



Thursfield News

Friday 24th January Edition



Our Weekly Affirmation: 'It's okay to be yourself!'

Dear Parents and carers,

Headteachers Message

This term continues to be an exciting one at Thursfield, with a rich and varied curriculum inspiring our pupils across the school. In History, the children have been fully engaged in their learning, exploring various periods of time including: The Great Fire of London, the Mayans and The Tudors. It has been wonderful to see their increasing knowledge as they delve deeper into these historical periods.

Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 continue to use the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds programme to develop their phonics knowledge. A strong foundation in phonics is critical. And I am proud of the hard work of both our staff and pupils in this area.

In Maths, we continue to focus on the fluency of number facts and times tables, helping pupils build their speed and accuracy in mental arithmetic. A special thank you to our Year 4 parents who attended the recent information-sharing event. Your involvement and partnership are key to ensuring our children feel supported and encouraged in their learning journey.

Finally, as you are all aware, Thursfield was inspected by Ofsted this week. We look forward to sharing the inspection report with you once it is published later this term.

Thank you for your continued support- it plays such an important role in the success of our school.

Warm regards,
Mrs Bradbury



The Book Bus is Coming to Thursfield!



We're delighted to announce that The Book Bus, a mobile bookshop filled with over 300 high-quality and affordable titles, will be visiting Thursfield on **Friday, 14th February!**

Here's what to look forward to:

- All-day access for pupils: Children will have the chance to explore the bus, discover exciting books, and enjoy being read to onboard.
- Community access: The bus will remain parked at the community centre car park until 5pm, so families can drop by after school.

Make the most of the day!

- Books will be available to purchase directly from The Book Bus.
- The PTFA will host a stall from 3-5pm, offering hot drinks, snacks, bookmarks, and sweet cones.

It's a wonderful way to celebrate the joy of reading - we hope to see you there!



City 7's Initiative

On Tuesday, we were thrilled to welcome Stoke City to Thursfield! They visited to share information about the Stoke City 7's - a fantastic supporter initiative aimed at Year 2 and 3 pupils across the city.

As part of this program, parents can claim free tickets for the Stoke City vs. Swansea match. Don't miss out! The final day to scan the QR code (emailed to all parents) and secure your tickets is **Monday, 12th February.**



Let's cheer on Stoke City together!

KEY DATES JANUARY



- Wednesday 29th:** Year 5 and 6 football
- Thursday 30th:** RSPCA assembly & class workshops

FEBRUARY

- Tuesday 4th:** Year 5/6 Netball League (Keele University- 12pm-3:30pm)
- Wednesday 5th:** KS1 Phonics Workshop @9am
- Wednesday 5th:** PTFA Valentines Disco (KS1 3:30 -4:15) (KS2 4:30-5:30)
- Monday 10th:** Parents E-Safety Workshop 5-5:30pm
- Monday 10th:** Year 5/6 Football League- Chesterton Community College- 4pm-5:30pm
- Wednesday 12th:** KS1 Great Fire of London Workshops - Information will be emailed out to parents.
- Wednesday 12th:** Kingsgrove Dodgeball Yrs 5 & 6 (Kings High School 1pm - 3pm)
- Wednesday 12th:** Mrs Bennett and Mrs Keeler's Parents Evening
- Friday 14th:** Book Bus Visiting

Half Term - Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February
Monday 24th: Children Return to School

Tuesday 25th: Young Voices

MARCH

- Wednesday 5th:** Year 3/4 Kingsgrove Dodgeball
- Thursday 6th:** Girls Football Tournament @Keele
- Thursday 6th:** World Book Day
- Tuesday 11th:** Year 5/6 Netball League
- Wednesday 19th:** Parents Evening
- Friday 21st:** Comic Relief
- Monday 24th:** Year 3/4 Football League Game
- Tuesday 25th:** EYFS Mothers Day Workshop @9am
- Wednesday 26th:** KS1 Mothers Day Workshop @2pm,
- Monday 31st:** Year 3/4 Boys Football League Game

We will keep you informed of any changes to the above events and further information will be emailed out to the relevant classes/children regarding certain events.

THANK YOU!

Year 6 Booster Sessions



Just a reminder that sessions run every **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday** from **8:00 AM.**

Date for your Diary!

Sports Day!
Wednesday 18th June

KS2: 9AM
EYFS & KS1: 1:45PM

Weather Permitting!



YEAR 1 PHONICS PARENT WORKSHOP

We are excited to invite you to a Year 1 Phonics Workshop on:

Wednesday, 5th February at 9:00 AM

This workshop is a great opportunity to:

- Learn about the Phonics Screening Check your child will complete in the summer.
- Discover ways to support your child's phonics learning at home.
- See how phonics is taught in the classroom with your child.

There will also be plenty of time for any questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing you there!

CLUBS

Clubs will be available to book via Arbor during the first week back- they commence the second week back.



PARKING REMINDER



Thank you for working with the school, police and council regarding parking around the school.

We truly appreciate your support in keeping our school safe for our children, staff and families.

DON'T MISS OUT!

E-Safety Workshop

e-safety parent workshop

We are pleased to invite you to our ESafety Parent Workshop on **Monday, 10th February, from 5:00 PM to 5:30 PM.**

This session will provide valuable resources and tips to help you keep your children safe online at home. We'll cover:

- Managing screen time effectively.
- Guidance on how to talk to your child about online safety.

We hope you can join us to learn more about how to support your child's digital wellbeing.

We look forward to seeing you there!

OPAL UPDATES



Please can all children bring in a pair of wellies or old trainers

SUITABLE CLOTHING

Please ensure that your child has a coat to wear during break times and lunch times.



HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES

& HEALTHY SNACKS

As a school we promote healthy snacks and lunches. Please ensure that your child is bringing a healthy snack to school please.



All snacks and lunches are ordered via Arbor.

WATER BOTTLES



Please can all children bring a water bottle to school as we are currently providing too many of the single use plastic cups.

Can't wait to see you there!

CLASS OF THE WEEK!



Year 4

For their hard work connected to their Maths - Fractions Work.

GOLDEN BOOK WINNERS

Theme- Following our School Rules

RB - Archie S.
RKT - Theo H.
Y1M - Thomas L.
Y1/2R - Henry S.
Y1/2B - Tommy H.

Y3TA - Freddie E.J.
Y3/4R - Ramsey L.
Y4W - Sebby H.
Y5P - Theo S.
Y5/6B - Cole T.
Y5/6O - Autumn G.

Well done!



ATTENDANCE

Well done to RB

100%

for achieving 100% attendance last week!

FACEBOOK PAGE



Thursfield has a Facebook page. The purpose of the page is to provide parents with a window in to the school day. To join search Thursfield Primary School.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please visit our website for information regarding school policies including mobile phones and attendance. You will also find information regarding our curriculum.



ARBOR



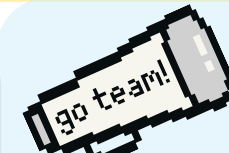
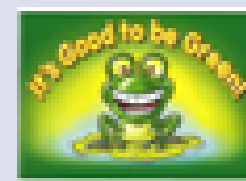
Please remember to update your personal details in Arbor if there are any changes. It is essential that we have multiple contact details for each child to ensure smooth communication.



Additionally, you can adjust your photo permissions through Arbor at any time.

GOOD TO BE GREEN WINNER

Ellie B.



HOUSE POINTS

DOULTON - 1,120

MOORCROFT - 1031

BRIDGEWATER - 951

WEDGWOOD - 926

LET'S GO!

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

Name: Callum

Trainee Education Mental Health Practitioner

All About Me

Hi, I'm Callum, from the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) working within Thursfield Primary School.

I am an Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP) and my role involves supporting young people and their families with mild to moderate mental health challenges using Low Intensity Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (LICBT). Together we work to identify and address difficult emotions and feelings.

I work in partnership with the school's Mental Health Lead to deliver a whole school approach to mental health; this includes educational workshops, groups, and training to reduce the stigma of mental health and improve outcomes for the whole school community.

Our Core Offer

I support pupils with:

- Worry Management
- Anxiety
- Panic Management
- Low Mood
- Sleep
- Problem Solving
- Exam Stress

If you would like to know more, please speak to Mrs Bradbury or email: mhstnquiries@combined.nhs.uk

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HEALTH & FITNESS APPS

Physical wellbeing apps are useful tools for monitoring and improving our health. They allow us to balance nutrition, set goals, track our activities and sleep patterns, and motivate us to exercise. Nonetheless, there have been some reported drawbacks to this guide outlines some of these concerns and explains how to use fitness apps safely.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- LACK OF PERSONALISATION**
Many fitness and wellbeing apps fail to collect a user's personal information to tailor their content, including name, location, date of birth, details of their physical health and more. It's worth keeping in mind that some of these apps may well be shared with parents. Be it a parent that only signs young people up to use the app, or a parent that signs up for their own use, it's important that they are aware of the risks of sharing their data with others.
- NOT DEVELOPED BY EXPERTS**
Some fitness and wellbeing apps are developed by people in the fitness industry, rather than by experts in health and wellbeing. As such, these apps may contain inaccurate information, they may not be based on evidence, and they may not be designed to support the needs of young people. It's important that you check the app's developer information and look for any other such activities. Research has found that young people are more likely to use apps that have been developed by experts, such as those from the NHS or other health professionals.
- REDUCED INTERACTION WITH OTHERS**
Physical wellbeing apps can reduce the social interaction that young people have with their friends and family. As such, these apps may not be designed to support the needs of young people. It's important that you check the app's developer information and look for any other such activities. Research has found that young people are more likely to use apps that have been developed by experts, such as those from the NHS or other health professionals.
- DATA AND PRIVACY CONCERNS**
Fitness and wellbeing apps often collect a lot of personal information to tailor their content, including name, location, date of birth, details of their physical health and more. It's worth keeping in mind that some of these apps may well be shared with parents. Be it a parent that only signs young people up to use the app, or a parent that signs up for their own use, it's important that they are aware of the risks of sharing their data with others.
- ADDITIONAL COSTS**
Many fitness apps are free to download, but they may have additional costs. These costs may include in-app purchases, such as premium content or a subscription to access the app's features. It's important that you check the app's developer information and look for any other such activities. Research has found that young people are more likely to use apps that have been developed by experts, such as those from the NHS or other health professionals.
- DEPENDENCY ON THE APP**
While physical wellbeing apps can help motivate young people to manage their health, there is a possibility that a young person may become dependent on the app. This is a possibility that should be considered when using the app. It's important that you check the app's developer information and look for any other such activities. Research has found that young people are more likely to use apps that have been developed by experts, such as those from the NHS or other health professionals.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- EXERCISE AND SOCIALISE**
Highlight the importance of children engaging in physical activities with friends and family, rather than always exercising alone. Encourage the fun they can have by participating with others. When using apps, the key is to use them as a tool to support their health and wellbeing, rather than as a replacement for other activities. Encourage them to use the app as a tool to support their health and wellbeing, rather than as a replacement for other activities.
- PROMOTE POSITIVE BODY IMAGE**
While we want children to be active and healthy, we must also ensure they don't become fixated on how they look and begin to think things like, 'I'm not thin enough' or 'I'm not fit enough'. It's important that you check the app's developer information and look for any other such activities. Research has found that young people are more likely to use apps that have been developed by experts, such as those from the NHS or other health professionals.
- REVIEW THE APP FIRST**
Before allowing someone under 18 to install a fitness and wellbeing app, check its age rating, read its reviews and scroll through its data policy. The specific settings and features of the app should be reviewed to ensure they are appropriate for the child's particular needs and decide if you're comfortable with them using it. Ensure that any data is being collected is being used for the intended purpose.
- USE PARENTAL CONTROLS**
As with all apps, it's important for parents to familiarise themselves with any controls on the app and to use these on a child's account. The specific settings and features of the app should be reviewed to ensure they are appropriate for the child's particular needs and decide if you're comfortable with them using it. Ensure that any data is being collected is being used for the intended purpose.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and presented online safety and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and worked with the Australian Government's Department of Education and Training to support young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

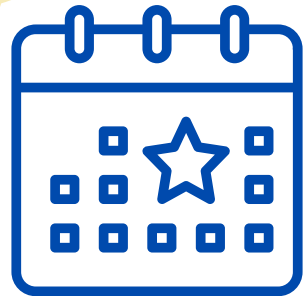
Wake Up Wednesday

The National College



PTFA

Upcoming Events...



PTFA

Received duplicate presents & don't know what to do with them?

Putting those decorations down & thinking of throwing them away?

If you have any duplicate or not needed gifts this Christmas or are swapping out your decorations for new ones, then please donate them to the school.

Please note we cannot accept any food items due to the storing of our PTFA donations. All donations to be taken to the office.

"Wear what you love" Disco

Join us on 5th February
 KS1 3:30-4:15
 KS2 4:30-5:30

£3 per child

Tuck shop available on the day

important

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTFA meeting on Monday. Your incredible support means so much to us, and we're excited to continue working together to create exciting opportunities for the pupils of Thursfield!

Thank you for your continued support!

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