

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the start of the new school year, we hope you have all had a wonderful break. A special welcome to our new FS2 class, we have been very impressed by the way you have happily walked into school every day; it's like you have been here forever and you have settled in beautifully. We hope that you were very proud of your whole class Lord Ragnar certificate that was presented to you in last Friday's assembly!



### **Eco Flag Status:**

We are thrilled to announce that we have been awarded our Green Flag Eco status for the fourth cycle in a row, in recognition of the hard work and dedication of last year's Eco Warriors who were supported by Miss Yardley. Well done to all who got involved in rewriting our Plastic Pledge, class assemblies reinforcing the importance of saving our planet, making recycled ocean creatures, recycling cat food pouches and Tassimo coffee pods, saving water and everybody who learned to sing P.L.A.S.T.I.C. during assemblies with Mrs Mitchell.



### **Diary Dates:**

Please see this year's diary dates on the Arbor platform. You may notice that we have not uploaded the dates onto our school website this year, as has been our usual practice in the past. This is for safeguarding purposes and the Arbor calendar can now only be accessed by Thingwall families for Thingwall pupils, which is much safer. Mrs Lewis has ensured that the holiday dates and INSET dates are still recorded on our website calendar, thank you Mrs Lewis.



### **Arbor:**

Many thanks for all your hard work and support in setting up your children's Arbor accounts with Miss Clucas and thank you for bearing with us as we have ironed out the teething issues. The system is far more efficient and we are already reaping the benefits from the streamlined approach. Thank you to all of the parents who have contacted us to respond to our positivity Lord Ragnar emails; we are thrilled to have another effective communication tool!



### **Year Six Team Captains:**

Congratulations to the following Year Six pupils who have been democratically elected as Team Captains for this coming year. They gave their election speeches during last week's assemblies and the whole school were bowled over by their confidence, persuasive ideas and their total commitment to their teams. Well done children!

Romans	Vikings	Saxons	Normans
Benji Poppy	Jack S Jaxon	Paige Violet	Charlotte Ozzie



### **Roles and Responsibilities:**

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded Head Boy/Girl and Deputy Head Boy/Girl. We are sure that they will make a huge impact in many areas of school life and they are already very excited to be collecting Good Work Assembly names for the Arbor messages to parents, co-ordinating the Harvest Festival donations for the Charles Thompson Mission and representing Thingwall Primary on the MAT Eco Council. Thank you children, we have no doubt you will really make your mark on Team Thingwall!

Head Boy	Head Girl	Deputy Head Boy	Deputy Head Girl
Kyle	Millie	Henry	Mollie



## International Dot Day:

Last week, we were pleased to take part in the world-wide annual International Dot Day, enjoying a day of sharing our hopes and aspirations for our future careers. We had lots of in-depth discussions, researching professions and deciding on skills, qualifications and personality traits we might need to help us achieve our aspirations. Our next step will be to try to seek out parents/carers who may be willing to come in and talk about their professions later on this year.



## Class Monitor Roles:

Congratulations to the following children, who have been democratically elected to the following class monitor roles...

	School Council	Eco Warrior	Ethos Rep
FS2	River Evelyn	Michael Clara	Isabelle Henry
Year One	Betty Tilly	Vincent Jack C-M	Penny Freddie
Year Two	Scarlett Daniel	Nova Harley	Betsy Jacob
Year Three	Emily B Elliot	Oscar Leila	Emily L Bea
Year Four	Kalea Evelyn	Elsie M Leo Zach	Zach Michael
Year Five	Harry Lucy	Isla James	Mia Clark
Year Six	Jack S Oliver	Ozzie Sofia	Kyle Henry



## **£10 Enterprise Challenge:**

Last year's £10 Enterprise Challenge was a great success, with each class raising money for their nominated charities. We raised over £200 in total, with each class donating to the following causes...

FS2 – Tam O'Shanter Farm

Year One – British Heart Foundation

Year Two – FairTrade Foundation

Year Three – Alder Hey Children's Hospital

Year Four – WaterAid and UK Whales.org

Year Five – RNLI

Year Six – MacMillan Nurses



## **Thank you:**

We always encourage Thingwall pupils to “Be the best that they can be” and it is lovely when our families go above and beyond to help reinforce this approach. We would like to say thank you to the following parents/grandparents...

Mr MacPherson and Mr Parry – Thank you to both of these parents, who worked really hard to coordinate the recent upper key stage two football trials with Miss Yardley. We appreciate all of the help you have given us so far with football training and are very grateful for the future support you have offered.

Mr Holton (Jack Y5) – Many thanks to Mr Holton, who recently donated some white card to school. Thank you so much, we will make very good use of this in our art/DT lessons.



## **Reminders:**

Finally, just a polite reminder about the following...

-We do not allow dogs onto the school premises, unless they are service dogs.

-Please do not cycle/scoot whilst on school premises as we have had several near misses recently.

-The infant and junior Trim Trails are not currently safe to use. Our marvellous POTS are saving up to help us renovate them but until then, we would advise you not to let your children use them. They are quite slippery and repairs need to be done to both Trim Trails.

-The external gates are not opened until 3.15pm every day to keep our school as safe as possible. PE lessons are often happening up to this time and it would not be safe to open up the access and egress points.

...Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation.



## Celebration Corner (© R HUGG) - Huge Unbelievably Great Goals!



This area of the newsletter is so we can celebrate children's achievements outside of school. If you would like your child to appear in this area of the newsletter, please let the school office know with the relevant details.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

With Best Wishes to you all

Mrs D L Evans