



Thorn Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Dear Thorn Primary Community

It has been wonderful to see the return of many loved events during our last term of the session as COVID restrictions have lifted. The pictures in this newsletter demonstrate just how much the children (and adult helpers!) have enjoyed a return to mixing socially and getting out and about on class trips. It has also been a pleasure to have carers and parents attend events too. Sports Day was very busy and the ice-cream van did a roaring trade!

I always love to reflect on our news and see it collated for you to enjoy. This time I not only reflect on the immediate past but also the past 5 years as my time with Thorn Primary draws to an end.

I can quite honestly say I have enjoyed every moment, getting to know every child and their families, working with and leading the staff team. Together we have developed and improved the school community for the benefit of all. I am very proud of what we have achieved in 5 years, building on the existing foundations, and I hope you all are too.

We have a welcoming, nurturing, inclusive, bright, forward thinking school community. As well as new teaching and learning approaches, upgrades to our physical environment and numerous awards and achievements we have lived and breathed our agreed school values in everything we have done. Teamwork has been key in our success and is what will ensure Thorn continues to flourish in the future.

The future is bright, including a new school building, and Miss Lawson and the staff of Thorn are very lucky to be able to continue on this journey with you all and I wish them every success.

I will be forever grateful for your support throughout my time here and have thoroughly enjoyed working with you all.

Very many thanks to every single member of the Thorn Primary school community,

Mrs Hart

Respect



Our Children's Rights Respecting Ambassadors and their Rights Respecting Champion – Kacey Cunningham have been busy establishing themselves as they lead our school community in understanding and implementing fully the UNCR. They have visited classrooms and led parts of our school assemblies. A big well done to them all!



Our P1/2 and P2/3 pupils had a lovely afternoon Tea Party to celebrate the Queen's 70th Jubilee. A very merry time was had by all!



Equity



Even the rain didn't stop Sports Day at Thorn!

Our OneRen partners provided a variety of fun sporting activities all day long and we also got the chance to try our new wet weather clothing.

It was great to have parents attend and everyone enjoyed the ice-cream finale 😊



Success

Club Stars

"The club star award was a new award introduced to Thorn Primary School's Active Schools programme this year and has given pupils additional incentives to work towards and achieve above and beyond their sport skills! The awards have been given to a number of pupils in the school from P1 right through to P7 and all of the award winners should be proud of their achievement! Pupils are given these awards for their good behaviour, sportsmanship and always giving 100% effort no matter what the activity is. Well done to all the pupils who have won a club star certificate this year!!!"



"What a great year of sport and physical activity at Thorn Primary School! I'd like to kick things off by thanking Mrs Hart and Team Thorn for welcoming me to their wonderful school community in August 2021. Thank you to all of the wonderful pupils who gave me a wonderful welcome and have gone on to show me how talented and active they are throughout the year."

Pupils from Thorn have participated in a number of events and festivals which we have managed to restart this year. Pupils have participated in Football, Netball and Basketball throughout the school year! A special mention has to go to the pupils who participated in the Basketball event, "The Junior NBA". Thorn were drafted as the San Antonio Spurs and played in three league meetings before qualifying alongside four other schools to represent Renfrewshire at the Finals! The pupils played some outstanding basketball making it all the way to the regional semi-finals where they fell short in a very competitive match against another local school!

Finally, I would just like to say thank you to all of the wonderful pupils, teachers, staff and everyone who makes up the Thorn Community. It has been a pleasure to work with you this year and I look forward to the next school year! See you all in August 2022 and to P7 I'll see you all in Johnstone High, good luck!

Have a fantastic summer, don't forget to stay active!"

*Arron Dougan
Active Schools & Community Club Development Officer*

P1 Learning Literacy and Numeracy through baking!

The children at Thorn start to apply the skills and knowledge they learn through their lessons at the earliest age. Here our youngest pupils were applying their measurement and mathematical skills as well as testing out their taste buds.



Teamwork



P7 Residential Trip to Dalguise Activity Centre in Dunkeld.

And here are our oldest children challenging themselves physically and mentally at their outdoor residential trip. They had a fabulous time as they grew in independence and tested their own personal limits.





New P1 Induction Day

Thornlie Bear welcomed all our new children who will be joining us in August.

The P1 induction days was a HUGE success and Ms Lawson received a lovely 'Thank You' message from one of the parents.

"Thanks to all the P6s yesterday. They made all the nursery kids so comfortable being there. My own son was teary and wasn't wanting to go but once he was with his buddy and into his class, he settled ok. Can't thank you and your team enough. So happy we chose the Thorn for our boy".





**School Trips to
Finlaystone**

Every class had their own stage appropriate learning experience but they all had fun!



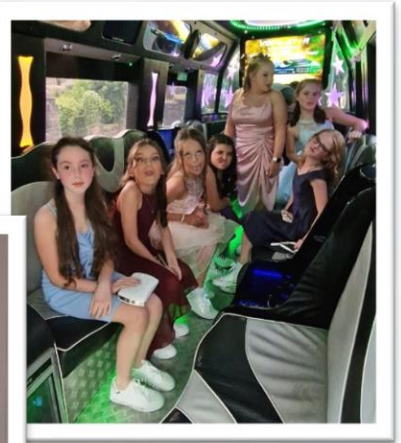


Due to everyone's fantastic efforts in the "Beat the Street" competition back in September/October 2021. Thorn received £500 of Decathlon vouchers. The children made a wish list of all the items they would like. The space hoppers have been an overwhelming success.



P7 Prom

Our P7 pupils all dressed up!



P7 Award Winners



Congratulations to all our P7 Award Winners

Steve Scott Technology Award

Matthew McCann

Award for Academic Endeavor

Brooke Lunney

Award for Academic Excellence

Emmanuel Okungbowa

Award for Achievement

Ryan Sprott

Award for Endeavor

Sophie Dickinson

Harold Scouler Award for Handwriting

Ellis McTeir

Agnes Logan Award for School Values

Luke Addison

Overall House Group Winner

Houston



We say a sad farewell to a few colleagues this summer.

Miss Easdon – P1/2 - has been with us for the past 5 years but has now secured a permanent position at Auchenlodment Nursery.

Mrs Donaldson – P4/5 – has successfully completed her probationary year with us. We wish her all the very best in her career.

Mrs Duncan – has been with us for the past 2 years supporting each and every class at Thorn. We thank Mrs Duncan for her flexibility and support throughout the past 2 years.

And finally... Mrs Hart will be moving on to her new school, Stanley Primary in Ardrossan in August, Miss Lawson will become Acting Headteacher and we welcome Mrs Lorna Brown to our Thorn Family! Mrs Brown was successfully appointed Acting Depute Headteacher.



Date	Event/Time	Notes
28.06.22	Last day of term – early finish	School closes for all staff and pupils at 1pm.
12.08.22	1 st Staff Inservice day	School open for staff only
15.08.22	2 nd Staff Inservice day	School open for staff only
16.08.22	1 st day of new term	School opens for P2 -P7 pupils at 9am. P1 9.30am – 2.30am (Tues & Wed Only)
24/09/22 – 27/09/22	September Weekend holiday	School closed for staff and pupils
28/09/22	School reopens	School opens to staff and pupils at 9am
17/10/22 - 23/10/22	October week holiday	School closed for Staff and pupils
24/10/22	Staff Inservice day	School open for staff but closed for pupils
25/10/22	School reopens	School opens for Pupils at 9am
30/11/22	St Andrews Day	School closed for Staff and pupils
01/12/22	School Reopens	School opens to staff and pupils at 9am
22/12/22	School closes early	School closes at 2.30 today for both staff and pupils
22/12/22 – 04/01/23	Christmas Holidays	School closed for Staff and pupils
05/01/23	School reopens	School opens to staff and pupils at 9am
13/02/23 – 14/02/23	Spring Half tern Holiday	School closed for Staff and pupils
15/02/23	Staff Inservice Day	School open for staff but closed for pupils
16/02/23	School Reopens	School opens for Pupils at 9am
31/03/23	Early Finish	School closes at 2.30 today for both staff and pupils
03/04/23 – 16/04/23	Easter Holidays	School closed for staff and pupils
17/04/23	School Reopens	School opens to staff and pupils at 9am

Please return this slip to the school office.

Child's Name:

Child's class:

Child's Achievement:



Thorn Staff hope that you all have a nice relaxing break and we look forward to seeing you all in August.