



St Thomas More School Newsletter

9th June 2023

'Love one another as I have loved you'



Merit Award

Vivian F RC

RJ S RR

Henry F 1D

Amila M 1J

Fikayomi O 2F

Paige C 2S

Jensen P 3B

Moses P 3T

Aaron K 4L

Maa A 4S

Rosabella B 4S

Michael R 5C

Mendel M 5M

Tobi A 6C

Toba A 6C

Joseph S-L 6F

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to welcome the children back on Monday for the start of Term 6 and I hope you all had an enjoyable half term break.

The week started well with our Reception children having a visit from 'Exotic Explorers' to learn more about different animals. They got to meet a Burmese python, fire salamanders, giant cockroaches, hedgehogs and even a snowy owl! We helped our Reception and Year 1 children learn more about how to keep themselves safe through a magic show about road safety, stranger danger and online safety.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who have been in school this week, we had our Junior discos last night and the Father's Day activity running across the week. The children have all had a fantastic time and we are so grateful for the extra opportunities this allows our children to have.

Everyone will have received an email last night with a leaflet attached about the consultation for the 'School Streets' proposal that Bleakwood Road will be part of. As you all know, the parking situation in the road is extremely challenging and can be unsafe for our children as so many cars continue to be parked there despite multiple requests for this to stop. There will be specific times that cars are not allowed to enter Bleakwood Road unless the car has been allocated an exemption - ANPR cameras will be installed at the entrance to Bleakwood and penalty charge notices will be issued for any unauthorised vehicles that enter the road within the prohibited times.

Please follow the link/QR code on the leaflet to share your views on the proposal so we can ensure that our children's journeys to and from school are as safe as possible.

Kind regards

Mrs Ebdon

Volunteer week 1st—7th June 2023

Thank you to all of our fantastic volunteers. We would not be able to hold the fun events for the children without their help and organisation, and the children benefit from all of our volunteers who listen to the them read.

A big thank you to you all.



Golden Welly Award

Ivy L



Class Reps

We are hoping to get the class rep system up and running for September. Thank you to all those who have volunteered, we have had lots of new faces showing an interest. We will arrange a meeting in the next few weeks so please keep an eye on the newsletter.



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Term 6 dates

14th June 2023

Year 3 Liturgy 9.15-9.45

16th June 2023

Fathers Day table top gallery

23rd June 2023

SDD—school closed

24th June 2023

St Simon Stock Church
Summer Fete

26th June 2023

SDD—School closed

3rd July 2023

Year 6 Trip to Chessington

7th July 2023

Sports Day

14th July 2023

KS2 Talent Show

18th July 2023

Year 6 Production

21st July 2023

Year 6 Leavers Mass

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

Please remember that children should **not** be bringing any lip balms/creams/ or medications in their bags to school. Anything that is required for medical purposes should be taken to the office by a parent/carer who will then be required to fill in a form.





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A big Happy Birthday to..

Daniel A

Morgan S

Bella Y

Emevioghene U

Lola-Rose B

Jacob C

Lorenzo R

Jenson F

Leon Z

Roman A-B

Grace J

Exotic Explorers and Messy Play- FS

FS have recently been learning about life cycles and the animals that came to visit us on Monday were a perfect end to this topic. We had a large hissing cockroach, a fire salamander, a pygmy hedgehog, a 20 ft python and a barn owl.

The children had a fantastic day full of fun and laughter and many of them overcame their fears

Many of the children who were able to stroke and even hold some of the animals they encountered today. It really was a great experience!

In the afternoon they had a full messy play session. The children explored moon sand, citrus water play, shaving foam, oats, different types of play dough, corn flour and water, and powder paints. They used a variety of different language, colour mixed and explored changes of state, to name but a few.



Uniform reminder

Please remember that every child is to be in full school uniform everyday.

If children have earrings these should be removed by their parent/guardian or they should be taped over. Hair should be tied up.



Stranger Danger Magic Show!

The children watched a stranger danger magic show on Tuesday. They learnt some key words to support their understanding.

These were, no, go, yell, and tell. David Tricks the magician was hilarious, the children all laughed and joined in wonderfully.





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Sponsored GB Athlete event update



Dear Parents and family members,

The children had the most fantastic day with GB athlete Darren Challis on the last day of term in May. They all joined in with lots of energetic activities and later on joined Darren in assembly where he talked all about his injuries and the children had a chance to ask him questions. The children were clearly engaged and really inspired throughout this event.

Thank you all for raising money, some of which goes back to the foundation Sports for Schools and our school will have lots to put towards some extra play time equipment.

The total so far is over £1000, which is amazing!! We will announce the grand total on next week's newsletter so a huge thank you to all who sponsored.

The link above gives you the online total and we also have the cash sponsors to add to this. So watch this space.

<https://portal.sportsforschools.org/events/21343/promo>





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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 \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Online Identity Series

Internet Matters Ambassador Dr Linda Papadopoulos shares advice for parents and carers to help children and young people be more authentic online and build an online identity that reflects them positively as they become more active online. To watch the short clip series to support your understanding, please click on the following link:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-identity-series/>

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.