



THORNHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL



Friday 17th June 2022

WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGE

We have so many experiences to look forward to this term. Starting with Sports Day, which is taking place on Monday 20th June for our EYFS pupils and on Tuesday 21st June for pupils in Reception to Year 6, this is weather dependent - fingers crossed for a lovely afternoon! The events will start at 1.30pm and we ask that if you are able to join us that you arrive at school for 1.15pm.

Please also look out for details of our Thornhill has Talent event on the 7th July, which will be a popular, fun night showcasing children's talents that they may not have ordinarily have got to demonstrate at school and please save the date Friday 15th July for a Leavers Assembly invite.

Year 1 children have just completed their phonics screening checks. I know Mrs Gray and Miss Byrne are super proud of the effort the children have put in. They are superstars one and all and they work incredibly hard. My thanks go to Mrs Gray and Miss Byrne for all their hard work and to the children for their brilliant effort.

Our Year 4 pupils have been completing their multiplication tests this week and they have tried so hard, as a school we understand the importance of our children being strong mathematicians and the value of being secure with timetables, our children are always eager to do their best and they all deserve a huge pat on the back, and thanks to all the staff for supporting.

As always it has been another fun and hardworking week in school. It really is a pleasure to work here and work with our wonderful pupils and amazing staff.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our expectations regarding attendance, we do expect pupils to have an attendance record of 95% or higher and this provides children with the best chance of success.

Sophie McCabe

Executive Headteacher

ATTENDANCE MATTERS *ALL DAY, EVERY DAY*

A whole year has **365 days**, a child's school year has **190 days**.
This leaves **175 days** for family time, visits, holidays and appointments.

0% absence =	5% absence =	6% absence =	10% absence =	15% absence =	20% absence =
No days missed	<u>10</u> days missed	<u>14</u> days missed	<u>19</u> days missed	<u>29</u> days missed	<u>38</u> days missed
190 days of learning	180 days of learning	174 days of learning	171 days of learning	161 days of learning	152 days of learning
100%	95%	93%	90%	85%	80%
Very Good		Concern	Serious Concern		
Best chance of success and gets your child off to the best start.		Less chance of success as it makes it harder for your child to progress.	Your child will find it very difficult to make progress. Ultimately this may lead to court action. A child who has an average of 80% attendance misses a whole 2 YEARS from school.		

ATTENDANCE

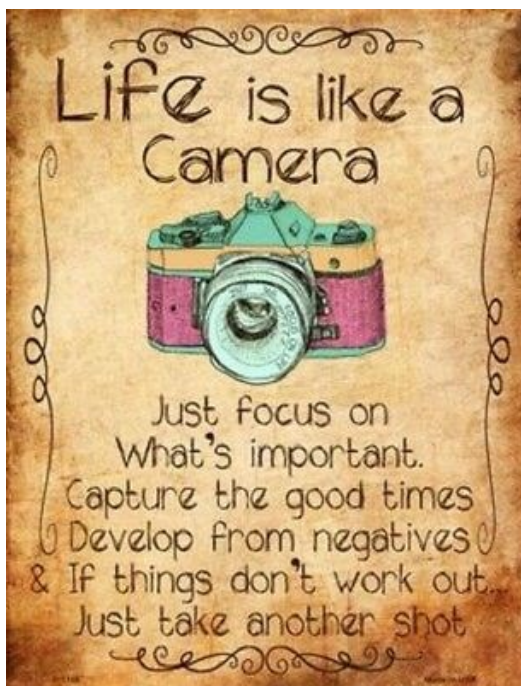
Whole School - 96%

Reception – 98%

Year 1 & 2 – 98%

Year 3 & 4 – 98%

Year 5 & 6 – 91%



CALENDAR

20/6/22

EYFS Sports Day

21/6/22 or 28/6/22

Sports day (weather depending)

22/6/22

KS2 Whitehaven Cricket Tournament

29/6/22

KS1 Visit South Lakes Safari Zoo

Monday 4th – 8th July 2022

Forest School trips

7/7/22

Thornhill's Got Talent Final

18th & 19th July 22

KS2 Harbour Youth project

20/7/22

EYFS Teddy Bear Picnic

21/07/22

Last day of Term - School finishes 1pm

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

GOOD WORK ASSEMBLY

SMART CERTIFICATE WINNERS

KS1 – Elliot for blowing us all away with his fantastic reading ability.

Year 3/4 – Lewis for careful reading and critical thinking.

Year 5/6 – Jack for putting 100% into his assessments this week.

All of Reception for exceptional effort this week!



KS1 – Elsie wowed us all with her amazing effort in her Phonics screening. Harlow showed us her impressive directional skills using the points of a compass.



Year 3/4 – Misha displayed some impressive programming skills.



Year 5/6
Jack S & Devon have put a fantastic effort into their assessments and improved their scores from September.

Year 5/6 - Jack C, Noah, Theo and Eleanor impressed us with their writing skills and impressive vocabulary in their newspaper report.



EYFS

Thank you to the Reception parents/carers who attended the phonics & reading session on Thursday

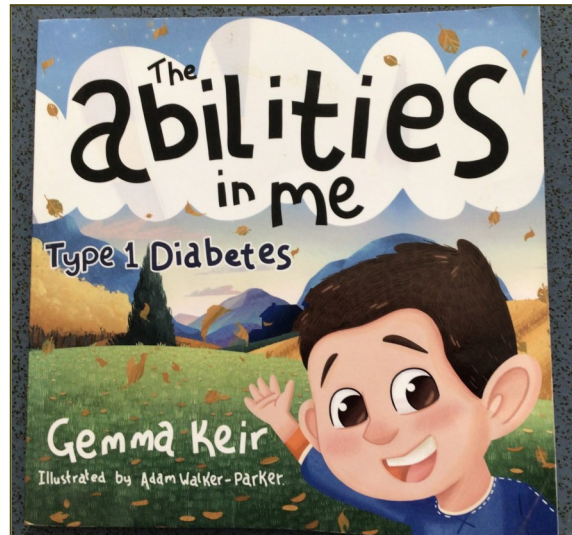
Diabetes Awareness Week

Our nursery pupils have read this story about Type 1 Diabetes.

To find out more about the exciting plans for awareness week visit

<https://www.diabetes.org.uk/diabetes-week>

You can find all the resources



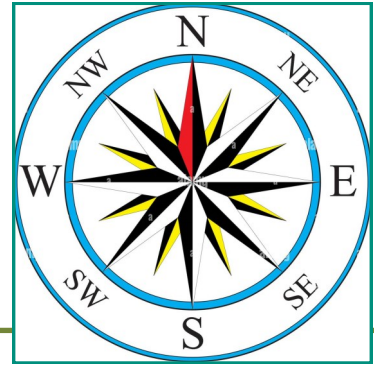
This week in nursery the children have enjoyed building shelters for their jungle animals. They have been learning all about the different patterns that have too, and how they are all different just like us!

The children have a real interest in numbers have enjoyed playing games with staff to order numbers, hide number and find numbers. As part of our jungle topic, reception have been learning to classify animals based on what they eat.

Why not ask your child about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores!



KS1



This week KS1 got to enjoy some Spring sunshine during their Geography lesson. We were talking about the points of a compass and figured out where North was from the playground. Using this we came up with directions using North, South, East and West to different parts of the playground. The children did a great job!



KS2 RUGBY

On Friday 10th June, our year 3 & 4 girls took part in a rugby tournament at Wath Brow. The tournament was a mini world cup and we were representing Tanzania. We made flags and wore face paint to get into the spirit of the event.

Our girls had 7 matches and tried their best in every game. We were 4th. Well done Tanzania!





Free online counselling support for young people!

Kooth is a Free, Anonymous and Safe Online Mental Wellbeing Community for young people aged 11-18, within the local area. They provide a range of services to support young people's wellbeing with well trained and qualified counsellors who are available until 10pm each night, 365 days per year.

Whilst your child may not need or use the service we are ensuring all children are aware of provision in the area that could assist them now, in their transition to secondary school or in the future.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss what Kooth can offer, please speak to school who will be able to answer your queries.

If you would prefer to speak to representatives from Kooth directly, please email the Kooth team parents@kooth.com

Year 6 Transition

Y6 attended a webinar this week about transition ran by Kooth.



Your free, safe and anonymous online mental wellbeing community

Whether you are looking for advice or simply aren't feeling your best, Kooth offers a range of features and tools to support you.

Magazine Helpful articles, personal experiences and tips from young people and our Kooth team.	Chat with the team Chat to our helpful team about anything that's on your mind. Message us or have a live chat.	Discussion boards Start or join a conversation with our friendly Kooth community. Lots of topics to choose from!	Daily journal and goal setting Write in your own daily journal to track your feelings or emotions and reflect on how you're doing.	Mini activity hub Select from a growing menu of fun, therapeutic and useful activities.
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How to sign up

- 1 Head to **Kooth.com**
- 2 Click on the **'Join Kooth'** button on the homepage.
- 3 Choose your **area** and **location** from the drop down menu.
- 4 Select the **year** and **month** you were born.
- 5 Click on the **gender, ethnicity** and **background** that most closely describes you.
- 6 Create an **anonymous username** and secure **password**.
- 7 Let us know how you found out about Kooth from the drop down menu.
- 8 Select **Next Step** to complete your registration!

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Air pollution dirties every organ in your body.
Take steps to improve your health this #CleanAirDay
cleanairday.org.uk

Clean Air Day 2022 Safe Parking Pledge 'Design A Postcard Competition'

This year the Active Travel team would like to promote Clean Air Day by encouraging parents and carers to park safely on the school run. Many families feel unsafe walking or wheeling to school due to unsafe parking, and the air pollution caused by increased congestion can have a negative impact on our children's health.

With this in mind, we are launching our 'Safe Parking Pledge' Design A Postcard Competition where participating schools will receive printed bespoke parking pledges designed by children from your school. Alternatively, schools who do not wish to take part in the competition still have the option to receive Safe Parking Pledge postcards free of charge. Please see below for more details:

<u>Option 1</u> Enter the competition to Design Your Own Safe Parking Pledge Postcards	<u>Option 2</u> Request copies of a pre-designed Safe Parking Pledge Postcard
<p>We are inviting children to design a safe parking postcard for <u>their own school</u>. A winning design will be chosen from entries from your school and printed on pledge postcards to be displayed in the windscreens of cars parked outside school to demonstrate that they are following the safe parking pledge.</p> <p>Cards will be A6 in size and we would love to see some eye-catching designs! Children may also want to include some top tips such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep our air clean - turn off your engine when you're parked! • Walk or wheel to school when you can • Park your car further away from the school gates • Include the name/logo of your school in the design. <p>Participating schools will receive a pack which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design template to share with children • Letter to parents to explain the initiative • Parking pledge letter for parents/carers to sign up to • Stamped envelope to return entries 	<p>Schools who do not wish to take part in the design competition but still want to receive pledge postcards can receive a pre-designed card to issue to parents & carers to be displayed in the windscreens of cars parked outside school.</p> <p>Participating schools will receive a free pack which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter to parents to explain the benefits of the initiative • Parking pledge letter for parents/carers to sign up to • Postcards to distribute to parents/carers who drive to school

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Be part of it!





Chat Play Share

Rhymes and songs

There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf

**There's a tiny caterpillar on
a leaf (wiggle, wiggle).
There's a tiny caterpillar on
a leaf (wiggle, wiggle).
There's a tiny caterpillar, tiny
caterpillar,
There's a tiny caterpillar on
a leaf (wiggle, wiggle).**

(Sing to the tune 'She'll be coming
round the mountain'.

Additional verses:

*He will eat the leaves around him 'til he's
full (munch, munch).*

*He will eat the leaves around him 'til he's
full (munch, munch).*

*He will eat the leaves around, eat the
leaves around.*

*He will eat the leaves around him 'til he's
full (munch, munch)*

*A cocoon is what he's spinning for his
home (spin, spin).*

*A cocoon is what he's spinning for his
home (spin, spin).*

*A cocoon is what he's spinning, cocoon
is what he's spinning.*

*A cocoon is what he's spinning for his
home (spin, spin).*

*Then he'll be a butterfly and flap away
(flap, flap).*

*Then he'll be a butterfly and fly away
(flap, flap).*

*Then he'll be a butterfly, be a butterfly.
Then he'll be a butterfly and fly away*

Younger children:

Sing the song slowly and softly to your child and use your fingers to add in actions for them to watch. See if your child follows your hand with their eyes as you do the actions. Children who are walking may like to copy actions you add in, such as wriggling on the floor (caterpillar on a leaf) or flapping arms



Chat Play Share...Other ideas you could try....

Share a story together about a caterpillar/butterfly and chat about the pictures and story. Examples of stories:

The very hungry caterpillar by Eric Carle

Ten little caterpillars by Bill Martin Jr

The crunching munching caterpillar by Sheridan Cain

Butterfly butterfly by Petr Horacek

The butterfly dance by Suzanne Barton

'The very hungry caterpillar' is one of the most read children's books ever. On the authors website (www.eric-carle.com) there are lots of activities linked to this and his other books, including a summer activity challenge.

Why not try to complete the activities together.

New experiences are great opportunities to learn new words and as focus for chatting together:

https://eric-carle.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/activity_month_july19.pdf



Some children prefer information books to stories and there are lots about the life cycle of a caterpillar or child friendly information can be found on-line. How about finding some caterpillar facts together, looking at pictures of different caterpillars and talking about their differences or helping older children to learn about their lifecycle by using the children's National Geographic website:

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/animals/insects/butterfly-life-cycle/>

Listening Game

Agree a set of actions for different parts of the caterpillar's life cycle e.g. wriggling caterpillar, flying butterfly, cocoon spinning, little egg and munching caterpillar. Put on some music (like for musical bumps or statues). When you stop the music call out one of the actions and see how quickly your child can listen and respond to the instruction.



Fun Day



Maryport Rescue & Maryport Yachting Association
Maryport Marina - Saturday 16th July - 10.00 - 16.00



LIFEBOAT DISPLAY IN HARBOUR FROM 12.00

WATER GAMES IN THE MARINA

LOCAL SCHOOLS SINGING SEA SHANTIES

MARYSCRUFF COMPANION DOG SHOW

(REGISTRATION FROM 10.00 - JUDGING STARTS AT 12.00)

**EMERGENCY SERVICES - AQUARIUM TOUCH POOL - KIDS RIDES - BOUNCY CASTLE - FAIR
FOOD & CRAFT STALLS - FUDGE - FACE PAINTING - RAFFLE - TOMBOLA - CAKE STALL
ARTISAN CHEESES - CANDLES - BBO - FRESH FISH DIRECT FROM BOATS & MUCH MORE!**



Maryscruff Companion Dog show

In aid of Maryport Lifeboat Station

To be held at the Fun Day - Maryport Marina

Saturday 16th July 2022

Registration from 10am Showing from 12 Noon



Pedigree Classes

Any Variety Puppy 6-12 months

Any Variety Sporting Dog or Bitch

Any Variety Non-Sporting Dog or Bitch

Veteran (Over 7 Years)

Best in Show – Sponsored by Knots and Tails Dog Grooming

Crossbreed Classes

Puppy (up to 12 months)

Sporting Dog

Non – Sporting Dog

Veteran (Over 7 Years)



Best Crossbreed in Show – Sponsored by Knots and Tails Dog Grooming

Above classes are £2 entry fee with rosettes for 1st 2nd and 3rd

Novelty Classes

Child Handler (up to 10 years old) – Sponsored by

Child Handler (10-16 years old) – Sponsored by

Best Rescue Dog

Scruffiest Pooch

Dog most like its owner

Most Handsome Dog

Prettiest Bitch



Excluding children's Classes entry fee for Novelty will be £1