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6th November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,



Our 2023 Monster Bash was a huge success - thank you to the PTA for super organisation! Our PTA raise such a lot of money for the school which really helps to enhance the learning experiences for our children. As budgets grow tighter, this is even more welcome, so thank you to everyone who supported the event and those who gave of your time to organise and run it.

It was super to see those parents/carers who attended our Phonics workshops last week. Mrs. Goodwin is our Phonics Guru and if you want to work on phonics with your child at home, you can access videos she made during lockdown by clicking on this link.

<https://www.youtube.com/@mrsgoodwinsfantasticphonics7183/videos>

Many children have used these, with huge success!

Tomorrow, we welcome teachers from Woodham Ley Primary School, one of the other ROBUS Trust schools, who are taking part in a Trust project to help ROBUS children to be STRONG learners. By this we mean children who are Ready, Self-motivated, Responsible, Resilient, Reflective and Engaged which fits well with our Thundersley learner profile too. You can help us at home with this project by encouraging children to take responsibility for getting themselves ready for school, organising their bags, making sure their reading diary is signed as well as talking to them about what they are learning at school.

Have a super week!



Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance

For the week ended 3rd November 2023 there were 4 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Rabbits and Sparrows who achieved 99.3%. They will be sharing 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.

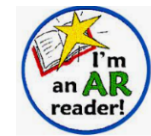
Attendance figures:-

Class	Week
Chipmunks	93.2%
Dragonflies	94.6%
Butterflies	96.3%
Rabbits	99.3%
Ladybirds	86.8%
Robins	95.7%
Fireflies	90.0%
Owls	96.2%
Bears	97.3%
Sparrows	99.3%
Ants	93.9%
Bees	95.7%
Kestrels	92.1%
Badgers	94.5%
Squirrels	97.7%
Whole School	94.8%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners
RABBITS & SPARROWS

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

KS2 Accelerated Reader



This week (including half term):-

1st Kestrels - 517,360
2nd Squirrels - 460,812

3rd Bears - 431,432

Overall:-

1st Kestrels - 3,178,084
2nd Bees - 2,072,093
3rd Ants - 1,772,694

World Diabetes Day - 14th November 2023



Every year on 14th November 2023 World Diabetes Day is celebrated. This year is especially

exciting because it also marks 100 years since scientists Frederick Banting and John Macleod were awarded the 1923 Nobel Prize in recognition of the discovery of insulin. World Diabetes Day was created in 1991 by IDF and the World Health Organization in response to growing concerns about the escalating health threat posed by diabetes. It is held on this day as it marks the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting.

As we have a child with Type 1 diabetes at Thundersley, we would like to celebrate this day and request that the children wear something blue in return for a donation to this worthy cause.

Show Racism the Red Card Day

Thank you to everyone who supported this event. The amount raised totalled **£251.92.**





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Year 3 visit to the Chelmsford Museum



Last Tuesday, the Year 3 children enjoyed a visit to the Chelmsford Museum as part of their topic work on the Stone Age and the Iron Age. The children participated in a number of activities including handling real and replica objects, getting hands-on with experimental archaeology, investigating an exciting new interactive Stone Age to Iron Age gallery and building a living timeline to reveal how and why life changed from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. Mason Major (Owls) and Tyler Lynch (Fireflies) tell of their exciting day below:-



"When we got on the coach, Alex, me and Leo started waving to our mums and when we got there our first activity was looking at how the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age invented rock, iron and bronze. Then our second activity was

drilling holes into rocks. We had a big long stick and we drilled the nail into the rock. After, Alex and me smashed the seeds to make bread. Then we went onto weaving and we made a blanket. Then it was lunchtime. After lunch, we did an activity which was looking at farming stuff from the Stone Age. Alex and me felt the things like cotton and a spear and Alex poked his finger with it. Then I felt it and it was really sharp like a knife. Then after that, we did cave paintings. We used sticks and crushed up rocks with a little bit of water in and mixed it with our sticks. Then we got on the coach and I sat next to Jeremy, Alex and George. My favourite bit was going on the coach." (Mason Major)

"We did artefacts and there was a deer horn and they used it as a slingshot. Then we did painting with sticks and we had to draw like Stone Age people. After that, we were split into groups of 3 and lots of people saw the bronze sword. After that, we drilled through a stone with 2 sticks and some string and a stone nail and then we made a rope out of cotton. Then we made flour with 2 stones and wheat seeds. My favourite bit was drilling through the stone because it was very challenging. I thought the whole day was amazing and it was so much fun." (Tyler Lynch)

Dodgeball Competition

On Wednesday, a dodgeball team from Thundersley went to the local dodgeball tournament hosted at the Deanes School. There were a total of 19 teams in attendance and the teams were put into groups to start the event. The team from Thundersley made an incredible start with some fantastic dodging, catching and throwing. At the end of the group stage Thundersley had won every game and therefore qualified for the quarter finals. Another incredible performance in this match sent the team through to the semi-finals and the competition was getting very exciting. Unfortunately, despite playing very well, Thundersley lost their semi-final and therefore qualified for the 3rd/4th playoff which again they sadly lost. The children acquitted themselves fantastically

throughout the day and were tremendous sporting ambassadors for the school finishing 4th place out of the 19 teams and as always showed they were 'the best they could be.' Ruby Hampson-Long (Badgers) gives her description of the event below:

"There were 8 games and we won 6 of them and then when it came to the quarter final, we won that and then it was the semi-final. We lost that by only 1 game. Then when we played for the 3rd/4th place, we won 1 and lost 2. This meant we came 4th out of 19 schools. It was really fun and everyone was cheering each other on and it wasn't that competitive and everyone was happy. I really enjoyed it because it was a good experience and the first time I've played dodgeball for the school. I would like to play again because it was really fun."



Multi-Academy Trust Governor Recruitment

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

SCARF At Home

In Personal, Social, Health and Economics (PSHE) our whole school theme this half term is 'Valuing Difference'. We're thinking about the things that make us the same as each other and what makes us different from others in our lives and our community. We're also thinking about kindness and how it can help everyone. If you would like to continue these conversations at home please visit the SCARF At Home Page.

<https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/sca rf/home-learning-unit-2#:~:text=With%20SCARF%2C%20childr>





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Stars of the Week

- Year 6:-** Elsie-Mae Newland and Darcie Bristow
- Year 5:-** Gautam Sandeep, Ayah Pounds and Rosie Green
- Year 4:-** Kody Hearne and Mavis Heckles
- Year 3:-** Charlie Elliott and Harry Molloy
- Year 2:-** Willow Horne and Archie Whitaker
- Year 1:-** Dylan Nunez and Jake Sewell
- EYFS:-** Elliott Harris and Harper Hooper



Playground Stars of the Week

Mason Hills, Tyler Murphy, Sophie Nix, Rosie Anstis, Elsie Thompson, Lola Tucker, Hermione Delf, Ava Gladwin, Archie Whitaker, Emmy Thompson, Jake Swell, Ronnie Toogood and Max Potter

House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

Blue Dolphins	5229
Golden Eagles	4200
Red Arrows	4053
Green Dragons	3244



Well done Blue Dolphins!

Honesty is the best policy!

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

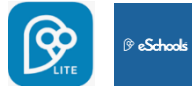
Leo Jackson (Owls)

Sydney Greig (Squirrels)

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

PTA

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PTA will be the AGM on Tuesday, 7th November 2023 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
- Adventure Island Inside (Soft Play) - £5.00

School Calendar - Dates

<https://www.thundersleyprimary.co.uk/web/home/86964>

or eSchools app Lite

Future Term Dates

- 21/12/23 to 03/01/24 - Christmas Break
- 04/01/24 - Start of the Spring Term
- 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****

- 20/11/23
- 26/2/24
- 22/7/24
- 23/7/24

