

Friday 27th May 2022

WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGE

There has been a wealth of learning this week. Our young people have been developing their knowledge of the British Monarchy, looking at the life of Queen Elizabeth II and we are all excited to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee. The creativity has flowed and our window displays in Early Years and Key Stage 1 cannot be beaten!

The children have been so busy, with all of their usual lessons and swimming and Jubilee fun!

It was great to have our 'Good Work' assembly this morning and our pupils are always very supportive of one another and encouraging.

I have spent time further reviewing your comments and views from the parent survey we completed earlier in the term and have produced the table below as an update for you. We are always working to further improve the school and to develop even stronger relationships with you as parents and carers.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or I can help with anything in any way. As a reminder we also have information on our website and we are holding our parents forum on the 7th June at 5pm, we hope to see as many of you there as possible.

It has been wonderful to see many of you in school this afternoon, we appreciate your support. It was great to see so many parents at the football last week and to see you here in school this week. It has been a fun packed day with a Y6 show, sporting events, art displays and cake! Thank you for your donations, they are gratefully appreciated.

We hope you have a lovely half term, and that we all get to enjoy some sunshine. We look forward to seeing all our children back in school on Monday 6th June.

Sophie McCabe
Executive Headteacher

PARENT SURVEY RESPONSE 2022



YOU SAID, SO WE WILL....

YOU SAID	WE WILL / DO
<p>14% of you said we didn't make you aware of what your child was learning during the year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum intent statements are shared on the website • Links to curriculum referenced in the weekly Newsletter • Teachers will share the topics the children will be studying from September 2022 • Yearly over views are on the website • Links to any sites or documents that can support the children's learning will be shared with parents • Parent meetings are planned for twice a year where teachers will share with parents the work their child is doing in more detail and the progress they are making. • Pupil Showcase events will also take place twice a year from September 2022.
<p>12% either disagreed or did not know if concerns were dealt with properly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage parents to raise their concerns straight away with the class teacher either via phone call or email. • If still not satisfied then the concern to be raised with the Head who will respond as soon as possible. • Meetings face to face will be arranged to resolve any issues which may remain • School has an open door policy so parents can contact us freely when they need to.
<p>8.3% either disagreed or did not know that we make sure the children are well behaved.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We expect the highest standards of work and behaviour from all our children. • Classroom rules and school rules are shared with all children and serious incidents are recorded and logged • Serious behaviour incidents are reported to the Head and parents informed • Share our behaviour expectations with parents at the beginning of the academic year and on the website so they can be referred to if required. • We will be consulting on our behaviour policy in the latter part of the summer term.

PARENT SURVEY RESPONSE 2022



YOU SAID, SO WE WILL....

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<p>12% agreed that their child had been bullied and that the bullying had been dealt with quickly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We take any form of bullying very seriously • Deal with any bullying quickly, listening to the 'victim' and the 'bully' and deciding on the most suitable way to deal with the situation. • Contact the parents of those involved. • Interventions and support strategies will be offered to young people as needed.
<p>20% either disagreed or didn't know if the school has high expectations for their child</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers set demanding lessons and have exceptionally high expectations for the children. • We will review the nature of our challenges and intensify where necessary. • We will share expectations at the beginning of the year and at regular intervals via the newsletter and website. • We will review our approach to rewards and awards.
<p>20% disagreed that they would recommend the school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offered meetings and opportunities to come forward and share their reasons why they feel this way • Establish a school council to input on the leadership and development of the school • Hold a parents forum to share views and thoughts and concerns and to establish a working together culture • Continue to work to improve our school even further.

ATTENDANCE

Whole School - 96.3%

Reception – 100%

Year 1 & 2 – 97.3%

Year 3 & 4 – 96.2%

Year 5 & 6 – 91.6%

**may your week be
filled with
good thoughts,
kind people,
and happy moments.**

CALENDAR

20/6/22

EYFS Sports Day

21/6/22 or 28/6/22

Sports day TBC (weather depending)

22/6/22

KS2—Whitehaven Cricket Tournament

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 at
1pm**

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sausage Roll & Wedges	Chicken Curry & Rice	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes & gravy	Beef Lasagne & Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers, Chips & Tomato Sauce
Tomato & Vegetable Pasta	Vegetable Curry with Rice	Broccoli & Cheese Pasta	Stir Fried Vegetable Wrap	Cheese Pasty & Chips
Peas	Sweetcorn	Broccoli Carrots	Cauliflower	Baked Beans
Carrot Cake & Custard	Apple & Raisin Flapjack	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt or Cookie	Iced Sponge	Peaches & Ice Cream

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

GOOD WORK ASSEMBLY

STARS OF THE WEEK



Eleanor

Amazing Geography work

Zac

Being the best ASC helper

Olivia & Damien

Improved approach & attitude to learning



EYFS

Our nursery children have thoroughly enjoyed the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and have been learning about the Queen and what she wears. They love her pearls and sparkly dresses and had a wonderful time playing 'Queen'

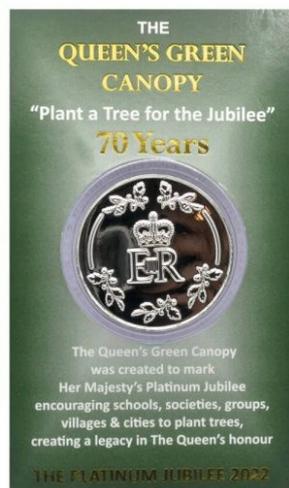
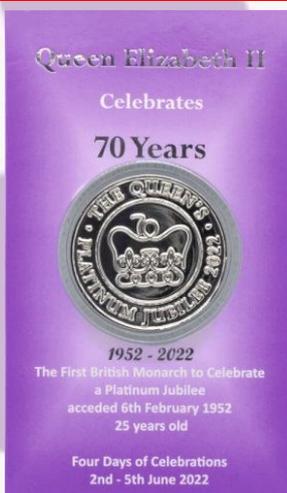


The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

THANK YOU FROM US ALL

Friends of Thornhill presented each pupil with a personalised Thornhill Primary School commemorative cup which includes the official Queen's Platinum Jubilee logo and on the reverse the Queen's official EIR Cypher and the dates 1952 – 2022

The Parish Council presented each pupil with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee commemorative coin which have the official logo design to the front. The back is detailed with the Queen's EIR Cypher surrounded by a decorative leaf design representing the Queen's Green Canopy, the initiative to commemorate the Queen's 70 years reign where groups around the country are invited to plant tree's creating a long lasting lifetime legacy.



CUMBRIA BOOK BUS



Our children loved visiting the library bus on Monday afternoon and as always the excitement of choosing whatever book they wanted from the library 'Tardis' was brilliant. The children loved it!

They are all really looking forward to reading the books they have chosen.

For more free resources head online to access books, eaudiobooks, digital magazines, comics and newspapers see link below:

https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/libraries/online_resources/onlineresources.asp



MORE NEWS...

There was much excitement on Friday when the children welcomed Miss Wilson and new arrival Sofia.

Mum & baby are both very well and Sofia was definitely a hit with the children (& staff!).

Congratulations!



We received lots of entries for the Art & Craft competition. We will share more pictures and the winning pieces after half term.

The nursery children have had a wonderful Jubilee week. They each made their own crowns and created a lovely window display to commemorate this special event.



KS2

Some children got up very early this week and ran a mile with Gary McKee before the start of the school day.

Gary is a true inspiration and is running a full marathon EVERY DAY this year to raise money for Macmillan and Hospice at Home. He was delighted to run with Thornhill children and thanked them for joining him.

It made us all realise that if Gary can run a marathon a day and still work a full-time job then we can definitely achieve whatever we set our minds to.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cumbria-61058651>



KS2

SNUGGLE UP WITH A BOOK

Sometimes, it's just the best feeling to snuggle down and enjoy the simple pleasure of reading a book!

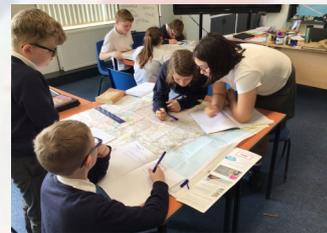
Some more photos from last weeks 'snuggle up with a book' day.



KS2

KS2 have been practicing their grid reference skills this week.

They have used OS maps of West Cumbria to write down the grid reference of different places including lakes, towns and villages. They discovered how 6 figure grid references are more precise than 4 figure ones.



KS2 enjoyed a science session with real scientists this week. The children are currently studying solids, liquids and gases and the experiment they conducted really brought to life the differences between the 3 states of matter and what chemical changes are reversible and irreversible.

Ask your child what happened during the experiment and what is meant by reversible and irreversible.

