



# THORPEDENE SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear parents,

We hope everyone had a lovely Easter break.

This term, we say goodbye to a few familiar faces. Mrs. Seymour and Mrs. Matthews have moved on to new adventures, and we wish them all the best in their future endeavours. We also extend our best wishes to Mrs. Adderley, who begins her maternity leave today. We look forward to welcoming her back soon!

Mrs. Odei will continue to lead Puffins class, with the Nursery falling under the capable leadership of Mrs. Kennedy. Mrs. Jackson-Mayo will step up as the interim Deputy Headteacher.

In collaboration with the Headteacher, Mrs. Frost, I will work on appointing new senior leaders to ensure our school continues to provide the highest quality education for our children. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate this transition period.

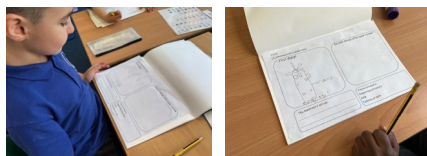
Tri-Golf Triumph!

Congratulations to the Tri-Golf team for winning their tournament! Their dedication and hard work, along with Miss Price's fantastic coaching, have truly paid off.

We look forward to a fantastic term ahead!

*Mr. Martinson*

In Year 1, the children have been looking at designing a windmill as part of D&T. They have discussed the features and what they would like their windmills to look like!



As part of their topic this term, 2D children have been sharing their dreams and wishes with others. They are determined to make them come true by putting in more efforts! Reach for the sky!



Year 5 kicked off their Anglo-Saxons topic with an excitement-filled day! Getting a taste of real Anglo-Saxon life, they baked and taste-tested 'peasant' and 'royal' bread (which had mixed reviews). Year 5 also crafted their own incredible gem-covered brooches and even practiced writing in ancient runes!

To add to this excitement, 5M were introduced to some stick insects, which are currently living in their classroom for their topic 'living things and habitats.' They all had so much fun!



### LET'S CELEBRATE!



#### THORPEDENE STARS THIS WEEK

ALEXANDRIA	3S
EMILY	6F



#### TTRS BIGGEST INCREASE IN CORRECT ANSWERS

YR 1	OSKAR
YR2	DAVID
YR3	JACK
YR4	LEWIS
YR5	HUSSEIN
YR6	SCARLETT



#### STAR READERS

PUFFINS	MOLLY
SWANS	JAXON
1N	NOAH
1W	BRADLEY
2A	POPPY
2D	WYNTER
2S	LEWIS
3C	LILLY-ROSE
3G	SKYLAR-BLUE
3S	AYAAT
6F	ELIJAH
6S	SAMANTHA

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## WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON?

In 4M this week, in Art, the children have been looking at mixing paints to make different shades and tints.



3S performed their Class Assembly this week and did themselves proud. In front of a large Parent/Carer audience and Mr. Martinson, the children spoke clearly and confidently and even performed two songs! Well done to all involved!

Across the school this week, the children have loved taking part in team-building, co-operation and problem solving activities including working with a huge colourful parachute as part of their orienteering skills module.



### TRI-GOLF CHAMPIONS!

10 Year 6 children, with no prior knowledge of Tri Golf, worked as a team to gain as many points possible in timed golf activities, relay style. They took on 6 schools in the borough at putting, chipping, and aiming games and managed to take home first place! A special thank you to Oliver Thornton who stepped in at the last minute to help the team out. Miss Price is very proud of you all.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT
22ND APR	EYFS EXPLORE WITH ME - 2.15PM-3PM
1ST MAY	1N CLASS ASSEMBLY - PORT HALL - 9.05AM
8TH MAY	3C CLASS ASSEMBLY - VENUE TBC - 9.05AM
22ND MAY	SWANS CLASS ASSEMBLY - PORT HALL - 9.05AM



[Full Calendar Here](#)

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*It's not about being the best, it's about being better than you were yesterday*



### ATTENDANCE

#### MATTERS AT THORPEDENE!

**HERO**  
HERE EVERYDAY READY ON TIME

Congratulations to 4K and 3C for an amazing 98% and also to 2A, 5H, 4B, 6F, 3G, Swans and 6S who have reached Thorpedene's and the national attendance target of 96%.

Class	%
3C	98%
4K	98%
5H	97%
2A	97%
4B	97%
6F	96%
3G	96%
Swans	96%
6S	95%
5M	93%
3S	93%
2D	93%
5S	91%
2S	91%
Puffins	90%
4M	90%
1N	88%
1W	88%
6N	83%
<b>Total</b>	<b>93.4%</b>

### Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

Remember: It is a legal requirement that all children should attend school. Your child's academic and social learning can be affected if they do not attend regularly.

### CONTACT US



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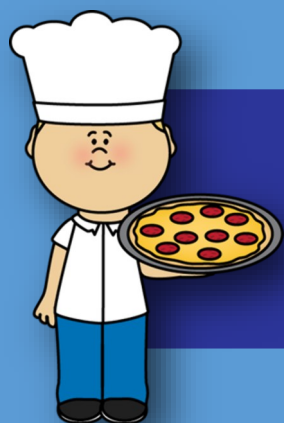
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## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



We are delighted to be able to offer a Parents' cooking session, run by Everyone Health on Wednesday 24th April between 3.30pm and 5.00pm. The recipe will be Pitta Pizzas and this is a budget friendly, family recipe. We invite you and your child to come along and cook together and enjoy what you create! Spaces are limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis and spaces are EXTREMELY LIMITED NOW. To reserve your space, please email Miss Le Grys on - [community@thorpedene.secat.co.uk](mailto:community@thorpedene.secat.co.uk)



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