hawkins, Mason Wheeler and Kitty McCombe

House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

1st with 2,753 points - Red Arrows

2nd with 2,503 points - Blue Dolphins

3rd with 2,494 points - Green Dragons

4th with 2,181 points - Golden Eagles



Well done Red Arrows!

Please note that Stars of the Week, Playground Stars of the Week and House Point Scores are for the week ended 22nd October 2021.

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.daniellessshop.co.uk

PTA News

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 10th January 2022 in the White Hart Pub at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

Sweetie Sale

We would like to thank everyone who supported the Sweetie Sale - we made £130.50 profit.

Community News

eSafety Training - The 2 Johns

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

ACL Family Learning Newsletter

Please find the above attached.

Future Term Dates

20/12/21 to 03/01/22 - Christmas Break
04/01/22 - Start of the Spring Term
14/02/22 to 18/02/22 - Half Term
04/04/22 to 18/04/22 - Easter Break
19/04/22 - Start of the Summer Term
02/05/22 - Bank Holiday
30/05/22 to 03/06/22 - Whitsun Break
21/07/22 - Last day of Term

****NON PUPIL DAYS****

21/02/22

06/06/22

07/06/22

