



Thorn Primary School NEWSLETTER



October/November 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Apologies for the delay in getting our fantastic Halloween Newsletter to you. We hope it has been worth the wait!

As we move into the darker nights, we thought we would share out successes with our whole school community. Our school values are clearly evident throughout this newsletter and we hope you enjoy seeing all the photographs of the pupils dressed up.

A huge "Thank You" to our Parent Council for delivering our "Spooky Boxes" **#Equity**.

We will be updating you on your child/ren's progress this session by holding Parents Night via telephone appointments, due to guidance from Renfrewshire Council these are unable to take place face to face. Details of how to book your appointment slot will be available shortly.

Stephanie Hart
Head Teacher





The logo for "It's Good to Grow from Morrisons" is displayed on a green background. The text "It's Good to Grow" is in white, with "from" in smaller white text below it. The Morrisons logo, a stylized yellow leaf, is at the bottom.

Respecting our Environment

At the End of Sept Thorn joined the Morrison's "It's Good to Grow" campaign. With lots of help from our parents and friend we succeeded in gathering 1322 tokens which can now be converted into garden supplies. P4/5 are currently scouring the catalogue to pick supplies to improve our garden.

Our "Positive" postbox



A red, cylindrical postbox with a yellow label on the front. The label has some text and a logo. The postbox is sitting on a carpeted floor.

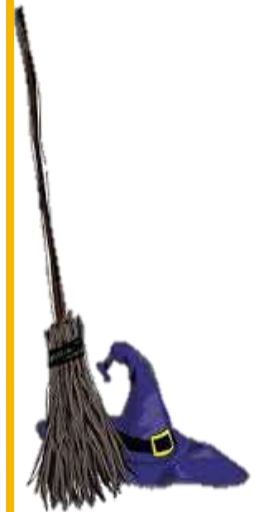
We recently introduced our "**Positive Postbox**" within the school.

Our postbox is be located within the Mensa area of the school for any parents and visitors who would like to to provide the school with any feedback on the school or staff members etc.

Our postbox may also appear out in the playground from time to time so please look out for it and leave a comment for us.

As always your feedback is greatly appreciated to help improve our school.





Congratulations!

Schools - Total Points

- 1st - Fordbank Primary School
- 2nd - Houston Primary School
- 3rd - Thorn Primary School
- 4th - Auchenlodment Primary School

Schools - Average Points

- 1st - Thorn Primary School
- 2nd - Fordbank Primary School
- 3rd - Howwood Primary School
- 4th - Houston Primary School



Thorn Primary recently took part in the "Beat the Street" event within the Renfrewshire area.

Our families were pounding the streets in sunshine and showers to gain points on behalf of Thorn PS

Due to everyone's combined efforts our school won 1st Prize on the Average Table and 3rd Prize for Total Points gained and will receive a whopping £500 to spend at Decathlon which will be a huge benefit to our outdoor learning facilities.



Thorn received a very special "Royal Delivery" from Kensington Palace. Freya Perrie in P3/4 sent Flat Stanley to spend some time with the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and received a lovely letter back to let us know what Flat Stanley done in London. Flat Stanley spent lot of time playing in the palace gardens with Prince Georae, Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis.



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PTA Sponsored Walk

All our pupils had a lovely day out for the PTA sponsored walk on the 22nd of October. Thank you to all the parents and carers who volunteered to help supervise the children on the walk. Your help is always greatly appreciated.

The PTA managed to raise a whopping £2490 thanks to all parents and families for their kind donations. This will go a long way in helping our children.



Thorn would love to say a big thank you to Mrs McGowan who has been busy knitting some fantastic "Worry Monsters" for the school.

What is a Worry Monster? A worry monster is designed to discuss and reduce worries. Children write or draw their worry onto a piece of paper and then feed it to their worry monster. Once the monster has eaten it, the worry can then be discussed and shared with an adult.




Thorn Website
<https://blogs.glow.scotland.org.uk/re/thorn/>



www.parentpay.com

ParentPay Shop:
[https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Unif
 orm/Default.aspx?shopid=875&fbclid=](https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=875&fbclid=)



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

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

email us at: thornenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk





We are very happy to welcome a new member to the Thorn Team.

Name – **Arron Dougan**

Job Title – **Active Schools & Community Club Development Officer** (Active Schools Coordinator) at Renfrewshire Leisure

About – As the Active Schools Coordinator, it is my job to provide quality opportunities for the pupils at Thorn Primary School to participate in sport and physical activity during extra curricular hours such as lunch times and afterschool! Having previously worked for Renfrewshire Leisure for a number of years as a Sports Coach, I am now thoroughly enjoying my role as the Active Schools Coordinator in the Johnstone High School cluster.

I am delighted to be working with such a great team of staff and have been enjoying my time in the school getting to know pupils and hear all about the sports and activities they take part in! I would also like to echo a massive well done to all of the staff and pupils at Thorn Primary for their efforts towards the Beat the Street programme. A 1st place finish in the average leader board and 3rd overall is really fantastic, well done!



The PTA will be holding a Christmas Hamper Raffle.

Children will have a non-uniform day in exchange for donations on **Friday the 19th November.**

All donations will be collected at the main entrance.

Raffle tickets will be on sale via the Thorn School Shop from the 19th November and winners will be drawn on the 15th of December.



New dates from last month in red

Date	Event/Time	Notes
10.11.21	P6 & P7 Trip	COP26 Science Centre
10.11.21	Book Fayre	Our book fayre arrives for one week. Children can buy during school time or order on-line between 10.11.21 and 16.11.21. The school receive a percentage of sales to boost our library in school. Or you can order online at https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/the-books
12.11.21	Wallace Red House Group	Winning house group this month so the children from this house group will be able to wear their own clothes.
17.11.21	P3/4 Trip	Trip to Vikingar at Largs. Please sign you child up via Parent Pay ASAP.
19.11.21	PTA Wear own Clothes and bring donations for Christmas Hampers	PTA are looking for donations to make up their Christmas hampers that will be raffled to raises funds. See news item for ideas. Children are asked to bring donation in return they can wear their own clothes.
19.11.21 – 14.12.21	Raffle tickets on sale for PTA Christmas Hamper	Raffle tickets on sale in Parent Pay Shop. £1 per ticket. One hamper per class then all tickets will go into the draw for remaining prizes. Shop link - https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=875
24.11.21	P1 Visit to Johnstone Library	P1 will visit the library to see around and collect their book bag.
24.11.21	Parents Night	Appointments will be available shortly for telephone calls between 3.30-6.20pm. More details will be available when final arrangements have been made.
30.11.21	School Holiday	School closed for both Pupils and staff. St Andrews Day
01.12.21	School reopens	School reopens for both Staff and Pupils at 9am following holiday
15.12.21	PTA Raffle drawn	Raffle will be drawn and all winners will be contacted to arrange collection of any prizes.
17.12.21	Panto	Hopscotch Theatre Panto online
22.12.21	Early Finish	School closes at 2.30pm due to Christmas Holidays
23.12.21 – 05.01.22	Holiday	School closed for both Pupils and staff. Christmas Holidays
06.01.22	School reopens	School reopens for both Staff and Pupils at 9am following holiday
14.02.22-15.02.22	School Holiday	School closed for both Pupils and staff February holiday
16.02.22	Inservice Day	School closed for pupils for Staff training.
17.02.22	School reopens	School reopens for both Staff and Pupils at 9am following holiday
23.02.22	Book Fayre	Our book fayre arrives for one week. Children can buy during school time or order on line between 23.03.22 and 29.03.22. The school receive a percentage of sales to boost our library in school.
01.04.22	Early Finish	School closes at 2.30pm due to Easter Holidays
04.04.22-17.04.22	School Holiday	School closed for both Pupils and staff. Easter Holiday
18.04.22	School reopens	School reopens for both Staff and Pupils at 9am following holiday

Achievement Notification, please return to the School Office:

Child's Name:

Child's Class:

Child's Achievement: