



Parent/Carer,



Our Year 4 children had a wonderful time in Danbury on Thursday and Friday last week! They arrived home weary, but with that rosy glow

from being outdoors with lots of memories to share. As always, the children were a delight whilst away and great ambassadors for our school. I hope parents were able to see the wonderful photos in the link. Many thanks to Mr Mackay and all the staff who gave of their time to make this happen.

Our Netball team had a nail-biting match against our ROBUS friends at Woodham-Ley last week which would rival the excitement of any 6 Nations Rugby match or any World Cup Football match! They won with minutes to spare - a great match and a great sporting team! Well done all and thanks to everyone involved in training them.

This week we welcome Grandparents in EYFS to join us for afternoon tea. This is one of our favourite events of the year and I know our grandparents, many of whom are so involved in our children's learning, look forward to it. It is also the turn of Year 3 to delight their parents/carers with their learning from Ancient Egyptian times. A busy week with much joy.

Robins' class will be representing us at the Infant Music Festival this week - they have been regaling us with their singing for some time now and we are sure they will have a wonderful time.

Please can all parents in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 make an extra effort in the coming weeks to read with their children each night? This can be reading to them - which really helps comprehension or

hearing them read which really helps their fluency. We have seen a real dip in this recently and are finding this is affecting progress. We do lots of reading in school, but we know that the children who practice lots at home make the most progress. We know it is hard to make time, but 10 minutes each day now will make a huge difference forever in a child's learning.

Have a lovely week - do you think spring may finally be here?

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance

For the week ended 15th March 2024 there were 6 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Sparrows who achieved 100%. They will be looking after Attendance Ted this week and will 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	92.4%
Dragonflies	89.3%
Butterflies	93.4%
Rabbits	95.7%
Ladybirds	94.2%
Robins	92.3%
Fireflies	99.3%
Owls	94.5%
Bears	98.7%
Sparrows	100%
Ants	95.8%
Bees	97.3%
Kestrels	97.6%
Badgers	91.7%
Squirrels	97.1%
Whole School	95.3%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners
SPARROWS

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

Summer Uniform

Please note that after the Easter break, from Tuesday, 16th April 2024, the children are required to wear our summer uniform as listed below:-

- Summer Term yellow Polo shirt (School logo)
- Grey trousers
- Grey shorts
- Grey skirt
- Yellow Gingham dress
- Grey sweatshirt/grey cardigan (School logo)
- Black trainers (EYFS)
- Black school shoes (no sandals)

PLEASE ALSO NOTE THE FOLLOWING:-

All children with shoulder length or longer hair must have it fully tied back during the school day.

All children must not wear any nail varnish or makeup during the school day.

All children may wear stud earrings only which must be removed for P.E. and swimming lessons.



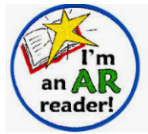


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KS2 Accelerated Reader

This week:-



Word Count

- 1st Kestrels - 211,684
- 2nd Bears - 207,623
- 3rd Ants - 196,976

Overall:-

Word Count

- 1st Kestrels - 8,803,938
- 2nd Bees - 6,379,282
- 3rd Ants 6,176,498

'Let Girls Play' Campaign



On Thursday, Years 1, 2 and 3 participated in the 'Let Girls Play' campaign with Miss Turner-Powell. The girls were joined by

girls from Kingston and everyone had a super time. Marlee Morris (Robins) gives her account of the session below:-

"We were playing football and we were playing games and one of the games was where someone was in the goal and we had to see if we could kick the ball in. We went to the cones and we did dribbling the ball along and when we got to a cone we had to tap the ball with our foot. We had to sit on our ball to listen, then bounce it once and sit behind it to listen for the next activity. We bounced our ball around and when we got to a cone we had to put it on top for 5 counts and then bounce it again. We also did a little bit of passing the ball to each other. The Kingston girls did the same as us and then we had to partner with one of them. We threw the ball to each other. I thought it was really good when we did all the games and partnered up. I play football at the park sometimes and I enjoy that."



Year 4 Residential to Danbury

Also, on Thursday, the Year 4 children went on their first residential (one night) to Danbury. The children were very excited about their trip and, whilst some were a bit apprehensive about staying away from home for the first time, everyone had the best time! Joshua Sandford (Sparrows) describes his trip below:-

"Some people went on the minibus and some went on the coach. Most people were really excited as it was their first residential. When we got there we had to put our stuff away and most rooms had bunk beds. I went on the top bunk which

was good fun. We had to find out which group we were in and had to do the first two activities of the day. The first one I did was bush craft. We had to get wood and then we gave it to the man and he made a fire and then we got a flint and steel and we had to make our own fire. Me and my partner did it after two times but we didn't get a proper fire as it kept going out. I thought it was fun as we got to do it ourselves and watch a man do it properly.



My second activity was an obstacle course. The first thing we had to do was crawl through a muddy tunnel and then we had to go through netting. It was easy as we could pull it over us. Then we did two tubes. One had a rope in and the other didn't. I did the one without the rope as it was a little bit easier as the one with the rope you could get a rope burn. After that there was a wall of tyres and we had to start at the bottom and climb to the top and then down again in a triangle shape. There was a wooden wall and we had to run and spring up over it or we could get a boost up from a friend. I thought the obstacle course was fairly easy but some didn't as they had wellies on! After that we went back to our cabins and had dinner which was Chinese chicken balls, rice and





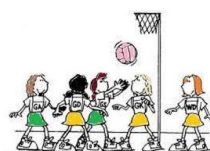
sweet and sour sauce which was really nice and not dry. After dinner we got to chill in our cabins for about an hour and a half and then we got dressed in our pyjamas and went to sleep. I slept like I would at home as the bed was really comfy and had two mattresses. The next day we woke up and we went to breakfast. For breakfast we had a bacon roll, toast, a brioche bun, some cereal if we wanted it and a drink of water or juice. Then we had to line up outside and go to our next activity which was the zip wire. It was 13.4m in the air and we had to wear a harness which clipped us to the actual zip line. We went down the diagonal one. Jack waited at the bottom to unclip us and the man at the top was called Harry. We did it 3 times. I was nervous and excited at the same time as I had never done it before and I was the second one to go down. I would like to do it again because it wasn't as scary as I thought it would be. After the zip line we went to the low ropes. At the low ropes we had to wear helmets so that we didn't hurt our heads if we fell as that is the most precious part of our body as that is where all our knowledge is. On the first rope we had to hold hands and walk across but if one person fell off we had to start again. I got to do it twice as there was an odd number. After that we came back to



our cabins for about half an hour and then had our lunch. We had a Danbury 'MacDonald's' where we had a choice of a beef burger or a chicken burger. I chose a chicken burger and chips with sauce. We had a chocolate or jam doughnut after. After lunch we had to pack and then get our luggage onto the deck or in the tent. Then we went back on the coach as it was better than the minibus. I thought the whole trip was really good as it had really fun stuff there and it was very exciting spending the night away from home as not many of us had done that apart from sleeping at our nans. I would really like to go there again as all the activities were new and the ones that my group did we all had really good fun and we all said thank you to the men after we had done them."



Netball Match vs. Woodham Ley



What a game! Mrs. Hoeb was so impressed that despite placing ENORMOUS

pressure on the mixed team, they didn't crumble, they didn't falter but gave a steely determined performance. We knew that the team at Woodham-Ley were strong so it looked to be a tight game. Starting off quite comfortably, our netballers were happy but the opposition became fierce and started to pop in some goals. We weren't deterred though and if anything the team pulled even tighter together and thoroughly earned the win! 8 goals to 7 was the closest score we've had this year which is probably just as well as Mrs. Hoeb is not too sure she could handle it! Finley Fitzmaurice gives his version of the game below:-

"On Thursday we played Woodham-Ley. In the first quarter I scored 3 goals and Arlo scored 2 and we conceded 0. During the second and third quarters, it was very tight because there was a 1 or 2 goal difference throughout the game. In the end we won 8-7. I really enjoyed the game and it was very fun to play."

British Values



Individual Liberty

- I make the right choices
- I take responsibility for my actions
- I understand the consequences of my actions
- I manage risks
- I know how to exercise my rights and freedoms in an appropriate way

Rule of Law

- I value and understand the importance of rules and laws
- I follow school rules and understand why there is a consequence if I do not
- I understand that everybody is responsible for rules and laws
- I know rules are there to protect me

Democracy

- I know I have a voice and my opinions will be heard
- I can listen carefully to others
- I know how to discuss an issue in a calm way and can show respect for others even if I disagree
- My vote counts

Mutual Respect and Tolerance

- I know my behaviour, actions and words can affect others
- I understand and respect that not everyone is the same as me and everyone needs to be treated as an individual
- I know that life is not the same for everyone
- I understand that people's faiths and beliefs are different and I respect that

On Monday, 18 pupils from KS2 took part in British Values Pupil Training. The training webinar covered;

- What are British values and why are they important?
- How the news can help us understand values.
- How you can make an impact in your school and the wider world!

The children had to discuss each British Value in turn and the different ways we can learn about British Values in school. Over 600 schools in the UK took part and our pupils at Thundersley Primary offered up some well thought out opinions and suggestions to the above questions. Our young people at Thundersley Primary are certainly prepared for life in Modern Britain. Ava Lake gives a description of the training below:-

"It was a webinar where a lady from Picture News was teaching us about the British Values. We saw a video about what it would be like in school without British Values. The video showed that they had taken away democracy so the School Council weren't chosen they just picked themselves. I really enjoyed the training and I think I was chosen as I'm able to learn very fast and I'm a good listener. My training means that if anyone in class



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needs help with British Values I am able to help them."

Honesty is the best policy!

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

- Louie Seymour (Owls)
- Bella Blackshaw (Bees)
- Ivy Cook (Bees)
- Isabelle Hawkins (Fireflies)
- Evelyn Deal (Fireflies)
- Lucy Sutherland (Sparrows)
- Toby Sutherland (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!



Mila Balci - Rabbits

Well done Mila!

Stars of the Week



Year 6:- Ethan Abas and Harley Duffield
Year 5:- Olivia Hindley, Sharia Miah and Harper McEvoy

Year 3:- Charlie Baker and Louie Seymour

Year 2:- Mila Clarke-Harris and Vanesa Lukoseviciute

EYFS:- Emily Bennett and Remi Laver-Young

Playground Stars of the Week

Brooke Squirrell, Finley Fitzmaurice, Isaac Swaby, Macey Robinson, Ryder Harringley, Emily Clayton, Snow Peacock,

Luna Carson Thomas, Felicity Bowman, Charlotte Morris and Hudson Barber

House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

Golden Eagles	4138
Red Arrows	3572
Blue Dolphins	3176
Green Dragons	2754



Well done Golden Eagles!

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 on Monday, 15th April 2024 at 7pm in the White Hart. All are welcome.

Pizza/Cookie Competition

Well done to everyone who participated in the Pizza/Cookie competition. The winners were:-

Cookies - Harry Cecil (Kestrels)

Pizza - Isaac Wood (Bears)

Well done Harry and Isaac! We hope that everyone who took part enjoyed eating their delicious creations.

Sweetie Sale - February 2024

Thank you to everyone who supported this event, we made £55.69 profit.

Adventure Island & Adventure Island Inside Tickets



Please note that Lords' Barbers in Thundersley Village





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are selling the following tickets on our behalf:-

Adventure Island - £17.00

Community News

Girls 4 Football - Tuesday, 9th April 2024

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Essex Fire Museum - March/April 2024

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

The Beacon Family Fun Day

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

SUFC - Girls Only Easter School

Please follow the link in respect of the above.

<https://southendunitedcommunityandeducationaltrust.coordinate.cloud/project/53422>

Dynamos Cricket, All Stars Cricket and Soft/Hardball Cricket

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Barracudas Activity Day Camps

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

School Calendar - Dates

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

or eSchools app Lite

Future Term Dates

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

02/09/24 - Start of the Autumn Term
28/10/24 to 01/11/24 - Half Term
21/12/24 to 05/01/25 Christmas Break
06/01/25 - Start of the Spring Term
17/02/25 to 21/02/25 - Half Term
07/04/25 to 21/04/25 - Easter Break
22/04/25 - Start of the Summer Term
05/05/25 - Bank Holiday
26/05/25 to 30/05/25 - Half Term
22/07/25 - Last day of Term

****NON PUPIL DAYS****

22/7/24
23/7/24

Dates for 2024/2025 have yet to be decided.

