



THORNHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL



Friday 10th June 2022

WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGE

I hope you had a wonderful time celebrating the Jubilee. We certainly enjoyed our school celebrations and really appreciated so many people attending our event. On Monday the children all brought home a Jubilee mug which they received from the Trust which was a lovely gift.

I would like to take this opportunity to share our congratulations to Mr. Johnson, our CEO as he has been awarded an OBE in the Queens Birthday Honours list for services to education, this is such a fantastic achievement.

It has been a busy week as always; our Year 1 pupils have been sitting their phonics screening assessments and our Year 4 pupils are preparing for their multiplication assessments. Our Year 6 pupils are working on their extended writing and all lessons are focused and pupils are working incredibly hard.

We held our parents' forum this week, these will take place termly and the minutes are attached to this newsletter and will be shared on the website. Thank you to everyone who attended and for sharing your thoughts and views.

I received a lovely email this week from a member of the public recognising some of our pupils for their positive attitude to life outside of school and for being fantastic members of the community and helping to collect litter and taking care of our local area. We really do have amazing children.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our uniform expectations, these are shared on our website - [.School Uniform – Thornhill Primary School – West Lakes Multi Academy Trust](#)
Please be aware that all children, boys and girls, are required to tie hair up when it is long enough to do so. This is for both health and safety reasons and to look smart and ready for school. Children should not have patterns cut into the hair, or their hair dyed either wholly or partly and our policy states that the minimum use of guard 2 (6mm) and children should not have tram lines or designs in their hair. On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, but children must be able to remove earrings by themselves. The wearing of any form of make-up is prohibited, this includes nail varnish. Any children wearing make-up will be asked to remove it immediately. This also applies to temporary tattoos. If you have any questions in relation to this please do not hesitate to ask.

Have a wonderful weekend

Sophie McCabe
Executive Headteacher

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 1pm

"Laughter is timeless.
Imagination has no age.
And dreams are forever."

ATTENDANCE

Whole School - 94.5%

Reception - 96%

Year 1 & 2 - 93%

Year 3 & 4 - 96%

Year 5 & 6 - 90.5%



SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat Balls in Gravy & Mash Potato	Spaghetti Bolognese	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Sausage, Chips & Tomato Sauce
Macaroni Cheese	Vegetable Bolognese	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta	Vegi Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers, Chips & Tomato Sauce
Mixed Vegetables	Green Beans	Carrots Peas	Cucumber Rainbow Slaw	Baked Beans
Flapjack	Orange & Cinnamon Cookie	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Station or Jelly	Chocolate Brownie & Chocolate Sauce	Apple, Cheese & Crackers
Freshly cooked jacket potatoes / Fresh Bread / Fresh Fruit / Daily salad selection				

Parents Forum Meeting Minutes – 07.06.22



Present	S. McCabe C. Murray D. Hawley
1. Welcome and Introductions	
<p>SM Thanked parents for attending. It was explained that SM as Executive Headteacher would lead the sessions. Colleagues will join as appropriate or required in relation to the agenda. Colleagues were introduced.</p>	
2. Guidance and Procedures	
<p>The aims of the forum were clarified as listed below: · Work together to improve the education provided for our children · Share information, knowledge and skills · Further improve communication between parents/carers and staff/governors Any parent/carer is welcome to join any parent forum meeting, and parents can attend meetings in relation to their availability. The forums give parents an opportunity to meet regularly and share views on what the school is doing well, and suggest ideas of how things can be improved. They provide staff with an opportunity to share/showcase developments and update parents and carers with information regarding school development. Minutes of the meetings will be shared via the newsletter and the school website. It is not the forum to discuss concerns or complaints involving individual children, families or members of staff. The parent's forums will be held termly. Items for discussion can be raised at the meeting in the AOB section; alternatively, items can be shared in advance by email to the school office.</p>	
3. Vision	
<p>SM shared her vision for the school and aims for development regarding teaching and learning and assessment. Marking and feedback was explored. The policy can be found on the website in relation to this. In addition to discussions regarding assessment, the focus linked to further improving the school and provision for our pupils. The drive is for the school to be the very best it can be. We work to ensure we foster a love of learning and all young people thrive and are motivated to make a positive impact on each other's lives. It was noted that the showcase session should be longer to enable parents to see and discuss their children's work.</p>	
4. Updates and Developments	
<p>Shared information regarding planned fire prevention work and electrical work to the building. The hall floor will be sanded at the start of July and will be like new. Discussed responses and actions from the parent survey in March 2022 and discussed the you said, we did, document that was attached to the last newsletter – 27.5.22 It was noted that the preference would be 1 questionnaire per family rather than child and that paper copies at events to be considered.</p>	

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5. Dates

Key dates for the remainder of this term were discussed:

20/6/22 - EYFS Sports Day

21/6/22 or 28/6/22 - Sports day TBC – Agreed that this would include reception children and will be reception to Year 6

22/6/22 - KS2—Whitehaven Cricket Tournament

4-8/7/22 - Forest School trips

7/7/22 - Thornhill's Got Talent Final

15/7/22- Leavers Assembly

18+19/7/22- KS2 - Harbour Youth project

20/7/22 - EYFS– Teddy Bear Picnic

21/07/22 - Last day of Term - School finishes at 1pm

AOB

Uniform - uniform expectations have been shared with parents and these have not been shared in the past, there was discussion regarding this and the reference to grade 2 reference. SM confirmed we will review the uniform policy and this will be reviewed at the next governors meeting (June 27th) and the policy will be shared with parents and will be on the website

LGB/Governors – C. Wharton attended the meeting and parents shared that they would like to have an opportunity to meet the Governors. Information regarding our LGB is available on the website. SM to invite Governors to attend the next meeting in the Autumn term

Communication – discussion regarding Facebook and current methods to communicate which include text and email. West Lakes Multi Academy Trust has a Facebook page that shares information for all 5 schools in the trust.

Good work assembly – SM confirmed that at this stage we do not plan to invite parents to good work assemblies but we will look to hold events which parents can attend on a half termly/termly basis. We have been working to move forward with this with the pupil showcase and our Jubilee event

Meals – SM to explore fish on a Friday returning to the menu, and sugar on cereals at breakfast club. SM to explore further the position regarding additional servings. Previous vegetarian option has been fish.

Contact with parents regarding an incident when child has been the receiver of poor behaviour – it was confirmed that this would happen on a case by case basis and to contact SM or class teacher to discuss this further

GOOD WORK ASSEMBLY

SMART CERTIFICATE WINNERS



Colby-Lee (Nursery) – for settling in well this week



Elliott (KS1) – for showing great effort and enthusiasm in Phonics

Alfie (Yr 3/4) – for displaying fantastic knowledge in Science



Theo (Yr5/6) – for fantastic effort



Nursery sang Incy Wincy Spider to us and showed us some of their spider craft

Ocean impressed everyone with her writing ideas
George showed fantastic effort labelling the world map with continents and oceans.



The whole of Year 1 & 2 treated us to a rendition of the Continents song.



Carson & Emily read some of their fantastic narratives to us they have been working on.

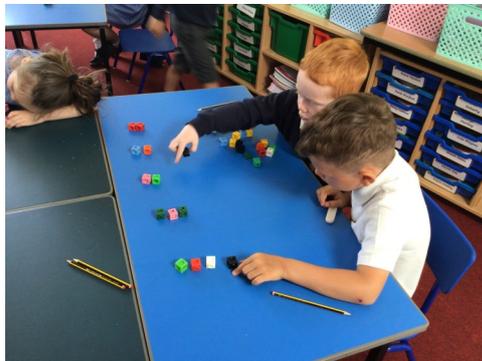
Jake & Tyler blew our socks off with their impressive spelling



KS1 Maths

This week the children have been working hard on their Division skills in Maths. We have been learning about what 'equal' means and how we can use this to create groups to solve a division question. So far we have done lots of hands on work and shown our working out through diagrams in our books.

Well done Year 1 and 2!



Children's Art & Craft Competition Winners



Congratulations to the winning entries of the craft/art competition held to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2nd and sponsored by The Thornhill Village Association.

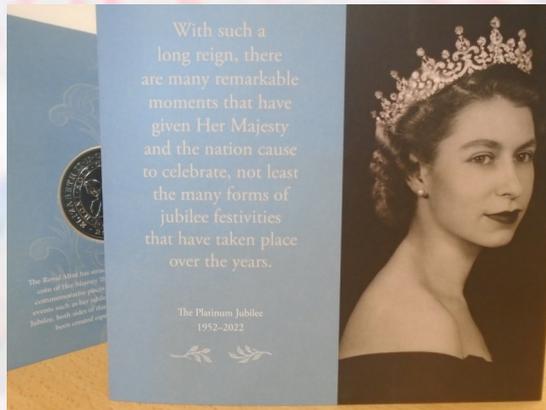
Each winner was presented with a Platinum Jubilee £5 Coin by the committee as a lasting keepsake of this momentous occasion.

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!

ISABELLA

CRAFT WINNERS

POPPY



ARTWORK WINNERS

MISHA



JACK

ELEANOR

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Thank you to all who attended the schools Jubilee celebrations. There was a wonderful atmosphere and it was a joy to be able to welcome the community back into school for the celebrations.

The Year 6 children entertained a large crowd with their Jubilee pageant performance and thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.

Well done!



Cumbria Healthy Start scheme



Eligible families in Cumbria are being encouraged to apply for free vitamins and help with the cost of food and milk as part of the Healthy Start scheme.

The Healthy Start scheme has two elements to it:

Support with the cost of food

The first element is a prepaid card worth up to £8.50 per week to spend on fresh produce such as cow's milk, fresh, frozen, or tinned fruit and vegetables, infant formula milk and fresh, dried, and tinned pulses.

To be eligible for the Healthy Start prepaid card, you must be more than 10 weeks pregnant or have parental responsibility for at least one child under four years old, and be in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Child Tax Credit (but only if your family's annual income is £16,190 or less)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Pension Credit
- Universal Credit (but only if your family earns £408 or less per month from employment)

You're also eligible for the Healthy Start scheme if you're pregnant and under 18, even if you do not receive any benefits.

Free vitamins

The second element offers free vitamins to pregnant women and mothers for up to six months after birth (if breastfeeding or dual feeding) as well as vitamin drops for children up until the age of four. Vitamins for pregnant women will initially be distributed by Midwives and Health Visitors during their early visits.

All families in Cumbria with children under the age of two will be able to collect 8 weeks' supply of children's vitamin drops from many community venues (see list of available community venues below) across the county- and it can be a different venue each time you need to pick up a new supply. Families with children aged between 2-4 years will be able to collect theirs from the same community venues using their Healthy Start pre-paid card.

To apply for the healthy start prepaid card, visit the [NHS website](#). You can also find out more about the Healthy Start scheme on the [Healthy Start website](#).

If you're struggling with the rise in the cost of living, visit cumbria.gov.uk/costofliving to find out how to access a range of advice and support.