



# Newsletter No. 9

11<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

What a wonderful time the Year 6 children had last week when they joined the children of Montgomerie, Woodham Ley and Kingston to watch the Lion King at the Lyceum theatre in London's West End. Taking 180 children to such an exciting event can be a little nerve wracking, but we needn't have worried - our children were, as always, wonderful and we had lots of compliments from theatre goers around us who were amazed at how well behaved and engaged the children were. The show of course was amazing and a real treat. The trip was made possible due to the donations of Mr and Mrs Lake and their company Highview, our PTA and Nicola Haynes of Theatre Trips Essex, many thanks to you all. We have already booked our next trip, so our Year 5 children will go to see the matinee on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 and each year from then on. This is part of our ROBUS - Thundersley Promise, which is to ensure that we give children a wide range of opportunities and experiences before they leave us in Year 6.



Today we paid our respects to those who gave their lives to save ours in our Remembrance Day assemblies - the children

sat beautifully through our silence and joined with those around the country.

This week is National Anti-bullying week and tomorrow is Odd Socks



day when children can wear whatever socks they would like to demonstrate their individuality. This year's Anti-bullying week theme is 'show respect' and we will be talking about it in assemblies and in class throughout the week. We also use this week as another chance to remind children about what they should do if they feel that they are being bullied or know someone else who is in that situation - tell an adult at school or home. I am sure you will reinforce this at home too.

With this newsletter, you will receive information about Coffee Mornings for Parents of Neurodivergent Children being

run across ROBUS by Sarah Bell, Specialist Teacher for Autism. Sarah has a wealth of experience and is also a lovely, approachable lady so I am sure for those interested, these events will be illuminating. There are five dates across the year and in different venues across our Trust, starting with the first at Thundersley on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024. If you are interested in attending, please email [admin@thundersley.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@thundersley.essex.sch.uk) with the subject line COFFEE. No diagnosis is needed to join these events.

Have a super week.

**Miss E. Dawson**  
**Headteacher**

### Attendance

For the week ended 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024, there were 4 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Kestrels who achieved 99%. 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.

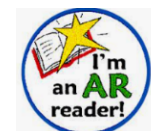
Congratulations to this week's winners  
**KESTRELS**

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

Attendance figures:-

Class	Week
Chipmunks	96.1%
Dragonflies	94.2%
Butterflies	98.7%
Rabbits	92.4%
Ladybirds	94.4%
Robins	95.0%
Fireflies	98.4%
Owls	93.9%
Bears	95.7%
Sparrows	96.9%
Ants	94.3%
Kestrels	99.0%
Badgers	93.2%
Otters	97.7%
Squirrels	96.5%
Whole School	95.8%
Target	97.0%

### KS2 Accelerated Reader



This week:-

#### Word Count

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 489,210

2<sup>nd</sup> Sparrows - 216,469

3<sup>rd</sup> Kestrels - 207,132

#### Quizzes

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 39

2<sup>nd</sup> Owls - 22

3<sup>rd</sup> Sparrows

Overall:-

#### Word Count

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 3,588,019

2<sup>nd</sup> Sparrows - 2,928,547

3<sup>rd</sup> Badgers - 2,154,980

#### Quizzes

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 407

2<sup>nd</sup> Owls - 247

3<sup>rd</sup> Sparrows - 192





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We would like to congratulate Brayden Nyama in Owls who has become our first Millionaire Reader this term. Well done Brayden, you should be very proud of yourself!

## Year 6 visit to the Lion King at the Lyceum Theatre London



As mentioned by Miss Dawson in her piece, the Year 6 children had an amazing time in London on Wednesday, when they watched the West End production of The Lion King. Alyssa Gay (Squirrels) tells of her exciting experience below:-

"When we got on the coach I sat next to my best friend Annabelle from Otters. The journey there was quite long but it was exciting. We saw the London Eye, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace and the Houses of Parliament. We thought since there wasn't a song for the London Eye, we made up our own song. Then after we got off the coach we made our way over to near the Lyceum Theatre to have our lunch. After that, we went to the theatre and we had to have our bags searched. We waited quite a while and then we made our way into the theatre and found our seats. I was feeling quite excited that Mrs. Bailey got my friend Annabelle to sit next to me. After that, the Lion King started and when everyone was on stage some of the animals like the elephants came through the doors next to us and went through to the stage. I felt shocked but in a good way that they were so close to me. A bit further into the show, after the interval, when Simba sees his dad in his reflection in the water, he goes back to Timone and Pumba and then the monkey, who holds up baby Simba in the beginning, started swinging from a vine and then was saying all sorts of things. It was funny. When Mufasa fell it made Annabelle tear up a little. I thought it was really good as not only was it funny, it also was kind of sad in a way. The costumes were really cool too. The

London Theatre was a brand new experience for me as I've never been to one before and it was FANTASTIC! It's my new favourite version of the movie because the people did really good acting and singing."

## Dance Congratulations

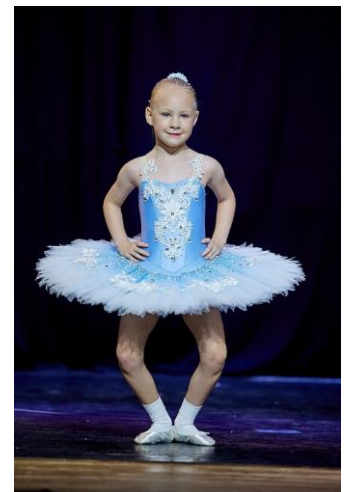
We would like to congratulate Felicity Warren, Emily Duggan, Dior Sellick, Evie Betts and Briar Bilkey (all in Bears) who took part in the Mala Dance School's annual show recently called Strictly Iconic. All girls danced beautifully in a number of different dance styles for three performances and a dress rehearsal over the two days. Well done girls - it looks like you had lots of fun!



## Dancing Success

Keziah Playle (Rabbits) attends the Elite Dance Centre in Laindon where she started aged two during lockdown. Recently she participated in the Standout Competition at Sweyne Park School. Keziah achieved 7 gold medals in Ballet solo, Lyrical solo, Ballet duet, Modern duet, Modern troupe, Ballet troupe and Song and Dance troupe. She also achieved 2 bronze medals in Tap solo and Modern solo. Keziah was also awarded the highest scoring Special Baby Novice category trophy. This was for her Lyrical Solo 89/100 marks. Keziah said "I love doing the competitions with all my friends. I was so happy to win 9 medals and I was super excited when they called

my name for the Special Baby trophy. Miss Heather made that dance for me, she's my favourite teacher. I love my dance family and I can't wait for the next competition in December." Well done Keziah, what an amazing achievement. You should be very proud of yourself!



## Gymnastic Success

We would like to congratulate Aiden Clarke (Sparrows) who, during half term, attended a gymnastics' competition at the South East Essex Gymnastic Club where he was awarded the Gold. Aiden has worked really hard to learn and deliver his routines in Floor, Parallel Bars, Rings and Vault. Aiden was also awarded All Around Champion for his efforts. Well done Aiden, what a fantastic achievement. You should be very proud of yourself!



## Numbots Certificates

Well done to all children in Year 1 and Year 2





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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 - Child in Rabbits
- Year 2 - Emily Parmenter (Robins)

Well done to you both!

### House Point Scores

The weekly house point scores are:-

Blue Dolphins	3646
Green Dragons	3182
Red Arrows	2868
Golden Eagles	2313



Well done Blue Dolphins!

### Stars of the Week



- Year 6:-** Grace Bowman, Nojus Lukosevicius and Alevia Pjetra
- Year 5:-** Rosie Mann and Henry Walters
- Year 4:-** Daniel Arram and Alex Muir
- Year 3:-** Stanley Beckford and Scarlett-Rose O'Dell
- Year 2:-** Emily Parmenter and Harley Rush
- Year 1:-** Joshua Goldswain and Sienna Lowe
- EYFS:-** Isla Betts and Henry Benson

### Playground Stars of the Week

Jimmy Hunter, Annabelle Weeden, Alice English, Jacob Nevill, Jenson Main, Hermione Delf, Briar Bilkey, Kadey Laver, Mabel Evers, Ava Moorcraft, Harriet Brown, Ziggy Wright-Martin and Annabelle Duggan

### Honesty is the best policy!

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

- Briar Bilkey (Bears)
- Darcey Rowland (Ants)
- Phoebe Barron (Ants)
- Mrs. Pavitt (Sparrows)

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](http://www.pennuk.com)

Danielle's Uniform,  
Claydons Lane,  
Rayleigh,  
Essex, SS6 7UP.

Telephone 01268 967542

[www.daniellesshop.co.uk](http://www.daniellesshop.co.uk)

### PTA News

#### AGM

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

#### Monster Bash

Thank you to everyone who supported this event - we raised the fabulous amount of £1,027.35.



#### Community News

##### The Deanes Sports Centre - Holiday Camps

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

##### View Garden Centre - Children's Christmas Events

Please find attached flyers in respect of the above.

##### School Calendar - Dates

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

or eSchools app Lite

##### Future Term Dates

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





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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

