

**St Thomas CE (VC)  
Primary School  
Newsletter  
14<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Diary Dates:**

- Sports Day (Provisional date) Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June
- Summer Fayre Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July
- SEND Offer event Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July



*Today a parent told me today that she forgets to read this newsletter*

*and especially this section. I promised I'd give her a mention to encourage her to do so!* 😊

**Head Teacher's Message**



This week we moved away from our usual collective worship and instead were treated to a Samba Drumming workshop with Katie @rhythm stick. It was big and noisy but the children seemed to love it. They were energised and joining in with enthusiasm. All the pupils were complimented on their attitudes to learning. There is more to school than Maths and English and this session reminds us all of the joy that creativity and the arts can bring to pupils.

**Collective Worship**

On Wednesday during our singing assembly we welcomed members of F.O.S.T in to say THANK YOU for their hard work and dedication to our pupils.

**FOST**

FOST would like to thank everyone who took part in and collected sponsor money for our Wacky Olympics. We raised an amazing **£3035**, although money is still coming in! With the money we have raised this year we have bought Beebots and stationery for school and contributed to all the trips that have taken place.

Our next event is the Summer Fayre on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter giving information about our Big School Bake off.

**School Council**



School Council have been talking about our safety when traveling to and from school and when being dropped off and picked up. We have talked about the United Nations Rights for Children and have discussed the right to be heard and the right to be safe. The children decided to run a competition for the whole school to design posters that encourage considerate parking and driving around school, safe dropping and picking up and not stopping on the zig zag lines, plus some other ideas. The closing date for poster entries is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Look out for the winning posters being displayed on the fences outside school in the coming weeks!

**Reception**


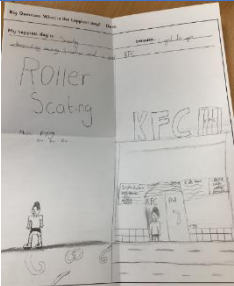




This week in Reception we have been exploring what it is like to go on a journey. Drawing maps and talking about the world around us. In the provision this week the children have worked very hard to draw their own maps of their way to school.



**Year 1**



This week Year 1 have been learning about position and direction, including left and right. They had lots of fun using the game Twister to do this.

<p>Year 2</p>	<p>Year 2 have been thinking about how they can improve the school environment for animals and plants. We decided to make a bug hotel. The children collected natural items and added them to a plant pot then we put all the plant pots together to create a bug hotel. Year 2 will keep visiting the bug hotel to see which insects have made it their home.</p>	
<p>Year 3</p>	<p>This week, Year 3 have considered our big question for this half term: What is your favourite day? It was lovely to hear children talk about the things they do as a family as examples of their special day.</p>	
<p>Year 4</p>	<p>In DT this week, we have been building and testing prototypes of simple machines. We have used these machines to then build a pyramid inspired by the Egyptians. We have loved working as a team and problem solving.</p>	
<p>Year 5</p>	<p>Year 5s have had fun learning about the different metric measures this week, which was very interesting (Someone was 185km long!!) but hopefully they have mastered it all as they head into next week's NFER Tests.</p>	
<p>Year 6</p>	<p>This week, year 6 had a visitor come to school and taught us basic first. We learnt things like how to stop bleeding and the best treatment for a burn or bumped head.</p>	
<p><b>Attendance</b>          We continue to monitor attendance and identify persistent absentees (less than 90%). We are keenly aware that there may be genuine and compelling reasons for pupil absence and the monitoring involves working with families to remove barriers and support pupils in their school attendance.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>		



**STRONGER TOGETHER**

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Are you a parent or carer of a child with SEND?

Parents of Children with Additional Needs (PCAN) and the Local Offer team presents:

# Local Offer Live

A free event bringing the Kirklees SEND Local Offer to life.

**Tuesday 9 July 2024**

10am - 6pm

John Smith's Stadium Huddersfield

Interpreter  
support  
available

Come along and chat face-to-face with providers of a range of activities and services who support children and young people with SEND. There will also be some interesting workshops on the day.

Free, accessible, on-site parking available. There is a café on-site and food vendors near by.

To find out more please visit the Kirklees Local Offer website or scan the QR code.



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 **Kirklees**  
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# DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE CROWNED A STAR BAKER ??



**Bake anything of your choice  
a whole cake, buns, biscuits, cookies, flapjack,  
brownies - everything is accepted!!**



**ALL ENTRIES TO BE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 4TH JULY**

**Prizes for the best !  
KS1 will have 3 winners !  
KS2 will have 3 winners !**

**WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE SUMMER FAIR !!!**

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