



Thorn Primary School Newsletter

Our Values help us do the REST

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

AUG 2019

Welcome to session 2019/20! It was a pleasure to welcome back all of our children and families. It was apparent from the smiles and happy faces that our pupils were delighted to be back at their school. It was also apparent from the smiles on the adults faces as they left that they too were pleased school had recommenced!

I was delighted to see almost all pupils wearing the correct and agreed school uniform and I am sure you will agree they all looked very smart and ready for learning. It was very encouraging to note the support for our shirt and ties policy, thank you.

I would like to remind you that children should wear grey skirt/trousers/shorts and jumper/cardigan and **NOT** black or navy. If you have a problem in sourcing or affording these items please make contact with me confidentially and we can help you to adhere to our agreed uniform policy. I will be visiting classes and reminding the children of our uniform this week, following this I will make contact with any parent/carers who have misunderstood in order to support their children to be part of team Thorn.

The children have settled extremely well across all stages and our new Primary 1 children are confident in their new surroundings. You will have the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher on 11th of September and hear more about the class expectations, routines and homework. I hope you can join us for this.

Our newsletters aim to highlight how we promote our school vision and values with the news we share organised under the associated value.

Our Vision is 'Believe to Achieve' – we want all our children to have the confidence to learn and undertake new experiences that can help them meet their full potential. Our values help shape our behaviours that allow us to support one another in achieving our vision. They are:

Respect- for each other, our learning, our environment

Equity- we work together to nurture and give children the individual support they need to overcome any barriers to their achievement and attainment

Success- we recognise and celebrate the attitudes and behaviours that lead to success: hard work, growth mind set and perseverance

Teamwork- we work together as a school community (children, staff, parents/carers, other professionals and our local community) to help each other achieve our potential

Your child/ren will know these values well and will be able to talk to you about them.

We ask your support in promoting these in your interactions with the children and the school in general.

Thank you for your ongoing support and I look forward to working with you throughout session 2019/20.

Mrs Hart



Our new P1 pupils are settling in nicely.....



RESPECT – Respecting your views and feedback

OUR VISION, VALUES AND AIMS

Vision:

Believe to Achieve

At Thorn our Values help us do the **REST**:

Respect **E**quity **S**uccess **T**eamwork

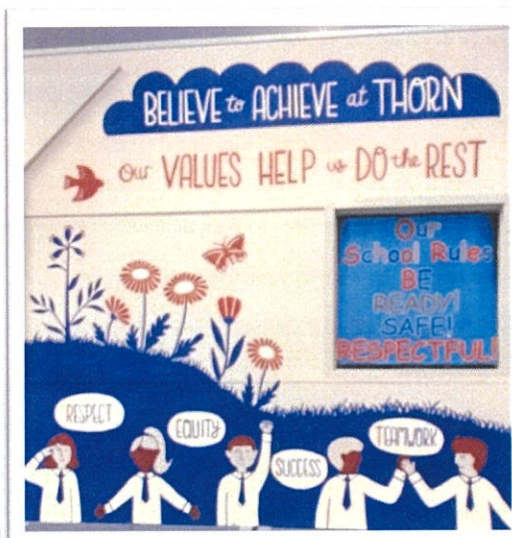
Our Aims help us to be our **BEST**:

Build respectful, nurturing relationships and partnerships that help us feel happy, be safe and achieve success.

Encourage one another to be aspirational in our learning and personal development and celebrate our achievements.

Support the development of leadership at all levels, providing high quality teaching and learning that inspires everyone to reach their potential and develops skills for future success.

To create an environment for learning that is the best it can possibly be.





Our new Rights Respecting Group



We send information through our school app. Please make sure you sign up to avoid missing any updates.

[Download Myschoolapp](#) from the App Store or Google Play

We are delighted to welcome old and new members to our Rights Respecting Schools Group.

When volunteering for the group members are expected to:

- Take the lead in developing and delivering the school's rights respecting action plan,
- Ensure that the whole school is aware of the Rights Respecting Schools Award,
- Provide a link between children and young people, teachers, senior management team and the whole school community,
- Regularly feedback to the school community about progress, including to the SMT, staff and parents,
- Prepare for the assessment by collating evidence and being able to meet with the assessor.

Last year the group were very busy presenting to the school and keeping their classes up to date with the school's action plan for Rights Respecting Schools Award. They also ran a pencil case appeal for the Buccama School in Ethiopia. The school has completed their action plan for the Rights Respecting Silver Award and will have an accreditation visit on Tuesday 24th September. This will be a great opportunity to display our great work in teaching and learning through the Rights of Child in Thorn primary.

If there are any parents that would like to join the steering group and take part in a meeting on accreditation day please contact the office.

Mrs Morrison

EQUITY

We receive funding each year from the Scottish Government to help us overcome any barriers children may have to their attainment and achievement. We consult you throughout the year in various ways to ensure we consider your views on how this money should be spent in Thorn Primary. We are pleased to be able to continue to employ Mrs Wilson, Miss Easdon, Mrs McKay, Mrs Ritchie to help support the children's learning. We are also using this money to continue to have access to our online resources: the spelling programme IDL, the reading programme Reading Eggs and the numeracy and mathematics programme Sumdog.

Our entitlement to funds and support is linked to our identified needs. To help us I would like to encourage you to apply for Free School Meals and School Clothing grants if you are eligible. We are aware that P1-3 automatically get free school lunches but we would still benefit if you applied so that your entitlement is considered in any analysis of the school profile. We are more than happy to assist you with this process if required, please just ask at the school office if you would like support.

<http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/Freeschoolmealsandclothinggrants>



Success

Sam McKay P6 took part in the British Transplant Games over the summer and came 4th in the Track and Field Event. Sam then progressed to the World Transplant games last week and won a Bronze Medal.

A Fantastic Achievement Sam!!



Johnstone Gala Day Committee recently ran a competition to design some merchandise. Will Ellerker in P7 was one of the winners.

Congratulations Will ☺



Ella Peden, Emma & Lucy Savage completed the Space Journey Summer Reading Challenge and read 6 books each over the holidays.

Well done girls!!

Please remember to notify us of your child's successes outwith school so we can offer our congratulations at assembly.

There is a tear off slip at the end of this newsletter which can be completed and returned to the school office or you can also email us at: thornenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Teamwork

We work together in many ways to help the children of Thorn but one of the most important is to ensure their safety. It is frustrating to see some parents/carers choosing to ignore the systems and procedures we try to encourage as a result of our ongoing risk assessments.

I would ask you please to adhere to the following at drop off and pick up times otherwise we will need to review parental/carer access to the school grounds:

Bin area- do not walk through bin area, this is unsafe as is an area where we store waste and is not fit for pedestrian use



Car Park- do not walk on the road area of the car park, use the footpaths at all times. We need parents to model this behaviour to avoid children assuming this is safe behaviour and consequently being injured by the heavy traffic use in the playground at this time

Please also remember no parent (unless a blue badge holder) is permitted to use the playground to park/drop off children. This also includes if dropping off/picking up in taxis.



Please provide feedback and return slip to the School Office or email:
thornenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Comments/Suggestions:

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New dates from last month in red

Date	Event/Time	Notes
06.09.19	SLT Drop in	Monthly event. 9.15 am in staff base. Join Mrs Hart/Miss Lawson and other staff members who are available for morning refreshments and a chance to share constructive feedback or muse ideas for the future.
11.09.19	Meet the Teacher	3 pm – 3:45 pm. Opportunity to see around your child's class and meet your child's new teacher.
12.09.19	Pupil Council Nominations	All nominations for pupils who would like to represent their class in the Pupil council to be received.
13.09.19	P6 & P7 Trip	Big Farewell to Oor Wullies at SECC in Glasgow. More details to follow through Parent Pay.
24.09.19	P7's Transition Roadshow	Opportunity to meet with JHS Management team in Thorn Primary School at 6pm to hear about P7's moving on to JHS next August.
27.09.19 – 30.09.19	Holiday	School closed Friday and Monday for September weekend.
01.10.19	School reopens	School reopens 9am following holiday
04.10.19	P7's Maths Event	P7 Pupils will be attending JHS for a Maths Event. More details to follow.
07.10.19	SLT Drop in	Monthly event. 9.15am in staff base. Join Mrs Hart/Miss Lawson
10.10.19	Harvest Service	For Pupils only in School. More details to following about Foodbank collection.
11.10.19	Inservice Day	School closed for pupils for Staff training.
14.10.19 – 20.10.19	School Holiday	School closed for both Pupils and staff. October week.
21.10.19	School reopens	School reopens for both Staff and Pupils at 9am following holiday
22.10.19	Open night at JHS for P7	Opportunity for both Parents and P7 pupils to see around JHS, Meet with Teachers and have an insight into subjects offered.
05.11.19	SLT Drop in	Monthly event. 9.15am in staff base. Join Mrs Hart/Miss Lawson
14.11.19	Parents Night	Parent's night. Appointments will be available from 3:15-8:30. More details to follow.
02.12.19	School Closed	School will be closed for St Andrews day holiday.

Achievement Notification, please return to the School Office or email: thornenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Child's Name:

Child's Class:

Child's Achievement :