



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy half term this has been and how lovely to be able to take part in events - sporting fixtures, trips, festivals and have parents/carers back into school. At Thundersley, these are an integral part of our curriculum and help children to develop those social and emotional skills that are so important for their success both now and in the future.

We had two troupes of dancers at the Palace Theatre this week.



Our Year 3 troupe performed beautifully at the Dance Festival and Year 4s at BATIC's Got Talent. I know all staff involved were extremely proud, not just of their performances, but of how well the children represented the school. Wherever we go, our children are always impeccably behaved, friendly and polite. Well done all! Zoe Lane our Dance teacher has transformed dance at Thundersley over the past 4 years and we are extremely grateful to her for her dedication and talent.

Our Year 2 children have been taking part in their SATs quizzes this month. They have been amazing and we have been blown away by the progress they have made this year - well done staff and children in Year 2! After half term, it is the turn of Year 1 to show just how super they are at reading, as they will be taking their phonics screen. Keep practicing those digraphs and trigraphs Year 1!



This week our Year 6 adventurers have had the most wonderful time on the Isle of

Wight, whilst others have spent a really special time in school. Taking 66 children on a 6 day residential trip is a huge responsibility, taking staff away from their families, so I know I speak for all the Year 6 parents/carers, who have been following their week in photos, in thanking

Mr Mackay, Mr. Yorston, Mr. Jetten, Miss Wilkinson, Mrs. Watts, Miss Fennel and Miss Russell for all they have done.

Yesterday was 'Thank a Teacher Day' - a chance to say thank you to everyone who works in education. At Thundersley, we have the most amazing team of Governors and staff who work together to ensure that our children 'Be the best they can be' - thank you each and every one!

A reminder that we will be celebrating the May Day and the Queen's Jubilee on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022, when we will be joined by the Deputy Mayor of Castle Point. The children will need to wear red, white and blue on this day, apart from the EYFS children who need to wear their checked shirts and jeans.

Have a super half term holiday and a wonderful Jubilee holiday.

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

**Attendance**



For the week ended 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 there were 5 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Ants who achieved

99.3%. They will look after Attendance Ted next 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:-

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

| Class        | Week  |
|--------------|-------|
| Chipmunks    | 94.0% |
| Dragonflies  | 93.0% |
| Butterflies  | 98.3% |
| Rabbits      | 87.7% |
| Ladybirds    | 96.3% |
| Robins       | 94.7% |
| Doves        | 96.4% |
| Owls         | 97.3% |
| Fireflies    | 94.2% |
| Bears        | 97.2% |
| Foxes        | 94.5% |
| Ants         | 99.3% |
| Sparrows     | 95.0% |
| Badgers      | 96.3% |
| Kestrels     | 93.5% |
| Squirrels    | 98.4% |
|              |       |
| Whole School | 95.3% |
| Target       | 97.0% |

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for 2021 - 2022 is:  
**97%**

**Polite Reminders**

**Attendance**

In order that children can make the most of each moment of learning in the aftermath of the pandemic, excellent attendance is key. Please **do not** book holiday in term time as your child will miss out on vital learning time.

**Snacks**

Only healthy snacks can be brought to school to eat at break times, preferably fruit. Thank you.

**Return to School**

Please note we return to school on **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**





## Change of Menu

Due to the Jubilee Picnic, there has been the following changes to the menu on:-

8<sup>th</sup> June 2022 - Fish & Chips

9<sup>th</sup> June 2022 - Pasta

## Reading Score

1<sup>st</sup> - Ants and Foxes 100%

2<sup>nd</sup> - Badgers 96%

3<sup>rd</sup> - Bears 93%

Well done Ants and Foxes (please note that these scores run a week in arrears).

## Multicultural Day



On Monday, we celebrated World Day for Cultural Diversity. At Thundersley, we have a wide range of cultures represented in our children, parents and staff, and we wanted to show off this amazing diversity with a full day of celebrations. Each class focussed on a different country and learned about the lifestyles and cultures through, art, food, singing, dance and the personal experience of children and parent volunteers. Gautam Sandeep from Fireflies gives his thoughts on the day 'My mum came in and showed the class pictures from South India where our family and friends live. She brought in lots of food for the class to try and, although she didn't make my favourite, I liked the dishes. Mrs Sawyer even took some home for her tea! She also brought in saris, which we could all try on. It made me feel happy and proud sharing these things with my friends.'

## Dance Festival

On Tuesday morning, a group of Year 3 children performed at the Palace Theatre in Southend. Although there were a lot of nerves, as soon as the children stepped on stage, they had huge smiles on their faces and shone with confidence. We couldn't be prouder of them all, they conducted themselves fantastically and were true Thundersley superstars! Well done to all involved. Freddie Troth-Olasebikan (Owls) gives his account of the festival below:-

"We got on the coach and me and Ollie were having a good chat at the back whilst we were waiting to get there. When we got there, we walked round and went into the exit to go in and then we all sat down. Then we all had to go to the toilet. Then we waited for a few more minutes and the show started. Someone who wanted to be a teacher and someone who wanted to make music videos came on first and performed. They were very good. Then we had another school and then a few more and then it was our turn to perform. We did the Egyptian dance. Then, after a few more schools, me and Isla got called up with some other children to do a free style dance. It was really good. We had another two schools and then we went home. I thought the event was very nice and good and I liked when me and Isla got called up to do a free style dance the best."

## BATIC's Got Talent



On Wednesday evening, Miss Parmenter, Miss Carswell and Mrs. Farmer had the pleasure of taking 15 Thundersley children to the Palace Theatre for BATIC's Got

Talent. They learnt all about Bob Fosse and the Lindy Hop and they performed an excellent dance to a huge audience. The children were very excited and they represented Thundersley Primary School extremely well. Lucas Rowland (Bears) shares his exciting experience below:-

"First we went there and we had a little time to rehearse. We had to wait until everyone rehearsed and then, when the parents started coming in, a man introduced himself as the host. Then everyone did their dances and we were in the second half and second to last. I was very nervous whilst we were waiting but it was really nice watching all the other acts. We had to go outside and walk around the whole theatre to get back stage. When we did get on stage and we did our dance, everyone clapped and we were really happy. We did the Bob Fosse Lindy Hop which we have been practicing with Miss Lane from Deanes. I liked Hadleigh Juniors' act. They did a dance and sang as well to a song called 'Come and join the fun squad'. I thought that it was really cute. I thought the whole experience was great because we got to see every school in Benfleet and we got to see all the different dances and techniques they used. I would like to work in the Palace Theatre when I'm older because the Palace Theatre is big and it looked fun to have a job there."

## Football Success

Last Sunday, Thundersley Rovers won their cup final 1-0 against Trinity. Delilah Thomas, Olivia Collins, Ayda Pudney, Pippa Hawkins, Lara Tune and Lillie-May Archer all played in the match and it was a great achievement especially as it was their first football season. The girls' parents were very proud of them and the whole team. Delilah gives her account of the final below:-

"We got to the place and we started doing some training and we got ready for the game and had a drink before. Then the game started and I played in defence. It was a tough game against Trinity and then, quite close to the end, one of my friends crossed it in and scored. We all went up to





her and gave her high fives. The final score was 1-0 to us. It was a good game between both of the teams. We got our medals at the end and then we all started having photos with the trophy and our medals."



Macey Robinson (Owls)  
Ivy Cook (Owls)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

### Stars of the Week

- Year 6:-** Harry Lawrence and Barney Burgess
- Year 4:-** Mason Hills and Penny Sycamore
- Year 3:-** Owls, Maisie Upfield and Alice English
- Year 2:-** Isla Bedford and Maison Alsela
- Year 1:-** Daniil Ruban
- EYFS:-** Ava Macdonald



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### PTA

### Sweetie and Teddy Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported our Sweetie and Teddy sale last Friday. We made **£125.30** profit for the School funds.

### Community News

### Essex Fire Museum



Essex Fire Museum in Grays (behind the Fire Station) is holding two special open days on:-

- Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 - Jubilee Open Day
- Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022 - 15 Year Anniversary

On both days, there will be opportunities for families to get involved in history trails around the museum, craft activities and a chance to sit in the fire engines (and squirt water). The museum is free entry but visits are by appointment only as they are on the site of an operational Fire Station.

### eSchools App



As you are aware, our main form of parent/carer communication is via the eSchools platform. Please download the app (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. Bezdell in the Green Building Offices.

### Honesty is the best policy!

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

Jasmine McNamara (Owls)

### Playground Stars of the Week

Connor Harringley, Lillie-Mai Williams, Penny Sycamore, Lily Downing, Gautam Sandeep, Charlotte Onsloe, Isla Reeves, Poppy Ferdinando-Hemmings, Mason Major and Henry Wise-Bell

### House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> with 3,326 points - Blue Dolphins
- 2<sup>nd</sup> with 2,711 points - Red Dragons
- 3<sup>rd</sup> with 2,366 points - Green Dragons
- 4<sup>th</sup> with 2,227 points - Golden Eagles



Well done again Blue Dolphins!

Please note that the Stars of the Week, Playground Stars of the Week and House Point Scores run a week in arrears.

### Uniform Shops

We would like to advise that we now have two uniform shops as follows:-

Penn UK,  
15-17 Kents Hill Road,







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If you are interested, please email:-

[museum@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:museum@essex-fire.gov.uk)

letting them know how many you have in your party and what time you would like to arrive.

### Call of the Wild Dinosaurs - May Half Term 2022

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### Go Bonkers - May Half Term 2022

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### Kid Around Magazine

KidAround May Issue is here and bursting with things to do. [Read for FREE here.](#)

05/09/22 - Start of Autumn Term  
24/10/22 to 28/10/22 - Half Term  
21/12/22 to 04/01/23 - Christmas Break  
05/01/23 - Start of Spring Term  
13/02/23 to 17/02/23 - Half Term  
03/04/23 to 14/04/23 - Easter Break  
17/04/23 - Start of the Summer Term  
01/05/23 - Bank Holiday  
29/05/23 to 02/06/23 - Whitsun Break  
21/07/23 - Last day of Term

### \*\*\*\*NON PUPIL DAYS\*\*\*\*

06/06/22  
07/06/22

01/09/22  
02/09/22  
31/10/22  
20/02/23  
05/06/23



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### Future Term Dates

30/05/22 to 03/06/22 - Whitsun Break  
21/07/22 - Last day of Term

