



St Thomas More School Newsletter

7th October 2022

Dates for your diary

19th October 2022

Parents eve 4pm—7pm

20th October 2022

Parents eve 5pm—8pm

21st October 2022

Bring your parents to RE

Followed by a parent coffee morning at 9.45

End of Term 1

21st October 2022

Half Term

24th—28th October

Term 2 Begins

31st October 2022

4th November 2022

Bring your parents to maths

3rd January 2023

Staff development day

(No children in school)

4th January 2023

Start of term 3

13th January 2023

Bring your parents to writing

3rd March 2023

Bring your parents to Geography

28th April 2023

Bring your parents to History

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy week at St Thomas More!

Year 3 had a fantastic time when we had visitors to carry out an 'Ancient Egyptians' workshop. The children got to dress up, have their faces painted as Egyptians, carry out their own archaeological dig and designed and made their own cartouches! Have a look on the website and our Facebook page to see them in action.

We celebrated National Poetry Day this week with the poet Brian Moses hosting online sessions for the children, the Key Stage 1 children looked at his book 'Dreamer' and the Key Stage 2 children looked at his book 'Names. The children then took part in an outdoor poetry trail to help them write their own version of these poems. We asked all families for a £1 donation to help us pay for this poetry experience for the children, however, we have received very few donations. If you are able to donate £1 towards the cost of this it can be handed in to the office, we would gratefully appreciate donations as it allows us to subsidise the cost of such events and allows us to continue giving our children these wider experiences.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ebdon

Safety Notice

All children (including older and younger siblings of children at St Thomas More) must dismount from bikes or scooters before they come through the front school gate.

Children **must not** ride bikes and scooters down the path from the front gate to the playground, this is a very busy area at drop off and collection times and there is not room for their safe use at these times.



Parent workshop 9:00 - 10:00 Friday November 4th

Understanding your child's behaviour and anxiety workshop

(led by our new Emotional Wellbeing Practitioner)

Please email sen@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk or call the school office to book a place.



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A big Happy Birthday to..

Gabrielle C

Sirri-Anna M

Freya P

Joel A

Amelia B

Belle D

Abigail S



Golden Welly Award

Mazel M

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We have introduced the Golden Welly Award this week

This will be awarded to a child who has shown imaginative play, excellent sharing, turn taking, tidying up, working as a team, using initiative in play, making new friends etc.

The winner will be announced on our newsletter side bar.



Times Tables and Number Bonds weekly challenges

As you are aware, the challenges for each year group have slightly changed this year in order to make the times tables more progressive across the school. Please continue to follow the progression as directed in each year group and remember that your child can use the following resources to support with their number bonds and multiplication fluency at home:

MyMaths - Multiplication and division lessons and homework tasks, times it out, beat the clock games

Purple Mash - Monster multiplication and bond bubbles

Daily 10 - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>

White Rose Maths app '1 minute maths' - you can download this for free onto phones and tablets to support with number bonds and times tables

PTFA would be grateful of donations of the following for Christmas activities

Christmas baubles

Tinsel & general Christmas décor

Christmas wrapping paper

Bric a brac to sell at the fayre

Cardboard boxes

Plain white sheets

Arts & craft supplies





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Merit award

Penelope P RC

Lucas W RC

Harriet C RR

Kieran C RR

Dideola I-O 1D

Spencer W 1J

Barney H 1J

Tereni A 2F

Cian M 2S

Ronnie R 2S

Teniola A 3B

Jacob I 3T

Gbemi O 4L

Eyilore A 4S

Isabelle S 5C

Aliona A 5M

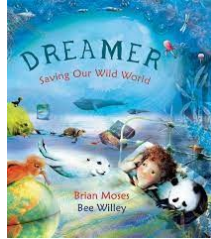
Whitney O 6C

Tahirah E 6F

Well done everyone



Virtual Author visit—Brian Moses



The whole school was thrilled to welcome Brian Moses virtually for a poetry workshop to celebrate National Poetry Day. We enjoyed listening to his poems and using musical instruments and body percussion. We've also enjoyed a brilliant poetry trail to write our own poems inspired by Brian Moses wonder words.

There are a number of books on MCAS for purchase and Brian Moses will sign and dedicate them.



Year 3 enjoying their Egyptian Workshop



Year 5 and 6 have been busy electing our new digital leaders. Congratulations to those who have been elected.

Y5- Durotimi and Anabelle

Y6- Olawale, Toma, Lily and Isla



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Tuck shop dates

Support our PTFA and pick yourself up a sweet treat.

13th October

3rd November

17th November

1st December

15th December

Junior playground after the end of the school day

Applying for a Secondary Place-

The process is now open for parents to apply for a secondary place for their child for September 2023. The deadline for applications is Monday 31st October at 5pm - here is the link to apply: https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200137/schools_and_learning/1061/apply-ing_for_a_secondary_school_place



Reception Places

You can apply for your child to start school in year R (reception) if they were born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019.

Please contact the office if you could like to book a tour of St Thomas More in preparation for securing your child's place.

Here is a link for further information: https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200137/schools_and_learning/1059/applying_for_a_primary_school_place

Collecting at the end of the day

Please can you supervise your children at all times and discourage them from using equipment that may be left out for our after school clubs. Please also leave the school grounds as soon as possible, so we can close the gates at 3.30pm and to avoid being locked in.

Christmas Fund Raising

We will be looking for helpers for events and donations of items.

Watch this space for further details

