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Dear Parent/Carer,

I don't know if you feel the same, but this seems to have been a very long term! I know my own children are exhausted and very grumpy - it's a joy to come to school!

Anyway, what has been happening at Thundersley? Last week saw over 350 children join us from across the trust, to take part in the ROBUS run. This is an annual event which has just grown each year. The sun shone and the children cheered - it made me very proud to watch, both as Headteacher and CEO of ROBUS. We are lucky to be part of such a positive, collaborative family of schools. Thanks to Mr Jetten and all staff who helped make this happen.

If you have not signed up for either Parent/Carer Consultation meeting or a Structured Conversation, please do so with urgency. The last of our Parent/Carer Consultations are on Wednesday evening, although Structured Conversations are still taking place after half term.

I am delighted to say that attendance seems to be steadily increasing and is better now than this time last year. I wonder if our immune systems have finally recovered from the Covid period?! Just a reminder that unless your child is unwell, any other absence needs to be requested through a 'Leave of absence' form, which you can get at the office.

Our wonderful PTA are organising the Monster bash for this Thursday, so if you haven't got your tickets yet, see them in the outdoor classroom. I know the children love this event and it raises much needed funds to support the children.

Have a wonderful half term when it comes and we look forward to seeing the children again on Monday, 4th November 2024.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance

For the week ended 18th October 2024, there were 4 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Kestrels who achieved 98.3%. They will be looking after Attendance Ted this 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:-

| Class | Week |
|--------------|-------|
| Chipmunks | 96.7% |
| Dragonflies | 97.6% |
| Butterflies | 95.0% |
| Rabbits | 91.0% |
| Ladybirds | 95.9% |
| Robins | 95.0% |
| Fireflies | 97.8% |
| Owls | 96.4% |
| Bears | 94.3% |
| Sparrows | 96.2% |
| Ants | 97.7% |
| Kestrels | 98.3% |
| Badgers | 94.6% |
| Otters | 92.0% |
| Squirrels | 94.8% |
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| Whole School | 95.6% |
| Target | 97.0% |

Congratulations to this week's winners
KESTRELS

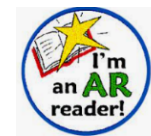
Aspirational attendance target set for the school for 2024 - 2025 is:
97%

Secondary School Admissions

Please note that if your child is currently in Year 6, you will need to apply online for a Secondary School place (applications are now open) by 31st October 2024. To register your choice please visit:-

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>

KS2 Accelerated Reader



This week:-

Word Count

1st Sparrows - 652,429

2nd Bears - 441,903

3rd Badgers - 267,315

Quizzes

1st Bears - 45

2nd Sparrows - 34

3rd Owls - 32

Overall:-

Word Count

1st Sparrows - 2,541,540

2nd Bears - 2,062,028

3rd Badgers - 1,700,177

Quizzes

1st Bears - 288

2nd Owls - 181

3rd Sparrows - 155

Baby Congratulations



We would like to congratulate Miss Armfield and her partner on the safe arrival of little baby Oliver William who was born on Tuesday,





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15th October 2024 at 1pm weighing 8lbs 2oz. Mummy and baby are doing well.

Polite Reminders

Nut Allergies



We would like to remind you that as we have children who have severe nut allergies in school, please do not provide

your child with any food containing nuts or nut products for their snack or packed lunch. Thank you for your understanding.

Breakfast Club and Treetops After School Club

Please note that if you wish your child to attend the above during the next half term, the forms need to be returned to Mrs. Hayward urgently as the cut-off date has now passed. Thank you.

ROBUS Run

On Tuesday, we hosted the annual ROBUS Run which is the first cross country event of the year. Our favourite thing about the event is that all children can take part and this year we were delighted to have over 130 children



running from Thundersley. The children walked around the course to get a feel for the distance they would run before setting off on the first race of the afternoon which was the Years 3 and 4 girls. It was a tremendous race and as the girls went thundering around the top of the field, past all the cheering supporters, they showed great resilience and determination and set the tone for a fantastic afternoon of races. After that it was the turn of the Years 3 and 4 boys who also ran brilliantly followed by the

Years 5 and 6 races. There were too many exceptional individual performances to mention at both the front and back of all the races. It was just so lovely to see over 350 children giving their all and enjoying participating in the event. We were so proud of them all and our Thundersley children demonstrated true sportsmanship. A huge thank you to Mr. Jetten for organising such an amazing event. Emily Harvey (Ants) tells of her exciting time below:-

"I wanted to take part because last year I also did it and it was really fun. I raced in the Years 5 and 6 girls which was race 3. There were lots of children from the other schools like Montgomerie and Kingston our neighbouring school. I felt pretty nervous because we had to do an extra lap because I am older now but it's not about the winning it's about the taking part. Mr. Jetten said "3,2,1" and we sprinted around the course. For half of it I felt ok but then my legs got tired and I stopped to have a little breather. I then got a side stitch but that didn't matter as it didn't stop me. When I finished I felt proud because they told me that I was 'runner of the day'. I would recommend it to everyone because no matter what, it's really fun and you get a certificate a few days after. I will definitely take part again next year."



Boys' Football Tournament

On Wednesday after school, we welcomed Kents Hill over to Thundersley in the opening game of the football season for us. Last season the Boys' team took home the league title so the boys are looking forward to trying to retain the league this campaign. The game started off with Thundersley enjoying lots of the possession in the match but finding it difficult to break down the Kents Hill defence. Mid-way through the first half, after a series of close-call chances for Thundersley, Kents Hill went up the other end and scored from outside the box to make it 0-1 to Kents Hill. The Thundersley boys didn't give up and kept battling for the remainder of the first half. In the second half Thundersley once again started strongly while attacking the Kents Hill goal. A fantastic move from Theo Preston saw him get a shot away at goal and he found the back of the net to make the game 1-1! Later in the second half after a fairly even time after the goal, Thundersley broke through the Kents Hill defence with Chase Goodwin picking up the ball and slotting the ball into the back of the net to give Thundersley the lead! A very close end to the game saw Thundersley hold onto their lead and beat Kents Hill. A brilliant start to the season for the boys, one that will have plenty of games. The boys now look forward to their tournament this Thursday at Garons, good luck boys! Lewis Grigson (Badgers) gives his account of the game below:-

"The game went quite well, we won 2-1. It was a very close game. The first goal was scored by Kents Hill and it was quite a good goal. It was 0-1 to Kents Hill at half time. Then Theo scored a goal in the second half and we were quite happy that it was 1-1 so we were a bit more hopeful. Towards the end of the match Chase scored a really good goal meaning it was 2-1 to us. That was the final score. I played centre back which I like because of my height and weight which is an advantage to defending. It was a really good match but quite tough as Kents Hill have a really good team and so do we so it was tough. I'm





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really looking forward to playing my next match and hopefully score some goals."

Dance Congratulations



Recently some of the children from Thundersley, including Phoebe Burns, Mia Haxhia (both in Butterflies) and Ivy Beachcroft (Rabbits)

participated in the Mala Dance School's annual show called Strictly Iconic which took place at Basildon's Towngate Theatre. All the children performed brilliantly. Phoebe tells of her exciting time below:-

"I really enjoyed dancing on stage, especially with all my friends. My favourite number was Blame it on the Boogie."



Lily Burrill and Rey Froud (both in Rabbits) also took part in the show.

Numbots Certificates

Well done to all children in Year 1 and Year 2 that have used NumBots to help support their fluency in Maths. Certificates will be given during Celebration Assembly. The following children are our NumBot superstars this week!



Year 1 - Rey Froud (Rabbits)
Year 2 - Emmy-Rose Thompson (Robins)

Well done to you both!

House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

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|---------------|------|
| Golden Eagles | 4605 |
| Green Dragons | 3911 |
| Blue Dolphins | 3646 |
| Red Arrows | 3521 |



Well done Golden Eagles!

Stars of the Week

- Year 6:-** Isla Taylor, Leon and Hollie Agass
- Year 5:-** Stanley Evers and Cooper Kenrick
- Year 4:-** Tyler Lynch and Felicity Warren
- Year 3:-** Eleny Grover and Sylvie McEvoy
- Year 2:-** Stanley Leer and Sienna Dixon
- Year 1:-** Nancy Walters and Phoebe Burns
- EYFS:-** Phoenix Teanby and Rosie Selby



Playground Stars of the Week

Darcie Vine, amelie Mara, Freddie Troth-Olasebikan, Ella Abbott, Ella McGeown, Arbie Beswick, Emily Duggan, Percy Keane, Preston Hooper, Evelyn Muir, Francesca Podolska-Prince, Louis Clapton, Hudson Barber, Lenna Prainer and Arthur Ainsworth

Honesty is the best policy!

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

Macey Robinson (Otters)
Bella Blackshaw (Otters)
Grace Bowman (Squirrels)
Sonny Grover (Squirrels)
Stanley Leer (Robins)
Harper Hooper (Butterflies)
Amelia Betts (Butterflies)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

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

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. 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





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www.daniellesshop.co.uk

PTA News

AGM

The PTA's Annual General Meeting is being held at 7pm on Monday, 11th November 2024 at The White Hart. All are welcome!

Community News

Families in Focus - Building Resilience Together

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

PFA October Half Term 2024

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Lady McAdden Halloween Kids Party

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

28/10/24 to 01/11/24 - Half Term
23/12/24 to 03/01/25 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
18/07/25 - Last day of Term

****NON PUPIL DAYS****

25/11/24
14/02/25
21/07/25
22/07/25

