



Dear Parent/Carer,

The theme for this year's Place2Be's Mental Health week is 'Know yourself, Grow yourself'. This is a super theme which very much fits with our ethos at Thundersley of helping children to believe in themselves, not be scared to make mistakes, know their strengths and find their talents. It is why our curriculum is broad and inspiring and that we are determined to provide as many clubs of all different sorts as we can. This week will also be a chance for children to talk about what gives them joy and what may cause sadness. In our PSHE curriculum, we use the acronym SCARF (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship) to teach children about positive mental health. We will therefore finish the week by holding a 'wear your scarf to school' day! We'd be delighted if children would wear their wackiest scarfs to mark the day.

As always, if your child has any concerns at school or you are worried about anything to do with their education, please do contact us. Working together, we can support them to be successful.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Social Media and Squid Game

Social media and screen time can have a detrimental effect on children's mental health. This blog by the charity Action for Children gives a balanced account of the good, the bad and the ugly in terms of the use of social media, which you may find interesting.

<https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/blog/social-media-and-mental-health-the-good-the-bad-and-the-ugly/>

We know that in school, apps such as Snapchat, WhatsApp and TikTok can be used for great communication, but children can also become victims of unkind messages. It is really important that parents keep an eye on their children's messaging. These links to the NSPCC give

parents information about some of the apps children are using.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>

and

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/is-snapchat-safe-for-my-child/>

Finally, a plea to all parents to be aware if your child is watching the Netflix programme, Squid Game. This has highly violent content and we are aware because of the games they are playing on the playground that children as young as Year 2 are watching it. Children may also be seeing content from the programme on TikTok, You Tube or other platforms. I have attached an information sheet with the newsletter.

Attendance

For the week ended 31st January 2025, there were five classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Robins who achieved 99%.

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
ROBINS

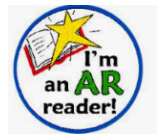
Aspirational attendance target set for the school for
2024 - 2025 is:
97%

Attendance figures:-

Class	Week
Chipmunks	96.1%
Dragonflies	94.8%
Butterflies	97.0%
Rabbits	93.1%
Ladybirds	94.8%
Robins	99.0%
Fireflies	91.9%
Owls	97.0%
Bears	91.3%
Sparrows	95.3%
Ants	92.3%
Kestrels	97.0%
Badgers	97.9%
Otters	96.5%
Squirrels	96.7%
Whole School	95.4%
Target	97.0%

KS2 Accelerated Reader

For the week ended 31st January 2024:-



Overall:-

Word Count

1st Bears - 10,000,050
2nd Sparrows - 5,328,913
3rd Badgers - 5,041,913

Quizzes

1st Bears - 981
2nd Owls - 546
3rd Fireflies - 437

Polite Reminders

Pierced Ears



We kindly ask that if you are thinking of getting your child's ears pierced, please do so at the beginning of the summer holidays to allow for the ears to heal before returning to school. Unfortunately, if your child has them pierced during the school term, they will





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not be able to participate in PE, swimming or sporting clubs/events until they are able to remove them. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle with them in school each day to keep hydrated - thank you.



Charities Day - Total

WOW! The pennies have finally been counted and the total amount raised on Charities Day was a huge **£1,505.71**. This is an incredible achievement by the children. We have listed below the amounts for each group and the charities they are giving their money to. Well done to everyone involved, we're sure the charities will be super pleased with their donations:-

Ayah, Lara & Katie (Roy Castle Lung Foundation) - £77.32

Jaxon, Freddy, Tom & Chase (Glenwood) - £65.71

Ellen, Amelie, Louise, Alice & Evie (RSPCA) - £16.60

Dexter, Leon, Sonny, Lincoln & Carter (George's Windmills) - £50.82

Sam, Lewis, Gautam, Archie & Nicolas (Dogs' Trust) - £67.37

Sophia (Blue Cross Animal Hospital) - £27.33

Isla, Ava & Maisie (RSPCA & Little Havens) - £30.10

Harry, Jacob & Dylan (Cancer Research) - £16.45

Paighton, Grace, Sophie, Lois, Jessica & Hollie (RSPCA & CF Trust) - £45.75

Kody, Finley, Stanley & Oscar (Water Aid) - £25.24

Isabelle, Lucy & Ricky (Alzheimer's) - £26.55

Bobby, Henry, Harry & Charlie (RSPCA & Whizz Kids) - £121.16

Annabelle & Alyssa (Cancer Research) - £6.10

Ella & Evie (RSPCA) - £29.12

Millie, Esme, Eleanor & Skylar (RSPCA) - £31.26

Freddie, Beau, Reid & Kai (RSPCA) - £26.84

Ethan, Patrick, Cooper & Joshua (RSPCA) - £37.20

Edward, Oscar & Teddy (Cancer Research) - £33.11

Henry, Henry, Edward & Jenson (Macmillan) - £68.23

Ivy, Bella & Macey (Roy Castle Lung Foundation & GOSH) - £70.73

Snow, Emily & Dior (GOSH) - £35.67

Quinn & Emily (Evelina Hospital) - £52.01

Willow, Saskia & Isla (Cancer Research) - £51.39

Poppy, Louella, Rosie & Scarlett-Grace (Cancer Research) - £59.37

Lucas & Jimmy (Dogs' Trust & Down Syndrome) - £18.01

Chase, Albert & Rose (Macmillan) - £28.59

Isla, George, Darcie, Rosie & Matilda (Salvation Army) - £54.77

Elsie & Ella (JDRF Diabetes) - £52.01

Harper & Evie (Little Havens) - £8.80

Kyle, Lucas, Ryder, Liam, Isaac, Tyerie & Bailey (RSPCA) - £73.11

Elsie, Melis, Trisha and Darcey (Cancer Research) - £8.10

Griffin, Henry & Zach (RSPCA) - £6.40

Bailey (Dogs' Trust) - £1.92

Florence (Autism - Charity Shop in Hart Road) - £55.74

Sophie, Alevia & Jasmine (RSPCA & Dogs' Trust) - £17.27

Toby & Isaac (Guide Dogs) - £24.65

Olivia & Rosie (Havens' Hospice) - £57.61

Isla & Olivia (Cancer Research) - £17.10

Ava & Lina (RSPCA) - £4.80

Charlotte, Lily, Ava & Lina (Cats' Protection) - £5.40

Year 2 Fire of London Day

On Thursday, our Year 2 children were immersed in a day all about the Great Fire of London. The children participated in various activities throughout the day and Gracie Mann (Ladybirds) and Elsie Phillips give their respective accounts of the day below:-

"We were making things and we were making candles. We also had a bag and I put some flowers in there to sniff. They smelled very good. There was a teacher and we were sitting on the chair and there was a pretend sword and if the person had a disease they would cut their legs off and then it would make them feel better. If the person had a headache they would drill a hole in their head to see what was wrong. If they had a bad tooth they would pull it out with a tweezer. We made a book mark. We hammered it to make patterns on it. Then in the afternoon, we were digging out earth and broken stuff. We found a pot and there were things in it and we were trying to find out which shop it was from. It was from Samuel Pepys' because it had feathers in and he was a writer. He made ink out of crushed coal and then dipped the end of the feather in it. They didn't have





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pens in the old days so this is what they used. The best thing was the candle making because we had to go round and dip it into wax and I love candles. I learned lots of things and it was really good." (Gracie Mann)

"I dressed up as a maid. I made some bread. I got some dough and made it into a circle and got a little tool to make a design on it. I got a little piece of dough and made a small circle and then put it in the middle. I cooked it at home but it was too hard to eat. I made a napkin out of fabric. The lady gave me some paper and I drew an 'E' for my name. Then I used a pencil to write it on the fabric and the lady gave me a needle and thread to sew it. I really liked making the napkin as it was really fun. I made a button out of clay and with a pencil I made an 'E' on it but you could do all different designs on it. I made a book mark out of wood with my initial on it and used a hammer and a screw driver to make it but we had to practice first. Then I made some perfume with flowers but you could use anything on the table. Then I mused it up with a stamper and gave it to the lady and she put it into some white fabric and rolled it up into a little ball and put some string around it. Then I got to choose a colour and I chose blue. I also made some medicine. It was the same as making perfume and I used flowers as well. There were all kinds of things like onions and garlic and if we wanted to use these we had to cut them on a board using a wooden knife. After I mused the flowers up with a stamper, I gave it to the lady but this time she put fabric over the wooden bowl so when I was done she just tied it up with a darker blue string. Then I could smell it. I went to the barbers and got my leg chopped off because I got it burned in the fire. In the afternoon, we got into groups from 1 to 10 and the man gave us a sheet of questions which we had to answer where they were and what they did. I was a metal worker. After that, the man told us the end of the story which he started before we went to lunch. I thought the whole day was fabulous and my favourite activity was getting my leg chopped off!" (Elsie Phillips)

Exciting News: We Are Now a Level 1 Plastic Clever School!



We are delighted to announce that our school has officially achieved **Level 1 Plastic Clever School** status! This recognition reflects our efforts to raise awareness of plastic pollution and implement sustainable practices within our school community. A special thank you to **Henry Walters (Ants)**, who first introduced us to the **Plastic Clever Schools** initiative. Henry's enthusiasm and commitment inspired our journey and we are grateful for his efforts in sharing this important cause with **Mrs. Tubbs and Miss Dawson**. His contribution has truly made a difference.

Well done, Henry, and thank you to everyone who has supported this initiative!

Thunks

This week's Thunk is:-



What is something you love about yourself?

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 were given during Celebration Assembly. The following children were our NumBot superstars this week.



Year 1 - Beau Taylor (Butterflies)
Year 2 - Wyatt Beachcroft (Robins)

Well done to you both!

House Point Scores

The House Point scores for the week are:-

Golden Eagles	4653
Red Arrows	4561
Blue Dolphins	4175
Green Dragons	2548



Well done Golden Eagles!

Stars of the Week



Year 6:- Harper McEvoy and Maisie Upfield
Year 5:- Scarlett-Grace Cater and Sophia England-Cowen
Year 4:- Ibrahim Sethi and Emily Duggan
Year 3:- Tilly Bolden and Brayden Nyama
Year 2:- Arthur Willers and Frank Mataj
Year 1:- Amelia Buckingham and Phoebe Burns
EYFS:- Lenna Prainer

Playground Stars of the Week

Rosie-Belle Horsman, Lucy Sutherland, Daisy Avison, Hermione Delf, Oliver Rees, Saachi Naddinuri, Mila Clarke-Harris, Samuel Grover, Arthur Barclay, Arthur Lloyd, Mason Buckley, Olivia Cummings and Charlie Robinson-Boot

Honesty is the best policy!

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

Charlie Baker - Sparrows
Lily Crawford - Kestrels
Hermione Delf - Sparrows
Kitty McCombe - Sparrows

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!





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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

www.danielllesshop.co.uk

PTA News

Next Meeting

The PTA's next meeting is being held at 7pm on Wednesday, 26th February 2025 at The White Hart. All are welcome!

Community News

Essex Fire Museum Open Days

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

CFA February Half Term 2025

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Players Wanted

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

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******

14/02/25
21/07/25
22/07/25

