



All Things Thurlby

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Dear Parents

Congratulations

Thurlby Stars Certificate Winners

We would like to congratulate our Thurlby Stars for demonstrating one of our Thurlby Values this week. Our winners are:

- Reception** - Hamish and C*
Year 1 - Maddison and Bradley
Year 2 - Tyler and Akshra
Year 3 - Teddi-Flynn and Lois
Year 4 - Jude and Harper
Year 5 - Jacob and Archie
Year 6 - Martha and Dante

Attendance

Our average attendance figure, for the week beginning 25th September 2023, was 95.6%.

Class Attendance Awards

1st	Year 1	98.4%
2nd	Year 4	96.8%
3rd	Year 6	96.5%

School Council

Congratulations to our children voted to be School Council representatives for this term:

- Year 2 - Nancy and Teddy
Year 3 - Verity and Angus
Year 4 - Thea and R*
Year 5 - Maddie and Elliot
Year 6 - Archie and Filip



Year 3

In Forest School this week, Year 3 made a Fruit Stew using ingredients that they could have gathered in the Stone Age. They mixed berries, plums, apples and pears before putting it into the cooking pot filled with water and a touch of honey. They then worked in groups to build obstacle courses which could prevent intruders/predators attacking.



Plea: If children are not bringing wellies at the moment, due to the current weather, please ensure a change of shoes are still provided to ensure the school carpets are protected from mud etc. Thank you.

Play Leaders

Some of our children from years 5 and 6 were trained this week to become Play Leaders.

Rupert Gibson, the School Games Organiser for South East Lincolnshire, spent a morning with the children to show them how they can create and support games at break times.

Our Play Leaders will be helping our children in EYFS and KS1 during lunchtimes with their play.

Congratulations to all the new play leaders for completing this training and being such great role models to our younger children.



Year 6 - Now, Press, Play

Our year 6 class were taken back in time, this week, to 1941. The children used our wonderful 'Now, Press, Play' headphones to immerse themselves in an interactive drama all about WWII. The children experienced what it would be like to be evacuated whilst then being involved in a mock air-raid and finally dealing with the devastation of the Blitz. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and will use the activity as inspiration for their forthcoming writing.



Guinea Pig Progress and Next Steps - PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT MESSAGE

As you are aware, we have welcomed four beautiful guinea pigs; Amber, Waffle, Rosie and Ginger into our school. They have been settling in wonderfully and now it's time for them to enjoy visiting the children in their classroom environment. The guinea pigs will be on tour around the school for little periods of time, helping the children both educationally and emotionally. The children have already learnt some amazing facts about our Pastoral Assistants, and they love the interacting with them. The children will also be able to have cuddles with the guinea pigs under adult supervision. We are so excited for this next step for the children and the guinea pigs.

If for any reason, you do not wish for your child to participate in any close guinea pig related activity or handling/touching the guinea pigs, then please can you email the school office to inform us. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that you are happy for your child/ren to participate if they wish to.

BRM Day

A group of our Year 4/5/6 children were given the opportunity to attend a special event, 'Engineered in Bourne', on Saturday 23rd September at the Bourne Corn Exchange.

Bourne Motor Racing Club were approached by the Silverstone Museum to host an open day and invited children from local schools to have the chance to explore the technology of Formula One, understand how the cars are made and find out about the career opportunities in the sport. The sessions were linked to the rich motorsport history of Bourne.

Miss Titman and Mrs Mills-Joslin kindly accompanied our children to this event and Miss Titman recounts the afternoon's activities below:

'As we arrived at the Corn Exchange, we were drawn to the four Formula 1 cars outside. We all had a look as we waited for everyone to arrive. Once everyone had arrived, we found our seats and were introduced to the event by Rob Jaina. We learnt that it takes around 1.9 million people to put on a Formula 1 race, including team members, suppliers and event staff.'

Rob then showed us some F1 car parts. First, was a fuel cell, which was made of Kevlar and then we saw an exhaust manifold from Mark Webber's Red Bull V8 engine. It is made from titanium and is light enough to hold with one finger, as Rob demonstrated. We also saw a fireproof driver suit which belonged to Josh Hill, grandson of Graham Hill and learnt about the advertising that goes onto the suits, including stickers of watches on the gloves. The children were very excited to see the tyres, one from Max Verstappen's car and the other from Lewis Hamilton's car. We learnt that F1 tyres last for 100 miles, about half of an F1 race and cost £4000 each. We also got to see a rear wing end plate from Max Verstappen's car.'

We had short talks from Nick Owen, from BRM, and Mike Pilbeam, a BRM race engineer who started with them in the 1960s and built models used in the wind tunnel tests. They talked a bit about who they are and the history of BRM. We then watched a documentary about BRM and its history in Bourne created by Tayte Fordham.'

Once the talks were over the children got the chance to touch and pick up the items we had seen along with others, the favourites were the tyres. The children had a great time and got to take home a BRM card and sticker.'





Thank you so much to Miss Titman and Mrs Mills-Joslin for giving up their time at the weekend to accompany our children. It certainly sounds like you all had a great time and learnt some exciting facts.

PTFA

Please see the adjacent poster giving details of the PTFA Halloween Bat Hunt on Saturday 28th October. Come and join the fun!



HELP NEEDED!

If there are any retired/budding photographers out there, who would be willing to give up some of their free time to help us update our school website then please get in touch via enquiries@th.keystonemat.org. Thank you!

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Mrs K Finch
Headteacher

Upcoming Calendar Dates

Friday 6th October -
Wednesday 11th October -
Thursday 12th October -
Monday 16th October -
Tuesday 17th October -
Friday 20th October -

Monday 30th October -
Tuesday 31st October -

Flu immunisations
Year 2 trip to Rockingham Castle
Parents' Evening from 3.30pm - details to follow
Closing date for Poetry Competition Entries
Parents' Evening from 3.30pm - details to follow
PTFA 'Dare to be Different Day'
End of Term 1
Training Day
Start of Term 2