



# NEWSLETTER

September 15th 2023

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## Headteachers Welcome

It has been wonderful to welcome all of our children back to school this week. They have returned to school with such a positive attitude and appear really happy to be back in school – seeing their friends again and settling back into school routines. Thank you for your patience whilst we have restructured the school; we are still ironing out any wrinkles so if you come across an issues, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. I have had a lot of parents asking about after school clubs, further information about these will be sent out within the next two weeks.

Can I take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to our new Nursery and Reception children and their families. Your children have made an amazing start to their time at Thameside Primary – they have come in smiling and positive and have been a credit to you. We look forward to working with you all and getting to know you better. Thank you too, to parents/guardians of our existing pupils for sending them back to school looking smart and in correct uniform. Can we ask that parents check that all of your child's belongings have been labelled, this includes shoes. We have a lot of children in each class and want each child to learn to look after their belongings and keep them safe. It is so much easier to give the items to the correct child if they are labelled.

Don't forget to give us a follow on X (formally known as Twitter) @Thamesideschool or find us on Facebook by searching for Thameside Primary School.

I am really looking forward to the year ahead, have a lovely weekend

Mrs Bray



Mrs Bray  
Headteacher

## Snack time

At Thameside Primary, we are a healthy school so may I please remind you of the following: **Foundation and Key Stage 1** children receive a free piece of fruit or portion of vegetables as part of the Government

School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme for their tuck at playtime. **Key Stage 2** children can bring in a healthy snack from home. Healthy snacks could include: fruit, raisins, cheese, rice cakes or

bread sticks. Please note that grapes need to be cut in half. Also children should have a fresh bottle of water in school every day. Bottles should be taken home each day to be cleaned and refilled. Facilities are available in school where children can refill them at lunchtime and playtimes. Please do not fill water bottles with juice.



## Year 6 Applications for Secondary School

If your child was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 you must apply for their secondary school place between 1 September 2023 and 31 October 2023. Applications received after the closing date are treated as late applications. This means there will be far less chance of your child being offered a place at the school you want. Please go to the Thurrock admissions page to apply for your place.

<https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions/applying-for-secondary-school-place>

### Secondary Open Evenings for Year 6 pupils:

- St Cleres Secondary - 20th September 2023— 6pm—9pm
- Brentwood County High—21st September 2023— 5.00pm—8.00pm
- Thames park Secondary—10th October .23
- Orsett Heath— 4th October 23—5pm—9pm

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# Dinner Menu

## Week 3

Week Commencing - 1st May, 22nd May, 12th June, 3rd July, 18th Sep, 9th Oct

Day	Menu 1	Menu 2	Menu 3	Menu 4
Monday	Beef Bolognese Bake, Mixed Vegetables & Peas	Quorn Vegan Balls In a tomato Sauce with Pasta, Mixed Vegetables & Peas	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Frozen Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	BBQ Chicken with Rice, Sweetcorn & Green beans	Quorn Vegetable curry with Rice, Sweetcorn & Green beans	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Fruity Iced Sponge
Wednesday	Roast chicken with Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Broccoli	Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Broccoli	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Fruit Jelly
Thursday	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn & Cauliflower	Tomato & Basil Pasta, Sweetcorn & Cauliflower	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Carrot Cake
Friday	Fish Fingers with Chips Peas	Cheese & red onion Quiche, Peas	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Rocket Ice Lolly



### Polite Notice.....

This week we have had multiple complaints from residents near the school. Please make sure that you park considerately at the start and the end of the day. Please do not block roads or park over our neighbours drives. I understand that parking around our school is difficult but perhaps consider parking safely 5 or 10 minutes away and walking the rest of the way.

### 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 class.



#### KS1 stars went to:

Nur—Luca  
 RT— Desire  
 RB—Mason  
 RH—Melissa  
 RJ—Emaan  
 1L —Muhammed  
 1SU —Isaac  
 1M— Elia  
 1S — Rylie Mae  
 2N — Ivane  
 2AV — Afrora

#### KS2 stars went to:

2M— Luna  
 2P — Liam  
 3R— Tudor  
 3D — Brajan  
 3J — Heraa  
 3W — Avery  
 4W — Hunter  
 4C — Ivy-Rose  
 4M— Sofia  
 4P— Mickey

5C— Nathan  
 5A — Divine  
 5B — Alfie  
 5Q — Matthaios  
 6R— Harley  
 6M— Ellie-Jai  
 6C— Muhooj  
 Firststeps—Alessia  
 Footsteps S — Muna  
 Footsteps H — Sharleez  
 Footsteps 2— Highly

### Sports Star of the Week

Year 1- Ivy H, Isaac M, Kelise D & Annabelle G  
 Year 2- Sofia C, Liam P, Reggie P & Luna P  
 Year 3- Nikodem Z, Trey R, Moqadus N & Antonia S  
 Year 4- Siyana B, Khadija A, Highly-Blessed O & Emily D  
 Year 5- Emilia D, Rezwan T, Khaleed S & Luca P  
 Year 6- Demi M, Iyinoluwa S, Joshua A-B & Curtis L



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## Dates for your diary



	Date	Year	Event
<b>September</b>	18.9.23	Reception	Fire brigade visit
	20.9.23	Reception	Fire brigade visit
	22.9.23 – 3pm	5 & 6	Boys football competition
	26.9.23	1	Topic visit - childhood
	27.9.23 – am session	4	Bike ability
	28.9.23	Footsteps	Stansted visit
	28.9.23 & 29.9.23	1	Scooter training
	29.9.23 – pm session	3 & 4	Cross country competition
<b>October</b>	05.10.23	Footsteps	Stansted visit
	06.10.23	5 & 6	Cross country competition
	10.10.23	Whole school	Hello Yellow Day—supporting mental health
<b>November</b>	13.11.23 – 17.11.23	Whole	Anti-bullying week
	17.11.23	Whole	Children in need
	21 & 23.11.23	5	Walk on line Roadshow
<b>December</b>	4.12.23	Choir	St Luke’s Hospice

### Going on around school.....



#### Year 2

This week, Year 2 have been reading and writing the story of Little Red Reading Hood. We have been exploring the school to see where the best places to read will be. We also explored the forest to see what Little Red may find on her journey through the forest!

#### Reception

Reception have had a super first week exploring our equipment inside and outside and painting self portraits. The children have settled in well and seem to be enjoying school!



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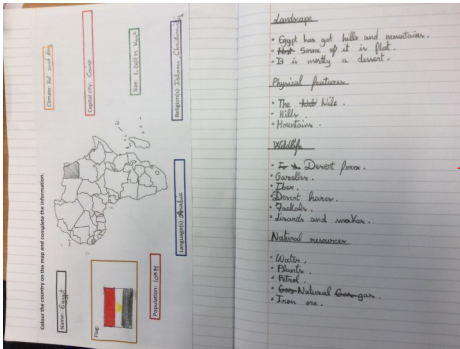
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### Nursery

Nursery have enjoyed exploring their new environment this week and exploring all the new activities!

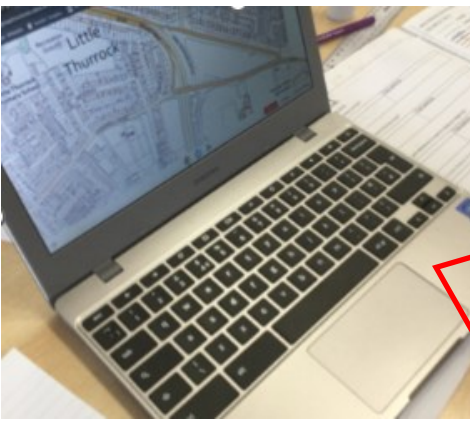
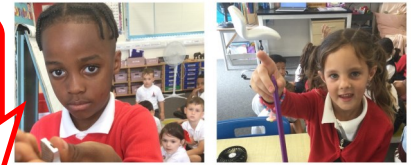


### Year 6

As part of our history topic, Year 6 created some fact files related to African countries. They looked at the size, population, natural resources, location, climate and physical features.

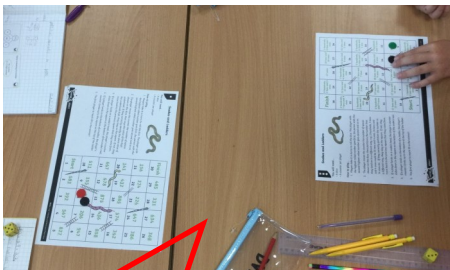
### Year 1

This week the children in Year 1 have been identifying technology around the classroom.



### Year 5

As part of our learning in Geography, we developed our knowledge about Ordnance Survey maps (OS). We used 'Digimaps' to view a map of the local area. We answered Geographical questions to explore different features including: towns, main A roads, Secondary B roads and foot-paths.



### Year 4

It's been a busy first week of Year 4! We have been completing carousel activities in Maths this week when learning about Place Value. We have enjoyed playing a selection of practical games, reasoning and problem-solving questions and fluency tasks.



### Year 3

We have started our first topic 'Animal nutrition and the skeletal system.' This week we have been learning about living things. We explored our school grounds to identify different animals and plants.



### Footsteps H

This week the children in Footsteps have been sharing books with their friends.

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