



All Things Thurlby

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Dear Parents

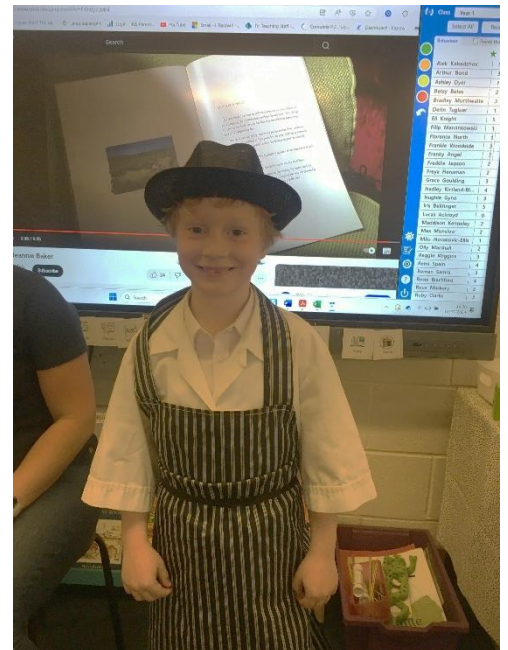
Careers and Arts Week

As promised, in last week's newsletter, please find below some highlights from our Careers and Art Week.

A massive thank you, once again, to all our visitors who made last week possible. We are so appreciative of the effort people have put in to inspire and motivate our children for their futures. Thank you so much.

Year 1 - Butcher

Year 1 had a wonderful visit from Mrs Campbell. She is a farmer and a butcher. The children were amazed when she told them how many sheep she had on her farm. She explained to the children the jobs she has to do on the farm and what jobs she has to do at the butchers. She then dressed Eli up as a butcher. The children loved this part. They then asked Mrs Campbell lots of really interesting questions. The children were engaged the whole time. They loved their visit from Mrs Campbell.



Reception and Year 1 - Fashion Designer



Reception and Year 1 were treated to a visit from Mrs Cook, a fashion designer. Mrs Cook has a varied career and her talents include being a wedding dress illustrator for catalogues and websites and a designer of birthday cards. The children were excited to learn about these jobs.

They also enjoyed creating their own designs for a new Thurlby uniform and had fun pretending to be models on their very own catwalk.

Year 2

Year 4 also had a wonderful visit from Michael Worthington and Joe from Gessman. They had the opportunity to explore a range of joysticks from machines such as cranes, rollers and diggers. Michael and Joe showed a fantastic video which demonstrated the abilities of the Gessman robots that can open lifts and stop when a person walks in-front of them and they also showed us an incredible sea-robot that helps with ocean research and cleans the bottom of the sea. Year 4 asked some amazing questions and were very knowledgeable of some famous inventors such as Alexander Bell and Elon Musk and were rewarded with prizes throughout the afternoon. Finally, Year 4 had an amazing VR crane experience in a control chair which gave the impression that they were hundreds of feet in the sky, controlling a crane! An amazing experience, thank you Michael and Joe.



Museum Curator

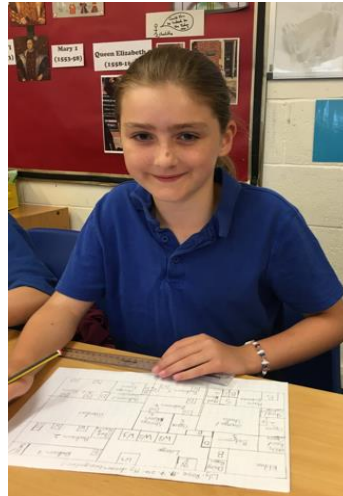
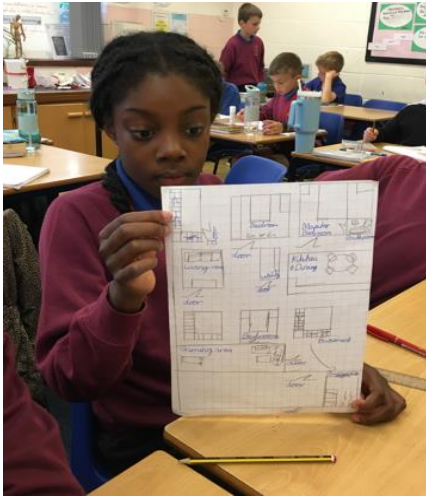
Natalie Bates from Peterborough Museum visited Year 4 as part of our 'Arts and Careers Week'. The children were able to experience a number of interesting artefacts and play the role of site manager for a museum. They also used LEGO to create an exhibition, became a part of the 'Events Team' in historical dress and held Roman coins and pottery. Thank you Natalie, the session was enjoyed by all and many children are excited to visit Peterborough Museum in the future.



Architect

Year 4 and year 5 were very fortunate to have several visitors in school to discuss their careers and what they entail. The children were excellently behaved showing great respect and listened attentively. The children engaged well with all activities and asked lots of thought-provoking questions.

Year 4 Architect workshop - thank you to Mr Gillett



Year 5 - Graphic Design Workshop - Thank you to Mrs Gunner



Year 5 and 6

Mrs Gunner came into visit Year 5 and Year 6 at the beginning of the week to tell us all about her career in graphic design. The children looked at lots of examples from Mrs Gunner's portfolio of work from her many years of designing magazines, leaflets, brochures plus so much more. The children had a go at designing their own magazine front covers and leaflets, thinking about font, imagery and general design.



Year 5 and 6 - STEM Engineer

We are also very grateful to Mr Houghton, an Engineer from Caterpillar who gave a very interesting power point presentation to our Year 5 and 6 children helping to inspire them towards a career in STEM.

Arts Weeks

Last week, each class celebrated arts week by studying the book 'Window' by Jeannie Baker. Each class used the text to inspire them to design and create their own artistic window in their classrooms based upon a country that was closely linked to their learning this year. The children used a variety of materials to make wonderful collages and then each class toured around the school to visit the countries of the world by 'looking' through each window. The children were very impressed with the creative efforts of each class.





Greek Day

Year 3 had a great time last Friday on our Greek Day. The children tried some Greek food, had a go at some ancient Olympian activities and enjoyed a group Greek dance. They learnt about God's and Goddesses and the Greek alphabet too.



Year 6

Year 6 gave a wonderful performance of 'Treachery at Traitor's Quay' on Tuesday evening to all of their families. The children worked tirelessly over the past few weeks and all of their hard work definitely paid off; their acting, singing and dancing was fabulous! Thank you to all of the parents for their support in providing costumes and supporting your children in helping them to learn their lines.



The class have had a busy week as they have also performed to the school and enjoyed a fun trip to Spalding Bowl. Great fun was had by all and the children behaved impeccably throughout. A definite 'strike' in all respects and another wonderful memory to mark the end of Year 6!



Today's treat was a surprise visit from the ice cream van!



Guinea pig feeding time

The guinea pigs love eating fresh food from our outdoor areas. This week some Year 1 children picked the carrots they planted earlier in the year and washed them. Some of the Year 6 children then chopped them up and they all fed them to the guinea pigs.



Children from Year 2 also picked some mint, fennel, strawberry leaves, rainbow chard, grass, nasturtium leaves and wheat grass and fed it to the guinea pigs. All the children were excited to feed the guinea pigs, Rosie was the first to come and take some carrot tops from the children.



PTFA

The PTFA aim to make a positive difference in our school community to enhance the educational experience for our children. It is no secret that schools are facing funding challenges, and any support we can provide through our fundraising efforts is invaluable in helping to provide essential resources for our children.

Over the past 5 years, we have donated over £25000 which has been put towards Forest School, library books, sports equipment, a reading chair, Jo Jingles lessons for KS1, Headphones for KS2, Atlases, an IT charging trolley, a jubilee picnic, Now Press Play headphones for the whole school to benefit from, Active spelling and Grammarsaurus to name a few.

Thank you for supporting our regular events throughout the year, we couldn't do it without you. We are always looking for new ideas and are actively seeking new members to join us in our efforts. No specific skills are required - just the motivation to make a positive difference for the children currently at the school and those who will come in the future.

Our AGM will be held in September, providing a perfect opportunity to find out more about how you can get involved which you are more than welcome to attend. If you have any questions or would like to know more please email us: thurlbyptfa@gmail.com

Have a great summer 😊

Thurlby PTFA
(Emma, Nicola, Michelle, Rebecca, Jules, Lizzie & Sadie)

Message from Mrs Finch

What a great year it has been at Thurlby! Thank you to all the staff, governors and volunteers for being so hardworking, nurturing and supportive of every child. Thank you to our children for showcasing our Thurlby Values and being all round Superstars! Thank you to parents for your ongoing support for our lovely school. Thank you to our PTFA for everything they do to raise money for our children to have great opportunities.

Finally, we wish our staff who are leaving us, and our year 6 children, the very best for the future. We will miss all of you!

Have a fabulous summer everyone - stay safe!

K Finch

Mrs K Finch
Headteacher

Upcoming Calendar dates

Tuesday 27th August -

Monday 2nd September -

Tuesday 3rd September -

Wednesday 4th September -

Hot Meals Deadline for first week back

Training Day

Training Day

Start of Term 1



Get lost at our Maize Maze in Barkston



Opening Dates

Fri 9th - Sun 11th Aug
Fri 16th - Sun 18th Aug
Fri 23rd - Mon 26th Aug
Fri 30th - Sun 1st Sept

10am - 4pm

To find out more,
scan the QR code



Summer Maize Maze 2024

Explore our brand new maize maze this August. Discover hidden clues along the way, enjoy refreshments and relax in our picnic areas.

Dogs are welcome, and children aged 0-2 can join the fun for free, & we offer free parking!

Address: Hough Road, Barkston,
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