



Friday 20th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing as we break for the Christmas Holidays to recap the joys of the Autumn term and to let you know what is coming in the Spring! We have enjoyed two hook days so far with visiting speakers coming in for topics and relevant curriculum trips to support this learning. The following activities have happened already this term;

- Year R - have enjoyed their Bear hunts and making porridge, they are still not happy with Goldilocks and are on the lookout for her!
- Year 1- have begun Forest School weekly and are exploring the outdoors.
- Year 2- have enjoyed a Titanic Workshop.
- Year 3- have been to Kent Life to learn about the Victorians.
- Year 4- have been to the Science Museum in London and to Harry Potter World, as well as having a visit from a Roman Soldier in school.
- Year 5- have been to Chatham Bowling and Junkyard Golf for their team building trip, they have enjoyed an Egyptian Cartouche workshop and a Virtual Reality Egyptian Workshop.
- Year 6- have been to PGL for their residential and to the Hawthorne Trenches, as well as having a World War I soldier and a visitor to talk about the role of Women in World War II.

We have also enjoyed visits to Cozenton Park for Swimming Lessons with Year 3,4 and 5 every Thursday. Our children are becoming strong swimmers, as well as learning lifesaving skills. We have had Science Week, where all of our Key Stage 2 children had to solve a crime in the Forensic Workshops. Years 1 to 6 played along in the Rock Steady Music Assembly, where children learnt how to form a Rock Band or what instruments they can play. Some of our children have been having weekly music lessons.

We have been having success with the school football team with a number of wins, climbing the league and we also won the Silver Award in the Primary School of the Year in the Medway Sports Awards, which reflects how much PE and Sport we now offer at Thames View, including Competitive Sport. Some of our Year 5 pupils also attended Sports Crew training at the Howard School and are now officially Sports Leaders, who help to facilitate play and lunch time games for their peers.

Thames View were the runners up of Schools Environment and Sustainability Shield at the Rainham Community Awards. We also won the Green Schools Award at the Ashford International Hotel. We have also enjoyed our big Fireworks Community Event, which raised funds for school projects. We thank all of our families and community who attended and supported this event.

Our next community event is the circus, the big top will be arriving in April 2025!

We have also offered the most ever clubs over the previous terms, including dancing, table tennis, coding club, seasonal craft club, LAMDA, newspaper club, sewing club and PSA Football Club. All of our clubs have been full and watch this space for new clubs launching in term 3!

During the Christmas Fun Day, we wore our Christmas jumpers, ate Christmas dinner, had a visit to the Christmas Fayre, along with a visit to the Reindeers! as well as classes having a Christmas Party! A very festive time for all!



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I want to give you some advanced notice of some of our key dates for the Spring Term and we will continue to update our weekly newsletter every Friday with events happening in the subsequent weeks, so we don't miss anything!

- 6th January- Staff Training Day
- 7th January- Children return to School
- 8th January- Hook Day 3
- 14th January- VR Workshop for Year 1 (Space)
- 15th January- Year 1 visit to Greenwich Planetarium
- 20th January - Young Voices at the O2 London
- 21st January- Football Tournament
- 29th January- VR Workshop for Year 3 (ECO)
- 7th February- NSPCC Number Day
- 10th-14th February- Enterprise Week
- 13th February - Class Photos in School with Kittle
- 14th February- end of term
- 24th February- Back to School
- 25th February- Hook Day 4
- 27th February - Year R Theatre Trip to Tunbridge Wells to see 'Room on the Broom'
- 4th March- Year 2 Minibeasts VR Workshop
- 4th March - Year R trip to Rainham Library
- 6th March- World Book Day (NW to arrange)
- 12th March- Year 5 Trip to Horton Kirby (Rivers)
- 20th March- Year 4 Ancient Greece VR workshop
- 25th March- Year 6 Human Body VR workshop
- 28th March- PTA Mother's Day Tea
- 2nd April - Year 2 Theatre Trip to Tunbridge Wells to see 'Baddies'
- 4th April- Break up for Easter





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We continue to have a range of competitive sports fixtures coming, including the PSG and Mini Youth Games competitions, with sports including Swimming, Table Tennis and Netball coming soon. There will also be a Football Tournament for some of our football team on the 21st January. Miss Bailey will email parents when these are happening with the arrangements for pupils who will be attending.

Please keep in touch with our school social media, as we add regular updates, as well as the Newsletter every Friday, which has key dates for the school year. There will also be the next Coffee Afternoon with the Head of School on the afternoon of Thursday 9th January at 2.15pm. These sessions are always an opportunity for parents to come in and find out more about what our school priorities are and to give their feedback, which we really value. If any parents would be interested in volunteering or if any parents have never toured around the school due to previous restrictions but would like to come in, then please e-mail the office on office@thamesviewprimary.medway.sch.uk.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank one of our Teaching Assistants who has worked at Thames View for over 20 years, Mrs Inkpen. She will be leaving us today to pursue her career in social care. We would like to thank her for all of her hard work over the years and recognise the difference she has made for so many children! We wish her all the best for her new job.

We return to school on Tuesday 7th January for everyone at the usual times.

Have a lovely Christmas and a very happy New Year!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L. Rogers
Head of School



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