



NEWSLETTER

October 2021

Message from the Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

During this first term of the new Academic year, we have been delighted to welcome a gradual return to normality. Being able to invite parents back onto the playgrounds, children back in assemblies, being able to show potential new families around the school, and my favourite milestone, (so far), the return of the PTA discos! The children had a wonderful time and the Junior children, in particular really seemed to understand the huge significance of being able to join together socially, after such a long time.

Two lovely pieces of news to share with you.

- ♦ A huge congratulations to Mrs Garrett for completing the London Marathon this year, and raising over £2,300 for Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children.
- ♦ I am sure you would join the Staff and children at Thames View in sending Miss Still best wishes as she begins her Maternity Leave after the Half Term holiday.

May I wish you and your families a well deserved Half Term break and a safe return to Thames View in November.

Kind Regards
Wendy Riddington

Term Dates

Term 1 ends on Friday 22nd October

Monday 1st November - Staff Development Day

Term 2 begins on 2nd November- Children return to school

Term 2 ends on Friday 17th December.

Diary Dates for Term 2

2nd November— Individual photos—Kittle Photography

7th November— PTA—Firework Evening

19th November—Children in Need day

30th November—YR—6 Flu Immunisation Day

7th December — Y3 & 4 Carol Service in Church

10th December— Y5 & 6 Carol Service in Church

10th December— Christmas Jumper Day—NSPCC

13th December— EYFS Nativity—9.15 am

14th December— Y1 Nativity—2.00 pm

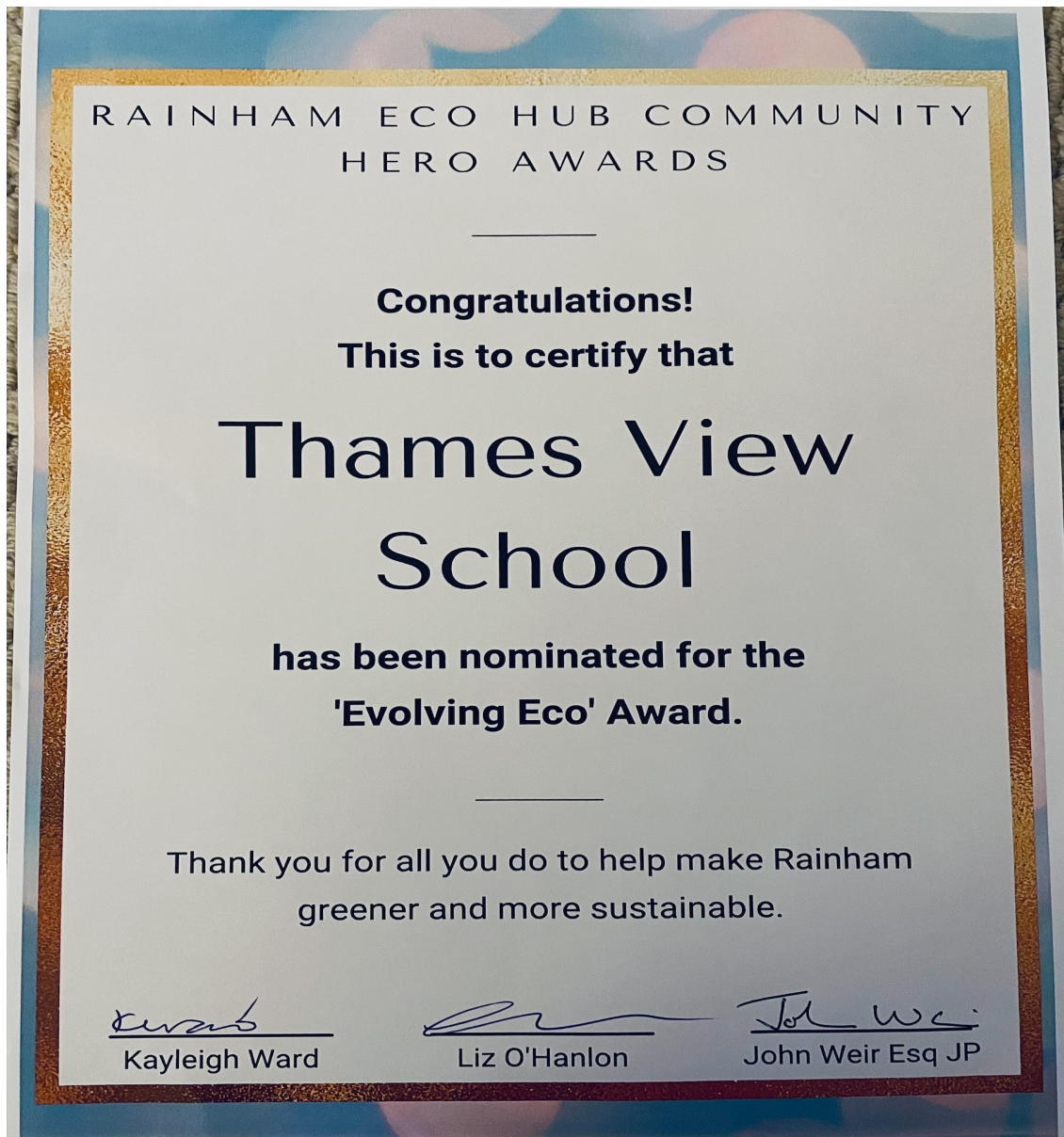
14th December— Family Trust Christmas Production

15th December— Y2 Nativity

17th December— Last Day of Term—Merry Christmas

Further details of events to follow - all dependent on any COVID restrictions.

Mrs Smart and Mrs Adshead attended the Rainham Eco Awards at St Margaret's Church on Saturday 25th September. Thames View were nominated for an 'Evolving Eco' Award. They said that it was quite an inspirational evening hearing about all the amazing things going on in our community.



During the Half Term break, do remember to hang on to your cardboard boxes and packaging, to post in the box in the Main Office reception area. (for DS Smith)

Thank you

Thank you to Spice Fusion for sponsoring our new Litter Picking Stations. These signs are currently being printed ready for use.



These are some of the bird houses and feeders that we are hoping to put up around site during the Half Term Holiday.

Parking at Thames View

Local residents have contacted us regarding families parking at school drop off and collection times. They have noticed that a number of the cars leave their engines running whilst waiting.

We would like to remind families that we need to all be responsible and take care of those around us.

You will be aware that Thames View have an Eco Squad and the school is working towards becoming an Eco School. One of the topics we have to consider as part of our application is children travelling to school in an environmentally-friendly manner. We would really appreciate your support in helping the Eco Squad achieve their goal by turning engines off while waiting to collect your children.

Please remember to use the Zebra Crossing—do not cross between cars.

Thank you for your support,



As you know, October has been 'Walk to School' month. Medway took up this challenge, as did many of the Thames View children. Mrs Smart will be calculating the overall distances travelled over Half Term and we'll report back to you in Term 2.

PTA NEWS

It is wonderful to have the PTA up and running again!

The Open Air Cinema raised £400



The Discos raised about £700!!

And everyone had a lot of Fun at both events.

A very big Thank you to The PTA and everyone who helped out on either night.

FIREWORK NIGHT – Sunday 7th November 2021

.... Gates open at 5.30pm Firework Display starts at 7.00pm Event finishes at 8.00pm



Ticket Link - <https://buytickets.at/thamesviewpta/588622>

Family - (2 adults & 3 children) - £25

Adult - £8

Children - £6 (Under 3 FREE)

Food, Drink & light-up accessories available to purchase alongside raffle tickets with some fabulous prizes up for grabs

NO SPARKLERS, OWN FIREWORKS OR ALCOHOL ALLOWED ON SITE – THANK YOU

**Please find below, information about services you may require
during the Half Term Holiday**

- ◆ Gillingham Children and Family hub: 01634 338877
- ◆ Strood Children and Family hub: 01634 335533
- ◆ Chatham Children and Family hub: 01634 338833
- ◆ Wayfield Children and Family hub: 01634 337733



These Children and Family hubs can share information on timetables, including groups that are running for families and support with food bank vouchers.

- ◆ Foodbank - 01634 757057
- ◆ Children's advice and duty line (Single point of access) – 01634 334466 (Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.)
- ◆ Out of hours support – 03000 4191919

Mental health support

- ◆ Adults: call the free 24 hour helpline on 0800 783 9111 if you need urgent mental health support, advice and guidance.
- ◆ Or call 0800 107 0160 to speak with someone from the Release the Pressure team if you're feeling stressed. You can also text "Kent" to 85258 for 24 hour mental health crisis support via text from trained volunteers.

Under 18's (Children and Young People Services or Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services) - For residents of Kent and Medway, you can call the 24 hour Single Point of Access on 0800 011 3474 (select option one, then option three)

Youth services groups can be found on this link: <https://www.medway.gov.uk/youth>

- ◆ ChildLine – 0800 1111
- ◆ Choices – Domestic abuse support – 0800 9179948

Take care of yourselves and each other