



# NEWSLETTER

February 10th 2023 no.18

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe that we have already completed half of this academic year, the time has absolutely flown by! The children have been working very hard. We've been amazed by some of the fantastic home learning that has been going on and would like to thank you for the support that you have been giving the children with their topics. The school is closed for half term from Monday 13th February until Friday 17th February.

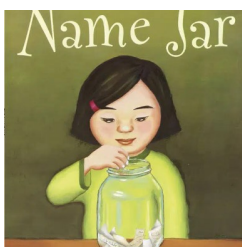
I know that Elm Road can get very congested in the mornings, however, I need to remind you that the school drop off system is for **drop offs ONLY** and you are not allowed to use it to park. The bays are only for disabled parking.

Class assemblies are now up and running, the first classes have been brilliant. Make sure that you check the school calendar on this newsletter to find out when your child's class will be showing off their learning.

Many parents and carers want to support the children with their phonics at home. Here is the link to the Little Wandle resources and videos to support you to do this.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Have a lovely half term,  
Mrs Bray



## Why not read ....

The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi

This is an empathetic story that aims to encourage children to appreciate themselves and others and not to feel the need to hide their cultural heritage.

Listen to the story here : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=192ytnVUCUQ>

## Congratulations! Well done for their effort and resilience

A reminder that each week a pupil is selected by the class teacher as a star learner, possibly a pupil who has demonstrated the Co-op values across the week in their learning and been a positive role model to the other pupils in the



### KS1 stars went to:

RH – Matilda D  
RJ – General M  
RJO – Musa H  
RM – Olivia M  
1L – Nicolas S  
1SU -Luna P  
1P – Sophia S  
1S – Tolani I  
2C – Hoorain R & Darija V  
2W – Yad S  
2N – Jacob R  
2JV – Urwa F

### KS2 stars went to:

3L – Mariam AK  
3M – David S  
3RS – Winner A  
3R – Ollie Z  
4W – Khadija S  
4M – Morgan H  
4A – Almirah A  
4MS –David P  
Footsteps 1 – Sharleez I

5P –Eliza A  
5A – Amalia D  
5C – Teni A  
5CH – Haseeb Z  
6B – Navid N  
6S – Sean H  
6R –Archie R  
6O – Harrison G  
Footsteps 2 –Highly Blessed

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# Dates for your diary



	Date	Year Group	Event
	13.2.2023 – 17.2.2023	Whole School	HALF TERM
	21.02.2023	1S - Elm 1P - Oak	Class Assemblies
	22.2.2023	Whole School	Royal Institute of Science visit to school Parent workshop in the evening – Online booking only.
March	1.3.2023	TBC	NEU teacher's strike
	7.3.2023	2N – Elm 2JV – Oak	Class Assemblies
	15.3.2023 & 16.3.2023	TBC	NEU teacher's strike
	17.3.2023	TBC	Sports Hall Athletics @ William Edwards School
	21.3.2023	3L – Elm 3RS – Oak	Class Assembly
	24.3.2023	Year 3/4	Sports Hall Athletics @ Basildon
	28.3.2023	4W – Elm 4M – Oak	Class Assembly
	31.3.2023	Whole School	Non-Pupil Day
April	3.4.2023 – 14.4.2023	Whole School	EASTER HOLIDAYS





## Dinner Menu

Week 2						
Week commencing - 7th Nov - 28th Nov - 19th Dec - 9th Jan - 30th Jan - 20th Feb - 13th Mar						
<b>Monday</b>	Vegetable Bolognese with Spaghetti	Quorn Nuggets with Herby Diced Potatoes	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Baked Beans	Sweetcorn	Fruit Smoothie
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chicken Enchiladas	Macaroni Cheese	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Fresh Broccoli	Mixed Vegetables	Marble Sponge & Custard
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes	Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Fresh Carrots	Fresh Cauliflower	Fruit Jelly
<b>Thursday</b>	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Vegetable Chilli & Rice	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Sweetcorn	Green Beans	Apple Flapjack
<b>Friday</b>	Fish Finger with Chips	Vegetable Fingers with Chips	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Peas	Baked Beans	Toffee cake & Custard

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# School Rewards

Teams	Emerald 	Ruby 	Sapphire 	Diamond 
Dojo points earned this week	1642	1710	1709	1646
Total Dojo points this term so far	21,649	22,659	22,452	21,470
Parise cards awarded this week	63			
Total praise cards awarded this academic year	372			



## Attendance

Holidays are not permitted during term time and will on most occasions end up with both parents being fined.

### This week the Attendance Awards have been awarded to:

Year 1 & 2	2W	97%	Miss Walton
Year 3 & 4	4W	94%	Miss Williams
Year 5 & 6	6B	97%	Miss Bannister
<b>Whole School attendance</b>		<b>92.6%</b>	

## Sports Star of the Week

Year 1 – Michael I, Sophia S, Leanne A & Antonia V  
 Year 2 – Norsin H, Hoorain R, Daniel D & Harkirat K  
 Year 3 – Vany D, Boris B, Zuzanna L & Darius B  
 Year 4 – Khaylen S, David B, Sienna F & Jeremy V-C  
 Year 5 – Alex D, Tyler S, Muhammad N & Louis P



## Parenting Advice Sessions



**Thameside Primary School**

## How do you feel about being a parent/carer?

Are there parts of parenting you find challenging? Do you feel like you are struggling and no-one understands?

Please express your interest in by registering for our parent advice sessions on the following link:

<https://forms.gle/yz4azxHL9RW1TRiE7>

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## Going on around school.....

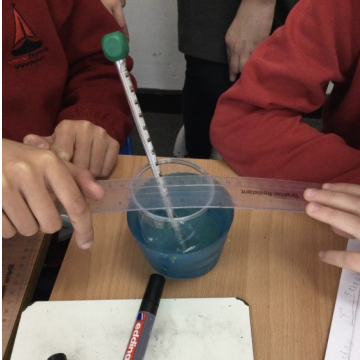
### Year 6

To celebrate Children's Mental Health Week, pupils in Year 6 have been completing morning activities linked to the theme of 'Let's Connect'.



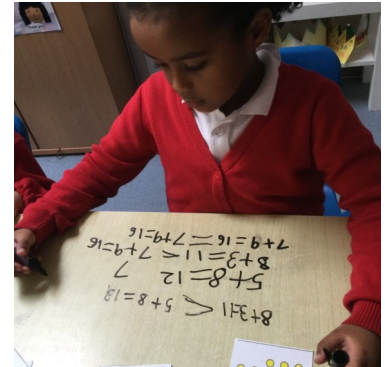
### Year 4

In science, Year 4 have enjoyed investigating the fastest way to melt ice.



### Year 1

Year 1 have been interpreting mathematical statements involving addition and subtraction.



### Year 5

As part of our learning in Science in Year 5, we dissected a flower to develop our knowledge about the different parts of flowers and their functions. We used and applied scientific vocabulary.



### Year 2

This week as part of mental health week, year 2 have been talking about ways to show kindness. We did some mindfulness colouring whilst listening to calm music. Then we wrote ways to help us to connect to other people.



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# Sports News

A selection of year 2 children took part in the Year 1 and 2 Sportshall Athletics Competition. They children performed exceptionally well across a variety of different events. These included different variations running, throwing and jumping skills. We are pleased to announce that they finished in third place overall. Congratulations to all the participants we are very proud of you.



Congratulations to our year 5/6 Girls A team who won 5-0 in their football match last night against Stifford Clays. It was a great performance from them. Goals scored by: Lexi 3 and Alexandra 2. Today we have a cup semi-final against Quarry Hill so good luck to the girls in that important match.

