



All Things Thurlby

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Dear Parents

Congratulations

Tim Certificate Winners

We would like to congratulate our Tim certificate winners for achieving their very best in a particular area of learning or for exemplary behaviour this week. Our Tim winners are:

- Reception** - Lily-Rose Marshall and Edward Martin
Year 1 - Alice Walton and Sam Thompson
Year 2 - To be handed out on Monday
Year 3 - All of Year 3
Year 4 - Archie Clark and Lucas Parker-Butcher
Year 5 - Saffi-Starr Bairosto and Owen Wheeler
Year 6 - Archie Fuller and Amelia Butler

'Terrific Top Table'

Congratulations to our winners this week:-

- KS1 - Rory Bellringer, Ellie Fryer, Poppy Stephens, Aral Tugluer, Alice Walton and Martha Blake
KS2 - Riley Goodey, Harry Middleton, Monty Bage, Myah Hailey, Henry Hudson and Zac Moore

Attendance

Our average attendance figure for the week, beginning 2nd March 2020, was only at 95.2%.

Reading Evening

Thank you to the parents who attended our Reading Evening on Wednesday night. The event was a great success with lots of positive feedback received. All parents said they would recommend the evening to other parents and that they found different aspects of the evening useful. Feedback included:-

- *Great tips on how to encourage my child to read*
- *Explanation on how children are taught will help me replicate this at home*
- *How to get engagement from my child when reading - techniques to encourage reading for fun*
- *Echo reading etc. materials that can be used to support reading - very good*
- *Ideas for getting my child to read for pleasure*
- *Word game topics seemed brilliant*
- *Breakdown of each of the different skills and small groups to allow for discussion*
- *The ways in which I can alter 'reading' are very well received, thank you*
- *Gaining a better understanding of how to assist my child in reading*

The most popular request for the content of the next workshop was Maths. We will look forward to hosting a KS1/KS2 event focusing on the Maths curriculum before the end of the Summer term. Details will follow in due course.

Year 5 - 11+ Information

We are aware that Bourne Grammar school are presenting 11+ information evenings at their school this month and we have had a couple of parental queries as to whether our parents should be attending these.

Please be assured that Mr Maddox, Headteacher, will be coming to Thurlby on Thursday 14th May at 4.00pm for parents of children and the information presented at this meeting will be identical to the 11+ information held at BGS.

Further details will be sent out closer to the time.

Y3 visit to The Collection, Lincoln

On Thursday 5th March, Y3 visited The Collection museum in Lincoln to learn more about the ancient Egyptians. The children participated in a variety of interesting activities and had a wonderful time.

In the morning, time was spent looking at the Egyptian replica objects in the museum and then the children got to be archaeologists and dig up their own artefacts which they found very exciting! A favourite activity for many of the children was when they got to participate in the mummification process. Several pupils 'removed' organs, cleaned the 'body' and prepared it for its burial in the tomb, it was quite gruesome!



In the afternoon, the children enjoyed painting on papyrus and taking on the roles of Egyptian gods in a drama production. It was a wonderful day and the behaviour of the Y3 pupils was excellent!



Year 1 Class Assembly

On Thursday 26th March, Year 1 will be delivering their class assembly. We would like to invite parents to join us for the occasion, if you are able to do so. The assembly will begin at 9:30am and will last for approximately 15 minutes. Each child will be encouraged to speak and the words that they are going to say will come home in their book folders shortly. It will be much appreciated if you can find some time to go through these with them to increase their fluency and confidence. Thank you for your support.

Year 1 Forest School update

This week our warm-up game was called 'Forest Fire'. Rowena then introduced us to the story of the bogarts. We used clay for the heads to make our own bogarts and gathered other natural materials to complete our characters. Then the dragon came and we found safe places for our bogarts in the trees.

"I loved finding all the bits to turn my clay into a bogart - he had grass hair and a leaf hat." (Alice)

"I liked being a squirrel in the forest fire game." (Mia)

"I like getting muddy again!" (Ruben)



Sport Relief/School Games Day

We are looking forward to celebrating our School Games Day with Sport Relief on **Friday 13th March**. Children are to come to school in any appropriate sportswear, however, please make sure it is suitable for the weather conditions. It would be appreciated if any School Sports Ambassadors could arrive at school anytime from 8:30am to help with preparations.

Please may we ask that any completed sponsor forms for Sport Relief and monies be sent into school on Friday 13th March.

Thank you, Mrs Sewell

World Book Day

We've had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day today. The children have come to school dressed as some amazingly imaginative words and have enjoyed thinking of synonyms for theirs and their friends. Thank you to parents for supporting this event and helping to create such fantastic costumes.

The children have really enjoyed telling staff the word they are dressed as and what it means. We've had: magical, glamorous, camouflage, comical, hungry, shadow and bloodthirsty - to name a few 😊.



Extra Information on the Coronavirus

If you or your child want some extra information on what the Coronavirus is - in child's speak - please see the links below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51698180>

https://e-bug.eu/eng_home.aspx?cc=eng&ss=1&t=Information%20about%20the%20Coronavirus

Times Table Challenges

This week we have introduced a new times tables test in KS2 (Years 3-6).

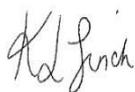
All children will start on 'Bronze' and will complete a times tables test once per week. The times tables test has 120 questions that are to be completed in 10 minutes. It is a mixture of multiplication, division and missing number problems to encourage the children to have a deeper understanding of their multiplication tables.

The following table is the stage with the corresponding times tables. Your child will write their stage in their Learning Journals once they have progressed from Bronze. The test itself will not be sent home but we would encourage your children to practise their times tables daily. Thank you for your support.

Bronze	x2, x5, x10
Silver	x3, x4
Gold	x6, x8
Platinum	x7, x9
Topaz	x11, x12
Sapphire	Multiples (x10, x100, x100)
Emerald	Decimals
Ruby	Fractions (prime numbers and square numbers)

Term Dates 2020-21

The term dates for the next academic year are listed below. Please note the end of Term 2 is actually **Thursday 17th December** and NOT Friday 18th December 2020 as shown on our Thurlby calendar. Please accept our apologies for this error and any inconvenience this may cause.



Mrs K Finch
Head of School

Upcoming Calendar Dates

Friday 13 th March -	Sport Relief and School Games Day
Tuesday 17 th March -	Reception trip to Great Wood Farm, Boothby Pagnell
Monday 23 rd March	Class Photographs
Thursday 26 th March -	Year 6 trip to The Houses of Parliament
Thursday 2 nd April -	Year 1 Class Assembly @ 9.30am
Friday 3 rd April -	Year 3 Class Assembly @ 9.30am
	Autism Non-Uniform Day for National Autistic Society
	End of Term 4

Term Dates 2020/2021

TERM 1 2020

<i>Training Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 1st September</i>
<i>Training Day</i>	<i>Wednesday 2nd September</i>
First day of term	Thursday 3rd September
Last day of term	Thursday 22nd October
<i>Training Day</i>	<i>Friday 23rd October</i>

TERM 2 2020

First day of term	Monday 2 nd November
Last day of term	Thursday 17th December*

TERM 3 2021

<i>Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 4th January</i>
First day of term	Tuesday 5th January
Last day of term	Friday 12th February

TERM 4 2021

First day of term	Monday 22nd February
Last day of term	Thursday 1 st April

TERM 5 2021

First day of term	Monday 19th April
May Day	Monday 3rd May
Last day of term	Friday 28th May

TERM 6 2021

First day of term	Monday 7th June
Last day of term	Wednesday 21 st July
<i>Training Day</i>	<i>Thursday 22nd July</i>

*Change to original date on calendar