

THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



'Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements'

23rd July 2019



Super Learning Hero Awards

Congratulations go to the following children for their awards week commencing 24th Jun 2019, awarded in Celebration assembly on 1st July 2019:

Positive, Persevering

Poppy
Callum (Oak)
Zane (Elder)

Co-operative, Caring

Craig

Curious, Questioning

Quinn

Reflective, Reviewing

Ruby
Ava (Maple)

Congratulations go to the following children for their awards week commencing 1st July 2019, awarded in Celebration assembly on 8th July 2019:

Positive, Persevering

Poppy

Co-operative, Caring

Craig

Sam (Elder)

Curious, Questioning

Quinn

Isla (Oak)

Reflective, Reviewing

Ruby

Aria (Acorn)
Oliver (Maple)

Headteacher award

Zane (Elder)
Sam (Elder)

Congratulations go to the following children for their awards week commencing 8th July 2019, awarded in Celebration assembly on 15th July 2019:

Positive, Persevering

Poppy

Co-operative, Caring

Craig

Brooke (Elder)

Curious, Questioning

Quinn

Reflective, Reviewing

Ruby

Austin (Oak)

Congratulations go to the following children for their awards week commencing 15th July 2019, awarded in Celebration assembly on 22nd July 2019:

Positive, Persevering

Poppy

Leyla (Maple)

Co-operative, Caring

Craig

Miles (Elder)

Curious, Questioning

Quinn

Reflective, Reviewing

Ruby

Headteacher award

Nathan (Elder)

Governor Awards

Evie (Elder)
Jasper (Elder)
Harry (Elder)
Miles (Elder)

Time to Shine!

Congratulations to George, Archie, Will, Zane, Isla, Sophie, Charlie, Emma Rose, Marcus, Dylan, Martha, Brooke, Ralph, Amber, Erin and Poppy on their success and achievements outside of school!



Message from Mrs Norton

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an action-packed month it has been! I can't believe this is the final newsletter of the year! It has been another busy and hot summer.

FOTS Fundraisers: Village Day & End of Year Disco

Once again the weather was kind to us for our Village Day and fun was had by all. We were very proud of all the children who reached the final of 'Thakeham's Got Talent' and particular congratulations to Mabel for winning the competition with her outstanding contemporary dance routine. Throughout the process it was heartening to see the confidence of many children and the hard work and effort they had put into their acts.

Thank you to parents for your donations of cakes for the refreshment stall as well as items for the hampers and bottle tombola. Without these, we just wouldn't have a Village Day! The hard work and commitment of our FOTS team, staff and other parents to make the event happen was second to none. Overall we raised £1000 which we will be putting towards the cost of another shade canopy on the playground and bike/scooter racks.

Thank you also to FOTS for putting on an end of term disco after what was a very busy sports day.

Sports Week & Sports Day

You will see later on in this newsletter, the great range of activities the children were involved with during this week and the cultural aspects that the children experienced. Miss Brown worked tirelessly to organise the visitors and activities culminating in our Sports Day. The rain held off for the KS2 events and races, though soaked us during the presentations, that didn't dampen our spirits though. Unfortunately the weather was not so kind for the EYFS/KS1 Sports which we had to host in the hall. We are really fortunate to have a large hall to do this and the children carried on unperturbed! Postponing was not an option with a packed schedule of events on the remaining 2 days of term.

Congratulations to all children for showing a 'Positive, Persevering Poppy' approach to the day and to 'Edison' team for achieving 1st place!

It has been a fantastic year of sport and fitness and in recognition of this we have been awarded a 'Gold' School Games Award once again this year. A huge thank you to Miss Brown for her hard work and limitless energy in planning the opportunities and to the wider staff team for their great support in these!



Winning House Team—Grylls



Well Bear Grylls would be very proud of the children who achieved the highest amount of house points for the year! For their hard work, the children were treated to a relaxing yoga session during Sports Week led by Mrs Tudor Williams as well as a cooling ice lolly and rejuvenating popcorn!!!

Danceathon in aid of Ellie

Children from each class across the school took part in a charity danceathon in aid of Ellie Thornton. The children were in high spirits and staff enjoyed joining in too! Overall with a previous cake sale we raised £122.79 which was divided between 'Chestnut Tree House' and 'The Ellie Thornton Trust.' Ellie's Mum, Step Dad and step sister Sophia visited us during the event and were very heartened by the support of the school for these charities, in the memory of Ellie.

Elder Production

The talents of our Year 5/6 class shone through in their production 'Let the Games Begin' with outstanding singing and acting, amazing costumes and media/sound control! It was a pleasure to see how far the children have come and the how their confidence has grown. See later in the newsletter for more details and photo.

Reflective, Reviewing Ruby

Staff and Governors met recently to reflect on the successes achieved across the year in all aspects of our School Strategic Development Plan—of which there were many! We have decided to link our plan for 2019-2020 to our school values and key priorities will include:

- Improve spelling and handwriting to raise achievement in writing
- Continue to embed our Mastery approach to Maths across the school and our commitment to inspiring Science learning (Working Scientifically)
- Re-design our Computing Curriculum to inspire and engage our learners and ensure we are using the most up to date technology and strategies
- Review, improve and streamline our assessment, marking and reporting procedures
- Focus on implementing the DfE's Relationships Education and Health Education

We will provide further details of this work in the year ahead.

Fond Farewells

It was time to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children at our Leavers Assembly. What a wonderful group of children with so many amazing personal qualities and wonderful talents. It has been a pleasure to get to know each and every one of them and be part of their learning journey helping to bring out the best in them and prepare them for the next stage in their learning journey. Mrs Hopkins, Mrs Bowbrick and Mrs Ramsell have been a fantastic supportive team for the children and I know the children will have wonderful memories as they leave the school. A huge thank you to all the parents for their support of their children and the school whilst they have been with us at Thakeham.

Results from the KS2 SATs were recently released (Year 6) which deserve celebrating here:

GPS (Grammar, punctuation, spelling)

91% (Thakeham)
78% (National)

Writing

82% (Thakeham)
78% (National)

Reading

72% (Thakeham)
73% (National)

Maths

82% (Thakeham)
79% (National)

For pupils achieving at greater depth we are above national average in all areas except reading!!

These results are interim with final results being published by the DfE later in the year as schools can request for papers to be re-considered (as we are for reading) so results may well increase (for us hopefully!)

It is also time to say goodbye to our wonderful School Business Manager, Mrs Mills. Mrs Mills has been with us for 4 1/2 years and been instrumental in ensuring a healthy budget and school! Whilst many school around us have been struggling with budgets and making cuts we have been fortunate enough to maintain if not build on the capacity of the school in so many different ways. Mrs Mills has helped make our vision a reality and without her support and hard work, the re-location of the school and transformation to becoming a Primary School would not have happened. She has been a huge support to the school and will be missed both on a professional and personal level. We wish her future health, happiness and success! Mrs Pearson (an experienced SBM) will be taking up the reigns in September and I am sure will continue the excellent work.

We also say goodbye to Mr Parker, our Premises Manager. Undertaking the role across 2 schools has not been as manageable as he had hoped. We wish him the very best in all his future endeavours. We are pleased to be welcoming Mr Howse who will take up the position from September. Mr Howse is experienced at working in this role at other schools previously and will be a great asset to the school with his strong skill set.

All that is left now is to wish you a wonderful, relaxing holiday and enjoy time with your family!
Mrs Sam Norton
Headteacher

Acorn Fabulous Finish

For their Fabulous Finish on Friday 12th July, Acorn Class shared the wonderful vehicles they had made from wood, using hand tools and glue guns. They then shared all their fantastic learning about vehicles and pirates. The icing on the cake was their rendition of the Naughty Bus song! "Here comes Naughty, Naughty Bus!" Congratulations for all your efforts, Acorn Class.

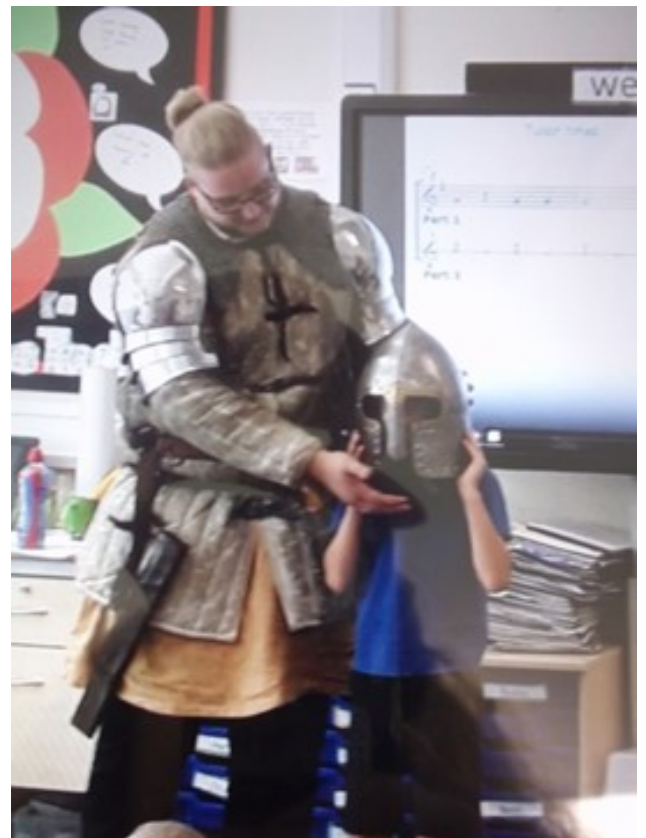
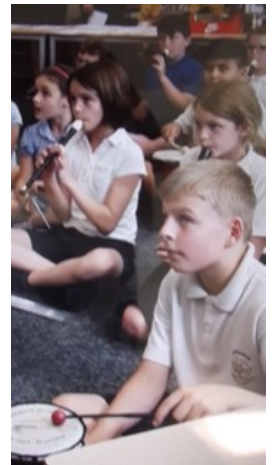
Oak Class Fabulous Finish



Oak Class delivered their Fabulous Finish all about their local area to friends and family on Monday. They shared their own interesting facts and Poppy treated us to a wonderful video presentation of her local area. We finished off our Fabulous Finish with singing goodbye to all our lovely friends in Oak class by singing 'I get by with a little help from my friends'. The children were then very proud and excited to share their excellent home learning projects and all their learning within their Topic books. Well done Oak class!

Maple Class Fabulous Finish

Maple class hosted a wonderful banquet for the parents, showing off their Tudor culinary skills and producing tasty gingered bread, vegetable pottage and other items made at home. To entertain us all, the children put on a musical performance of a Tudor song played on the recorders, drums and triangles, as well as showing off their wonderful creations this term including; Tudor Roses, spinning tops, portraits and poems. We were even lucky enough to be visited by a re-enactment soldier who taught the children all about what life was like fighting for King Henry VII.



Elder Class Class Fabulous Finish

The children of Elder class put on a superb production of 'Let the Games Begin!' Through games of Monopoly, Cluedo and chess, they acted and sung beautifully with a smattering of excellently timed ad-libbing!



With a huge thank you to FOTS, year 6 were able to enjoy a fabulous finish to their time at Thakeham Primary School at Pizza Express. Followed by ice-creams on the beach, the children really have been an absolute pleasure to teach. I wish them all the very best for their time at their new schools. Mrs Hopkins

Sports Week

Sports week this year focused on the European Games with each class focusing on one country that took part. Elder class looked the host country Belarus, finding out about its recent history, location and economy. Maple class focused on Russia, looking at the temperature and climate, art, sporting heroes and geographical features. Oak class looked at Poland, finding out about the religions, national dress, flag of the country and trying and making Polish foods. Acorns looked at Portugal, Greece and Italy, comparing their foods and finding out about the significant landmarks. It was a jam packed week full of sports workshops, with the children participating in Karate, a healthy fitness circuit, Archery, Golf, Cricket and Street Dance. A fantastic week was had by all involved with many children showing off their new dance moves and expressing how much they had enjoyed the week .



Summer Term Winners of 'Star of the Day'

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded with a book voucher for their super behaviour:

Acorn: Jeni; Oak: Jessica; Maple: Amber; Elder: Harry R

Summer Term Winners of 'Great Reader Award'

Congratulations to the following children who have been recognised for their great commitment and progress in reading:

Acorn: Max; Oak: Jessica; Maple: Leonie; Elder: Millie



Dates for your Diaries - Please check the website for up-to-date events

PLEASE NOTE: WE HAVE BOOKED THE FOLLOWING INSET DAYS

Monday 2nd Sep 2019

Tuesday 3rd Sep 2019

Friday 18th Oct 2019

Friday 26th June 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

Wednesday 4th Sept

Thursday 5th Sept

Thursday 5th Sept

Friday 6th Sept

Monday 9th Sept

First day back for Yr 1-6 (Home Visits for New Yr R children)

Home Visits for New Yr R children

3:20-3:45pm Maple Curriculum Information Meeting; 3:45-4:15pm Elder

Curriculum Information Meeting

New Yr R children's First day of school

3:20-3:45pm Oak Curriculum Information Meeting;

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