

Thorney Tribune

Thorney Island CP School

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Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

It has been a very exciting half term with many things happening such as World Book Day, lots of cooking which I have enjoyed tasting as well as many Hook Days. The teachers have spent a great deal of time planning and organising these events including going on pre-visits ready for the many educational visits that are due to take place. The children's enthusiasm throughout is always a pleasure to see which inspires the teachers to go above and beyond what is expected. As always I receive lots of feedback on the outstanding behaviour of the children when they are both in and out of school which is always good to hear, if not expected.

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

24 February			3 March		
Owl Class	-	George Farrow	Owl Class	-	Henry Le Poidevin
Osprey Class	-	Charlie Smith	Osprey Class	-	Harrison Millerchip
Falcon Class	-	Alwyn Worgan	Falcon Class	-	Frankie Bateman
Kestrel Class	-	David Vunicagi	Kestrel Class	-	Harry Bateman
Harrier Class	-	Bobby Barton	Harrier Class	-	Macsen Tamang
Merlin Class	-	Soraya Scott	Merlin Class	-	Lessie Hughes
Hawk Class	-	Millie Carroll	Hawk Class	-	Freyja Wright
Eagle Class	-	George Heatley	Eagle Class	-	Harry Smith
Sea Eagle Class	-	Oliver McFarlane	Sea Eagle Class	-	Darcie Allison
10 March			17 March		
Owl Class	-	Daisy-Mae Davidge	Owl Class	-	River Sheehan
Osprey Class	-	Hugo Stacey-King	Osprey Class	-	Mikayla Nyathi
Falcon Class	-	Elaina Hannah	Falcon Class	-	Lottie Bigby-Sutton
Kestrel Class	-	Isabella Sawyer	Kestrel Class	-	Elijah Driscoll
Harrier Class	-	Isaac Dallimore	Harrier Class	-	Peni Naiyaga
Merlin Class	-	Daniela Wood	Merlin Class	-	Eli Clark
Hawk Class	-	Eden Cutting	Hawk Class	-	Thea Jennings
Eagle Class	-	Harry Bigby-Sutton	Eagle Class	-	Matthew Holden
Sea Eagle Class	-	Elsie Bellman	Sea Eagle Class	-	Caleb Fajardo

Platinum Reading Awards - 100 Reads

Congratulations to the following children for reaching their Platinum Reading Certificate:

Sea Eagle & Eagle Class	Lacey Rose, Oliver Sawyer, Harry Smith and Gracie Morris
Hawk Class	Freyja Wright and Maisie Mills
Merlin Class	Tevita Naulago and Savannah Males
Harrier & Kestrel Class	Oliver Bent and Herman Heinemann-Rokoduru
Falcon Class	Thomas Hart
Osprey Class	Toby Atkinson, Aaron Waqanisau, James Morgan, Isla Cotterill, Charlie Smith and Mikayla Nyathi
Owl Class	Henry Helmers, Henry Le Poidevin, Otilie Woolf, Elsie McVay and Emily Kavanagh

Kestrel and Harrier Class Visit Wisley



Kestrel and Harrier Class had a great time at RHS Wisley, learning about different types of plants, where plants grow and exploring the gardens. Kestrel's favourite part was planting their own tropical plants, called tradescantia, which they can now watch grow over the next few weeks. Mr Cleggs favourite part was going in the large greenhouse to see all the tropical and desert plants! It was also good to hear so many people congratulate Mr Clegg on our behaviour!

School Councillors

Sea Eagle Class	Tegan Clark	Finley Williamson
Eagle Class	Losalini Naulago	Sanna Sanyang
Hawk Class	Molly Young	Riley Reith Van Beers
Merlin Class	Max Northall	Kyra Kydd
Harrier Class	Koula Hawes	Macsen Tamang
Kestrel Class	Scarlett Wright	Reuben Starkey
Falcon Class	Heidi Baldwin	Harry Woolf
Osprey Class	Bea Malone	Charlie Smith
Owl Class	Ottillie Woof	Rory Walker-McClimens

At half term we elect new School Councillors for Year R to Year 5. The Year 6 School Councillors remain the same for the whole year so as we have continuity across the year for key projects.

Commonwealth Day - Thursday 16 March 2023



Owl Class Play & Share

I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who managed to come along to one of the Play & Share sessions organised by Miss Goss and Mrs Mann. It was clearly evident that the children enjoyed you coming in to work with them and share in their learning.



Class Curriculum Letters - <http://www.thorneyislandcps.org.uk/Curriculum%20Letters.html>

Class Curriculum Letters can be found at the link above.

Attendance Stagnating at 95%

After a significant improvement in attendance, sadly I have noticed that it has begun to dip again. Owl Class attendance is significantly lower than the rest of the schools and a few individual children have very low attendance figures. We are working with some families to improve attendance in the hope it will avoid the school having to use other means. Below is a link to the action that may be taken by the Local Authority if children miss too much school.

<https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence/legal-action-to-enforce-school-attendance>

Thorney Island - Netball Tournament



Thorney v Funtington	4 - 1
Southbourne v Thorney	3 - 0
Funtington v Southbourne	0 - 4
Funtington v Thorney	0 - 2
Thorney v Southbourne	1 - 1
Southbourne v Funtington	10 - 0

The team played extremely well and I would like to thank Miss Goss and Miss Hubery for going along to support the children and referee the games. Miss Goss said the children's determination and enthusiasm was a pleasure to see. I certainly enjoyed seeing the team play.

Broomfield Photography Competition

The 2023 Broomfield "Schools Photographic Competition", is open to children in school years 3, 4, 5, & 6 of participating schools: Emsworth Primary, Funtington Primary, St James Primary, Southbourne Juniors, Thorney Island Primary, and Westbourne Primary School

The entry form for the 2023 competition can be found at

www.smpa.org.uk/broomfield-entry-form

More background on the competition is at

www.smpa.org.uk/photographic-competition

The deadline for submitting your photos is Friday 7 April 2023. Prize-winners will be notified at least 1 week in advance of the prize-giving which is on Friday 28 April at the Emsworth Community Centre at 4.00pm.

ALL photos that are submitted (not just prize-winners) will be printed and put on display at Emsworth Community Centre as part of the Emsworth Arts Trail from 28 April - Monday 1 May.

Comic Relief - Just Giving Page

If you would like to make a donation to Comic Relief, please click the link below which will take you to Thorney Island School's Just Giving page ..

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/thorney-island-school-23?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=thorney-island-school-23&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=b7514326fefc4606b259f72b850005b6

Thorney V Chidham 6 March 2023



It is the first time that we have played 11-a-side football and the team played extremely well. Combining both the boys and girls team was extremely successful. I must admit the girls played far better positional play! The final score was 9- 1 to Thorney. Although rather cold and wet it was great way to end the day.



Thorney V Chidham 13 March 2023



To ensure the majority of children who attend football club had the opportunity to play in a competitive match, we played two matches on Monday 13 March, against Chidham. It was a beautifully sunny afternoon and all of the children played extremely well showing great sportsmanship and were rewarded by winning the first game 1-0 and the second game 3-0. The feedback from all the children on both teams was very positive, so much so that we have organised more sporting events between the two schools to take place in the Summer Term.

Easter Has Arrived!

A big thank you goes to Mrs McCrossan for organising 'Living Eggs'. The children love watching the chicks hatch. It often raises lots of questions about life cycles and generates a great deal of interest amongst both the staff and children to which chick will hatch next.



World Book Day

I would like to say a massive thank you to all the children and parents for the phenomenal effort that was put in to make 'World Book Day' such a special event. I would also like to thank Mr Vokes for organising the day and all the staff who fully participated by sharing their favourite characters. Reading is such a key skill and fostering a love of reading from an early age is so important. Mr Hallam, our Chair of Governors has also asked me to pass on his thanks to everyone. Mr Hallam is passionate about ensuring children are good readers so that they are able to enjoy reading and be successful in life.



Dates for your Diary

Please make sure you read carefully as new events are added frequently.

Yours sincerely

Dean Clegg
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

20 - 22 March	Eagle & Sea Eagle Class residential visit to Runway's End
Thursday 23 March	Merlin Class visit to Harry Potter Studios
Wednesday 29 March	Osprey Class visit to Pizza Express, Chichester
Friday 31 March	End of Term - Happy Easter!
Thursday 20 April	KS2 (Y6) SATs Meeting 2.30pm
Friday 21 April	Falcon Class to Arundel Castle
Tuesday 25 April	Paul Ullson (Egyptian) to visit Harrier and Kestrel Class
Wednesday 3 May	Hawk Class River Walk
Thursday 4 May	Ospey Class to Marwell Zoo
Friday 5 May	Coronation Day Picnic with Parents
Friday 12 May	Owl Class to Staunton Country Park
Monday 12 June	Kestrel and Harrier Class to Butser Ancient Farm
Thursday 22 June	Hawk Class to Paultons Park
Tuesday 27 June	Locality Dance Festival
Wednesday 28 June	Sports Day (1:15pm)
Wednesday 5 July	Transition Day
Thursday 6 July	Open Evening (3:15 - 4.00)
Friday 7 July	Area Sports
Wednesday 12 July	Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 13 July	Beach Day

Term Dates 2022/2023

31 March 2023:	End of Spring Term - Break-up for Easter Holiday
17 April 2023:	Start of Summer Term
01 May 2023:	Bank Holiday
08 May 2023:	Public Holiday - Coronation of HM King Charles III
26 May 2023:	INSET Day
29 May - 2 June 2023:	Half Term
5 June 2023:	INSET Day
21 July 2023	End of Summer Term - Break-up for Summer Holiday

INSET Days 2022/2023 - children do not attend school on these days

Friday 21 October 2022
Monday 31 October 2022
Friday 10 February 2023
Friday 26 May 2023
Monday 5 June 2023