

St. Thomas' C.E. Primary School

Newsletter

10.05.24

A note on worship...

Respect



'When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.'

Luke: 24: 50-51

Thursday 9th May was Ascension Day, an important day on the Christian calendar. It is the day when Christians remember Jesus leaving the Earth to go and live in Heaven with God. In our worship, we talked about all of the instructions we have to follow from our parents, teachers and family members. When we are children it seems like we are forever following instructions. As adults we are also led by instructions.

Before Jesus ascended, he met with his disciples and gave them a clear set of instructions to go out and tell everyone about God.



Stars of the Week



**Gosia, Ernie, Lillie S., Poppy, Austin, Freya, Amelia F.,
Grayson, Myles, Lily B. and Alex**

Well done to you all!

Events for the Week

Beginning

13.05.24

Monday

Year 6 SATs Tests (am)

Guitar lessons

Tuesday

Year 6 SATs Tests (am)

Keyboard, strings and woodwind lessons

After school rounders for years 4, 5 and 6

Wednesday

Year 6 SATs Tests (am)

Brass Lessons

After school multi-skills for years 1 and 2

After school cricket for years 5 & 6

Thursday

Year 6 SATs Tests (am)

After school athletics for years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Friday

Our School's Got Talent semi-final

Sapphire class whole class brass lessons

From the office...

- Please order schools dinners by midnight on Sunday. If you have not ordered a school dinner for your child, **please send them with a packed lunch** to ensure that they get something they will eat.

Year 6 Test Week

The year 6 children are sitting their end of key stage 2 tests next week.

They have all worked incredibly hard to make amazing progress. Whatever the outcome of the tests, I am proud of every single one of them, they have tackled the difficult work head on and are ready for next week. At the end of the day, these results will not affect their future and are just a snap shot in time.

I hope that all of the year 6 children put down their books this weekend and go out and have some fun in the beautiful weather that we have been promised.

Keeping Children Safe Online

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Can Learn from the OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2024

Each year, Ofcom – the UK’s regulatory body for communications – produces an overview of children and parents’ media experiences over the course of the previous year. At the time of writing, the latest of these reports, ‘Children and parents: media use and attitudes 2024’ has just been published, and we’ve plucked out some of its most thought-provoking findings regarding online safety.

ONLINE LIVES

- 99%** of 8-17s had regular access to the internet
- 65%** of 13-17s prefer short videos to films and TV
- 34%** experienced harassment or bullying online
- 11-18s** felt more confident communicating online (71%) than in person (53%)
- 87%** of 8-17s felt pressure to be popular on social media

SCREEN TIME

By children’s age group, the percentage of parents who felt less able to manage their child’s screentime were ...

Age Group	Percentage
3-4	34%
5-7	32%
8-11	37%
12-15	46%
16-17	49%

POPULAR PLATFORMS

Most used by children ...

Age Group	Platform	Percentage
Under-12s	YouTube	89%
	WhatsApp	37%
	TikTok	35%
	Snapchat	27%
	Instagram	22%
Over-12s	YouTube	88%
	WhatsApp	82%
	TikTok	78%
	Snapchat	73%
	Instagram	69%

ONLINE GAMING

- 68%** of children played video games online
- Who did these children most commonly play with?
 - 74%** played with someone they know
 - 32%** played with strangers

PARENTAL CONCERNS

The things that most commonly worry parents and carers about their child being online include ...

- 77%** seeing age-inappropriate content
- 70%** being harassed or bullied
- 68%** seeing pro-self-harm content
- 62%** having their data gathered by companies
- 59%** being influenced by extreme views
- 55%** having their reputation damaged
- 51%** being pressured to spend money

ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

- 93%** 8-17s had at least one lesson about online safety
- 93%** of children are aware of at least one thing they can do to stay safe online
- 91%** children found these lessons useful
- 78%** of 8-17s were aware of age restrictions for apps
- 40%** admitted to faking their age to bypass these limits

DEVICES MOST USED TO GO ONLINE

Age Group	Device	Percentage
3-4s	use tablets	67%
5-7s	use tablets	77%
8-10s	use tablets	73%
11-15s	use phones	95%
15-17s	use phones	97%



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: nationalcollege.com/guides/media-use-and-attitudes-report-2024

Outdoor Activities for *mindfulness*

www.thepathway2success.com



Gardening



Taking a Walk



Blowing Bubbles



Watching Wildlife



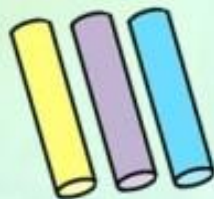
Watching Clouds



Going on a Scavenger Hunt



Mindful Breathing



Drawing with Sidewalk Chalk



Reading Under a Tree



Walking Barefoot

Activity Round-up

Thursday was a very busy day for school. Our school choir took part in the music festival, competing against other school choirs. Our choir did us proud and finished in **first place** with a score of 94 out of 100. Over the past twelve months our choir has gone from strength to strength, growing in numbers. Well done to Mr G. and all of the children who took part – you are amazing!

A group of year 3 and year 4 children had a very early start, leaving Newhey at 8.00am to travel to the home of Lancashire County Cricket team to take part in a tournament. Schools from all over Lancashire took part, including a school from Lancaster! The children had a fabulous day and were pleased to see Tom, our cricket coach. After a full day of playing cricket in glorious weather, the children finished in **3rd Place!**

Our final event of the day was a water polo tournament. Children from year 4 and 5 took part. None of the children had experienced water polo before. They put up a good effort, scoring goals against all of the competitors (some with prior experience). Unfortunately, despite their best efforts, the children finished in 5th place (out of 5 teams). However, the children showed **great sportsmanship** and had a good time – they would all like to try it again!

A huge well done to all of those that represented our little school this week – their behaviour, effort and sportsmanship was exemplary.

Maddie, Pippa, Oscar, Elliott, Maisie, Matilda, Neave, Scarlett F., Chester, Teddy, Christian, William, Esme B.W., Ellie, Freddie, Gosia, Hattie, Anna C., Hector, Anna F., Martha, Taron, Hugo, Holly, Brady, Oliver M.W., Iris, Katie, Noah, Effie, Hope, Elsie Th., Codie, Emily, Evie, Zac, Lillie S., Sacrlett H., Isabella, Oliver H., Charlie, Ernie, Thomas, Ethan and Paddy.

Bingo Night

Given the upcoming Schools Got Talent night on 7th June, the PTA have decided to merge the bingo night with this event and therefore next Friday's bingo night will not go ahead. The Schools Got Talent night is always a great family night and the PTA hope to make it bigger and better with a few games of bingo alongside our amazing children showcasing their talents. Tickets will be on sale soon, but we hope that a lot of you can come and support our fantastic children and the school and raise some much needed funds.

Dates for the Diary...

Monday 13th – Thursday 16th May – Year 6 SATs week

Friday 17th May – Our School's Got Talent semi-final (in school)

Monday 20th May – Sapphire class visit to the Imperial War Museum North

Tuesday 21st May- Friday 24th May – Bikeability for year 6 children

Tuesday 22nd May – Rounders tournament for year 5/6 children (after school)

Thursday 23rd May – Ruby class to the music festival

Friday 24th May – Share Our Work afternoon from 2.00pm

Friday 24th May – school closes for half term holiday

