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### West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

**28th March 2024**

We've had a very busy and action packed half term and have enjoyed a variety of Easter activities this week. On Thursday we celebrated International Maths Day and children wore their maths related outfits, took part in exciting maths challenges and even created their own Maths Board games. Thank you to our adults who came in and enjoyed this activity with their children.

After school clubs for the Summer term will begin on Monday 22nd April. Look out for a letter from the office during the first week back to secure places through Arbor. Thank you to the parents who have already completed the Parent Survey on the Spring clubs. If your child attends a club and you have not yet shared your views, please follow the link to complete:

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Pupils and staff took part in our annual Easter Bonnet Parade at Rosecourt Road. It was fantastic to see how much effort and time families had put in to create these wonderful creations outside of school. Thank you to everyone that took part. Here are our winners.....



YR Pine	YR Oak	
Teddy	Anshika	
Y1 Maple	Y1 Fir	
Harry	Christaleen	
Y2 Poplar	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce
Marianna	Daxa	Khaliyah
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Larch
Persis	Melania	Brianna
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Yew
Sophia	Narayan	Andric
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Magnolia
Kajinan	Adlyn	Ethan
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper
Amalia	Jaathuri	David

Lastly, we wish you a Happy Easter and Eid Mubarak to those who celebrate. We wish you all a restful and relaxing break and we look forward to welcoming everybody back for the Summer term on Monday 15th April.



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### Sports Leaders' Multi-skills Festival



Our energetic sports leaders were hard at work today, guiding their schoolmates through a range of fun sports activities. Under the guidance of Coach Beecham, they organised a fantastic multi-skills sports festival. This event featured various activities where children got to put into practice the skills they've been practising throughout the year. Some of the activities

included "Mountains and Valleys," "Speed Bump" (jumping side to side over hurdles), relay races, and the long jump.

*"Being a sports leader is fun because we get to work with different classes and teach them different sports. I like the teaching part because I can show them things and they get better than when they started. I think it's really interesting for them because each activity is different and then they have things that they can do with their friends and family."* Tatyiana (Sports Leader)

### Attendance

Well done to these classes with attendance over 97%

Extra well done to both Palm & Sycamore with Attendance over 99%

CR - Y2 Palm

RR - Rec Pine Class

CR - Y4 Olive

RR - Year 3 Cedar Class

CR - Sycamore

RR - Year 4 Yew Class

Well Done to all 3 classes with over 99% attendance.





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### Curriculum Focus

#### Reception



Reception have had a great end to the Spring term. In literacy, they continued writing instructions however, this time they got to make their own chocolate rice krispie cakes! They learnt how to make the cakes whilst recapping the use of time adverbials and imperative verbs.

In maths, the children have been learning about patterns. They have learnt about complex patterns which means they follow a combination of different designs to their patterns. They have created their own patterns using colours and loose parts.



In topic this week, reception have learnt about the seasons and the weather. They discussed which clothing they could wear in the Winter and how that changes in the Summer. In the provision, the focus has been on Easter. The children have been making Easter hats, Easter egg patterns and even painting chicks!

#### Year One

It has been a busy final work of the Spring term in Year 1. In English the children independently wrote their diaries in the role of Beegu using the skills they have been working on from the 'diary writing toolkit'. They have produced some beautifully written work and they have been getting ready to publish it for our display.



In maths this week, the children have been learning about volume and mass. The children experimented with a variety of containers to compare and measure volume and then answered worded problems about it.



In DT this week the children followed their designs to make their final moving pictures based on our core text 'Beegu'. They then evaluated their designs by discussing the type of mechanisms they used, what they liked and disliked about it. In Science the children



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have been busy completing their learning journeys in science to answer the questions 'How can animals be grouped?' and 'Are humans all the same?'



### Year Two

Year Two has had another busy week. They have been finishing up their balanced arguments for and against zoos. They have been applying many of the writing skills that they have learnt so far in year 2 including commas in a list, a variety of sentence openers and lots of facts about zoos.

They have also been continuing to enjoy the Little Wandle fluency reading books. They have enjoyed getting to read new chapter books that include lots of non fiction information texts as well as some great stories. They have also enjoyed the book talk time during which they are able to discuss with groups the parts that they enjoyed and make links to their own lives.

Across the wider curriculum subjects they have been busy completing their learning journeys. In DT they have been adding their finishing touches and details to their hand puppets as well as evaluating their final outcomes. In science they have shared all that they have learnt about living things and their habitats. Finally in History they have been reflecting on how Doctor Barnardo changed the lives of children with his work.

### Year Three

Another busy week in year 3 this week! The children have completed their innovative narrative of our core text and worked really hard to include lots of the language devices they have been taught to use over the course of the term, including dialogue, similes and expanded noun phrases.



In maths the children have been looking at mass, volume and capacity. Working together to add and subtract using different units of measurement. They have worked hard to make links between their learning and use their knowledge to show their reasoning when solving word problems.



The children showed how much information they have absorbed in science and history by creating some fantastic double page spreads



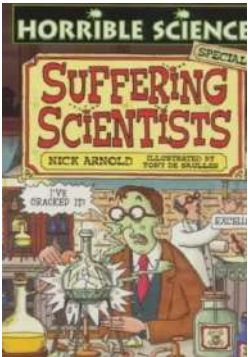
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on Rocks and The Stone Age! They have completed evaluations on their moving toys and are looking forward to their next DT project in the summer term!

### Year Four

Year 4 have worked very hard this week to complete several projects! In English we have used all the figurative language skills we've learned this far to complete our retelling of Thanotos' escape from prison. We've discussed cohesion and thought about what it is that makes a story flow, and have uplevelled our work.

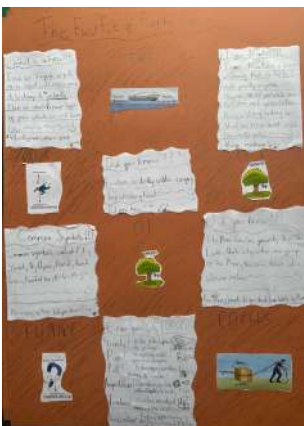


In DT, after a very challenging five weeks, we completed our models of the Parthenon. We evaluated what we would do to make it better next time, and many of us chose to change the material we used - we would prefer marble!

We have learned about the Easter story in RE, and have rounded off our science topic of sound with a quiz. Our reading has also been on the topic of sound and we have decided to visit the library with our families this holiday - we'll be looking for horrible science books because they're really funny!

### Year Five

Year 5 have had a fantastic end to the Spring term which has been full of hard work!



In English this week, we have been using all of our knowledge on the key features of an information text and have been applying this to our own work. The children have embarked on crafting their own informative pieces, delving into topics ranging from the remarkable stories of the Windrush Generation to the fascinating forces shaping our world. After editing our work, we have been able to produce amazing posters displaying their work. Witnessing their creativity and commitment has been truly inspiring.

In maths this week, we've been focusing on decimals with our Year 5 students. We've been learning how to round decimal numbers to two decimal places and also to whole numbers. It's been an exciting journey exploring the world of decimals, and our students have been doing a fantastic job grasping these concepts. Keep up the great work, Year 5 mathematicians!



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This week in DT, students were evaluating their bridges that they had built, celebrating their achievements and identifying areas for potential improvement in future projects. Through reflective discussions, they highlighted their successes in design, problem-solving, and teamwork while also pinpointing specific aspects they would refine if given the opportunity to rebuild.

### Year Six

Congratulations to our Year 6 Basketball team who have qualified (undefeated) for the Croydon Basketball Finals in April! The last week of the Spring Term has been as exciting as ever in Year 6. In maths, we have finished our learning on angles and have begun looking at ratio and scaling- the children are tackling the challenge head on and are enjoying discussing their learning using the language of ratio and thinking about real-life contexts where they may have to apply these skills. They have been eager to apply their skills by solving a range of questions and problems and have become more confident as the week has gone on.

In writing, the children have been continuing to develop their ideas for their narrative based on El Caminante. The focus is on including dialogue which conveys character and advances the action; so far there have been some extremely creative ideas which showcase everything the children have learnt this year.

Over the holidays, it is extremely important for year 6 to be practising in key areas of Reading, Maths and Spag. They have been given their logins for numerous websites and the school website contains a number of resources for homework- please see the letter which was sent home today for more detail. We hope you have a restful break and the children return in April ready for the final push before SATs week.

### Enrichment

#### **Sports Day**

**Sports Day this year will take place on the week beginning 20th May.**

**Venue: Archbishop Lanfranc, Mitcham Road**

**More information to follow**



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### Phrases of the Week



**¡Feliz Pascua y Eid Mubarak a todos los que celebran!** - Happy Easter and Eid Mubarak to those who celebrate!

### Stars of the Week

YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow	
Joseph	Harvishh	Abdi	Lianne	
Simeon	Dwisha	Aaliyah	Harry	
Y1 Elm	Y1 Fir	Y1 Lime	Y1 Maple	
Ashik	Ishaan	Reagan	Whole class	
Eesa	Sabarin	Luxshin		
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Y2 Poplar	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce
Whole	Melissa	Sophie	Jaanush	Chanelle
Class	Eisa	Rathurshan	Ana	Haris
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Chestnut
Hanshika	Whole Class	Khaleesi	Whole	Aasiyah
Alana		Maiza	Class	Samaira
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
Carol - Ann	Tayo	Alicia	Cheri	Tanisha
Haya	Amir	Kiven	Rithika	Ameen
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
Sumaya	Whole	Faith	Whole	Whole





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Zahra	Class	Tharunyan	Class	Class
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer
Kaveena	Dhivyan	Whole	Sikander	Whole
Amalia	Kaaviyaa	Class	Meer	Class
Spanish	Music			
Years 3,4,5 and 6 RR				