



Parent/Carer,



I hope your weekend was relaxing - especially all you Mums! Thank you to the PTA who had

another great Mothers' Day Present Palace on Friday - I hope you enjoyed your pressies!

At Thundersley and across ROBUS, we are working on being a 'Strong learner' in a project called the ROBUS Research Review (RRR). In each school, staff have had training on supporting children through developing their metacognition and also through scaffolding, enabling them to be independent in their learning, no matter their ability in each subject. To be a strong learner, we feel that children need to be reflective, ready, responsible, resilient, engaged and self-motivated. This further enhances our Thundersley learner traits of believing in ourselves, learning from mistakes, working hard and never giving up. Some children have many of these traits from day one in school, for most these take years to develop truly.

We often find that the area in which children show these traits most is in sport and this is why Thundersley so often does well in competition. You will know with your own child that often they can show determination on the football field or in the dance studio in a way they might not in reading or maths. This is one of the reasons that we are so keen at TPS to find something each child really loves and does well at - we can then use this in helping them to develop in other subjects 'You know you kept trying hard on the football pitch, even when your team was losing, well you can do that in reading too when it gets tough' 'You know when you made a mistake in your dance competition, you just kept going and didn't give up, you could do that in maths too'. We know those who are strong learners make lots more progress than those who are not. You can help your child to develop this at home by having those conversations and really celebrating when

they show that they are a strong learner at home.

Our Indoor Athletics team definitely showed that they were strong learners in PE, achieving the best result we have ever had in this competition by winning silver in the County Championships last week. This means that out of 400 schools who took part in Essex in the various heats, we beat all but one! What an achievement! We are so proud of each and every one and of all the staff who have supported them to get to these dizzy heights. We are yet to hear if we will be asked to represent Essex in the South of England competition.

To all those celebrating Ramadan, wishing you Ramadan Mubarak.

Have a great week.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance

For the week ended 8th March 2024 there were 7 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Bees who achieved 99.3%. 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.

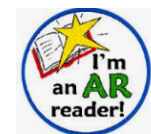
Congratulations to this week's winners
BEES

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

Attendance figures:-

Class	Week
Chipmunks	87.9%
Dragonflies	92.9%
Butterflies	95.6%
Rabbits	94.3%
Ladybirds	97.9%
Robins	97.7%
Fireflies	85.0%
Owls	97.9%
Bears	97.3%
Sparrows	97.3%
Ants	94.2%
Bees	99.3%
Kestrels	92.1%
Badgers	94.8%
Squirrels	97.1%
Whole School	94.8%
Target	97.0%

KS2 Accelerated Reader



This week:-

Word Count

- 1st Bees - 565,116
- 2nd Kestrels - 271,045
- 3rd Badgers - 211,051

Quizzes

- 1st Ladybirds - 26
- 2nd Owls - 23
- 3rd Bees - 18

Overall:-

Word Count

- 1st Kestrels - 8,592,254
- 2nd Bees - 6,197,943
- 3rd Ants 5,976,709

Quizzes

- 1st Owls - 770
- 2nd Fireflies - 514
- 3rd Bears - 488





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We would also like to congratulate **Serena Hawkins (Squirrels)** and **Fredrick Peryer (Bees)** for becoming word millionaires - well done Serena and Frederick.

'Let Girls Play' Campaign

#LETGIRLSPLAY

Excitingly, as part of the 'Let Girls Play' campaign, we have managed to organise football sessions for all our girls from Year 1 to

Year 6. We will also be joined by the girls from Kingston Primary School. On Thursday, 14th March 2024 we have the sessions for Year 1 - Year 3 and on Thursday, 21st March 2024 it will be for Year 4 - Year 6. The sessions will be around 50 minutes long and we are lucky to have Miss Turner-Powell to run these. The girls will be learning some skills and taking part in different activities. It is appropriate for all abilities and football experience. Please send your child in wearing sports clothes on this day and trainers or boots that they can wear on the field.

Essex Sports Hall Athletics County Finals at Garons



After winning the District competition by over 80 points, we knew that Thundersley had a strong Sports Hall Athletics team, made up of 27 children from Years 5 and 6. However it's fair to say that the children took their performance to the next level on Wednesday! So many amazing personal bests were recorded in the field - from triple jump to javelin, and

on the track the children ran with such determination and desire, competing against the best in Essex for vital points. When the final results were in, the countdown was announced. 14 schools were present and one by one the positions were awarded and celebrated - until eventually it was announced that Thundersley had come second! The children should be so proud of their performance. Their team Sports Hall score of 1359 is the highest the school has ever recorded, and achieved 'Silver' on the National Sports Hall of Fame Awards Scheme. Mr Jetten, Mr Yorston and Mr Wilson were speechless. What an achievement. Many thanks go to the parents for helping with transport on the day and with the children's training sessions. George Fillary (Squirrels) gives his account of the event below:-

"It was really good and everyone did really well. The field events were great and they got us loads of points. I did standing triple jump and speed bounce. The boys 4x1 race, which was our last race, got us loads of points too. Last year we came 3rd and this year we came 2nd which is good. It was really nerve wracking and I couldn't tell if I was excited or nervous. I enjoyed the 4x1 the most as I like running. At the end, there were 14 schools and they announced it from last place to first. We got down to the last two and we were all excited to find out who had won and then they announced that we had come 2nd which we were happy with. One of our girls passed a note to everyone to say keep your fingers crossed which we all did. I wish that I could take part again next year but I will be in Senior School so will take part in sport there."

Performance Festival

On Wednesday, 6th March 2024, a selection of Years 5 and 6 children attended a Performance Festival at The Deanes. They completed a variety of activities such as Singing, Cheerleading, Gymnastics and Musical Theatre. They learnt a song from the musical Six and choreographed a cheerleading routine. The children had a fantastic time and

represented the school impeccably. Honey-Mae Hayes (Badgers) tells of her exciting afternoon below:-



"We walked to Deanes and when we got there, we ate our lunch on a balcony. Once we finished, we went downstairs to the sporting area and sat down and chilled out for a little bit. There were four different stations and they were Singing, Musical Theatre, Cheerleading and Gymnastics. First we went to do singing and we teamed up with another school and we sang lots of different songs. I thought it was quite fun. Next we went over to do cheerleading and we all got a set of pom poms each. The cheerleading instructor came up with a dance for 8 counts and then we got to make up a dance of our own. Thundersley got split into two and then the other school got split into two groups as well. We performed it to the other school and the other half of Thundersley and then we went on to do Musical Theatre which was my favourite. We sang a song from Six the musical which I went to see recently. Once we had practised that a couple of times, we added some moves in. Then we went on to do gymnastics which was our last section. There were different stations which were vault, forward rolls, jumping and bridge. I preferred vault but landed on my ankle awkwardly. I thought the whole event was really fun especially as I've never been to a sporting event before. I would rate the event 10/10 and it was nice to meet children from other schools."





Year 4 Girls' Football vs. Grovewood Primary School

On Thursday afternoon, the Year 4 Girls' team played a league game against Grovewood Primary School. A fast start to the game saw both teams attacking end-to-end. A good first half saw Thundersley score three great goals and go into half-time winning 3-0! In the second half the Grovewood team came out and started the half brilliantly playing some great football. Thundersley had some close chances but couldn't quite score. Grovewood scored 2 good goals and managed to bring the game close to a draw... but Thundersley managed to see the game out and win the game 3-2! Goals were from Saskia Lawledge-Scott, Poppy Ferdinando-Hemmings and Willow Leer. Overall, a great team effort who next play on the 22nd March 2024 against Edward Francis away. The girls are looking forward to playing again. Well done to all involved, a super effort." Willow Leer (Bears) gives her account of the game below:-



"The game was a bit tough, but we did work super hard and managed to get past Grovewood to score some goals! We scored some good goals and so did Grovewood. My favourite part of the game was scoring a goal, it's my 3rd goal for the school! We've got quite a strong team, so I'm looking forward to our next matches. Hopefully we manage to keep our winning streak up."

Christmas Card Recycling - Prizes



As you know, we recently came first in the Christmas Card Recycling competition thanks to everyone's remarkable efforts. As our prize, TLM have given us three trees to plant in our school grounds. A Cherry Blossom, Silver Birch and Hawthorn. Dragonflies' class have been helping to plant the trees, planting the Cherry Blossom near to the dinner hall for all the children in school to enjoy. Thank you so

much for all your support in helping us become the winners!

Honesty is the best policy!

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

- Reggie Collins - Owls
- Lily Crawford - Sparrows
- Skyler Angerstein - Sparrows
- Charlie Macdonald - Kestrels

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!



Emmy-Rose Thompson - Rabbits

Well done Emmy-Rose!

Stars of the Week

- Year 6:-** Aaliyah Hussein and George Fillary
- Year 5:-** Dylan Oakley, Nicolas Ellis and Lucas Gillett
- Year 4:-** Esme Murphy and Darcey Rowland
- Year 3:-** Ronny Reid and Harry Robinson
- Year 2:-** Jude Marnham and David Stan
- Year 1:-** Jack Muir and Rosie Spears
- EYFS:-** Louis Clapton and George McGavigan



Playground Stars of the Week

Luke Avison, Belle Benny, Sharia Miah, Jayden Carrington, Albert Longmore, Rosie Mann, Lola Tucker, Harry Molloy, Maddison Wilson, Freddie Burr, Millie Anderson,

Jared Nyama, Evie Crompton and Harper Hooper

House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

Blue Dolphins	3164
Red Arrows	2953
Golden Eagles	2740
Green Dragons	2678



Well done Blue Dolphins!

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.





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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

To be confirmed.

Adventure Island & Adventure Island Inside Tickets



Please note that Lords' Barbers in Thundersley Village are selling the

following tickets on our behalf:-

Adventure Island - £17.00

Community News

Camp Epic - Easter Camp 2024

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

RODS - Who Framed The Easter Bunny

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Food Tolerance Testing

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Mega Camps - Easter 2024

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.

