



Dear Parents/Carers,



What a busy week! Book week, healthy relationships lessons, Great Fire of London Day and World Book Day in our PJs - we all needed a nap! The children have thoroughly enjoyed this week and have learned lots across the curriculum - I am sure you will have had some interesting conversations at home too! We usually find children really enjoy the Healthy Relationships week - and this year has been no exception with lots of questions in the 'Ask it' baskets.

On Wednesday and Thursday, we had to get the cups and saucers out because we had visits from Governors and Trustees keen to learn about our curriculum and what we are intending for children to learn in different subjects. They met with Subject Leaders, visited lessons and talked to children and, as always, were extremely impressed by the children's attitude and involvement in their learning. We are very grateful to our Governors for their commitment to helping us to 'be the best we can be'.

In other fantastic news, our long awaited refurbishment of the KS2 toilets has begun. The School Council have been instrumental in bringing the need for this to our attention and we are delighted that we have been able to act on their wishes so quickly. Within weeks, we should have the plushiest toilets in town!



Please remember that the 2 Johns will be holding an online internet safety session on Monday, 7th March 2022 at 8.00pm - an opportunity not to be missed. Details of how you can log on to this session will be sent out on Monday.

Next week, at the request of the School Council, we are going to join with the other ROBUS schools, to have a non-uniform day, to raise money and to show our support for the children and families in Ukraine. On Friday, if they wish, children can wear blue and yellow and make a donation to the Disasters Emergency Committee.



Have a happy weekend.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher



For the week ended 25th February 2022 there were 7 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Sparrows who achieved 100%. They will look after Attendance Ted next week and receive a £10 Amazon voucher to spend on something for their class. 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	98.3%
Dragonflies	92.9%
Butterflies	94.8%
Rabbits	95.0%
Ladybirds	96.7%
Robins	97.5%
Doves	98.2%
Owls	91.4%
Fireflies	96.0%
Bears	94.8%
Foxes	99.1%
Ants	98.7%
Sparrows	100%
Badgers	99.0%
Kestrels	92.3%
Squirrels	95.5%
Whole School	96.3%

Congratulations to this week's winners
SPARROWS

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

Governor Corner

This week, the Governors had a monitoring day which covered:-

1. Safeguarding
2. Phonics
3. Reading/ Active reading
4. Curriculum intent implementation:-
 - a. Art
 - b. RE
5. Overview of the curriculum

I was part of the Curriculum team. When we asked the teachers, what can we do to help? Their response was the same, please can you provide people who are experienced in Art/Religion. I am therefore asking the readership of our newsletter to help find volunteers (email admin@thundersley.essex.Sch.UK) who are:-

- a) Artists, (various mediums) - discuss their inspiration, method and enjoyment.
- b) Religious leaders - explain their religion and answer various questions.





I'd like to thank the children, the staff and the Governors for their time and being part of this process.

Paul Harrod
Chair of Governors

Year 2 - Great Fire of London Day



On Tuesday, the Year 2 children had a fabulous day learning all about the Great Fire of London from History off the Page. The children experienced life, as it would have been in 1666 London before, during and after the Great Fire. The children learnt about the issues of the time, with the opportunity to participate in a range of cross-curricular activities and crafts. The children were able to keep the items they made. Griffin Gibson (Ladybirds) and Skylar Player (Robins) tell of their exciting experience below:-

"We went to the hall and then there were some tables full of stuff we could make. The first table I went to had these scent bags that smelt yummy. Then, after that, I went to another scent bag, which didn't smell that nice as it was medicine but it made you feel better. There was a table with a candle. I went



through ten times and then I got my own candle. There was a smoke machine that produced smoke. We were pretending that there was water in the well and putting it over the smoke. There were also people catching rats with two sticks. There was also a table where we could sew. We had a piece of card and colourful string and had to make a mini blanket. There was an ink table where we had to write with a quill on a piece of paper. It was hard and messy. We also made an iron button for Mr. Pepys' coat. We wore a special costume all day in school. I wish I could have it every day as it was so fun!" (Griffin Gibson)

"We met someone called Master Patrick and there were different stations set up. There was the Chandlers - where we made candles and I made one for my mummy. There was a Doctor's and if you had a headache, they would have to screw a hole in your head. It was pretend! There was smoke and we had to form a bucket line so



we could put it out but unfortunately, there wasn't enough water in the well so we went to the River Thames but unfortunately, the pump was broken. Some people tried to fix it and I tried to fix it but it didn't work. We also made a bookmark out of leather. We made a mould for a button and Patrick had to choose one. He chose mine. He said that when we see Mr. Pepys we would have to give it to him but I knew that he is not alive anymore. I also made a scent bag which smelt really nice. I loved it so I'll never forget that day." (Skylar Player)

World Book Day

Yesterday, the children and staff enjoyed lots of reading for World Book Day. Everyone dressed in their pyjamas to highlight reading at bedtime. Throughout the day a bell sounded at random times for everyone to 'drop everything and read' which the children waited for in excited

anticipation.....! Archie Alsop (Doves) describes his day below:-

"We had to dress up in pyjamas so it could be like you read at bedtime. I brought in my Secret War Diaries and How to Train a Dragon books. When Mrs. Waumsley rang the bell we all had to drop the things we were doing and we had to read and then go back to work. I liked my Secret War Diaries the best as it's really funny and it has flaps. I read lots at home and I really love reading. I recommend that people read loads."





Reading Volunteers

We all know that being a successful reader is key to success at school (and in the wider world). Reading frequently is vital to develop decoding, fluency and comprehension skills. We would really like some additional support in school with hearing readers and are hoping to recruit some volunteers that would be willing to come into school on a regular basis to hear children read. We will provide training and organise DBS clearance. If you are interested and can commit to one afternoon a week, please let the office or Mrs. Marlow know.

British Values



British Values
4th March 2022

Democracy

We all have a voice and the right to express our opinions. Some people choose to use their voice to help protect animals facing extinction.

Our British Value focus this week is Democracy and how we can use our voice to express our opinions. The focus question 'Do you think that the plans to help Koalas go far enough or do you think more should be done?' Evelyn from Ants feels that the plans do not go far enough and Governments should be doing more to prevent the effects of climate change, not just in Australia. Evelyn said she would be using her voice to express her concerns and will be writing to Boris Johnson. We attach the British Values poster and Picture News at home resource should you wish to carry on these discussions at home.

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. Bezel in the Green Building Offices.

Honesty is the best policy!

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

- Ava Lake (Owls)
- Louise Martin (Owls)
- Ronnie Hogan (Ants)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

Stars of the Week

- Year 6:-** Annabelle Monk
- Year 5:-** Amelia Delf and Isabella Legg
- Year 4:-** Chace Donovan-Toone and Harrison Punt
- Year 3:-** Kyle Clarke, Harry Cecil and Lucas Jackson
- Year 2:-** Lily Crawford and Evie Barber
- Year 1:-** Louie Seymour and Ollie Smith
- EYFS:-** Vanesa Lukoseviciute



Playground Stars of the Week

Lydia Kallis, Brandon Kennedy, Arlo Puckey, Riley Placeson, Ava Lake, Darcie Vine, Nicholas Ellis, Teddy Thompson, Rosie Mann, Quinn Godfrey, Charlie Baker, Oliver Weeden and Annie Vine

House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

- 1st with 1,836 points - Blue Dolphins
- 2nd with 1,818 points - Green Dragons
- 3rd with 1,634 points - Red Arrows
- 4th with 1,433 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,
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





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PTA News

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 25th April 2022 in the White Hart Pub at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

Community News

Mega Camps - Easter Holidays

Please find attached flyers in respect of the above.

Harp - Spring Walk

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Sci-Fest 2022

Please find attached information in respect of the above.

Benfleet Vikings RFC

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Future Term Dates

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******

06/06/22
07/06/22

