



Newsletter No. 5

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Dear Parent/Carer,

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

I wanted to say a huge thank you to all those who have baked this morning for Macmillan Cancer Care and to Freya, Megan and Harrison from Year 6 who have done a wonderful job of thinking about, organizing and making this event happen. By break time today, there was lots of money raised and plenty of full tummies! We want our children to believe in themselves, to learn from mistakes, to work hard, never give up and to be great citizens of the future and these three children have certainly shown that they have those attributes.

One of the ways in which we know that children develop the attributes they need for life ahead is through sport and the children of Thundersley are getting back on track in this respect. Our daily mile track is being well trodden, we have fortnightly fitness sessions with our Essex Elite coaches, Deanes coaches are with us each day at lunchtime organising fun fitness activities, competitions are under way and each Friday, we now have over 125 children taking part in our free clubs. Thanks to everyone who is making this all happen.



We are looking forward to seeing parents at our Parent/Carer Involvement sessions coming up in the next few weeks. This is a chance to work with your child and to learn about what they will be learning this term. You will receive an email with the dates for your child's class and can also check the diary on the website for the dates.



Has your child read five times this week? If not, make it your mission this weekend to get them off to a flying start and

achieve it next week. We want everyone to get their ice cream this year.

Have a super weekend.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

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 by 31st October 2021. To register your choice please visit:-

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

Secondary School Admissions - Southend on Sea

If your child is currently in Year 6 and living in Southend on Sea, you can access information regarding transferring to Secondary School in September 2022 by visiting:-

www.southend.gov.uk/admissions

Reading Rewards



From research and our own experience at TPS, we know that regular reading has a

massive impact on children's success at school. In order to encourage children to read regularly at home throughout the school year, we will once again be running our Reading Reward scheme. Children will receive various rewards throughout the year as they reach certain milestones. We count a maximum of 5 reads per week and do not include part weeks or school holidays.

Bronze certificate 25 reads, available from 8.10.21
Bronze award 50 reads, available from 3.12.21

Silver certificate 75 reads, available from 28.1.22
Silver award 100 reads, available from 18.3.22

Gold certificate 125 reads, available from 13.5.22

Gold award 150 reads, available from 1.7.22

For all children achieving a gold award there will be an additional treat. In order to receive this treat, children will need to read regularly throughout the year, as there is very little time at the end of the year for them to catch up, especially as we only count a maximum of 5 reads per week. Thank you for supporting your children in achieving these rewards and in becoming better readers.

Reading Leaderboard

1st - Foxes & Ants - 100%
2nd - Squirrels - 92%
3rd - Badgers - 86%

Well done Foxes and Ants on achieving 100%!

Harvest 2021 - Making it together #Let's make a meal

We are collecting for Southend Foodbank this harvest season with a focus on the importance of our community working together to support each other.



We believe giving in this way reinforces the need for community, working together, and everyone doing their small part. It gives our students a chance to think about the purpose of their donation in the wider context of it contributing to a real meal and what it gives to the people taking home food from a foodbank.

It would be great if you could donate something from one of the attached four short shopping lists. There are also posters displayed on the windows of the glass walkway from the Office into the main building giving more details. Any donations should be given to the class teacher. The last day for donations will be 20th October 2021."





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Thank you for your support.

Table Tennis Competition



What a joy it was for Thundersley's Year 6 children to return to competitive sport last week, as they participated in a Table Tennis competition at Deanes. Year

6 have just finished reading 'You Are Awesome' by Matthew Syed, who is a table tennis Olympian, and his book provided the motivation in PE lessons to get to grips with the sport and attempt to reach competition standard in just 4 weeks! The 8 children played superbly, winning all of their rounds except one, which was a narrow 5 -3 loss to the eventual winners. Finishing in second place was a fantastic achievement for them all, but what was really impressive was how much each player improved with every game, showing the qualities and positive growth mindset that we had read about in the book. Well done indeed to all those involved - let's hope that this is the first of many successful sports reports this year!



Girls' Football Tournament

On Wednesday, a group of girls left Thundersley to enter the Girls' Football tournament at Waterside Sports Centre, Canvey. The girls were super excited and played in a round of very closely fought games. They were unfortunate not to progress through the group stages however, thanks to some resolute defending and tremendous passing, the girls were able to score a number of goals and kept a lot of clean sheets. Their attitude was exceptional and they displayed fantastic team spirit throughout. A great example of Thundersley children being the best they can be! Jessica Knight (Kestrels) gives her account of the tournament below:-



"We waited for Mr. Wilson to come and collect us to take us to the minibus. When we got onto the minibus we asked Mr. Jetten if we could sing and he said "Yes" so all the way there the radio was on and we sung! When we got there, there were lots of different schools (Kents Hill etc....) however, we had to wait for the other schools to arrive. Once they all arrived, we got started. We played about 9 games but although we lost the tournament, we tried our hardest and worked as a team. After the tournament, we played some friendly games with the schools that were out. We gained three goals and we were all amazed! It made our day getting the goals."

Swimming Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Joshua Nix (Badgers) on coming 2nd in a swimming gala recently at the Basildon Sporting Village with his swimming club. Joshua tells below of his exciting event:-



"On Sunday, 3rd October, I competed in the Essex Winter Championships Swimming Gala at the Basildon Sporting Village. I felt excited, nervous and worried because I didn't want to lose. My race was 100m front crawl. I was exhausted but I had my club cheering me on. I am from Runnymede Swim Club. If you want to be a swimmer, footballer or do any sports, try hard and maybe you can be a champion."

Well done Joshua, what a fantastic achievement!

Polite Reminders

Face Coverings

We would like to remind you that you need to wear a face covering when entering the main School Office or meeting with a staff member (unless exempt). Thank you.



Entry to the School

Please note that entry to the school is via the main School Office **only**. Please do not enter the school via any other doors. Thank you.

Water Bottles



Please ensure that your child has a named bottle of water in school every day as we cannot provide cups and the water





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fountains are no longer in use due to COVID restrictions. Thank you.

TPS School Meals

Please note that due to the current situation with lorry drivers and deliveries, the kitchen may have to change the school dinner menu at short or no notice. Please accept our apologies but this situation is beyond our control.

eSchools App



As you are aware, our main form of parent/carer communication is via the eSchools platform.

Please find attached details of their new improved app which we kindly ask you to download (free of charge), in order that any messages we send you are not charged to the school. We thank you for your support.

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. Bezdel in the Green Building Offices.

Stars of the Week

Year 6:- William Hurd and Joshua Nix

Year 5:- Nicholas Johnson and Issabella Reeves

Year 4:- Alexia Lewington and Kitty Brazier

Year 3:- Kayaan Patel, Maisie Upfield and Jaxon Grange



Year 2:- Joshua Sandford and Henry Grover

Year 1:- Mason Wheeler and Reggie Collins

EYFS:- Ruby Trew

Playground Stars of the Week

Grace Honey, Lexi Slate, Isla Cousins, Ethan Abas, Belle Benny, Louise Martin, Oscar Gladwin, Harley Punt, Rosie Mann, Alfie Seymour, Kitty McCombe, Jaxon Bellinger and Alexander Weedon

House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

- 1st with 2,403 points - Red Arrows
- 2nd with 2,016 points - Blue Dolphins
- 3rd with 2,011 points - Golden Eagles
- 4th with 1,577 points - Green Dragons



Well done Red Arrows!

Please note that Stars of the Week, Playground Stars of the Week and House Point Scores run a week in arrears.

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.daniellessshop.co.uk

Please find attached a new price list for your information.

Community News

SSP 'Get into Football'

Please find attached information in respect of the above.

Future Term Dates

25/10/21 to 29/10/21 - Half Term
 20/12/21 to 03/01/22 - Christmas Break
 04/01/22 - Start of the Spring Term
 14/02/22 to 18/02/22 - Half Term
 04/04/22 to 18/04/22 - Easter Break
 19/04/22 - Start of the Summer Term
 02/05/22 - Bank Holiday
 30/05/22 to 03/06/22 - Whitsun Break
 22/07/22 - Last day of Term

******NON PUPIL DAYS******

01/11/21
 21/02/22
 06/06/22
 07/06/22

