School Newsletter - 17th May, 2024

THYTHORN FIELD

MAY'S LEARNING POWER IS THE RESILIENCE RANGER

A NOTE FROM MRS PRICE ...

It has been great to have some better weather and the children have been enjoying playing on the school field. Year 5 were so lucky with the weather on their residential trip to Aylmerton and were a credit!

We have rescheduled the sponsored colour dash to next Friday – the 24th May – the last day of this half term. Please ensure the children bring their sponsor money before or on the day and a change of clothes to run in (as per the initial letter). They can also bring sunglasses or goggles if required. We are looking forward to an enjoyable event whilst raising money for a local charity.

SHOUT OUTS

Well done this week to all the children who achieved a certificate. If your child shows any learning powers at home, please use a 'wow' slip (copies in reception) and put it in the box in the entrance. Slips are available on the website too.

Well done to Dylan (Year 3) who has achieved his brown belt with white stripe in karate. What a great effort Dylan, congratulations!

Congratulations to Lily (Year 1) who is playing the role of Dorothy in her stage school performance of The Wizard Of Oz. Lily has also read the entire book 'Hop On Pop' all by herself. Well done Lily with all your achievements!

HOUSE POINTS UPDATE

The house points total this week are as follows:

Attenborough House: 355 points Lineker House: 382 points Townsend House: 378 points Wan House: 393 points



BREAKFAST CLUB PROVISION

The new breakfast club provision is now open every day from 7.30am. The session times run from either 7.30 - 8.35am at a cost of £5 per session, or 8.00 - 8.35am at a cost of £2.50. A light breakfast of cereal, fruit and/or toast is offered to the children. If you wish to book a



session, please phone or email the office by 3.30pm the day before you require care at the latest. Payments will need to be paid in advance, cash only, before the date of the session. Please hand all payments to the school office or the staff member leading the breakfast club.

PLEASE NOTE! If there is sufficient demand to continue the club, we will look to move to an advance booking system, with payments made online with regular booking patterns. This will be communicated in advance before the end of the summer term, depending upon demand.

SOURCES OF SUPPORT ...



The Sleep Charity has lots of information and support regarding sleep for both children and adults. Trained sleep advisors are available through the National Sleep Headline – see the website for contact information.

DIARY DATES

24th May 24: Colour Dash - rearranged date 27th - 31st May 24: Half Term Break

6th June 24: Year 2 Attenborough Arboretum

Trip

7th June 24: Class Photos

7th June 24: Year I Attenborough Arboretum Trip

10th June 24: EYFS Sealife Centre Trip
14th June 24: Year 4 - Viking Visitor
17th June 24: Bikeability week - Year 5 and 6
1st July 24: Year 3 New Walk Museum Trip
2nd July 24: 9.00am EYFS/KSI Sports Day
2pm KS2 Sports Day

8th July 24: Class Swap Day 9th July 24: Last day of term

ATTENDANCE

This year our attendance target is 96.5%.

This week's attendance figures are:

EYFS: 88.0 % YEAR 4: 93.5 % YEAR 1: 98.6 % YEAR 5: 89.2 %

YEAR 2: 99.1% YEAR 6: 98.6%

YEAR 3: 96.3 %

Attendance
Matters
Every student. Every day.

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YEAR 2 WIN THIS WEEK!!

WE HAVE RECENTLY SAID HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

Children celebrating their birthday this week are:

Year 1: Ronnie Year 2: Harry Year 4: Elisa Year 6: Archie



PUPIL PREMIUM

The most common reason a pupil receives Pupil Premium funding at our school is because a parent is registered as receiving a benefit that



entities them to free school meals. Pupil Premium is an additional funding source that schools may receive on behalf of some children. A part of this funding is the entitlement to free school meals throughout the children's time in school, but also additional funding into school to improve attainment and progress and support a child in reaching their full potential. We would ask all parents/carers to consider whether you may be entitled to this funding. Please call Leicestershire County Council on 0116 3055417 who can check to see if you are eligible for this.

! NUT FREE SCHOOL !



Reminder:

Thythorn Field Primary School is a nut free zone. We have a number of children with allergies and therefore must always ensure that no products containing nuts are brought onto the school premises. Thank you all for your support.

DRIVING AND PARKING CONCERNS

Please can we remind all parents/carers of their conduct when parking around the school site. There have been a number of incidents recently where parents/carers are parking across residents driveways, blocking them in/out. When asked to move their vehicles, there have been occasions of inappropriate verbal responses and aggressive conduct which we do not tolerate. Please respect the neighbouring community and be mindful of where cars are parked when visiting the school.

Please can we also ask parents/carers to ensure their children are supervised at all times at the beginning and end of the school day.

As families now come onto the school grounds before gates are opened in the morning, we do have a number of vehicles (which have been authorised by the Head Teacher) using the school carpark in the morning and after school. In the morning, children are frequently playing around the carpark steps and straying onto the carpark itself, posing a danger with cars driving down the driveway and parking on site. The children's safety is always our top priority and we not want any incidents to occur.



Thank you for all your support in these matters.

AYLMERTON ADVENTURES

The children in Year 5 have had a wonderful week of trips! We were invited to Wigston Academy for an exciting morning of Science, Art and Design Technology workshops. We solved crimes in the science lab, baked some delicious biscuits and explored the amazing work of Jon Burgerman. The staff were so impressed with the attitude of all of our children.

Tuesday morning came and we were off on our sunny residential to North Norfolk! From the moment we arrived, we were put to work on team-building challenges. That evening saw us embark on a nighttime safari around the grounds of Felbrigg Hall, soaking up the atmosphere and exploring the active wildlife. After a night of little sleep, we were off hunting monsters in the woods. We all survived the experience, with Team 2 reaching first place with an accumulation of almost 4,000 points. That afternoon, we explored the shingle beach of West Runton and found fossils and creatures in the rockpools. We learned a great deal about longshore drift and coastal erosion here, observing the landscape in detail. Our long day was wrapped up with an evening disco – don't ask Mrs. Leslie about the limbo pole, her back is still sore.

Our final full day saw us take on our biggest challenge of the week. We took a boat trip out to Blakeney Point to see the basking seals, which was an exhilirating start to our day. This was followed by a long walk along the beach, seeing the results of coastal erosion and deposition and how it has shaped the local landscape. We observed nesting birds, which was a real treat. Then came the mud walk! Socks and shoes off and we were squelching our way back to the coach, picking up lugworms and crabs along the way. That evening, we were taken out for a spot of ten pin bowling (and a few sweets...)

We all embraced each and every task that we were faced with on our week away. From small tasks (fitting a duvet cover, serving meals) to bigger challenges (detonating a "bomb", hiking for miles), we should all be very proud of ourselves and everything that we accomplished on our adventure.

CHARITY CLOTHING COLLECTIONS

We are continuing to collect bags of clothing which are donated to charity and raises the school funds at the same time. If you would like to donate, clothing bags can be collected from the school office at any time. Please hand filled bags in to the office. Thanks for your support.

DO YOU HAVE A RECORDER TO DONATE?

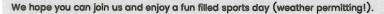
Do you have a recorder at home that is no longer used? Please could we ask parents/carers for any donations of recorders which may no longer be needed at home. Year 2 are currently having recorder lessons in school and we would really like to add to our instrument stock. Thank you in advance.

SPORTS DAY

We would like to invite parents and carers to Thythorn Field Primary School sports day on Tuesday 2nd July 2024.

The children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 will be having their sports day at 9am. If parents/carers could gather on the playground after dropping their children off, the teachers will bring the classes out when children have been registered.

Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be having their sports day at 2.00pm. If parents/carers could gather by the side gate, staff will open the gate when the event starts.





OFFICE UPDATES

SCHOOL DINNER PAYMENTS:

Please can we remind parents/carers to keep up to date with dinner money payments. Children's accounts should be paid regularly to ensure a debt does not build up. All payments should be made using the online payment system Scopay.

NEW MENU OPTIONS:

A new 3 weekly menu was introduced on Monday 8th April. Copies of the menu can be found on the website or in paper form at the office. Please can we ask that parents/carers talk to their child to ensure they will eat the options offered each day. If your child does not like the menu choices, please send them in with a packed lunch instead. Thank you.



PUPIL PREMIUM FOOD VOUCHERS FOR MAY HALF TERM:

Families in receipt of pupil premium will receive the holiday food vouchers as previously issued for the May half term break. Vouchers will be emailed to your primary email address by Friday 24th May at the latest. If these haven't been received by this date, please give the office a call to investigate the issue.

SUNNY DAYS:

As the weather is changing and we are getting some hotter days, please can we ask that children come into school with sun cream applied (if it's a hot day) or cream is brought in for your child to apply themselves. Sun hats can also be worn at breaktimes and lunch. If your child suffers from hayfever, please ensure they have had their usual medicine if this is taken, before coming into school.

LABELLING CLOTHES:

Please make sure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name or initials. We have increasing amounts of lost property that builds up throughout the term. We also waste a great deal of time looking for children's lost items of clothing which could be more easily located if they were labelled.