

Thameside Primary Newsletter Issue 20 July 2021



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I need to begin this newsletter with some retirement news. I am sure that all of you know Mrs Lynne Billingham, our Senior Deputy Head. Unfortunately, we will be saying goodbye to her at the end of term as she is retiring after working in the school for 30 years. During her time, she has seen many head teachers and staff come and go, but she has been a constant, reassuring presence for parents and pupils. From a classroom teacher to a senior leader, Mrs Billingham has had a positive impact on a huge number of children's lives, she will be sorely missed and I am sure that everyone will join me in wishing her well for the future.

Class Dojo Reward System

Scores for this week	Emerald	Ruby	Sapphire	Diamond
	1182	1360	1556	1087

Sapphire have taken first spot again this week after racking up a total of 1,556. With this final complete week coming to an end, the termly battle for first place in the Dojo Champions race is over! With a convincing total of 15,336, the clear winners for the term are Sapphire. Second place went to Ruby and Emerald and Diamond had a margin of just 39 Dojo's between them. There have been some fabulous close contests across the year with lots of pupils gaining Dojo points across the school. I'm sure the pupils will enjoy the Dojo treats that have been lined up for them next week!

Scores for this term	Emerald	Ruby	Sapphire	Diamond
	13,811	14,668	15,336	13,772



Warm Weather Request

With predicted high temperatures continuing next week, please continue to ensure your child comes to school wearing a sun hat and has had sun protection cream applied. It is also essential for pupils to bring in a bottle of water to drink during the day, -please.

Arts and Culture Learning Opportunities

On Tuesday a group of Year 3 pupils were selected to take part in a Trailblazer project. The project was a virtual drawing workshop with a cartoon illustrator. Children drew along with the artist and drawings focused on stories about their experiences of lockdown and the celebration of being back together.



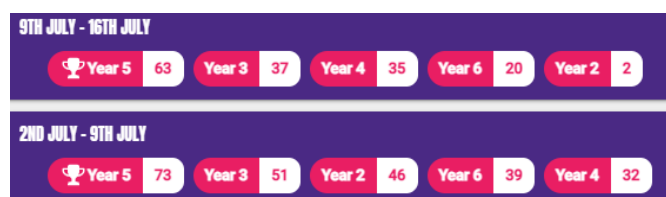
On Wednesday we went off timetable for the day and had a special 'Arts and Culture Day'. As a countdown to the Tokyo Olympics beginning on 23rd July, children explored the arts and culture of Japan through various fun and creative activities such as paintings of cherry blossom trees, writing haikus, learning the Japanese language, origami and designing Kimonos.



Today, Footsteps 2 had a great time taking part in another Trailblazer project. The project was a dance workshop centred around a superhero theme.

Times Table Rock Stars

Here are the results for the last two weeks which show Year 5 in the lead on both occasions. Congratulations Year 5, clearly a lot of effort has been put in!



Over the past year since beginning the weekly tournaments, the Year group who have won the most times is Year 4. They have won 13 weeks altogether with Year 3 winning for 6 weeks and Years 5 and 6 winning for 2 weeks. Congratulations Year 4!

PE kits

Please make sure your child brings home their PE kit before the last day of term next week. It is always difficult to track down any items of lost property at the start of the new academic year when furniture and other items have been moved from one classroom to another!

Times and Dates

With the changes to the restrictions that will be happening from Monday, parents will be pleased to hear that, from September, there will not be the staggered start and end to the day that has happened this year. A letter with all of the details about the arrangements for the school day will be sent out next week.

And finally..... Star of the Week

Well done to the pupils who have been picked as a star pupil in the last three weeks, in each class.



1P	Nusaibia S	Ellie May H	Skye D
1L	Kaona S	Sofia B	Haniye
1J	Oliver Z	Lily – May T	Mickey C
1H	Krishna L	Carter SS	Isabela
2A	Nicola S	Sienna F	Dilnoor K
2P	Elianne L	Alan K	Khadija A
2W	Harry JPS	Arba B	Emily R
2B	Laura R	Migle P	Khalid
3A	Adam M	David F	Natalie/Scarlett
3P	Maria L	Michelle M	
3S	Ahmed H	Charlie/Paula	Luana/Alexandra
3D	Gabi L	Zain H	Remi S
4R	Iasmina L	Tommie B	Nikola
4A	Alisa G	Shakira T	Lena P
4K	Daniel S	Kimberly M	Giya L
4W	Katelynn H	Milan S	Abdul A
5U	Sara C	Reggie N	Erikas
5S	Theo W	Natasha M	Michelle A
5ST	Oreoluwa	Elizabeth E	Chris A
5A	Angelina I	Bobbi H	Emma P
6R	Denise D	Adekunle O	Maria
6S	Logan M	Abby W	Immy S
6C	Dahnya L	Rakia M	Ollie O’C
FS 1	Patrick W	Roni E	Divine L
FS 2	Eddie A	Bubble closed	Jacob S