

FRIDAY 24th MARCH

WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGE

It has been wonderful to see the sunshine and for our children to be able to spend more time outside. Our nursery pupils have enjoyed creating a large chick outside and all of our PE lessons have been outside. In the UK we get most of our vitamin D from sunlight exposure from around late March/early April to the end of September. Vitamin D is essential for healthy bones and being outside is also fantastic for our mental health and wellbeing. I hope you have been able to enjoy some of this wonderful weather and can do so over the weekend.

We have unfortunately experienced a rise in Covid-19 cases this week amongst both staff and pupils. We thank you for your continued support and understanding. We have reintroduced a number of protective measures in school and we will share updates as appropriate. If a child has any of the main symptoms or a positive test result, the public health advice remains unchanged and is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

You will have received a letter regarding this, please be aware we will undertake a global Lateral Flow Testing Program next week of all staff and pupils. This will be on Monday 28th March and this will work to identify asymptomatic individuals before returning back to school after the weekend. This will apply to all pupils from Reception to Year 6 and we appreciate your support with this. Pupils will each receive a test and this will come home with them. Please complete this test on Monday morning and inform the school if your child test is positive.

Due to this we have had to rearrange our pupil showcase event, we are incredibly disappointed by this, but this will now take place on Monday 25th April, at 2.30pm. Nursery will be holding stay and play sessions that week and Mrs Hawley will share more information in relation to this.

We are also unable to hold whole school assemblies this week, we want to ensure we all stay as safe as possible and are acting on advice from Public Health England. We have still celebrated our pupils successes, and as always there have been many.

We will also be unable to hold our parents evening appointments as planned, we have shared information regarding this. Again, it is very disappointing that we cannot have children in school. We value the importance of parents' events and all educational research shows that children will do better at school when school and home work closely together. We are looking forward to having parents back in school in the Summer Term.

WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGE CONT...

Despite the difficulties we have faced regarding Covid, we have had an incredibly focused week and children have been working hard. Our reception children have been working in KS1 and they have really enjoyed this. They have also enjoyed eating their lunch in the hall and have adapted very well. Our KS1 pupils have continued with their phonics work and number work and have been trying incredibly hard, and as always, our KS2 pupils have been working incredibly hard.

We are fast approaching the summer term and our pupils will be completing their statutory assessments. It is essential that the pupils attend and attend prior to these to access the support provided by teachers.

The key dates this year are:

Week beginning 9th May 2022 – Y2 & Y6 SAT tests

Week beginning – 6th June 2022 – Y1 Phonics Screening

3 Weeks beginning 6th June 2022 - Year 4 Times Table Tests

We finish for the Easter break next Friday, 1st April, we will finish at 1.00pm. There will not be any WRAP provision after school that day.

Finally, I want to share our excitement, we have been able to watch the wonder of living eggs. We have eggs that have hatched and children have been able to see this and they have loved seeing the chicks. This has created a huge amount of interest and the children have had so many questions. This links to so many elements of the curriculum from growth to lifecycle, care of living things and empathy. It has added even more wonder and excitement to school life.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend

Sophie McCabe
Executive Headteacher

CALENDAR

01/04/22

Last day of Term - School finishes at 1pm

19/4/22

Summer Term starts

25/4/22

Pupil Showcase Event

2/5/22

Early Bank Holiday

10/5/22

Buddhism Educational Workshops (All Years)

Tuesday 16th – 17th May 2022

Wild About Rivers Programme (KS2)

Monday 4th – 8th July 2022

Forest School trips

21/07/22

Last day of Term - School finishes at 1pm

ATTENDANCE

Whole School - 78%

Nursery – 96%

Reception – 83%

Year 1 & 2 – 86%

Year 3 & 4 – 74%

Year 5 & 6 – 58%

POSITIVE QUOTE

STRIVE
FOR
PROGRESS
NOT
PERFECTION

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Tomato Pizza with cubed potatoes	Chicken Fajitas & Rice	Roast Turkey Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Pork Sausage Hot Dog & Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers, Chips & Tomato Sauce
Vegetable Noodles	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta	Cauliflower & Cheese Bake	Vegan Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	Cheese Pasty & Chips
Green Beans	Coleslaw Sweetcorn	Carrot Cabbage	Sweetcorn	Peas
Lemon Drizzle Cake	Raspberry Jelly & Mandarins	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Station or Ginger Cookie	Sponge with Custard	Chocolate Shortbread

AVAILABLE DAILY

Freshly cooked jacket potatoes / Fresh Bread / Fresh Fruit / Daily salad selection

GOOD WORK ASSEMBLY

EYFS

Autumn has achieved excellent work in Maths

Charlie has learnt about plants and how to care for them.



KS1

Harlow has learnt how plants make food, live and grow.



KS2

Sophie and Alyssa have practiced good writing skills.

Hunter has produced some excellent hand writing this week

Alfie, Lewis & Georgie have been learning about all different types of *shapes*.



EYFS

The children really enjoyed their outdoor painting session in the lovely Spring sunshine. They painted a very large chick in contemporary style using a variety of colours they had seen on our newly hatched chicks.



Red Nose Day

Our nursery children really did get involved last week for red nose day and made us all smile with their colourful outfits.

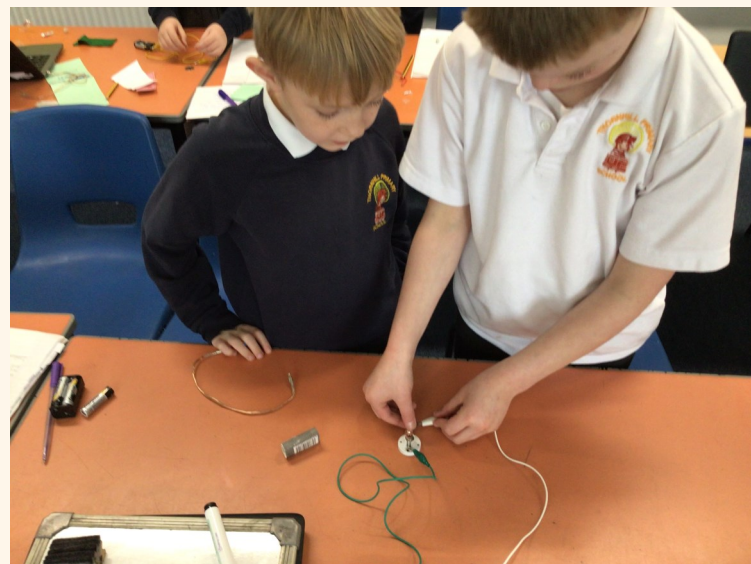
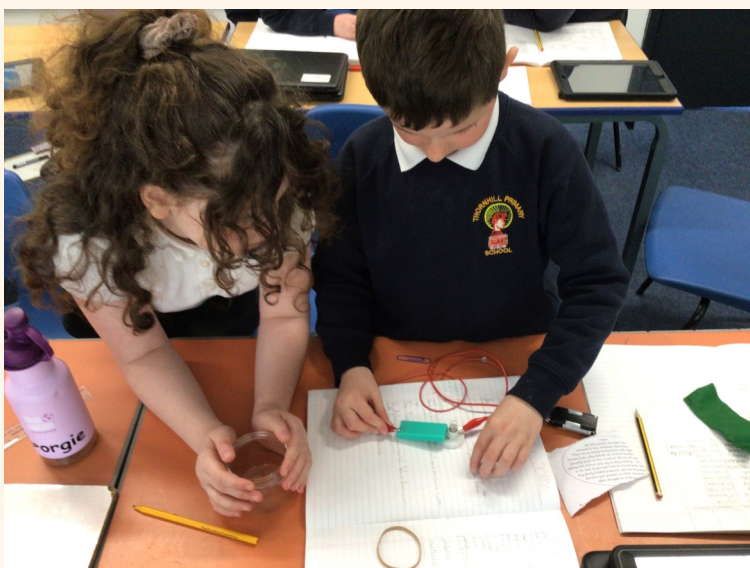
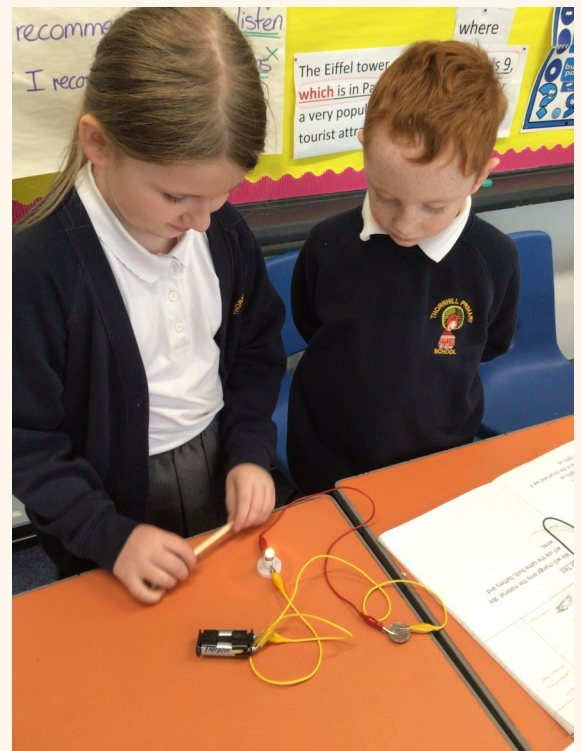


Year 3 and 4 have been busy conducting an experiment to test whether materials are insulators or conductors.

There were shrieks of, "It works, it's a conductor" around the room.

Please ask your child what materials were conductors and insulators and what the words actually mean.

The children really enjoyed themselves and they definitely have some who are eager to become electricians in the future.



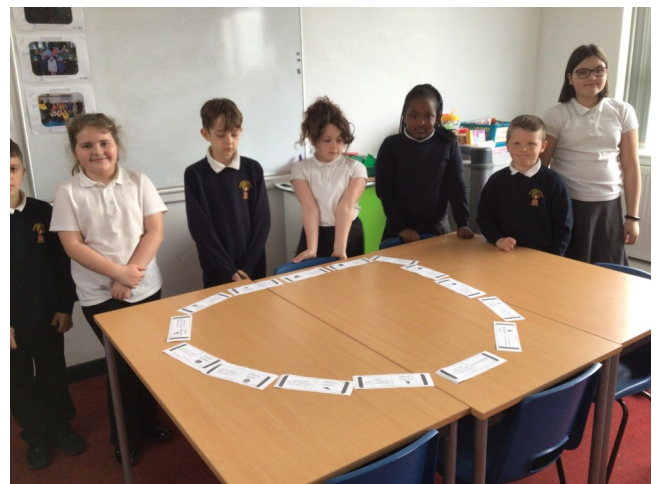
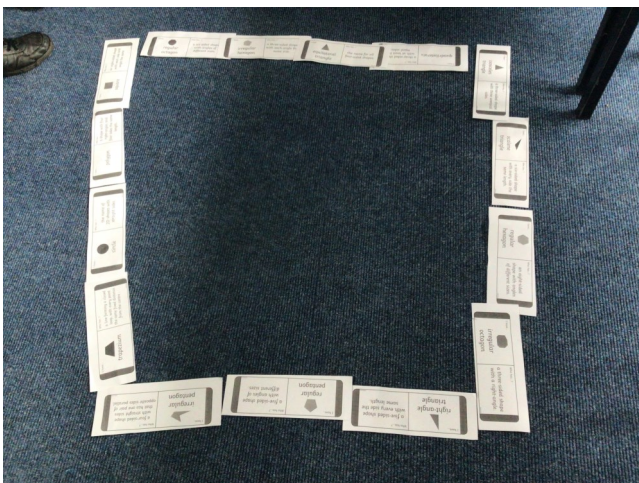
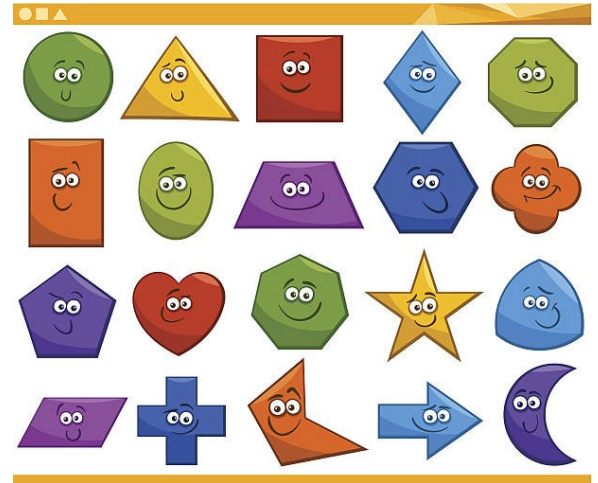
KS2 have been enjoying their shape lessons in Maths this week.

They have been outside working in teams finding given shapes, running and placing them in hoops and writing down the properties of the given shapes. They made a compass with degrees on it and went outside and actually turned given angles and directions.

Rain stopped play outside but once inside teams raced against each other to complete loop cards involving information about shapes.

The children have learnt lots of new vocabulary this week, why not ask them what some of the following words mean:

horizontal, vertical, parallel, faces, perpendicular, regular polygon, irregular polygon, vertices, nonagon, decagon, right angle and full turn.



Summer Afterschool Clubs

There are several changes and hopefully the weather will mean we can make the most of the outdoors. Your child will be coming home with a letter about clubs today.

Please can you return the reply slip as soon as possible.

Please note the Thursday Thornhill's Got Talent show is a free club open to everyone.



SUMMER TERM – AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

TUESDAY 19TH APRIL – WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY

EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE (EYFS) & KEY STAGE 1 (KS1)

MONDAY- LEGO LEGENDS & CONSTRUCTION

Come along & use your favourite construction (Lego, Duplo, Mega Blocks) to create spectacular models

TUESDAY- PICK & CHOOSE

Come & choose your favourite toys & activities to enjoy with your friends

WEDNESDAY- BIKE CLUB

Come & enjoy a huge variety of bikes, scooters & vehicles.

YOU MUST PROVIDE A HELMET THAT FITS FOR THIS CLUB.

If your child doesn't have a helmet unfortunately they won't be able to use the equipment

THURSDAY- OUTDOOR ADVENTURES & THORNHILL'S GOT TALENT

Enjoy lots of outdoor activities with your friends or join the talent club & learn new skills to perform in the Summer show

FRIDAY- SPORTS CLUB

Come & join in the fun with our PE coach. Enjoy lots of running around, team games & learn new skills

KEY STAGE 2 (KS2)

MONDAY- SPORTS CLUB

A real mix of sporty activities including football, dodgeball & other fun activities

TUESDAY- TEAM CHALLENGE

An opportunity to be part of a team & have lots of fun.

This club was a big success last year & is always guaranteed to make your child smile!

WEDNESDAY- WHIZZ IT

Back by popular demand is Whizz It!

YOU MUST BRING A HELMET THAT FITS TO THIS CLUB

THURSDAY- 'GAME IT', ART OR THORNHILL'S GOT TALENT

Come & have fun with your friends playing pool, table football & board games or enjoy some art activities.

If you want to be part of the Summer Talent show then come along & start preparing

FRIDAY- COMPUTER CLUB OR SPORTS

Relax & unwind after a busy week doing a variety of computer-based activities or

go outside & join the sports coach for some fun in the sun

Have fun! Join a Club!



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CHICK NEWS

Our clutch of eggs started to hatch on Wednesday morning. They are adorable and the children (and staff) have been enthralled and delighted by them.

The children can practice their 'Waggle' with Our Chat Play Share Rhyme & Song below

All The Little Ducks Go Upside Down



Cumbria County Council
Chat Play Share
Rhymes and songs

[All the Little Ducks Go Upside Down](#)
[- Fingerplay - YouTube](#)



All the little ducks go upside down

All the little ducks go upside down,

Upside down, upside down.

All the little ducks go upside down

As they dabble at the bottom of the pond.

All their little tails go wiggle, waggle, wiggle
Wiggle, waggle, wiggle,
Wiggle waggle wiggle.
All their little tails go wiggle, waggle, wiggle
As they dabble at the bottom of the pond.



All their little beaks go snap, snap, snap
Snap, snap, snap,
Snap, snap, snap.
All their little beaks go snap, snap, snap
As they dabble at the bottom of the pond.



Use your hands to make simple actions to go with the song. Have fun bouncing your little one up and down, wiggling from side to side and snapping your hands together. Older children can get active going 'upside down', snapping their hands together like beaks and wiggling bottoms!



The North Lakes Foodbank

Helps individuals and families in crisis, through the provision of emergency food supplies. All food is given to people who are experiencing crisis identified by care professionals – Advisory services for welfare and debt, Medical teams, Social Workers, Housing floating support teams, Children's support teams, Church and Community/Charity Workers. They have more than 125 of these care professionals who are voucher holders for them They give out vouchers which are exchanged for the food which is nutritionally balanced to last the individual, couple or family 3 days. The amount of people through the Allerdale and Copeland they are feeding each month is growing rapidly, over 100% rise year on year. Some of the needs are as a result of benefit delay, low income, ill health, homelessness, sickness and housing issues.

They collect food from customers at supermarkets, churches, schools and through local groups. They see food as a catalyst for change by providing emergency food immediately to meet a crisis situation with some practical help while Care Professionals look at longer-term strategies.

They give out shopping lists for people to buy items of food from. The non-perishable food is handed in to collections points throughout Allerdale and Copeland. Food is given out from the distribution centres where clients are offered a hot drink, a biscuit and a friendly chat. Here clients will be signposted to agencies to help further with their requirements. Voucher holders can pick up the food for clients if they are not in a position to collect for themselves.

Their vision now is to make the Foodbank accessible to all those in need across the whole of Allerdale and Copeland.

Foodbank referral helpline

If you are in financial crisis, please call 08082082138 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm) for free and confidential advice from a Citizen's Advice adviser. They will provide support and if needed, issue you with a foodbank voucher for an emergency food parcel.

www.thefoodbank.org.uk