



# St Thomas More School Newsletter

17th March 2023

*'Love one another as I have loved you'*



Merit award

Catherine M RC

Rhea P RR

Henry F 1D

Charlie G 1J

Mila C 2S

Benjamin P 2F

Darcy H 3B

Ollie M 3T

Ivy L 4L

Bailey B 4S

Leon Z 5C

Oluwademilade A 5M

Jamie B 5M

Maria S 6C

Naomi A 6F



Golden Welly Award

Gabriella C

Dear Parents,

The children had a fantastic start to the week with a visit from engineers from the Primary Engineers Programme, they ran an assembly for the whole school where the children got to interview them about their jobs. The children have all entered a national competition linked with the National Grid where they get to design an invention and the winning invention will actually be made by the engineers! The engineers visited the classes to talk to the children about their ideas and designs and they even brought a film crew with them – the children had a brilliant morning and it was wonderful to see the huge range of ideas for inventions that they came up with!

Thank you to everyone who attended our 'Bring Your Parents to Phonics/Spelling' this morning and to those who attended the KS2 spelling workshop afterwards. Following our previous sessions several parents had fed back that they would like to be able to stay for the whole session rather than split the time between classes for those that have more than one child in the school. We decided to stagger the times so that parents could attend complete sessions if they have more than one child, things unfortunately didn't run quite as smoothly as we had planned initially but we got there in the end! If you could fill in the parent questionnaire it would be very helpful to see if parents would like the sessions at the same time and split their time between their children or have 2 separate sessions. We hope that (once we got you to the right class!) you found the sessions useful and I would like to thank you for your patience.

I hope you all enjoyed looking at the children's Mother's Day galleries and I hope all our Mum's get thoroughly spoiled on Sunday!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Ebdon

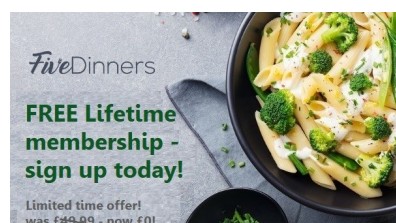
## Shoe boxes required

If you have any shoe boxes with detachable lids please bring them in on Monday 20th March for a science activity.



## Five Dinners

We have been asked to share some information about Five Dinners with you. This is an online service that is now free. You can sign up for a free account and have meals planned for your family and the shopping list and instructions sent to your inbox.





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## Term 4 Dates

### 21st March 2023

Year 1 Dinosaur Day

### 23rd March 2023

Tuck shop after school

### 23rd March 2023

Year 1 Liturgy (TBC)

### 24th March 2023

Stations of the Cross (KS2 only)

### 29th March 2023

Parents evening 4-7pm

### 30th March 2023

Parents evening 5-8pm

### 31st March 2023

Last day of Term 3

### 3rd April—14th April

Easter break

## Term 5 dates

### 17th April 2023

SDD—School closed

### 28th April 2023

Bring you parents to History

9.15-9.45

### 1st May 2023

May bank holiday—School closed

### 4th May 2023

Year 5 Liturgy (TBC)

### 8th May 2023

King Charles III Coronation bank holiday—school closed

### 9th-12th May 2023

SATS

### 26th May 2023

Last day of Term 5

### 29th May—2nd June

May half term

## Term 6 dates

### 25th May 2023

Class photo taken

### 9-11th June 2023

Year 6 residential

### 23rd June 2023

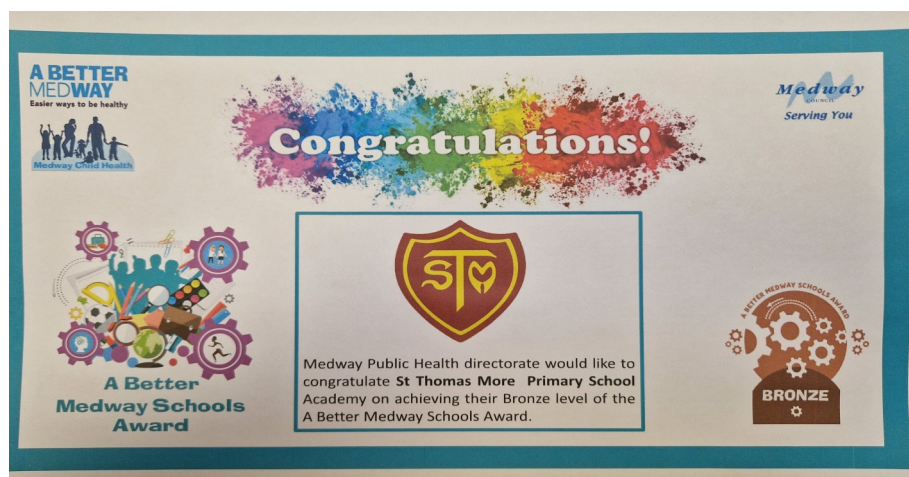
SDD—school closed

### 26th June 2023

SDD—School closed

### 21st July 2023

Last day of academic year





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**A big Happy Birthday to..**

Savannah R

Henry F

Orla F

Keira P

Oluwadarasimi B

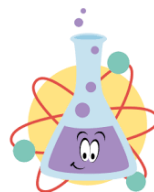
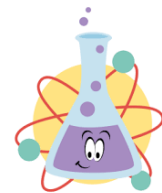
Emma F

Brianna-Adlina B-B

Benjamin-Isaac F

## Science Week

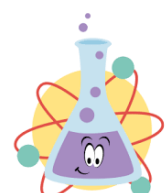
What an exciting Science Week we've had at St Thomas More! The whole school have taken part in a national competition – 'If you were an engineer, what would you do?' Everyone has created an invention to solve a real world problem and interviewed our visiting engineers. We even had a film crew who were creating a film to promote the competition and help The National Grid demonstrate how they send their engineers in to schools to inspire the children.



## Request for donations

Do you have any off cuts of astroturf that you would be willing to donate to the school? If you do please speak to a member of the office staff.

Thank you







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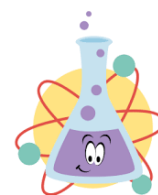
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## Science Week Uniper Engineers visit



Engineers Harry Bunyan & Ruben Tuffs from Uniper visited school this week to inform the children about their roles at Grain Power Station. The children had the opportunity to interview them and found out more about their roles.

Harry and Ruben were impressed by the children's questions and inquisitive approach to the visit. They enjoyed inspiring the next generation of engineers.





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## Safeguarding

### Safeguarding – Identifying Online Risks

Online safety is embedded within the curriculum and children are regularly taught how to stay safe online and how to identify online risks. To help at home, you can help children to identify and manage risks by discussing:

- the ways in which someone may put themselves at risk online
- risks posed by another person's online behaviour
- when risk taking can be positive and negative
- online reputation and the positive and negative aspects of an online digital footprint
- sharing information online and how to make a judgement about when and how to share and who to share with
- the risks of cyber crime, online fraud and identity theft

To support your child at home with this, you can sign up for free to our 'National Online Safety' platform by using the link below:

[Browse E-safety Training and Resources For Schools | National Online Safety](#)

You can also help your child by:

explaining how to identify trusted adults, access support from the school, the [National Crime Agency's Click CEOP reporting service](#) for children and 3rd sector organisations such as [Childline](#) and [Internet Watch Foundation](#)

reporting cyber crime, fraud and suspicious online activity, through organisations such as [Action Fraud](#) and the [Advertising Standards Authority](#)

reporting inappropriate contact or content for various platforms and apps

A list of media literacy resources for teachers and parents is available via the following link too:

[Online media literacy resources - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

### Safeguarding Survey for Parents & Carers

Please could you spare a few minutes to complete our safeguarding survey. If you would like to find out more about how we safeguard children at St Thomas More, please head to our website and the safeguarding section. You will also find a Safeguarding Information Booklet for Parents and Carers. If you would like to speak to a member of the safeguarding team, please contact the office where Mrs Le Breton, Mrs Ebdon or Jody our Pastoral Manager will be able to answer any questions that you have.

<https://forms.office.com/r/CWv4KXCJ0K>