

THORNHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL



Friday 29th April 2022

WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGE

We have more wonderful staff news to celebrate this week, Miss Wilson celebrated her graduation on Tuesday, despite graduating in 2020 her graduation ceremony only took place this week. We have seen photos and it looked a wonderful day - congratulations, but the congratulations for Miss Wilson do not end there, she leaves us today to start her maternity leave, we send our very best wishes.

Staff and pupils commented on how lovely it has been to have parents back in school this week. The pupil showcase on Monday was great, and we hope you enjoyed being in your children's learning environments and spending time looking at their work. The stay and play sessions were also great and it we got to see how confident our nursery pupils are as they led parents around showing them all of the things they do. We will be holding events like these again and will look to hold them in the new academic year.

I am not sure where the time is going as we will be in May next week. May is a busy month and as I have mentioned before, it is when our pupils get to shine and complete their SATs. These are national assessments and pupils in Year 2 and Year 6 complete these. I would like to recognise how engaged and committed our children and staff are in relation to these, all of our year 2 pupils have been attending SATs booster sessions and our Year 6 pupils are completing practice papers and working to improve. The Year 6 SATs are the week beginning the 9th May and Year 2 are the week beginning the 16th May. I know you will want to support your children so there are some suggestions below:

Please try to avoid late nights during SATs week

- Talk about the SATs and tell them to try hard and put as much effort in as possible it is their time to shine, as a school we will also be saying the same, and it always makes a bigger impact if we do this together
- Keep encouraging daily reading whether your child reads on their own or if you read together. Discuss the books, the characters, the storylines and encourage your child to express their own opinions on the book. This is important to their long term development as well as SATs tests
- Play mental games when you are on the way home whether you are walking or driving. Playing card games, Uno, Monopoly and dominoes all help with Maths. Whereas games like hangman, Boggle or Scrabble will support with literacy
- Try to make sure your child has some fresh air when they come home from school on test days

The most important thing is to give your child lots of praise, the best praise is when you tell them how hard they have worked or tried. If they feel they have not got a good score in their practices, the important word here is 'yet', they haven't got a good score yet!

As always, we have celebrated a wealth of 'good' work in our assembly this morning and we even had some lovely singing. Our children work very hard and I hope you could see this in their work this week.

As a school and a community, we are planning to hold a celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on the afternoon of Friday 27th May. More information will follow but we plan to have a lovely celebration with afternoon tea and some sporting activities for the pupils. We hope you will be able to join us.

Have a wonderful weekend

Sophie McCabe Executive Headteacher

CALENDAR

2/5/22 Early Bank Holiday

10/5/22 Buddhism Educational Workshops (All Years)

Tuesday 16th – 17th May 2022 Wild About Rivers Programme (KS2)

21/6/22 or 28/6/22 Sports day TBC (weather depending)

> Monday 4th – 8th July 2022 Forest School trips

18th & 19th July 22 KS2 - Harbour Youth project

20/7/22 EYFS– Teddy Bear Picnic

21/07/22 Last day of Term - School finishes at 1pm



Swimming sessions will now take place on Tuesday & Thursday each week as of 3rd May 22

Please note the following timetable

Reception & KS1—Tuesday 1.00pm

KS2—Thursday 9.00am

ATTENDANCE

Whole School - 98% Nursery – 100% Reception – 98% Year 1 & 2 – 98% Year 3 & 4 – 100% Year 5 & 6 – 95%

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Fajitas & Rice	Roast Turkey Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Pork Sausage Hot Dog & Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers, Chips & Tomato Sauce
Tomato & Vegetable Pasta	Cauliflower & Cheese Bake	Vegan Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	Cheese Pasty & Chips
Coleslaw Sweetcorn	Carrot Cabbage	Sweetcorn	Peas
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

SMART CERTIFICATE WINNNER



Certificate Winner this week is Shane for trying really hard with his writing and reading. Well done!

Rosie produced some excellent writing independently Parker wrote about significant people



Years 5 & 6 produced some wonderful Tibetan artwork



Emily & Jonah with some

super Tibetan Art

Misha put in lots of effort in preparing for her play



MATHS

Jack, Hunter, Harley & Sophie all showed improvement and progress with arithmetic and long multiplication







We said a fond farewell today to Miss Wilson. We will all miss her and can't wait to meet the little one sometime soon..... Watch this space!

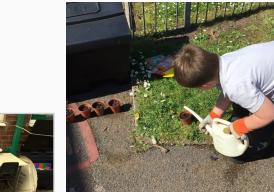






Nursery have loved being back at school. They have enjoyed the beautiful weather this week, although it was great to have some shady areas to cool off in!

Reception have been planting beans. Will there be a giant at the top of the beanstalk?





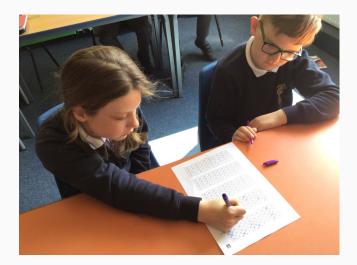




Year 5 & 6 have been enjoying playing a factors and multiples game this week. Ask them to draw a grid of numbers 1 to 40 and give you a game.

Watch out though as some of them are clever and play strategically and may well beat you!

The game is a great way to revise factors, multiples, prime numbers and make them think!





KS2 SATs start on Monday 9th May 22



Year 6 have got work to complete over the weekend and it would be great if you could please encourage your child to complete this and keep reading on Reading Plus too.

Year 6 are superstars but they do need to keep working hard in order to show off all their knowledge and skills.



POSITIVE QUOTE





Parent Showcase Event

Thank you to all of the parents, carers and family members that were able to come and spend some time with us. The children really enjoyed showcasing their work and learning environments.

Keep your eyes peeled for the date of our next showcase event!

