

Thingwall Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Welcome Message:

Welcome to our first newsletter of the academic year. The summer has flown by (where did the time go?) and we are now back into the swing of what promises to be a busy but exciting Autumn Term. The following information may be of use to you...

Well Done:

Congratulations to all of our new FS2 pupils who have started Thingwall so far this term. We have been really impressed by how quickly you have settled into the new school routines. You have all been brilliant and all of the staff are really proud of you. We are sure that you will love staying for school lunches next week, starting Monday.

All of our pupils across school have started back with such hard-working attitudes and great behaviour. Also everybody looks so smart in their new uniforms too, long may this last!

Values Curriculum:

The staff have been working really hard on our Values Curriculum over the summer break and we were really pleased to launch our new Values Curriculum during our first whole school assembly last week. We will still be keeping our 6Rs as our main focus (Responsibility, Resilience, Resourceful, Reflective, Reasoning and Responsible) but we have also incorporated a monthly focus which we will launch on the first Tuesday of every month during our Viking focussed Lord and Lady Ragnar Assembly. Here are the values we will be trying to highlight and promote...

MONTH	VALUE	
	YEAR 1	YEAR 2
SEPTEMBER	Friendship and Teamwork	Responsibility and Patience
OCTOBER	Inclusion and Tolerance	Thankfulness and Appreciation
NOVEMBER	Respect and Cooperation	Bravery and Courage
DECEMBER	Thoughtfulness and Gratitude	Community and Belonging
JANUARY	Positivity and Happiness	Hope and Faith
FEBRUARY	Love and Kindness	Caring and Empathy
MARCH	Commitment and Self-Control	Questioning and Reasoning
APRIL	Peace and Humility	Determination and Perseverance
MAY	Resilience and Don't Give Up!	Honesty and Trust
JUNE	Independence and Freedom	Diversity and Individuality
JULY	Resourcefulness and Self-Belief	Reflection and Pride

As you can see, we have decided to split the Values into a two year rolling programme so that we can ensure our provision is varied and doesn't become stale. This month we are focussing on Friendship and Teamwork so please let us know if you spot any great examples of this across school.

We will also be continuing to use the Picture News posters during key stage assemblies this year as the staff and children have appreciated the topical issues that are introduced each week and have loved debating the pertinent questions that accompany every poster! The Picture News programme is tightly tied into the core British values of Democracy, Rule of Law, Liberty, Respect and Tolerance of other beliefs, religions and cultures. Many thanks to Ffion and Leo-George, our News Correspondents for keeping our resources up to date and for helping the staff deliver the assemblies.

Class Representatives:

We have held our very own General Election this week in each class and have democratically voted for our School Council Reps, our Eco-Warriors and our Ethos Reps (these are the children who look after new members of the class and who also help the teachers to promote our whole school values).

The results are as follows...

	School Councillors	Eco-Warriors	Ethos Representatives
Year One	Max and Emily	Mila and Rory	George and Harriet
Year Two	Rosa-Lee and Matthew	Layla and Jacob	Jack and Amelia
Year Three	Rhia and Elias	Eleanor and Connor	Thomas and Elsie
Year Four	Henry and Sophie	Amelie and Frankie	Alex and Isla
Year Five	Nyree and Thomas	Eve and Ben	Jacob and Jess
Year Six	Isaac and Ellie-Rose	George and Zoe	Jacob and James

We will nominate our FS2 pupils after Christmas when they have all settled in a little more.

Team Captains:

We have had a really busy week as we have also been voting for our Year Six Team Captains. These children prepared a short speech each and bravely delivered it to their teams earlier on in the week. Each team then voted in the boy and girl that they wanted to head up their team for the year. Well done to all of our children who prepared speeches, it must have been a daunting prospect but you were all very brave and presented with confidence.

Congratulations to the following Year Six pupils...

VIKINGS	*****Zoe and Owen*****
SAXONS	*****Robyn and Jack*****
ROMANS	*****Ahmed and Soraya*****
NORMANS	*****Isaac and Ellie*****

New Details:

Some of you may have changed addresses or telephone numbers over the holidays. We are now unable to send home the data collection sheets as we have done in previous years because of the new GDPR legislation. If you have changed addresses or telephone numbers please let us know by dropping a note into the School Office. Many thanks.

New Parents Welcome and MacMillan Coffee Morning:

Today's coffee morning for new parents and in aid of Macmillan was a great success. Thank you to all parents who donated delicious cakes to the cause. We haven't got an accurate total yet but at the last count we had made over £345! Keep an eye out on the POTS Facebook page for the grand total which will be released over the weekend. Thank you to everybody who helped, I'm sure this money will make a real difference to the charity.

Tuesday Biscuits:

Mrs Rees has calculated costings for our Tuesday Biscuits as we recognise that some children's parents prefer to pay in advance. The cost is £8.00 for the year. If you would like to purchase biscuits in this way please bring the correct money in a clearly labelled envelope to the School Office. Many thanks.

Medicine in School

Please note if you have brought in medicine to be given to your child in the past and not collected the medicine after the time the medicine was needed (this does not include medication that we need to keep in school for ongoing medical needs) then this must be collected from the school office by Friday 21 September 2018. If the medication is not collected we will destroy the medication on the basis that it is no longer needed.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will take place next week from 24.09.18 to 28.09.18 in the school canteen every night after school from 3:30 onwards. All welcome please come along and buy books!

Welcome to our New Staff:

We would like to extend a huge Thingwall welcome to the following new staff...

- Mrs Chisholm - our new Year Six Teaching Assistant and Midday Assistant
- Miss White - our new Schools Direct Associate Teacher who is based in Year One
- Miss Marshall - Year Four class teacher (maternity leave for Miss Arden)

Diary Dates:

We have uploaded the Autumn Term dates onto the VLE.

NB Please note that we reserve the right to add/change dates if necessary.

Tennis Opportunity:

Please see an advert below from Sue Davies, who is an instructor at Heswall Tennis Club and currently runs Tennis Club at Thingwall for our Years One and Two pupils...

WHERE: HESWALL TENNIS CLUB

WHEN: SATURDAY 22nd September - 27th October 10-11am

WHAT: LTA Tennis for Kids 4-7yrs.

INCLUDES: FREE Babolat racket and balls set + FREE tennis t-shirt + 6 week course

PRICE: ONLY £25!

To sign up online google Tennis for Kids and put in your postcode.

Celebration Corner:

This part of the newsletter is to celebrate your child's achievements outside of school. If you would like your child to appear in this part of the school newsletter please jot the details down on a Post-It and pass into the School Office.

With Best Wishes

Miss D L Cronin