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“Every Child Every Chance Every Day”

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone had the opportunity to enjoy the lovely weather over the Easter weekend. I would like to welcome the children and their families who have started at Thameside this term. We hope you will be very happy at our school.

Congratulations to Miss Pither who got married during the holidays, the children and staff are trying hard to make sure we are remembering to use her married name and call her Mrs Russell.

Summer School Uniform

A reminder that the summer school uniform is:

- White school shirt or polo shirt (no T-shirts)
- Grey skirts, skorts, trousers or shorts (no football/sports shorts and no leggings without a skirt)
- Red summer dresses (if children still have yellow summer dresses these may be worn)
- Black school shoes or sandals with backs (no trainers, flip/flops or beach-type shoes)
- School sweatshirt/cardigan (not black, red or blue jumpers/cardigans/hoodies). Adults will encourage children to take off their sweatshirt/cardigan in hot weather.

When the children get hot outside, they often take off jumpers/cardigans and forget to pick them up. Please would parents/carers make sure they are clearly named so these can be returned to their owners.

Learning Snapshots

Before the Easter break the Year 5 class took part in a Maths challenge morning at Larkmead School. They worked in teams of three competing against children from other Abingdon Schools. Congratulations to Ben, Ellie and Suja who worked together brilliantly to get 3rd place and come away with a medal.

Learning to Learn

This term our ‘Learning to Learn’ focus is ‘questioning’. Asking questions to extend your learning is part of being a resourceful learner. The children in Years 1-5 have been introduced to this using the Roald Dahl poem ‘The Crocodile’ and are going on to use the picture book ‘Could a Crocodile Play Basketball?’. The children in KS2 have been generating their own questions about crocodiles and have been using the computers to answer these questions and to research more information.

VAT Mini-Speaks Competition

This week three of our Year 6 class represented Thameside at the VAT ‘Mini-Speaks’ Competition. They competed against 8 other teams from the VAT primary schools. Each team was made up of the chairperson, the main speaker and the person giving the vote of thanks. The children chose the topic they wanted to speak about, these included: global warming, school uniform, keeping animals in zoos, childhood obesity and the use of plastics.

We were very proud of Chloe W, Nyzal and Samirah, who presented their speech on animal rights, in front of a large audience at King Alfred’s School. The Thameside team got great feedback from the judges, who complimented the children on the content of their speech and how they had managed to include information representing different points of view as well as the delivery of their speeches which was done clearly and confidently. Many congratulations, you worked together brilliantly to prepare your speech and then did a great job of overcoming your nerves to speak in front of such a large audience.

Achievements - Week ending Friday 29th March

Stars of the Week: Congratulations to the following children who were chosen as stars of the week by their teachers last week: Year 1 – Lilly-Ann; Year 2 – Cameron; Year 3 – Chloe; Year 4 – The 14 children who attended the Vale Academy Singing Festival; Year 5 – Alesha; Yr 6 – Chris.

Writer of the Week: Minnie (Yr 1) was chosen as writer of the week for her excellent writing about the Titanic. Minnie has worked really hard to use her phonic knowledge and to include all the items on the Success Criteria.

Learning Hero: Lily W (Yr 2) was chosen as the week's Learning Hero by her class for her excellent attitude for Learning. Lily always listens to instructions and follows the 5Rs. Lily tries her best and never gives up!

Out of School Achievements:

Congratulations to Maisie (R) who took part in her first ballet performance. She showed us lovely photographs from her performance.

Lois (Yr 2) and Erika (Yr 3) were both awarded medals for taking part in the sponsored swim to raise money for Cancer research.

Chloe (Yr 2), Roxanne (Yr 4) and Wiktor (Yr 2) all took part in the Stagecoach performance of Horton Hears a Who. They did an excellent job of combining their acting, singing and dancing.

Lilly K (Yr 2) was awarded 2 medals for achieving new skills at her gymnastics club.

Yours sincerely,

A. Grice
Headteacher