

# WARREN Primary School

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 14 2022



I am just amazed at how quickly our first half-term has flown by.

It is with some sadness that we have to say goodbye to valued members of our staff team and this term we wish a fond farewell to two colleagues. We would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Kerry Girt (sports coach) and Mrs Mandy Elsom (class teacher) for their excellent work and devotion to our children over the last five years. They will both be solely missed by the children and staff alike. We would like to wish them all the best of luck in their future endeavours. I am sure that you would also join with us in wishing Miss Dennis the best of luck. She leaves us for a short period to begin her maternity leave and we hope that all goes well for the birth of her baby. We can't wait to see the photographs of the newest member of the Warren Primary School family.

Congratulations to all the winners of the Diversity awards from our school community. It is with a great sense of pride that an external body has recognised the excellent work that happens at Warren and that diversity and inclusion are entrenched in everything we do.

May I thank all of our staff for their dedication to our children at Warren. They are a talented group of professionals who ensure that the co-operative values are embedded in their everyday work. I am truly humbled by their commitment in ensuring the children are provided with the best, most inclusive education that they can offer. I hope that they all enjoy the break.

I would also like to offer my sincere thanks to the children for their positive attitude to learning and behaviour. They ensure that everyone is made so welcome at the school and have all worked extremely hard this half-term. We are very proud of their efforts. Finally, a huge thank you to all the parents and carers, including the members of the PTFA, who have made me feel part of the Warren community so quickly. Your support is so valuable. I wish you all a restful and relaxing two week break.

**Mr A Hook**  
**Interim Headteacher**

## HEALTHY SNACKS at BREAKTIME

If you are choosing to send your child in with a snack at break time please do make sure that it is a healthy one (eg, fruit, vegetables, cereal bar - **no nuts please**).

Early Years and Key Stage One children all do have access to a fruit/vegetable snack everyday through the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme.





## Black History Month 2022 theme is 'Time for Change: Action not Words'

October is Black History Month in the UK and a time to celebrate the contribution black people have made over the centuries in shaping the dynamic and diverse country we have today. At Warren Primary we celebrated BHM through a series of events, workshops and assemblies, and are committed to recognize and teach Black History throughout the year within our daily curriculum.

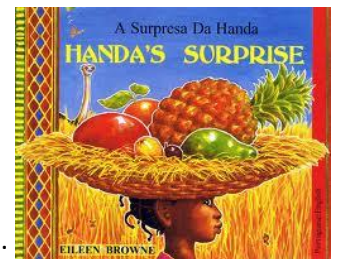
JB Rose, local singer and talented artist taught pupils' songs in an Assembly and the 'call and response songs' reverberated through the corridors all day as she spent time in different year groups. Her talk also focussed on mental health, healthy living and exploring ideas around self-belief.



The educated and remarkable Sarah Appiah, lecturer in African studies and musician taught Year 6 pupils the history of 'slave songs', significance of the drum materials and shared amazing stories about the people who make these drums.



Alex, a Music teacher from the Caribbean taught pupils the history of Music from the Caribbean how to play the mini-steel pans.



Reception pupils have been reading lots of stories including Handa's surprise, Handa's hen, Baby goes to market and have also learnt about Mary Seacole and other people who help us.



The dynamic duo- Mr. and Mrs Rosemond-Justin, parents of our school, inspired pupils and staff with their personal life story. We were all inspired as they spoke about their previous careers (Military Service and Prison Officer) and current passions and charitable work. The charity that they have started "Across D Miles," embodies their motto of "Making a difference - one person at a time" and pupils and staff promised to follow in their good example and help make the world a better place.





# DIVERSITY AWARDS 2022

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September, a few staff and pupils attended the annual celebration of diversity, equality, and inclusion, led by Learning Workz and hosted at Harris Primary Academy Thurrock. We were so very honoured to be in the company of Dame Claudine Duberry, Bukky Okunado the Chair of TAG, and also to win awards in a few categories:

**Congratulations to the following winners:**

**Rising Star pupils** – Hussna Naziri and Lola Adewuyi

**Students of the Year** - Elizabeth Cowie and Yan Lam Kok

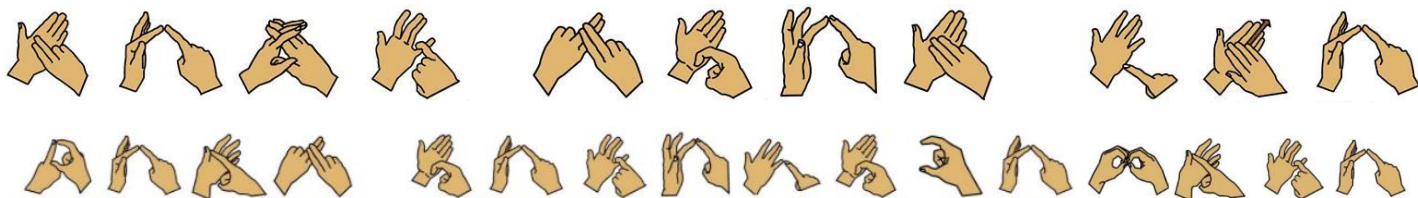
**Outstanding PTFA of the Year** – Warren Primary for their amazing contribution to school life.

**Best Special Educational Needs provision** - Warren Primary team won for their commitment to supporting young people.

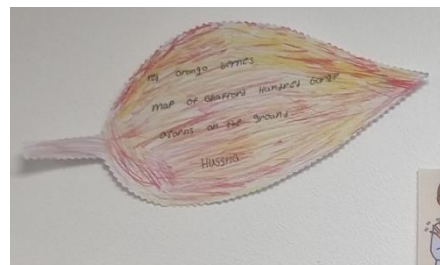
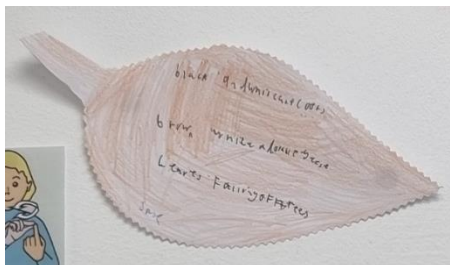
**Winni Smith** ( Diversity Lead)



The Diversity Mark is the leading framework in education for achieving more inclusive outcomes with external validation of progress. Equality, diversity and Inclusion is not just about race, it covers all of protected characteristics covered in our Equality policy which include: age, disability, religion or belief and many others.



## News From The Resource Base for Deaf Children



In the Resource base, we have been busy writing Haiku's about Autumn. We put all our ideas on a spider diagram and then counted how many syllables each word contained. This was an important part of our writing task, as Haiku's have 5 syllables in the first line, 7 in the second and 5 syllables in the last line. We are all very proud of our Haiku's.

### EDCS Scavenger hunt:







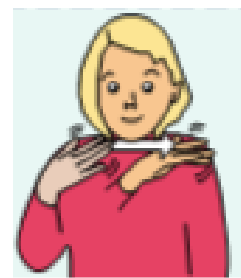
**WHEN?**  
Sat 15 Oct  
11am - 1pm

**WHERE?**  
Thames Chase,  
Pike Lane,  
Upminster  
RM14 3NS

We are pleased to announce our next QR code scavenger hunt event. We also have hired the "Education room" in case of bad weather. Come join us, rain or shine, for a range of activities, for children both young and old. All Deaf children welcome, as well as their siblings and children of Deaf adults (CODA). We also welcome any supporters of EDCS



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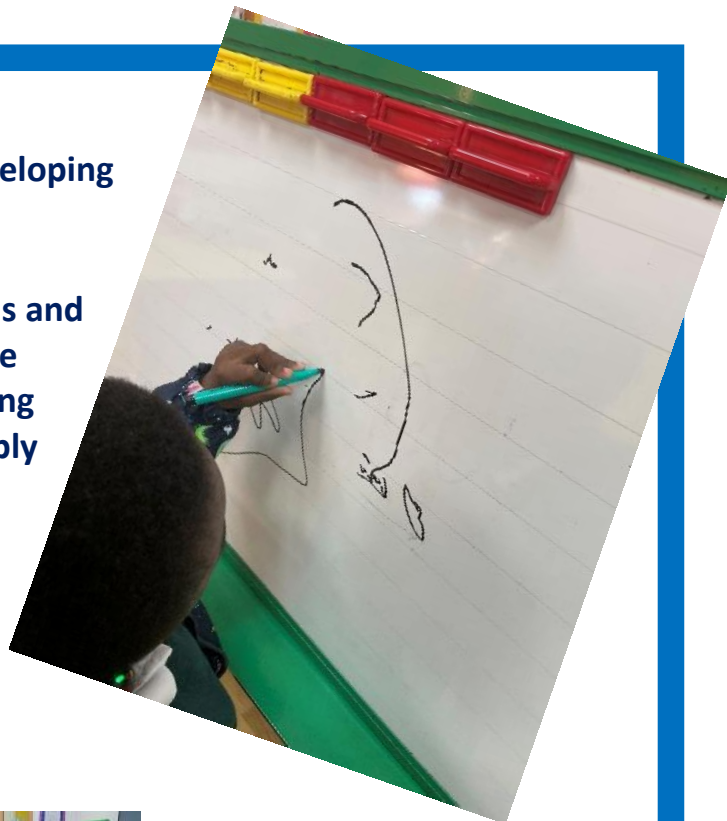
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In the Burrow we have been working on developing our gross and fine motor skills. We love the apparatus!

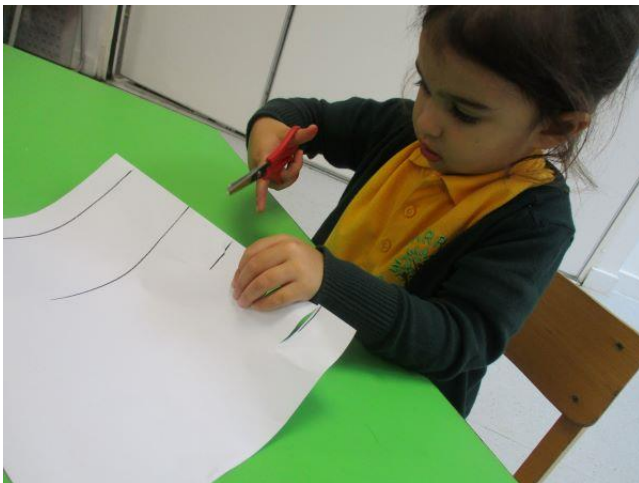
We have also explored different art materials and whilst we loved the magic painting books, we weren't so keen on scratch art. We are looking forward to the next creative tasks and possibly some cooking activities.





The Nursery children have been really busy this week developing their knowledge of how to hold scissors comfortably and use them safely. They were keen to explore these tools and managed to cut snips in paper independently

## Mrs Disley





Reception has really enjoyed our first Forest school experience of the year. We learnt about the rules of the forest and explored the area. We even found worms! We had fun in the mud kitchen, climbing, finding mini beasts and enjoyed so much more. We can't wait to go back!

## Reception Mrs Rose and Miss Tapson



## Investigation Question!

What celebrations do you celebrate?  
How do you celebrate your celebrations?



# Miss Studt, Mrs Gilbody and Mrs Mahoney

This half term Year 1 started their first Design and Technology project. They were challenged to create their own superhero cape. All the children made a design plan then transferred and enlarged it onto their fabric. Our final step was to evaluate our creations and think about the changes they made. The children were proud of their work and we were delighted to see all their creative designs. What a great first half term we have had in Year 1 – Well done everyone! Miss Studt, Mrs Gilbody and Mrs Mahoney



**KAPOW!**



## INVESTIGATION QUESTION

What autumn colours can you see, as you travel around your local area this half term?

**BOOM**





# Year 2!

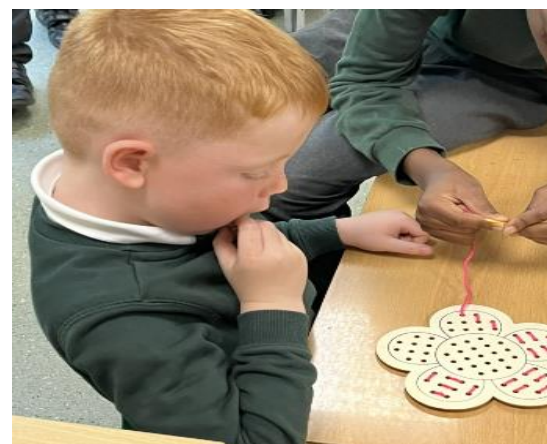
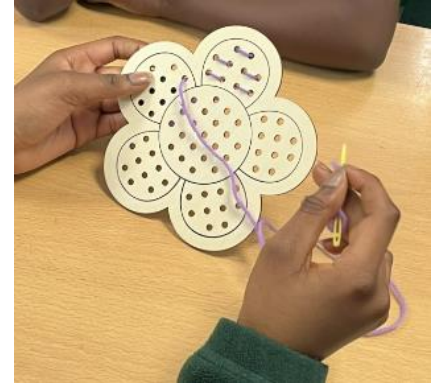


Following on from last week's investigation question the children have been working on their stitching skills. We have been working on refining our running and cross stitch skills.

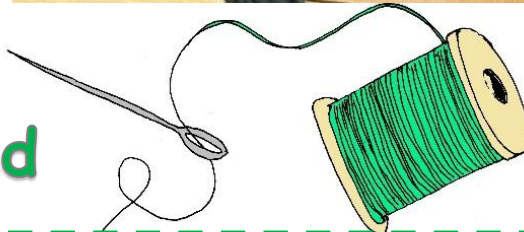
The children have created some beautiful wooden flowers, picking their colour of thread and design independently and we think they have made some wonderful choices.

The children have been practicing their stitches with the help of some very helpful Year 6 students! The older students have helped when the Year 2 children found it challenging, helping them re-thread their needle and offering words of encouragement.

Our Year 2 children loved the opportunity to work with the older students and show them what they had learnt and their stitches! Overall, the children have created some beautiful designs and they should be very proud of their choices and hard work.



Miss Dennis  
and Miss Reed



## Your investigation question:

**History question:** How did the Great Fire of London start?

If you're stuck for ideas, please go to the Primary section of the BBC bitesize website and look under History and The Great Fire of London.



## YEAR THREE Mrs Smith and Miss Fraser

### The great Warren bake off in Year 3

DT baking lesson: What can I bake using British ingredients that can be found all year round? Cupcakes of course! All pupils excitedly followed the simple recipe instructions like baking pro's and were able to apply their mathematical skills of accurately weighing dry ingredients, measuring in grams and ml and ensuring that the oven was turned on to 180 degrees. There were squeals of delight as some pupils cracked an egg for the first time, others were nervous that they might not pour the right amount of vanilla essence but were relieved once the mixture started to look and smell edible. Icing and decorating the cupcake was the best part and it tasted as yummy as it looked.



**INVESTIGATION QUESTION : What lessons can we learn from the Stone Age?**  
**What did they teach us?**

Some information can be found at the Thameside Museum or online

[The Stone Age – Years 3/4 and P4/5 History Collection - Home Learning with BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize](#)

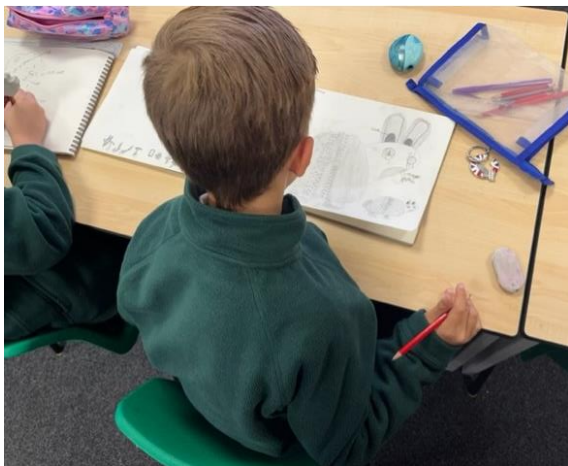


## YEAR FOUR Mr Kitchenner and Miss Belcher

Wednesday saw Year 4 taking part in 'Art Day' to complete our sculpture topic. Firstly, we would both like to thank all of you parents and carers for bringing in so many materials for the children to sculpt with. We were overwhelmed by the generosity and it made the day a roaring success for all the children.

We started by looking at our local environment and design a sculpture that would reflect this. Next, we started to build our models from the materials brought in and covered these in Modroc. It was a messy process, but one that would make sure our sculpture would be long-lasting. Finally, we painted our models and then placed them in places around the school.

It is safe to say, the school grounds were a more vibrant place with our models! Well done Year 4 and thank you for a fantastic first half term!



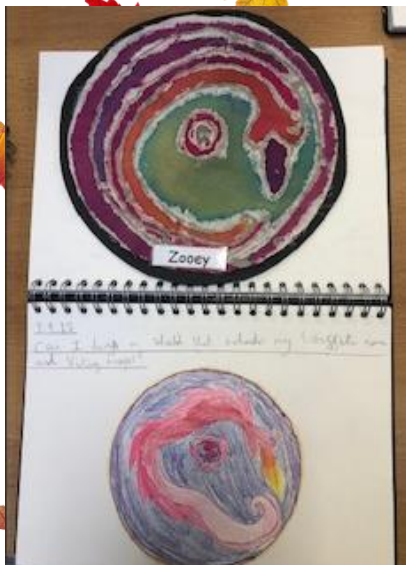
### INVESTIGATION QUESTION

How is the river Thames important to our local area?



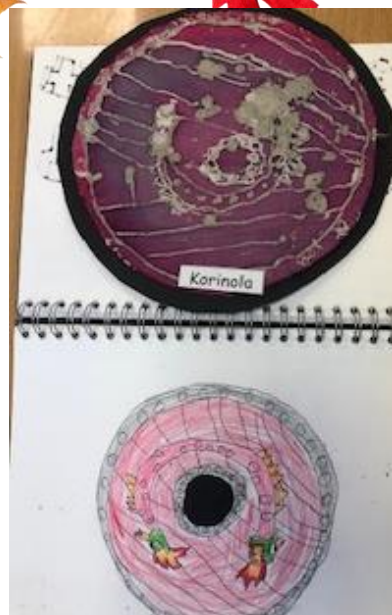


# YEAR FIVE Miss Lewis and Mrs Redmond



This half term, the year 5 children have really enjoyed our Art unit which is linked to our book, 'How to Train Your Dragon'. They have experienced – from design to creation – how to create a piece of Batik using hot wax and blended colours. Taking great care, they consolidated their art skills from earlier in the half term and have created some amazing pieces as seen below

**Well done, Year 5!**



## INVESTIGATION QUESTION :

**ASK PERMISSION FROM AN ADULT FIRST!**

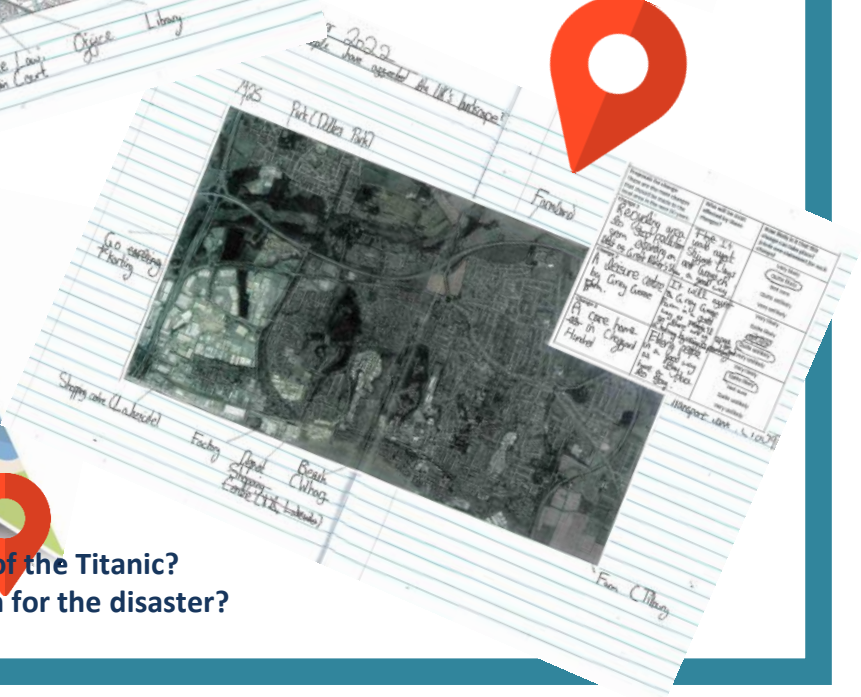
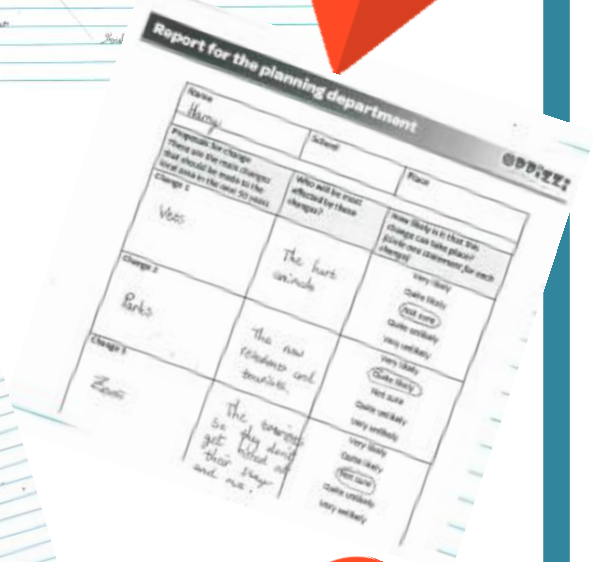
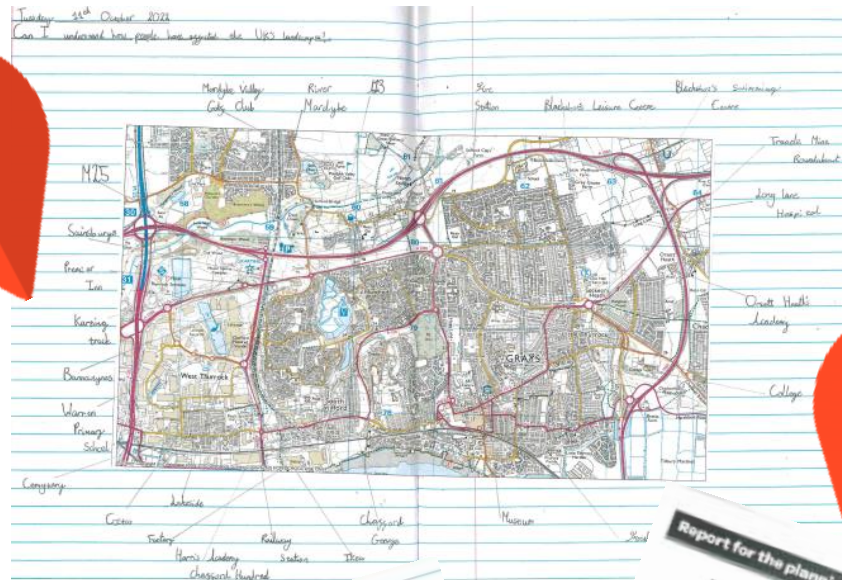
In your kitchen cupboards, find out which liquids mix and which don't.  
Can you spot a pattern?

Take pictures or report your findings back to class.



## YEAR SIX Mrs Emmerman and Mrs Fogg

Year 6, we have been learning about the UK in Geography, recognizing both the human and physical features of the landscape. We have been looking at local historical maps and considering how the land has changed in the last hundred years and the reasons for these changes occurring. We have been identifying some of the local landmarks on Ordnance Survey maps. We also considered the amenities that would improve the local area and considered who would benefit from these changes taking place, with the likelihood of them arising.



## INVESTIGATION QUESTION History

## What factors were involved in the sinking of the Titanic?

What would you consider the MAIN reason for the disaster?



# Spelling Shed



## Spelling Shed

Well done to **4K** who are this fortnight's winners in the league table with 19,483,122 points, followed by **4B** with 18,639,001 and **6E** with 12,362,878 points.




A reminder that all pupils in Years 1-6 have access to Spelling Shed, which is a scheme designed for pupils to practise age-appropriate spelling patterns, as well as their weekly spellings set by their class teacher, online via the use of the web link

<https://www.spellingshed.com/>.

Ms Lewis

English Coordinator



		
<b>4K</b>	<b>4B</b>	<b>6E</b>



# Spelling Shed







# Cycle to School Week

3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Bike to School week raises awareness of sustainable travel. The organisation Sustrans highlights the importance of looking at other ways in which to travel to and from school. Using an alternative method of travel helps to reduce congestion, air pollution and promotes physical and mental well-being.

## What we did as a school

Throughout the week, children travelled to and from school using sustainable travel. Teachers collated data each day and reported the evidence to the council. The week tallies are as follows:

Walk	Cycle	Scoot	Park, Ride and Stride	Car	Other
728	122	145	346	518	37

Well done to all the children that took part. Children who travelled mostly by either walking, cycling or scootering received a prize from Thurrock Council

## Some of our consistent travellers throughout the week.



**Congratulations to Pamir Khoja for winning the Let's Get Active poster competition hosted by Thurrock Borough Council and Ariana Khola for winning the Be Bright Be Seen poster competition run by our Junior Road Safety Officers.**





## THANK YOU

We want to thank you all for your support this half term. We held a PTFA Meeting, the Tuck Shop has been running on Fridays, we held a Red White and Blue Disco and this week we had our Krispy Kreme sale!

### AGM

We will be holding our AGM on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm and this will be held online. Details on how to join the meeting online will be issued closer to the date, along with the agenda.

At the AGM we will be voting for the positions as we've had some previous members leave. Sarah and Amy plan on re-standing for the Chair and Secretary roles, and we are looking for a new Treasurer. Should you want to apply for this position, or have any questions then please email us at [ptfa.wps@osborne.coop](mailto:ptfa.wps@osborne.coop)

### Cash For Clothes

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### Amazon Wish-list

Please remember that we do have an Amazon wish-list, (items requested by teachers) so if you do want to purchase something for the school then please do so via the link.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1TU86EDU9CMG?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1TU86EDU9CMG?ref=wl_share)

### PTFA Shop

We do have a limited number of wristbands left for Southend's Adventure Island. If you do want to purchase a band, then please purchase through the shop and we will arrange getting the vouchers to you for use in the half term. However please give us plenty of time to get them to you.

<https://warren-ptfa-fundraising.sumupstore.com>

### Thanks

We hope you all enjoy the half term holidays, and we will be back selling at the Tuck Shop on Fridays, when we return after the break.

**HELP - CAN YOU SEW ?**  
**IF YES COULD YOU PLEASE CONTACT US**  
**WE HAVE AN IDEA !**

[ptfa.wps@osborne.coop](mailto:ptfa.wps@osborne.coop)

Please 'like' our Facebook Page Warren Primary PTFA  
(Don't forget to answer the questions) Or follows us on Instagram





## Dates for your diaries:

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Last Day of Term  
First day of Term

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Flu Vaccinations  
Last Day of Term  
INSET DAY  
First day of Term

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Last Day of Term  
First day of Term

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Last Day of Term  
Trust Conference Day - Non pupil Day

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

First day of Term  
BANK HOLIDAY  
Last Day of Term

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

First day of Term  
Last Day of Term  
INSET DAY  
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