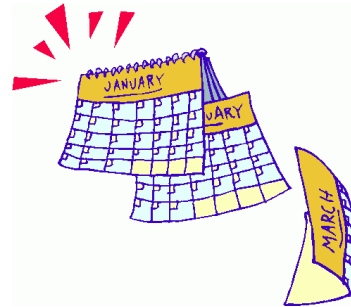


Dear Parent/Carer(s)

Welcome to the April edition of our newsletter, we hope it finds you all safe and well. It has been lovely to see everyone back in school and astonishing how quickly we have gone straight back into ‘normal mode’. Thank you to everyone for still observing our Covid rules around school, hopefully we will soon be back to 100% normality. The following information may be of interest to you...






Key Dates For Your Diary:


30.04.21	England Does The Daily Mile – see below.
05.05.21	Class Photos – Please wear full school uniform – summer or winter uniform but please remember to wear your logo jumper or cardigan.
06.05.21	Staff Development Day (Safeguarding and Developing the History Curriculum). School is closed to pupils to accommodate elections as our building is used as a Polling Station.
21.05.21	Outdoor Education Day – see section below
w/c 24.05.21	Our Coast 2 Country Deeside Schools project starts this week. All local primary schools in the Deeside area will be taking part in our second environmental project as a cluster. Details are still being finalised but we will be having another Wirral wide Litter Pick (25.06.21) and also sharing an appreciation of our surroundings with a joint art project once again.
w/c 31.05.21	May half term.
16.06.21	The Thumbs Up project visit Year Six to discuss transition and moving on.
18.06.21	Whole School Viking Day – see section below.
25.06.21	Wirral wide Litter Pick for Coast 2 Country (Please wear outdoors/sporty clothes and ensure arms and legs are fully covered. Also sunhats, water bottles and sun cream may be required if the weather is hot).
28.06.21	Year Five day visit to Burwardsley.
29.06.21	Amazing Musical Experience – details to follow.
02.07.21	Annual Reports out to Parents/Carers – This year we are trialling a new format and will be interested to collect your views.
07.07.21	Year Six Induction Day at High Schools – Please note that Year Six pupils will not be involved in any of this unless their parents have accepted their offer of a place on-line as the High Schools will not post you details of visits etc. Please accept

	your place for your child if you have not done so already. The rest of school will be involved in meeting their next class teachers for the day.
08 and 09.07.21	Fun Food Chef – see below.
09.07.21	Year Six day visit to Barnstondale (don't worry Year Six, we will ensure you visit the Fun Food Chef on 08.07.21 and don't miss out!)
13.07.21	Year Six Leavers' Party – details tbc
16.07.21	Last day of the year for pupils.
19 and 20.07.21	Staff Development Days – school closed to pupils.

WOW Days:

The children have been *so* resilient coming back to school and we have been thrilled with how quickly they have settled back into the usual routines. However, we recognise that things are not fully back to normal yet. We are still functioning in our class bubbles and we very rarely get to see each other! I was discussing this with Mr Gordon Lester, our Chair of Governors, and he suggested perhaps organising one exciting whole school day per month for us all to enjoy and help us all feel part of Team Thingwall once again. With that superb idea in mind we have therefore organised a few themed days (in addition to the above diary dates) for children and staff to enjoy...

DATE	WOW DAY	CURRICULUM LINKS
30.04.21 	Whole School England Does The Daily Mile (All children and staff can wear sporty clothes for the day) Each class bubble will complete ten circuits of the KS2 playground and complete a series of activities (hockey, dribbling balls, skipping etc) organised by Mr Roberts from Premier Sports. Thank you Mr Roberts!	PE
21.05.21 	Whole School Outdoor Education Day 2021 (All children and staff can wear sporty clothes for the day) This day is jam packed with fun outdoor activities! The Military Style Education company will be setting up an inflatable assault course on the field as well as a mega slide and soccer darts. As if this wasn't enough, Mr Roberts will then be setting up a sports day styled set of circuits around the KS2 playground where bubbles will have to work together as a team to collect as many team points as they can. The winning KS1 and KS2 classes will then get Sports Day stickers and ice pops as their prize. Other outdoor lessons will take place around school too, to celebrate the theme of the great outdoors. <i>Please note that this activity day will be instead of our usual Sports Days as we are still mindful of avoiding large crowds due to the pandemic. We will ensure the Year Six relay race gets completed and that the winning Team Captains will still be awarded the school shield.</i>	PE PSHE (Depending on the activities your class teacher plans, other subjects will be focussed on too).
18.06.21 	Whole School Viking Day (All children and staff can dress up as Vikings on this day if they wish to get into the spirit of things!) What better way to celebrate Thingwall's Viking heritage than hold an action packed history day, exploring the Vikings as Invaders and Settlers. KS1 will work with Janet the Viking to grind their own flour using a Viking quern and sample various fresh herbs. Children will then work with the staff to bake their own herby bread rolls. KS2 will welcome Prime VR Headsets and take a virtual tour around Yorvik and experience rowing a Viking Longboat across the ocean from	History Science DT Art Creative writing

	Scandinavia to the UK. As if that wasn't enough, Ed the Viking will also visit each class to make Viking artefacts, linking History with Science (Changing States of materials)	Speaking & Listening
08 and 09.07.21 	Fun Food Chef We haven't had the Fun Food Chef at Thingwall for many years so we are really excited to welcome Pat back into school for a two day gourmet experience. We will be focussing mainly on reinforcing healthy diets and reminding children about the importance of the balanced food plate.	PSHE DT Science Speaking & Listening

2021 Parent Questionnaire:

We had an impressive, record breaking 122 responses to our survey earlier on this year which is great news as, not only is it incredibly useful to our school self-evaluation, but it will form part of our evidence base when our next Ofsted Inspection occurs (we are due any minute!)

Overall, there were 122 responses, representing 151 pupils and 73% of the whole school population.

We were able to identify which year groups the responses came from (see below) and this year, Year One had the most responses which meant that the Year One pupils enjoyed an own clothes day as a reward. Well done Year One and thank you to all those who took the time to fill in a survey – we really appreciate your views.

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTALS
21	28	19	21	21	23	18	151

Mrs Gresty-Helliwell (one of our marvellous Parent Governors) has helped us to analyse the survey responses and identified things that we do well and ways forward. She has produced a comprehensive Power Point report for the Governors and we hope to upload it to the school website very soon for your perusal and we aim to go into more detail about your responses for our May newsletter. Thank you everyone, your support means a lot to us as a school.



Kindness Project:

Some of you may remember when we welcomed Paul Field into school in the summer of 2019 to work on our whole school Happiness Project. This was a great success and culminated in us being only one of two Wirral schools to be awarded the Art Of Brilliance Outstandingly Happy Award. We have kept in

touch with Paul ever since and he has always enjoyed commenting on our successes and our commitment to the pastoral side of school life via Twitter. We were thrilled when Paul got in touch with ourselves and Heswall Primary once again to ask if we would be willing to trial a brand new Kindness Project for the Art Of Brilliance organisation. We are so proud that out of 7.5 billion people across the whole world, Year Three at Thingwall and Year Three at Heswall are the first classes to experience this exciting new project! Therefore for the remainder of this half term, Mrs Mitchell and Year Three will be working very closely with Paul on becoming the kindest versions of themselves that they possibly can be. This will be a very enjoyable task for them as they are SUCH a kind class already. The project involves Year Three seeing kindness as a gift to be appreciated and shared by all. So far they have unwrapped the first two of seven gifts of kindness...

GIFT ONE – Being kind to yourself

GIFT TWO – Being kind to your future self



They will be meeting Paul virtually this week to unwrap the third gift of kindness and we are all very excited as to what this gift might be... watch this space! At the end of the seven week project Year Three will have become Black Belts in Kindness and this is when the fun REALLY starts as they will be tasked with rolling out the Kindness Project across the whole school! The Happiness Project was a real success and we have every reason to believe that the Kindness Project will be just as popular and useful across school. Well done year Three and Mrs Mitchell, we look forward to you sharing your gifts of kindness across the whole school! 😊



Celebration Corner (Or HUGGS – Huge Unbelievably Great Goals)

This part of the newsletter is to celebrate the wonderful things your children achieve at home. If you would like your child to appear on our monthly newsletter please contact the school office with your reasons! ☺

All of Year Three: Well done Year Three you have made a super start to your kindness project with Paul – we are very proud of you and know you will be fabulous at leading the rest of the school in kindness! ☺

Best wishes,
Mrs Evans