



Dear Thorn Families,

After a challenging couple of months Spring has finally sprung! Hopefully this will be new beginnings for the whole Thorn Family as we move out of the limiting restrictions we have had to endure as a result of the COVID19 pandemic.

We haven't stagnated at Thorn through, and this term has seen us embrace more online tools with video conferencing parent appointments, refreshing our work to embed the UNCRC with the appointment of our Rights Champion Kacey and her team of ambassadors, our House Captains have further developed their leadership roles through leading assemblies, the Pupil Council leading self-evaluation with parents/carers, the reintroduction of My Time Clubs which allows all children the opportunity for wider achievement, a return to competitions for our netball and football teams, community links via our Team up to Clean Up squad and of course our continued efforts to support children's attainment through our Attainment Clubs after school. You can read more about all of these in the main body of this newsletter.

Our final term will see lots more exciting opportunities for the children and their families as we can finally gradually reopen our doors and invite you into the building! P7 are also looking forward to their residential trip as well as in person transition days at Johnstone High School. The Parent Council are busy planning events too, kicking off with a Race Night at the end of April.

As we move forward, it is important that we re-establish our high expectations for our children with regards to uniform, attendance and punctuality. Please when you are considering purchasing replacement uniform or indeed uniform for the new session in August that you adhere to our agreed policy. There are photos provided in this newsletter to clarify what our uniform is visually in order to help you. We ask that no black uniform i.e. trousers or jumpers/cardigans are worn as our uniform is grey with white shirt and school tie. Children will be asked to remove non-uniform items such as tracksuit tops/hoodies when in the building to support our school value of Equity. If your child wishes to wear a summer dress this should be blue and white check only (not yellow or red).

All children, unless with prior agreement, should be ready to enter their classroom when the doors open at 9am, please support them to do this. We want to maximise learning time to help all children achieve their potential and be successful.

Likewise, I will reintroduce formal, rigorous attendance monitoring as this has been relaxed given the impact of COVID19 on families. Once again this is to help the children and respect their right to an education.

As always, I really appreciate your support and cooperation and I look forward to seeing you inside the school as well as at the gates in term 4!

Yours in partnership,  
Mrs Hart



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# Respect

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## Children's Rights Assemblies

Kacey Cunningham, our Children's Rights Champion, and her team of Rights Ambassadors have been making lots of links between our House Captain led assemblies and the UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child) to help educate all the children about the rights they have, that everyone has rights without discrimination and who should protect children's rights (agent bearers- parents, teachers, health staff etc...).

They will be inviting groups of parents in in term 4 to share their knowledge and educate the grown ups too!



**Thornlie Bear**

having a dance in assembly

**Houston House Captains** – **Holly and Nicole** said " We did our assembly on International Women's Day and we talked about amazing women such as Mary Slessor and Jane Haining for their amazing missionary actions. We also touched upon amazing inventions by women such as the Dishwasher. International Women's Day relates to Article 29 from the UNCRC Children's Rights".

**Milliken House Captains** – **Lacey and Corey** said "Our assembly was about Children's Mental Health Week. This covers tons of articles. Lacey and I enjoyed learning about Children's Mental Health week and we learned about a lot of different types of mental health problems such as depression, anxiety, social anxiety, eating disorders and how to get help. You can get help from your doctor, nurse, teacher, adult and friends".

**Wallace House Captains** - **Matthew and Luke** said "We presented our assembly on Mother Language Day this is about Article 30. Article 30 is: You have the right to practice your own culture, language and religion or any group you choose. Minority and indigenous groups need special protection of this right. This is super important because you need to be nice to different people and all people so they can be nice back. Remember always be kind!"

**Napier House Captains** – **Carla and Lewis** said "Our school celebrated zero discrimination day because we wanted to show our respect to people who are discriminated against racism and gender for example. Zero discrimination ties in with Article 39 which is: I have the right to help if I have been hurt, neglected or badly treated."



# Equity



**My Time is back!**  
The children have been over the moon to have "My Time" back on Friday afternoons. #pupil choice #pupil leadership





# Equity..cont'd

## Happy Easter from the PTA

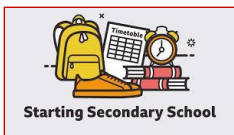
All pupils and staff were given a lovely treat from the PTA today, each person receiving an Easter Egg.. all the pupils were so excited to receive this and was a lovely way to start the holidays. A huge thank you to the PTA for organizing this.

The children also enjoyed an Easter Orienteering Challenge in the school grounds 😊



Our P7 pupils were over the moon to receive their Leavers Hoodies this week.

I think you will agree they all look so grown up and are ready for their next journey ahead in High School.





# Success



## P7 Fundraising

P7 pupils have started fundraising for their End of Year events and Residential Trip to Dalguise Activity Centre in Dunkeld, Perthshire.

A HUGE thank you to Mrs Young in the School Office who spent all her spare time recently making Macaroon to sell to pupils and parents.

With an overwhelming response they raise a MASSIVE £274.00

Well done... it was delicious!



## Pyjama Day

Pupils and Staff dressed in their pyjamas in exchange for a small donation to help fundraise for the P7's.

Another successful day which raised £215 which will be added to the great total already raised.



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)

# Teamwork



Our House Captains and Senior Pupil Council members gathering some valuable feedback about Learning and Engagement from our pupils and parents. We always value your views and opinions to help us continue to be the best that we can be at Thorn. Thank you for taking the time to contribute.

# THANK YOU

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**PTA Books**

Our PTA kindly donated funds to the school to purchase some new reading books for the school. We ordered over 700 new Big Cat Reading Books from Harper Collins to give the children even more choice. The children are really enjoying the new titles

A BIG thank you from the whole Thorn team for the generosity of our families as it is you who contribute to fundraising events that allows the Parent Council to support large initiatives like this one.



## Book Fayre

Thank you to everyone who bought a books and stationery from the Travelling Bookfayre.

We sold a total of £633.80. The school will now receive a percentage to buy books for our class libraries. Thank you to Mrs Young and P7 for organising this.



## Pupil Attendance Info

Did you know the impact of the 'odd day off' or 'lie in'?

This graphic helps families understand how time off quickly accumulates and impacts on success for children.

### Every School Day Counts



### Every Minute Counts

**LATENESS = LOST LEARNING**  
(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 Minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 Minutes late each day	19 days lost!

**Be at the classroom on time and ready to learn!**

## SCHOOL UNIFORM



In our recent visit from the photographers, we were delighted to hear from them as they commented on how smart all of our pupils looked in their full school uniform. A reminder of our uniform below.

At Thorn Primary School the uniform is:

- White short/long sleeved shirt P1-P7
- Thorn tie: elasticated, clip on and traditional formats
- Grey v neck jumper/sweatshirt/Cardigan/tank top preferably bearing school badge
- White polo shirt as a PE top (preferably with Thorn Badge)
- Black PE shorts
- Black plimsolls/trainers
- Grey trousers
- Grey skirt
- Grey pinafore
- Royal Blue blazer bearing Thorn badge
- Black shoes
- Summer Weather – Blue School Dress
- Summer Weather – Grey School Shorts

New dates from last month in red

Date	Event/Time	Notes
01.04.22	Early Finish	School closes at 2.30pm due to Easter Holidays
04.04.22-18.04.22	School Holiday	School closed for both Pupils and staff. Easter Holiday
19.04.22	School reopens	School reopens for both Staff and Pupils at 9am following holiday
21.04.22	Bikeability	P6 & P7 will be taking part in Bikeability for the next few Thursdays.
21.04.22	PTA Meeting	Warm welcome awaits anyone who wants to join our PTA meeting at 6pm. Call office for details
26.04.22	Team up to clean up	P6 & P7 will be going locally to take part in the team up to clean up event for Renfrewshire. If any parent helpers can spare time between 1045 and 1215 please let us know. If we get helpers the children can go further into the community to clean up rather than just our grounds.
26.04.22	Basketball Event	Some P6 & P7 pupils are taking part in this event at On-X from 3.30-6.
02.05.22	School Holiday	School closed for May BH
03.05.22	P1 Heath Screening	NHS nurses carrying out P1 health screening in school
03.05.22	Basketball Event	Some P6 & P7 pupils are taking part in this event at On-X from 3.30-6.
05.05.22	Inservice Day	School is closed for Staff training and also the Election. Pupils should not attend school.
10.05.22	Basketball Event	Some P6 & P7 pupils are taking part in this event at On-X from 3.30-6.
22.05.22 (Sun) – 25.05.22 (Wed)	P7 Residential Trip	P7 will be leaving Thorn Primary School at 3pm on Sunday
26.05.22	PTA Meeting	Warm welcome awaits anyone who wants to join our PTA meeting at 6pm. Call office for details
27.05.22	May Bank Holiday Weekend	School will be closed for both Staff and Pupils
02.06.22 – 03.06.22	Queens Jubilee Holiday	School closed for both staff and Pupils
15.06.22-17.06.22	P7 3 day visit to JHS	P7 Pupils will attend JHS for their visit
23.06.22	P7 Dance	Details to follow
29.06.22	Last day of term	School closes for all staff and pupils at 1pm.
12.08.22	1 <sup>st</sup> Staff Inservice day	School open for staff only
15.08.22	2 <sup>nd</sup> Staff Inservice day	School open for staff only
16.08.22	1 <sup>st</sup> day of new term	School opens to all pupils at 9am.

Achievement Notification, please return to the School Office:

Child's Name:

Child's Class:

Child's Achievement:

