

Thameside Primary Newsletter Issue 7 January 2021



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Dear Parents and Carers,

A belated Happy New Year to you all although happy is not the best choice of wording at the moment with the current situation! One of the requests from the recent parent survey was for the newsletter to resume, which we are very happy to do. This will be an ideal opportunity to share some of the great learning that is taking place both in school and at home.

Stay safe and have a good weekend

Mrs L Billingham

Class Dojo Reward System

Here is a summary of the points awarded since the start of the Spring term. Each week staff are discussing totals on the Google meets with pupils and the dojo champions are logged and will be awarded certificates on their return after the lockdown. It's good to see the numbers of Dojo's being awarded is increasing each week as more and more children engage with the home learning.

	Emerald	Ruby	Sapphire	Diamond
Week 2	588	476	493	490
Week 3	630	556	811	590
Scores this week	685	744	810	720

Well done to Sapphire for doubling the number of Dojo's from week two and for coming first for two weeks running. Come on you other teams...let's have a different winner next week!

The Thurrock SSP Road to Tokyo Challenge

With the Olympic Games happening later in the year, the Thurrock SSP Road to Tokyo challenge is being launched. Each school is being asked to try and

reach Tokyo by the time the Olympic Games start on Friday 23rd July. Pupils can use any of the following modes of travel; walking, running, cycling or scootering. The weekly miles that our school has travelled will then be submitted to SSP to be updated on the Thurrock website, where all schools scores will be recorded. Come on Thameside, the race is on.....

THURROCK SCHOOL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP VIRTUAL CHALLENGES

When: **Monday 1st February- Friday 23rd July**
Challenge: **THE ROAD TO TOKYO**



Tokyo is 5,928 miles away, can you help your school reach Tokyo by the time the Olympic Games start on Friday 23rd July. You can use any of the following modes of travel; walking, running, cycling or scootering.

To take part all you need to do is send the following information to your School who will collate the weekly totals and submit to the SSP.

1. Name
2. Year Group
3. Evidence of distance travelled (screenshot/picture) –apps for recording Running activity: MapMyRun, Strava, Runtastic, Garmin

We will be keeping a running total on our Road to Tokyo website so you can see how your school are doing! You can find the website here: <https://joela65.wixsite.com/website>

Good Luck!


Children's Mental Health Week 1st – 7th Feb

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and this year's theme is 'Express yourself'. The mental health charity Place2Be set up Children's Mental Health Week in 2015 with the aim of highlighting the importance of mental health within children and young people. There will be a focus session each day to link to Children's Mental Health and a competition both for pupils online and in school based on children creating a photo/picture montage or short video about themselves.

The Place2Be's have arranged a free virtual assembly hosted by Blue Peter's Lindsey Russell and CBBC Presenter Champion Rhys Stephenson to all schools and families at 9am on Monday 1st February. Further details of this and the competition are on your child's Google Classroom.



Friday 22nd January 2021
 LO: to design an imaginary character using show and not tell techniques.

PICTURE: 	FASCINATING FACTS: - He can breathe air. - He has super speed. - Night vision.
AGE: 30 GENDER: M HEIGHT: Big - containers	HABITAT: - Saturn - Igloo - Cold all the time - Long nights - awake at night
APPEARANCE: - Three eyes - Rainbow shoes - Eyes on antenna - Different colour eyes - Teardrop legs - he's friendly	DIET: - Eating ice - Melting ice to drink water
	ACTIONS: He wants to try new food, so he's going to other planets.

Zargon 9 description

Climbing out of her space rocket, she saw that this weird place that she had crash landed looked better than Earth. As she glanced out into the distance she was bewildered by the beauty and the vast sea of animals in front of her. She was happy to be alive and impatient to explore.

As she climbed down from her rocket, she landed on soft lime green grass and flowers that could change colour with the weather. She knew that, because when she landed it was sunny and the flowers were yellow and then it started to gently rain and the flowers turned blue.

Flying through the forest she realised she was going uphill, she suddenly stopped. She came across a lake and there were lots of strange animals drinking from the crystal clear waters. She looked up and pinched herself to make sure she wasn't dreaming and realised the sun was as pink as a unicorn. She carried on with her quest to discover the forgotten land. Then to her surprise, she came across animals sitting in rocking chairs drinking what looked like tea. They were brown in colour and had white spots over their backs and were having what appeared to be a conversation. She fainted in shock and the animals heard her fall. They took her to the leader's house, who said to take her to their hospital. She woke up when the sun was setting and saw that the sky was purple and that the moon was orange like a giant fuzzy peach. She watched the moon as it moved through the sky making its way to the dawn.



Well done to the children who produced these fabulous pieces of work

