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West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

17th November 2023

It's been a busy week at West Thornton! Our phonics coffee morning was a great success as we were joined by so many parents and carers which was wonderful to see. Miss Abraham also hosted a parent workshop to start discussions and planning for our West Thornton Winter Fair - this will be held on December 7th at Rosecourt Road from 3.30pm onwards. Please do speak with the school office if you would like to be involved in any way.

On Monday 20th November, parents in KS2 will all receive an email regarding our Collins Ebooks Platform with account details for your child. The letter details how we will be using Collins Ebooks in KS2 as well as step-by-step instructions on how to access the account for your child to read their ebooks at home. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any troubles with accessing the Ebooks at home.



For Reception and KS1, and some children in KS2, teachers will not be assigning books in this way yet and will continue to be sending home physical books to read - we will keep you informed when we will also be using Collins Ebooks for these children.

Can we please remind parents to be considerate of residents in local streets when dropping off and picking up children? Please do not park across driveways, however short your stay will be.

Please also remember, next Friday 24th November is an INSET day and so school will be closed for all children.

Have a great weekend everyone!



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Attendance

Well done to these classes with attendance over 96%

Y2 - Poplar	Y4 - Olive	Y6 - Acer
Y2 - Rowan	Y5 - Hawthorn	Y6 - Holly
Y2 - Aspen	Y5 - Sycamore	
Y3 - Cherry	Y5 - Cypress	
Y3 - Chestnut	Y6 - Blackthorn	
Y4 - Beech	Y6 - Eucalyptus	

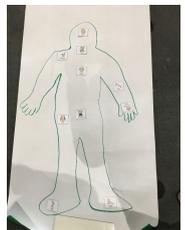
Well done to both Y3 Chestnut and Y6 Eucalyptus with attendance over 99%

Curriculum Focus

Reception

This week in reception the children have had a focus on DT. As part of our core text 'Here We Are' a space baby came to visit the children to learn about planet Earth. To help the baby return home the children have been collaborating to make a rocket. They have learnt about the different parts of a rocket and have explored a range of materials to decide on their suitability for rocket building. The children have then designed their own rockets before collaborating in groups to make a rocket prototype.

To teach the baby about humans, In literacy we have been naming and locating body parts. The children had great fun working together to label a life size body template before using their phonic knowledge to listen for sounds in words and write their own labels using the sounds they hear.



In maths the children have been exploring shapes. They have been busy identifying circles and triangles and talking about each shape's properties. Children used their powers of observation during a shape hunt to identify circles and triangles in the environment.





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Year One

This week in year 1 the children have been rewriting the story of Little Red Riding Hood and using interesting adjectives to describe the characters and their actions. The children really enjoyed acting out their sentences before writing them.

In maths we have been revisiting the number bonds to and within 10. The children have had fun by doing this practically and then used this knowledge to complete this in their books.

All curriculum subjects have been fun and interactive. The children have learnt about human features in geography and really enjoyed looking at what the buildings around our local area were made out of. In science they explored how objects can be made from different materials such as, a spoon can be made from metal, plastic or wood.

Year Two

This week in Year 2 the children have been showing their teachers everything that they have learnt so far in Year 2 through their assessments. It has been great to see how much they already know and to see the children demonstrating the school value of resilience even when they have found some questions quite tricky.

In history they have been continuing to learn about the significant individuals the Wright brothers. They have also learnt about chronologically ordered events using dates. They applied this knowledge to create a timeline to explain the history of flight.

In science they have continued their learning about inventors and materials by learning about John McAdam and his invention of tarmac. They investigated the best material to create a road surface with and concluded that tarmac was the best as it allowed the car to travel the furthest.

Year Three

In Year 3 this week the children have shown great perseverance and resilience in completing their autumn assessments. The children were able to retrieve their previous learning and apply these to the questions. Well Done Year 3!



In geography the children have been looking at the different geographical features of the River Thames and the River Nile. They used the ipads to access Google Earth and looked for key features of the two rivers including the river source, tributaries and the river mouth. The children are really looking forward to applying this knowledge on their trip to London next week.



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During science the children enjoyed investigating how magnets repel and attract each other, applying this knowledge to a range of problems using scientific vocabulary.

Year Four

Year 4 have completed all their assessments this week and have now returned to their normal timetable. We are continuing our cross-curricular theme, with a focus on the impact of climate change. In English, the children evaluated Greta Thunberg's powerful speech to the United Nations, in 2019 entitled 'The world is waking up', and learnt about the features of effective speech writing, identifying the use of emotive language and repetition. In maths, the children used manipulatives to consolidate their learning on division and multiplication, with a focus on the 6- and 9-times tables. Next week the children will begin to look at efficient methods of calculation with a focus on the 12 times table.

In Geography this week, the children reviewed fact sheets on the impact of global warming on coral reefs, polar ice caps, and ocean currents. They used their summarising skills to create short fact files, applying their learning from last week. In science, the children learnt how to take accurate measurements using a thermometer, comparing different water temperatures. They also discussed the uses of thermometers in scientific research and the importance of measuring temperature changes in the environment.

Well done year 4, for completing an exciting week of learning.

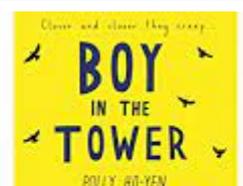
Year Five

We've had so much fun this week! Having finished our assessments, this week we have been getting practical with both science and DT being used to explore!

In science, we have been continuing our theme of materials and their properties and have been analysing various objects to be able to identify their properties and then compare them. We have also been having fun looking at reversible and irreversible changes (covering the playground in fizzy drinks at the same time!).



In DT, we have been exploring the direct stitches we could use to decorate our final outcome. We are





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getting pretty good at hand sewing and are excited to start the design process next week!

English has seen us move away from diary entries and start to construct a 3rd person narrative using our core text as a basis. We have focused on taking the existing 1st person narrative and changing pronouns and sentence structure to make a cohesive 3rd person narrative.

In maths, we have been looking at number facts linked to multiplication and division. We started with multiples, moved on to factors and common factors and have just finished investigating prime numbers! We will continue this theme by looking at square and cube numbers next.

Year Six

Year six have had a fantastic week which has involved a mixture of assessment and excellent learning. The children used their assessments as a positive opportunity to show off their learning from the first 8 weeks of year 6. Well done to everyone. As well as this, children have also been recapping their learning on fractions by comparing, adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators. They remembered their learning from year 5 and were able to apply it by following the steps to success. In English, the children have applied the skills from the previous week to describe the setting, atmosphere and characters from our core text *Stella by Starlight*. They were able to manipulate language and sentence structure to convey the tense, sinister atmosphere of the forest where the action took place. In history, the children have been learning about civil rights in Britain in the 1960s. They learnt about the Race Relations Act, looking at life before and evaluating its impact. The discussions held in classes were extremely well articulated and children used the sources provided to great effect.

Reading recommendations

Arya in Acer recommends *Mysteries of Ravenstorm Island - The Lost Children* by Gillian Phillip. "When I started reading the book it felt like I was entering a world of magic and mythical creatures. I enjoyed watching the story happen as images in my mind. If you love adventure stories this is a great read and I can't wait to read the next book in the series."





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Community



Congratulations to Adu and Ada in Blackthorn class who have joined West Ham Football Club. We wish you both all the best for the future!

Canterbury Road Book swap

Next Wednesday afternoon at Canterbury Road we will be holding a book swap. Children will be able to bring an old book from home and swap it for another one. If you would just like to buy a book it will be 50p.

We will be holding the book swap in the playground after school every 2 weeks starting on Wednesday 22nd November.



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Parental Engagement - West Thornton Winter Fair

We will be having our own Winter Fair on **Thursday 7th December** this year. It will be based at our Rosecourt Road site. If you would like to be a part of the planning process or have any ideas of what you would like to include in this year's fair then please come along to our Parental Engagement session on **Thursday 16th November from 8.45** for a **9.00 start**. We would love to have your input.

Adult asylum Seeker Mental Health and Wellbeing Project

Boloh Helpline has extended its offer to support the mental health and wellbeing of adult asylum seekers across the UK. The Helpline will offer advice, signposting, emotional support and 8 free sessions of therapy by qualified Barnardo's therapists. The Helpline will offer phone, webchat and email. This project is funded by the Home Office until 31st January 2025. <https://helpline.barnardos.org.uk/boloh-helpline/asylum-seekers>

The Helpline is open Monday – Friday (10am-8pm) and Saturday (10-3pm) via phone 0800 151 2605, webchat and email Boloh.helpline@barnardos.org.uk.



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Help to Save

Help to Save is a type of savings account. It allows certain people entitled to Working Tax Credit or receiving Universal Credit to get a bonus of 50p for every £1 they save over 4 years. Help to Save is backed by the government so all savings in the scheme are secure. Find out more here - <https://www.gov.uk/get-help-savings-low-income>

Phrases of the Week



¿Qué hora es? - What time is it?

Son las tres en punto. - It's three o'clock.

Stars of the Week

YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow	
Emma	Hareem	Bravani	Ahana	
La'Xiah	Erick	Taliyah	Lilith	
Y1 Elm	Y1 Fir	Y1 Lime	Y1 Maple	
Nihal	Hiran	Tesla	Vaidehy	
Chris	Amelia	Mahir	Yousef	
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Y2 Poplar	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce
Leo	Imani	Keyaan	Kylie-Shae	Patrick
Mareya	Mateo	Marianna	Kiran	Krish
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Chestnut
Yashwanth	Kanish	Khaleesi	Kavel	Stanley



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Laanika	Zanneyah	Srishanth	Zara	Fatemah
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
Alex A.	Zaina	Najla	Daniel	Andric
Silvani	Manahil	Charlie	Ekhlas	Elijah S.
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
Lishana	Samuel	Neva'ah	Ashanti	Sianna
Vithushan	Houssatmou	Patrick	Meryam	Jayden
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer
Amalia	Lerone	Matthew	Khalid	Abu Ba Khan
Ajai	Philana	Valerie	Tarek	Arham
Spanish	PE KS1	Music KS1		
Elijah Simms Yew		Imani Palm		



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Wider Community

Thornton Heath Sustainability Hub **festive edition**

**Sat 18th November
1-4pm**

Thornton Heath
Salvation Army
66 High Street
CR7 8LF

free entry

SHARE & LEARN ECO-TIPS FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON ◦ **BUY, SELL & TRADE TOYS & GAMES!**
FREE ELECTRICAL REPAIR ◦ **KIDS ZONE**
LEARN CLOTHES MENDING ◦ **FREE BICYCLE REPAIR**
SWEET & SAVOURY VEGAN FOOD & DRINKS
FREE ENERGY ADVICE ◦ **ETHICAL FINANCES**
MONEY SAVING TIPS ◦ **CLOTHES SWAP**
CLEANING & BODY CARE REFILLS
PLANT-BASED DIET ADVICE
DROP OFF UNWANTED IT DEVICES
DROP OFF HARD-TO-RECYCLE ITEMS

**FREE WORKSHOP
MAKE ADVENT
CALENDARS**
BRING TOILET ROLL TUBES OR
EGG CARTONS

learn more about our events and how
to get involved at
sustaintheath.wordpress.com
or email
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Coffee Morning



Croydon Active Voices November coffee catch up

We are a collective group of Parents & Carers who have children and or young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Our aim is to give the Parents & Carers of Croydon a voice in shaping, developing & influencing services & policies that affect our families. Please come and join us for a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit or two at our coffee morning. We look forward to seeing you!

Date & Time: Thursday 23rd November 2023, 10am to 12pm



Meeting Room 3,
Carers Centre,
24 George Street,
Croydon,
CR0 1PB



Book your free ticket at Eventbrite



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