



St Thomas More School Newsletter

28th April 2023

'Love one another as I have loved you'



Merit Award

Mia V RC
Daniel A RR

Ladiamond O RR

Aida O 1D

James T 1J

Chimnanu E 1J

Derrion I 2F

Alora A 2S

Sophia C 3B

Phoebe M 3T

Tomi S 4L

Sofia N 4S

Maa S 4S

Georgie May B 5C

Julia B 5M

Harry H 6C

Thehan J 6F

Golden Welly Award

Eliska M-D



Dear Parents,

The children have had a busy week learning lots of new things in interesting ways.

In Reception, the children have been reading the book 'The Amazing Life of a Butterfly' and have been learning about symmetry to create their own butterfly pictures as well as attempting observational drawings of real caterpillars.

In Year 1, the children have been acting out the story of 'George and the Dragon' and have been continuing their learning about dinosaurs by making their own dinosaur habitats.

Year 2 have been comparing the styles and techniques of different artists and have created their own Impressionist art, based on the work of the artist Monet.

Our Year 3 children have been learning about the Romans and went on a trip to Kent life to find out more about Boudicca, about the formation of an army and the skills the Romans needed to build an aqueduct.

In Year 4 our children combined their Music, Design and Technology and Science learning to build their own string telephones and make their own Tupperware ukuleles.

Our Year 5 children are also learning about life cycles, to build on their knowledge from when they were in Key Stage 1, and have this week taken delivery of some caterpillars so they can watch them turn into butterflies.

In the mornings, our Year 6 our children have been working hard on their English and Maths in preparation for their upcoming SATs and in the afternoons they have been enjoying creative activities such as using the school grounds to carry out some 'Mindful Sketching'.

I hope you all have a lovely long weekend

Mrs Ebdon



Kent Life

Year 3

Tuesday 25th April 2023





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Term 5 dates

1st May 2023

May bank holiday—School closed

2nd May 2023

Industrial Action—see separate email

4th May 2023

Year 5 Liturgy (TBC)

4th May 2023

KS1 Disco

8th May 2023

King Charles III Coronation bank holiday—school closed

9th-12th May 2023

SATS

25th May 2023

Class photo taken

26th May 2023

Last day of Term 5

29th May—2nd June

May half term

Term 6 dates

8th June 2023

KS2 Disco

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



2023/2024

1st September 2023

SDD—no children in school

4th September 2023

Children return to school

Medway Libraries

Drop-in children's poetry writing workshop to write a poem fit for a King!

We are running a free event on Saturday 6th May at Gillingham Library at 10.30-12 and 2-3.30.

The event is free and all materials will be provided.





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A big Happy Birthday to..

Vinnie L

Alanei B

Vienna C

Joshua I

Maisie R

Lenny H

Hope P

Didier-Dylan Davies

Darcy H



Disco

KS1 is Thursday 4th May 3.30—4.30pm

The children will be getting ready in their classroom and can bring a change of clothes in a named carrier bag

KS2 is Thursday 8th June

Y3&4 3.30-4.30pm

Y5&6 5-6pm

Due to the date change we will be extending the cut off date for KS2 payment to Friday 19th May. Please remember payment for this event is cash only and must be given in at the same time as the permission slip.

If your child is going to afterschool club before or after a disco the times for collection will remain the same 4.30 and 5.30.



Secondhand uniform sale

Tuesday 2nd May

12.00pm

There will be a secondhand uniform sale held on the playground after school .



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



We are looking to refresh our collection of puzzles, construction toys and turn taking games .

We would be extremely grateful if you are having a spring clean and can donate any of the following;

Jigsaws suitable for age 5-10

Turn taking games eg. Hungry Hippo, Pop up Pirates

Educational puzzles linked to number/spelling/phonics

Matching pairs games

Construction toys such as lego/k'nex etc

Pokemon toys/puzzles





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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>

Our Safeguarding team are:

Mrs Le Breton	Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Ebdon	Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Deamer	Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Simon D'Souza	Safeguarding Governor
Sinead Joshi	Safeguarding Governor

If you have any questions, or are worried about a child, please speak to us.