



# Thorn Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

December 2021



We have had another successful term at Thorn Primary and I would like to say a big well done to our whole school community for all they have achieved so far. Staff and children have worked very hard, supported by our families and everyone deserves the most fabulous festive period. I hope you all have time to have fun, relax and celebrate with those close to you.

We have been celebrating already, and have more celebrations planned, in school. The Tron Theatre treated all the classes to their pop up Christmas performance, we have had our Christmas Lunch and festive jumper day, class parties (including socially distanced Santa for P1 & 2) are planned, our PTA have organised a gift for each child and each class is busy preparing a short performance which will form part of Thorn's Digital Christmas Nativity. We also have our annual Pantomime which this year is a live streamed online performance of Puss in Boots by Hopscotch Theatre.

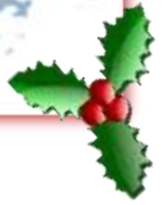
I have been particularly proud this term of how the school community has demonstrated our school value of Equity. We have worked with partners, charities, local businesses, parents and carers and homelink colleagues to compile a range of gifts, clothing and food vouchers for any of our families likely to be experiencing financial hardship this Christmas. The impact of COVID has further heightened challenges for all families but it has been very humbling to see first hand how we can all pull together to support one another and help without judgement. Please do feel free to call confidentially if you think we could assist your family in anyway we possibly can.

Last year I wrote that we looked forward to welcoming you through our doors again for Christmas 2021. While I am disappointed that this is still not the case I hope you enjoy seeing all of the school based build up to Christmas on SeeSaw and enjoy our digital performance which will be winging its way to you very soon.

From all of us at Thorn, have a very Merry Christmas and see you in the New Year for more fun and learning together!

Mrs Hart

# RESPECT



Our P6 and P7 children had a great opportunity to be part of the COP26 Climate Conference.

The children visited the Glasgow Science Centre then had a presentation and "question and answer" session on Climate Change with TV's Chris Packham.



## Our recent POSITIVE POST IT comments:



P7 - "Lovely well mannered children. A pleasure to meet them they're adorable" from NHS Vision Screening Staff

"I love Thorn Primary School, I love all the shows and activities that you organise" from Ava H P5

Mrs McLeod – Thanks for helping me with my work – anonymous

"Believe to Achieve, You Can Do It!" – Sarah A P6

A sincere "Thank you, to Mrs McKay, Mrs Boyle and Miss Lawson for helping my child" – P2/3 parent

Staff Members – "you are all the best teachers and other staff members in the whole world!" Abbie and Sarah

"A really warm welcome from Office Staff – Sandra, Education Psychologist

"Don't let others control you, be yourself! Leah P6



# EQUITY



To Angellini's Pizzeria who raised thousands of pounds to make sure no child in Renfrewshire wakes up on Christmas Day without a present.

Thorn was over the moon to be one of the eight schools within Renfrewshire who won £532. This money will allow us to support our families who may otherwise struggle this Christmas.

To win the prize schools needed to be nominated by friends and family on Angellini's Facebook page. A HUGE well done should also go to Mrs Young who did a fantastic job of drumming up nominations over the month of November to allow us to win this great prize.



Mrs Young receiving her Headteacher gold star for all her hard work!

## It's Panto Time!

(Oh no it's not..)

The children watched Puss n' Boots pantomime performed by the Hopscotch Theatre Company online last week

The whole school also had a treat of juice and crisps kindly provided by the PTA.

Laughter and good cheer could be heard ringing throughout the school.

### Attainment Clubs....

A big thank you to all the teachers who provided after school learning sessions for invited children. I am sure the smaller teacher pupil ratios will have had a positive impact on pupil achievement.

Thank you to all the parents who supported us and accommodated the children being here for longer school days!

Thank you to the children who worked very hard at the sessions

Finally, thank you to the Active Schools Staff who worked in partnership with us to get the children active too 😊

#teamwork #success #equity



SANTA CAME TO VISIT THE CHILDREN AT THORN THIS WEEK.











# SUCCESS



"Hi everyone, I hope you are all excited for Christmas and to welcome in the new year when it comes!!! I visited some of the classes this term to present some Active Schools Club Stars certificates to pupils who have been attending the lunch time and afterschool clubs in the school! However these certificates aren't just for attendance, they are for pupils who demonstrate excellent behaviour great sportsmanship and always give 100% effort no matter the activity.

These pupils were selected by the wonderful sports coaches and volunteers who visit the school to deliver these sessions. Also, well done to the pupils who received a Head Teachers Star as well for achieving 100% in block 1 of Active Schools clubs! This is a fantastic achievement and one you should be very proud of, keep it up! A massive well done to all of the awarded pupils and a thank you to the parents and guardians for your continued support of the Active Schools programme. Keep your eyes peeled on the Class for Kids site in January when the schools return for the new block of activities. Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year"

Arron Dougan

Active Schools & Community Club Development Officer



**CHRISTMAS LUNCH WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!**



Some of our P1's  
enjoying their  
first Christmas at  
Thorn





A small selection of our pupils having Christmas Lunch





# TEAMWORK



Thank you so much to all our parents and carers who pounded the street with the children to help us win Beat the Street.

The unbelievable effort from our school community saw us place on the overall points board and win the average points league.

We have just received our £500 of Decathlon vouchers and will be working with the Pupil Council in the new year to make a shopping list 😊

Well done to everyone involved.



Primary 6 have been working hard during their Friday PE lesson with Arron, our Active Schools Coordinator over the last 5 weeks to complete the Primary Play Leader Award. This award teaches pupils about key skills such as communication, teamwork, decision making and many others. P6 have been learning these skills through working in small teams to create their own tag games, relay races, dodgeball games and have been taking part in a number of communication challenges and team building activities. It has been great to see primary 6 grow from strength to strength over the last 5 weeks who by the end of the workshop were leading majority of the sessions on their own!"







Firstly.. Thank you to each and every one of you that bought raffle tickets and supported out PTA. They raised a massive £1031. The PTA are in the process of spending some of the money they have raised so watch this space for an update.

The PTA Class Christmas Hamper Winners are.....

- P1/2 – Lauren McIlroy
- P2/3 – Vincenzo Incononato
- P3/4 – Gillian Robinson
- P4/5 – Angela Mayne
- P5 – Stephanie Greenlees
- P6 – Amanda Dickson
- P7 – Linda Rae



Thank you to Ella and Freya for picking our Raffle Winners.



We managed to raise a fantastic £538.89 in sales for the Travelling Book Fair.

Thank you to everyone who bought books and stationery as we receive a percentage of the sales back to buy books for our school library.





## Other Raffle winners



Hamish McLachlan  
 Suzanne Richardson  
 Emily McLachlan  
 Dax Salmon  
 Maxine McCann x 2  
 Tracey McIlhinney  
 Miss Lawson  
 Lucas McMonagle  
 Craig Jones  
 Janette McGill x 2  
 Jorgie Allison  
 Carol Wilson  
 Lisa Mclvor  
 Lisa Docherty x 2  
 Kelly Larkin x 2  
 Kathleen Brown  
 Jennifer Sutherland  
 Owen Wilson  
 Karen Porter  
 Harry Lang x 2  
 Zac Causon  
 Erin Cameron  
 Gillian Robinson  
 Tracey Robb  
 Jake Rutherford  
 Pamela – Nicole P7  
 Caryn Peden  
 Angela Mayne  
 Caleb Rae  
 Mrs Riis  
 Joanna Byrne  
 Kai Keegan  
 Penelope Crawford



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



[www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

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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](mailto:thornenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk)



<p>To the companies who donated to our raffle</p> <p>Thorn PS would like to say a HUGE</p> 	<b>Eclipse Hair</b>	<b>Gowanlee Nurseries</b>
	<b>Harry's Fruit Shop</b>	<b>All About Flowers</b>
	<b>Marshall's Butchers</b>	<b>Hannah</b>
	<b>Beauty by Tracey</b>	<b>Shimla</b>
	<b>Hairpod</b>	<b>Elderslie Butchers</b>
	<b>Henderson's Flowers</b>	<b>Tunnocks</b>

New dates from last month in red

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event/Time</b>	<b>Notes</b>
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
01.02.22	P7 Information night JHS	Open evening at JHS for P7 7pm-9pm dependent on COVID restrictions.
09.02.22	School Photos	Classes will be split over the two days, more details nearer the time
10.02.22	School Photos	Classes will be split over the two days, more details nearer the time
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
23.03.22	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:



**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

From all the Staff at Thorn