

THOMAS A BECKET INFANT SCHOOL

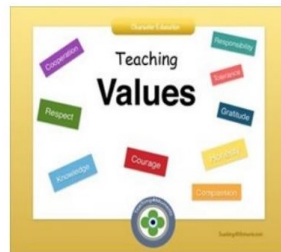
NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024



Welcome to what is proving to be rather a chilly Summer Term! We are pleased that we have been able to get out on the field now it has dried out a lot, but are still dodging rain showers, so please make sure your child has a coat with them every day. We have lots of exciting activities and trips coming up this term, so please keep a look out for letters and updates about these as they come out.

We are also very proud of our TASC Force children who spoke really confidently with some West Sussex advisors who visited this week to review our Safeguarding practices. They were very knowledgeable and able to talk about all aspects of how to keep safe both in and out of school.



Our assemblies for the first half of this term are focused on developing children's understanding of British Values. We have talked about the 'Rule of Law' and why they are so important, not just in school, but in life. We had a good discussion about what democracy means and again, why it is an important part of life.

Monday 22nd April was Earth Day. I was so impressed that the children knew so much about David Attenborough and also why we need to take good care of our planet. There are some lovely videos on line that we watched to remind us all of how amazing the world we live in is!

Late Arrivals

Please note that school start time is 8.50am and children should be in school by this time.



We have noticed an increase in the number of children being dropped off late in the mornings recently.

We appreciate that there are some mornings that don't go to plan and this results in a late drop off on odd occasions.

It is so important that the children are in school on time so that they start the day well. It is an added pressure on the Office Team, Teaching staff and the children themselves when children are late.

Internet Safety

We have had an increase recently of children mentioning social media and You Tube. Please be aware that there are age restrictions on all apps of this type.



We have also had conversations with our children about being aware of who they are 'talking' to when using certain gaming apps. It is really important that we keep an open dialogue so they learn how to stay safe online and know who to talk to if they see something unsuitable or are made to feel uncomfortable

Playground Equipment

Can we please remind parents that the playground equipment should not be used before and after school. This is to ensure the children are kept safe. The number of children using the equipment at this time cannot be restricted and can lead to accidents.



Many thanks

Football Tournament

On the 24th of April, Miss Burling and Mrs Daniels took 12 Year 2 children to a football tournament. They played an incredible 42 minutes of non-stop football (in their league), showing endless amounts of determination, resilience and perseverance. At the end of each game, our TAB children shook hands with every team they played against showing teamwork and excellent sportsmanship! Our Blue Team came 6th overall and our Red Team got through to the semi final, coming out as winners of their league by a mile. Not only that, but they were unbeaten and didn't concede a goal the whole time! Our Red team, with so much support and cheering from parents, siblings and our Blue team, fought hard in the semi final and were successful with their win, meaning they had got through to the final. At full time in the final, it was 0-0 and both teams decided to play an extra 2 minutes extra-time to decide an overall winner. Miss Burling said she had never seen a group of children collaborate, work so hard and not give up than this Red Team did in the final. We scored twice in the final and won 2-0 coming out as well-deserved **CHAMPIONS** of the whole tournament. The children earned themselves a gold medal each, certificates and a Trophy that will spend time in every class to celebrate the incredible achievement! Our TAB children represented our school so brilliantly and everyone should be so proud of them. Miss Burling and Mrs Daniels certainly are. A big shout out to our parents and staff members for their support on the sidelines too!





Dance Time 2024

On March 28th we took part in a huge dance show at the Pavilion Theatre called Time to Dance. It was established to celebrate all the wonderful dance that is happens in schools across Worthing. We selected 18 children across Year 2 to take part. They came to rehearsals every week and together we created the most amazing dance to a song called 'Ugly Heart'. Most of the children had never done anything like this before and lots of them were a bit scared about dancing on a big stage with hundreds of people watching them but they were AMAZING. The performance went brilliantly with everyone remembering the moves and smiling through it too!

Well done to Lois and Francis from Octopus Class, Theo G, Emma and Ella from Dolphin Class, Mille, Grace and Fatou from Manta Ray Class, Nellie, Alex and Heather from Turtle Class, Rufus, Abby, Alfie and Juno from Seahorse Class and Paige, Maisie and Anabella from Starfish Class.





FABS

We wanted to say a huge thank you to all of you for the amazing amount of money raised for 'Get Your Move On'. You and your children all moved a great deal over the Easter holidays to raise: £2626.66

Thank you to our dedicated FABS Co-Chairs Anna, Karen and Gemma for the time and commitment they give to their roles and all they do for us as a school and also a big thank you to all the other FABS members!

Staffing Updates:

Just to update you about some recent staffing news. Firstly, Mrs Hannah Ifould has left TAB Infant to start a new role working for a charity organisation. We thank Hannah for all her dedication to our school community and support to parents/carers. We are also saying goodbye to Jane (Chartwells), who works so hard every day to coordinate and prepare over 500 meals for our children! She has gone 'above and beyond' for everyone and we will miss her. Thank you!





Congratulations to the following children who have completed 50 'reads at home'

Bram—Ladybird

Amelia - Owl

Eden—Ladybird

Eloise - Owl

Isla - Owl

Jake - Owl

Lily - Owl

Congratulations to the following children who have completed 100 'reads at home'

Alice—Rabbit

Benjamin—Badger

Poppy—Beetle

Mabel—Rabbit

Rex—Squirrel

Rebecca—Beetle

David—Rabbit

Arthur - Owl

Aria—Ladybird

Lenny - Owl

Thomas—Ladybird

Lexie - Owl

Ruby—Ladybird

Orla— Owl

Mollie—Hedgehog

Zara R - Owl

Annabelle—Hedgehog

Heather—Turtle

Adanna—Hedgehog

Monty—Starfish

Rosie—Turtle

Jax—Ladybird

Nellie—Turtle

Jude—Ladybird

Ezra—Turtle

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved 200 reads at home

Abby—Seahorse

Rivers—Seahorse

Cameron - Owl

Rufus—Seahorse

Juno—Seahorse

Marley - Owl

Abi—Hedgehog

Lottie—Seahorse

Remi - Owl

Afaf—Hedgehog

Lyra—Badger

Livvy - Owl

Rueben—Hedgehog

Arthur—Squirrel

Alex - Owl

Ethan—Hedgehog

Paige—Squirrel

Freddie - Owl

Felix—Turtle

Courtney—Squirrel

Doug—Ladybird

David—Beetle

George - Owl

Arlo M—Hedgehog

Eily—Beetle

Rosie—Hedgehog

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved 300 'reads at home'

Isaac—Hedgehog

Sophie—Squirrel

Jaxon - Owl

Jesse—Seahorse

Eily—Beetle

Leo - Owl

Grace—Squirrel

Izzy B—Hedgehog

Jessica - Owl

JJ C - Squirrel

Liam - Owl

An extra special well done to Beth in Seahorse and Alex in Turtle who have both completed 800 reads at home. Poppy in Badger class has completed 600, Cleo in Squirrel 500 and Mya and Rowan in Owl class who have both completed 400 reads.