

Thurgoland

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Learning together in Faith and Joy

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School News

Please return the pupil information and consent form as soon as possible so that we can update our records. Thank you.

Request for Volunteers

Volunteer drivers: We always appreciate support from parents and grandparents to enable us to attend so many sports competitions outside of school. We wouldn't be able to do it without you! If you feel you are able to provide transport this year please contact the school office.

Volunteer readers: In previous years we have had fantastic support from parents, and we know that their involvement has encouraged our children's interest in reading and helped to increase their confidence. If you are interested in being a volunteer reader please have a chat with Mrs Brown.

Please note that we will need to carry out DBS checks for all of our volunteers.

Parents Information Evening

It was great to see so many parents at our open afternoon yesterday. Mrs Gilder and Mrs Peace spoke about the Thrive Approach which we have introduced through school this year. We have attached an information sheet about Thrive to the newsletter and will be offering a drop-in session to give you further information about this approach later in the term. We are also in the process of updating our Behaviour Policy (now called a Relationships Policy) in line with this new approach and will be sharing this with parents - as soon as the School Council has agreed it!

Well done to the following pupils who received a Special Mention certificate in assembly today:

Class R – Isaac, Tallulah, Lucy, Wilfred

Class 1 - Elizabeth, Ella, Olivia, Samuel

Class 2 – Ruby, Rosie, Arran, Oliver

Class 3 – Rose, Ollie, Noah, Joel

Class 4 – Isaac, Anabelle, Elyse, Claudie

Class 5 – Anya, Jenson, Theo, Lottie

Class 6 – Ashton, Jyoti, Christopher, Ava

Music Lesson Days

Tuesday – guitar with Mrs Lee and brass with Mr Holmes

Wednesday - violin with Ms Roper and keyboard with Mrs Newcombe

Friday – woodwind with Mrs Yates

Clubs

Monday

Gardening - year 2 to 6 - Mrs Brown

Football - year 5 and 6 - Mr Jordan

Tuesday

Hockey - year 5 - Sheila 8 – 8:50am

Multiskills - year 2 - Team Activ

Wednesday

Hockey - year 6 - Sheila 8 – 8:50am

Lunchtime story time club in the library - class R, 1 and 2 - Ms Lukacs & Miss Banford

Yoga - year 5 & 6 - Mrs Blyth

Thursday

Choir - years 3 to 6 - Mrs Davies

Cheerleading - years 5 and 6 - Miss Lane

Art and Craft Club - years 3 to 6 - Rosie Pearsall

School band - Mrs Lee

Friday

Musical theatre - years 3 to 6 - Team Activ £25

Running - from 14th Sept to 21st December

All clubs are after school - 3:30 until 4:30 - unless otherwise stated.

There are still spaces in yoga , art, musical theatre and multiskills clubs. Please pop into the school office or give us a ring for details.

Attendance

Class R – 100%
Year 1 – 97.83%
Year 2 – 99.33%
Year 3 – 98.67%
Year 4 – 98.89%
Year 5 – 99.67%
Year 6 – 99.71%

Could we please ask that parents avoid taking children out of school during term time. The children miss so many fantastic learning experiences and we do feel that it affects the progress they make. Thank you .

Upcoming Events

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Friday 28th September 2:30 –4pm.

We are asking for donations of buns and cakes for this special event. School will be open from 2:30 and pupils will sell tea, coffee and cake in the school hall. Classrooms will be open and you can spend some time with your child in the classroom. Board games will be provided so please come along and join the fun.

All proceeds will go to this wonderful charity; it has provided so much support for many of our families and friends.

Modeshift Stars

Exciting news!! This week we have started our journey towards achieving Modeshift STARS accreditation. Modeshift STARS is a national schools awards scheme that recognises schools that have demonstrated excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable travel.

Throughout the year we will be running a variety of fun events to promote sustainable and active travel in order to improve the health and well-being of our children. We are extremely pleased to be part of this scheme and look forward to your support of the events – term one events are listed below:

- 10 day active travel challenge ALL CHILDREN (15th – 26th October 2018)
- Themed 'Walk to School' event ALL CHILDREN (Friday 19th October 2018)
- Learn to Ride Y1/Y2 (Tuesday 14TH November 2018)
- Lights on Bikes Y5/6 (Thursday 22nd November 2018)
- Singing Santa Stroll ALL CHILDREN (Friday 21st December 2018)
- Singing Santa Stroll ALL CHILDREN (Friday 21st December 2018)

Sheila's Sporting News Week 2 and the children are starting to settle into their sports' routine where different classes learn both basic and advanced skills in varied sports. They are getting to grips with basketball techniques each lunchtime and it is clear to see that improvements are happening on a daily basis. The early morning hockey clubs took place this week with much enthusiasm on both Tuesday and Wednesday and the drizzly rain on Tuesday did nothing to dampen the spirits of Year 5. Well done to all children who attended club for getting to school well before 8 am. This earlier start also prepares them for their move to High School next year. Nothing like preparing early, eh! Fantastic start for Team Thurgoland!

Whilst our young sports' stars show great determination playing the matches they do need to be reminded that skills' training is absolutely necessary to maintain improvement.

Out-of-school competitions will begin in October and every class from year 1 to 6 will have the opportunity to take part in these exciting events.

Next week Class 6 pupils will begin a Sports' Leadership course, where they will learn the fundamentals of supervising and delivering simple games to some of the younger children. This has been successful in previous years and the new course leaders develop many new skills which will be with them as they progress to senior school.

Needless to say our more junior pupils have great fun playing and learning with the 'big children'.

Hockey Club will continue in the mornings for the rest of term and it will be good to see some more children from Class 6 joining up.

I do appreciate how busy mornings are for parents and guardians as we all seem to lead very busy lives, so a huge thank you for getting your sleepy heads to school for these popular clubs.

Forthcoming events will be listed soon. As they say 'watch this space'

Embracing Thrive: a parent's guide

The Thrive Approach has been developed over many years helping children to flourish. It supports their emotional and social development and helps them feel happy and secure, able to enjoy friendships, relate well to others and be ready and able to learn.

The Thrive Approach

Thrive is a specific way of working with all children that helps to develop their social and emotional well-being, enabling them to engage with life and learning. It supports them in becoming more self-assured, capable and adaptable. It can also address any troubling behaviours providing a firm foundation for academic attainment.

Positive relationships are at the heart of Thrive. We use these relationships, together with play and creative activities, to give children key experiences at each different stage of their development. Repetition of these activities supports their development, helping them to:

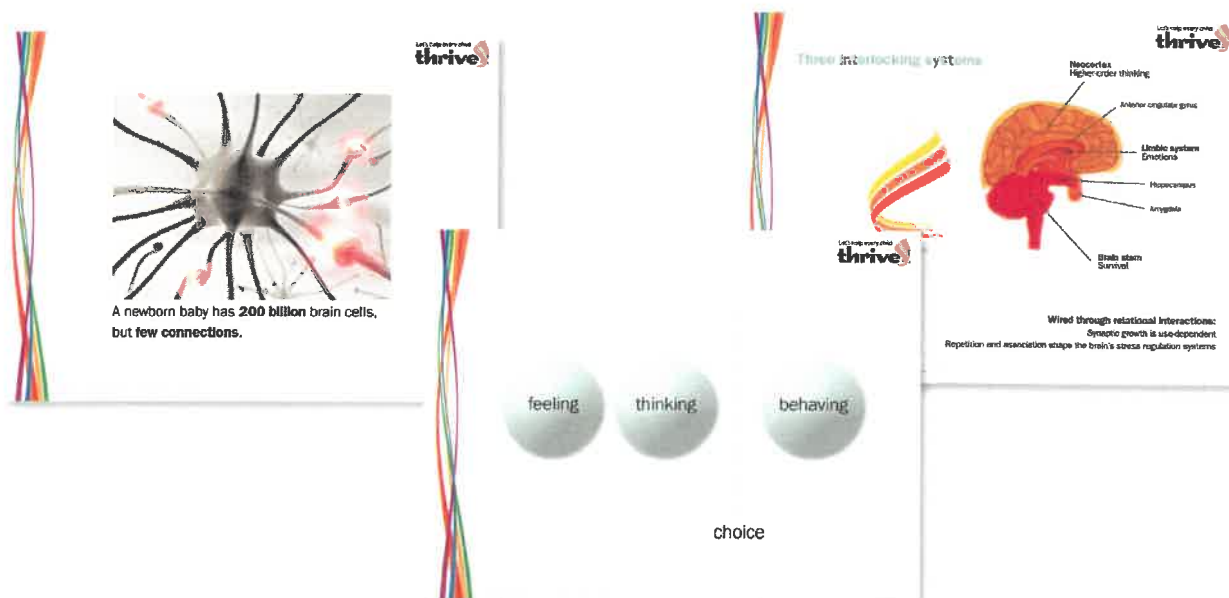
- feel good about themselves and know that they matter
- increase their sense of security and trust
- increase their emotional well-being
- improve their capacity to be creative and curious
- increase their self-esteem and confidence to learn
- learn to recognise and regulate their feelings
- learn to think before behaving in a certain way
- ...and much more.

"Thrive has helped my son tremendously. It has given him more confidence and also it has helped him to calm down in difficult situations. I can see a huge difference in him. He looks forward to his Thrive time."



How does it work?

Appropriate for all children from birth to adulthood, The Thrive Approach draws on the latest research into brain science, child development theory and attachment theory. It helps us to understand how babies' and children's brains develop, and how parents, teachers and other professionals can best support this development by providing the best experiences for the children at each stage.



Thrive also helps us to better understand the children's needs being signalled by their behaviour. Sometimes children may struggle as a result of temporary setbacks or other, longer term changes in their lives such as a separation, a bereavement, a family illness or accident, or even the arrival of a new baby. They may signal their distress by becoming more withdrawn, or distant, or perhaps more challenging or disruptive, or even by trying too hard to please. If this happens we use Thrive to look beyond the behaviour to give these children the support they need to get back on track. Sometimes they only need a little extra support in class and sometimes they may need additional one-to-one time to help them along.

How will my child be involved in Thrive?

We use a screening tool and activity planning resource called Thrive-Online. This allows us to check that children are working appropriately for their age and to develop the whole group with activities that ensure that they are as emotionally and socially supported as they can be. Using Thrive-Online will also identify any children in need of extra help. If the screening process suggests that your child would benefit from additional one-to-one support, your school will contact you and, with your consent and involvement, they will carry out a more detailed assessment to develop an action plan that gives specific strategies and activities for supporting your child within our school. The plan will also suggest specific activities that you can do at home, so that together with your school, you can help them through any difficulties they are experiencing.

We understand that some circumstances may be sensitive and confidentiality will be paramount at all times when you are discussing your child's needs with us.

"I thought I'd lost my boy. The Thrive staff gave him back to us!"

Thurgoland CE Primary Dates for Academic Year 2018 2019

Autumn Term

- Week beginning Monday 24th September year 6 Sheffield cathedral and mosque visit
- Monday 24th September – School based Governing Body meeting
- Friday 28th September – Macmillan coffee afternoon
- Week beginning Monday 1st October – performance management meetings
- Thursday 4th October – National Poetry Day
- Tuesday 9th October – Class photos for all year groups
- Friday 12th October Harvest Festival Auction
- Week beginning 15th October E – safety week and start of 10 Day Active Travel to school
- Wednesday 17th October – safety workshops for children, staff training and parent workshop at 6pm
- Thursday 18th October - new parents open morning
- Friday 19th October – Led walk to school
- Friday 19th October - School Disco
- Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th October – parents evening
- Thursday 25th October - Mayan drama workshop for year 5 – hall needed all day
- Friday 26th October – break up for half term
- Monday 5th November - INSET
- Tuesday 6th November – back to school
- Thursday 8th November – open morning – maths problem-solving
- Monday 12th November – Anti-bullying week
- Monday 12th November – year 6 trip to Crucial Crew and year 3 trip to Cresswell Crag
- Wednesday 14th November – Learn to ride session for Year R , 1
- Thursday 15th November – Year 6 parents information evening 6pm
- Thursday 22nd November – Lights on Bikes session year 5 and 6
- Friday 30th November – School Christmas Fayre in school hall
- Monday 3rd December LA Governing body meeting
- Monday 3rd December and Tuesday 4th December – Christmas wreathmaking
- Wednesday 12th December Polar Express family night
- Thursday 13th December Christmas dinner
- Monday 17th December
 - years 3 and 4 Christmas party
 - Classes R, 1 and 2 at Civic
 - Nativity dress rehearsal
 - 3:30 – 5:30 – Classes 5 and 6 Christmas disco
 - Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th December Class R, 1 and 2 Nativity in church
- Friday 21st December
 - Christmas Jumper Day
 - Class R,1 and 2 Christmas party
 - Break up for Christmas holiday