



THORPEDENE SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ACHIEVING, CARING AND RESPECTING WITH CONFIDENCE

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Our children have been working exceptionally hard this week with lots of exciting learning opportunities taking place including Years 1 and 4 sharing their reading sessions and enjoying talking about their favourite books together, Year 3's Science experiments and our boy's football successes!

Well done to our Dance Club children who performed to an audience for the first time this week - they were fantastic! Best of luck to them at the dance festival next week.

Our new club timetable started this week, offering a wide range of extra-curricular activities for our children to enjoy. If your child no longer wishes to continue attending their club, please let the school office know so their place can be given to another child. We do have waiting lists for our clubs, so this helps ensure all children who want to participate have the opportunity.

Follow us on Instagram

We're updating our Instagram account more regularly with photos of what's happening in school. If you haven't already, please follow us @thorpedeneprimary to see what your children have been up to!

Enterprise Week - Save the Date!

Our children are working hard to prepare for Enterprise Week at the end of this half term. We won't share too much now, but please make sure you're available on Friday 22nd May from 2.30pm to visit our classrooms, see what we've been doing during Enterprise Week, and help us fundraise for the school. More details to follow soon!

Mrs. Frost

Well done to the children who took part in the Easter Bingo Challenge over the holidays. They were celebrated in assembly this morning.



- ★ Matilda 6S ★
- ★ Ilinca 3C ★
- ★ Gilda 3C ★
- ★ Dante 4B ★
- ★ Violet 4B ★
- ★ Millie 2W ★
- ★ Emma 2W ★
- ★ Owen 4B ★
- ★ Lilly-Annie 4B ★
- ★ Alex 6L ★





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POSTER COMPETITION

Well done to the children who took part in the School Council Poster Competition for the Clothing Bank.

The winning entries are below.:





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CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Thorpedene Stars!

Each week our Senior Leadership Team (Mrs Frost, Mr Hamilton, Mrs Jackson-Mayo and Miss Carter) select one child each from across the school who has stood out for their demonstration of one of our Core Values of ACHIEVING, CARING, RESPECTING and CONFIDENCE.

Congratulations to the children below for being this week's stars!

- ★ Evelyn in 6L for her CONFIDENCE in Photography Club. We are so proud of her ideas and creativity ★
- ★ Violet in 3F for always showing the FANTASTICS and the school's core values. What a star! ★
- ★ Ivan in Swans for showing CONFIDENCE with his communication. ★
- ★ Erina in 2W for her CONFIDENCE in the use of adverbials in her writing this week ★

Congratulations to the following students achieving in Accelerated Reader, Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots!



Swans: Mia

4SR: Evie

1N: Louie

4W: Millie

Yr3: Jack

1N: Louie

Most nuggets earned

Most time working

1S: Eliza

5LG: Sophia-Rose

Yr4: Ruby

1S: Nora

Nirvana (5M)

Oscar (6L)

2B: Pippa

5M: Lanas

Yr5: Connor

2B: Aalijah

Oscar (6L)

Violet (4B)

2W: Isaac

5W: Alicia

Yr6: Tanzim

2W: Jack

Layla-Mae (4B)

Freddie (3C)

3C: Tajus

6L: Elijah

Freddie (3C)

3F: Rhia

6S: Louis

Violet (4B)

4B: Darcie

Emma (2W)





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ATTENDANCE

Please remember that all holidays should be taken within school holidays. If holidays are taken in term time when your child should be in school, you may receive a fine from the Local authority.

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

H.E.R.O - **H**ere, **E**very day, **R**eady, **O**n time

Class	%
1S	98%
4B	97.4%
4W	97.4%
1N	97.1%
2W	96.2%
2B	95.7%
3F	93.8%
Swans	93.7%
6L	92.7%
4SR	92.6%
5M	92.1%
6S	91.8%
5LG	90%
5W	90%
3C	90%
Total	93.9%

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

1 FIRST OFFENCE
The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:
£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

2 SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)
The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:
£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

3 THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)
The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD
Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

Please follow the link for the Publication that will start from 19th August 2024.
www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance



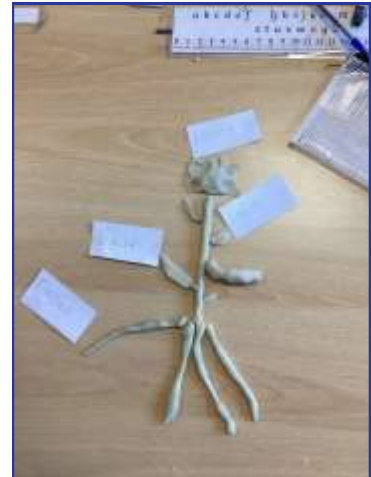


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WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

Last week 1N closely observed plants, this week they used that knowledge to build flowers out of play-doh and then labelled them. They are continuing to learn about the functions of the roots, stems, leaves and petals.



1S and 4W have enjoyed another reading swap this week. The Year 4's were very impressed with how much progress Year 1 have made with their reading. The Year 4 children also read Year 1 a story from their book corner.





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The children in nursery have been learning about St George. They have taken part in a range of activities, including making flags, exploring the tuff tray with cotton wool and red bricks, and taking turns placing the bricks between the lines to create a flag.



Swans had a visit from Lorraine, the Community Champion from Asda. She brought a variety of fruits for us to hold, feel and try. The children all tried new fruits. The pomegranate seeds and raspberries were very popular!





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This week in Science, Year 3 conducted an experiment to investigate how different surfaces affect how much friction is created. They worked in groups with different surfaced ramps: wooden, carpet, sandpaper and foam, and rolled a car down them to record the speed of how fast or slow the object travelled. The children made predictions, completed the experiment and then wrote their conclusions. They concluded that the smoother the surface, the less friction there is and the object should move quicker. It was great fun!



Miss Blatch's Year 6 Photography Club have taken some wonderful images this week!





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SPORTING EVENT UPDATES

On Thursday last week, 10 of our Year 6 children had an exciting morning at Thorpe Bay Tennis Club, where they took part in a range of activities and games and learnt some new skills on the court. The children did the school very proud with their sportsmanship. Well done everyone!



Our Year 5 & 6 TPS Football Team played their last league game of the season this week, with a massive win of 6-0! They are coming away from this league undefeated; 5 games played and won, 26 goals scored and only 5 conceded all season. The boys have really worked hard and came together to achieve this!



Years 3 and 5 took part in cricket lessons this week.



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SAFEGUARDING

Suzy Lamplugh Trust's National Stalking Awareness Week
20th to 26th April



Has your relationship ended, but your ex, or people around them, are still watching what you do?

Are family or community members “keeping tabs” on where you go or who you speak to?

Is someone monitoring your online activity, group chats, or social media?

Are people repeatedly turning up at your home, workplace, or places you visit, saying they're just “checking in”?

Is your ex continuing to contact you, even after you've clearly set boundaries?

These behaviours can be a form of stalking: persistent, unwanted attention that leaves you feeling unsafe, anxious, or distressed.

Stalking is a crime. If you're worried about someone (or yourself)

Please contact Compass on 0330 333 7 444 or visit essexcompass.org.uk
#StalkingAwareness #HonourBasedAbuse #NSAW26





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DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT
APRIL	
29 th	Year 4 School Trip to Barleylands Farm
29 th	Swans Parent Enrichment Session: 9.10am
MAY	
6 th	5W Class Assembly: 9.05am
8 th	EYFS/Yr 1 Explore With Me Session: 2.30pm
11 th - 15 th	Year 6 SATs
18 th	Year 3 Egyptian Day <i>(children are invited to dress up as an Egyptian)</i>
25 th - 29 th	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
JUNE	
9 th	KS2 Borough Sports
17 th	Class Photos
19 th	Father's Day Sale
22 nd - 24 th	Year 6 Residential Trip
23 rd - 24 th	Super Sports
26 th	EYFS/Yr 1 Explore with me Session: 2.30pm
JULY	
1 st	Year 3 & 4 Sports Day
1 st	Year 5 & 6 Sports day
3 rd	Transition Day
6 th	Summer Fayre: 3.30pm
7 th	KS1 Borough Sports
8 th	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day
9 th & 10 th	Year 5 Residential
10 th	Nursery Sports Day
13 th	Enrichment Session for Whole School: 2.00pm - 3.00pm
13 th	Open Afternoon: 3.15pm - 4.30pm
15 th	Year 6 Production: 1.45pm
16 th	Year 6 Production: 6.00pm
23 rd	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly: 9.15am
23 rd	School Closes at 1.00pm to all pupils for the Summer Holidays

