

# THE GRAPEVINE

THONGSLEY FIELDS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

## SCIENCE WEEK!

BY MR JONES, HEADTEACHER

Well I think it is safe to say that this week has been a fantastic success, full of new experiences, knowledge and skills - for both the adults and children!

Mixed age groups from years 1 to 6 have explored everything from aerodynamics and the inner workings of our bodies, to light refraction and bubbles. They have been encouraged out of their comfort zones and developed new skills in working together - future leaders in the making! Staff are doing lots of work behind the scenes looking at how we can develop our curriculum for the future and it is experiences like these that really bring learning alive.

We have also been thinking about how we can develop Family Learning opportunities at Thongsley. We've had some great ideas already from those that have attended the first two taster sessions and are looking forward to more! Come and get involved - contact Mrs Frampton to find out more (her contact details are on our website).

I hope you have a lovely and hopefully less windy weekend! Thank you.



Bubbles within bubbles in Science Week!

## KEY DATES

Year 5/6 Space Centre Trip	18/3
Anxiety Workshop for Parents	27/3
Easter Egg Hunt	3/4
Spring Term Ends	5/4
Staff Training (School Closed)	23/4
Summer Term Starts	24/4
Family Learning Session (9-11am)	25/4
Life Education Centre visit	25/4 - 26/4
Family Learning Session (9-11am)	2/5
May Day Bank Holiday	6/5
KS2 SATs Week	13/5 - 16/5
Sports Day (TBC)	22/5
Half Term Holiday	27/5 - 31/5

More details and other diary dates will be available soon.

## SAFEGUARDING

Please take a few minutes to read the safeguarding information on our website. We've got more to add over the next few weeks, particularly around online safety. Suggestions welcome!

Urgh! Discovering how our intestines work.



Exploring our senses!



**Be Ready**  
**Be Respectful**  
**Be Safe**

Ask your child about these three words...

## NEWS IN BRIEF

FROM TEAM THONGSLEY

### LUNCHTIME GOLDEN TICKETS

Over the past couple of weeks, a few people have suggested it would be lovely if they were able to enjoy lunch with their children occasionally. We think it's a great idea! To begin, we are making five Golden Tickets available each week for parents and carers to have lunch with us for the bargain price of £3.50. To avoid disappointment, please contact the school office the day before.

### ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Please remember that children are expected to be in school everyday unless truly too poorly to attend. Many children soon perk up when distracted by daily school life but rest assured, staff will contact parents if any child is struggling. **Routine appointments should be made outside of the school day where possible.** The school will notify parents and carers when a child's attendance falls below 96% (equal to two weeks of school missed). Any further deterioration may result in a referral being made to the Local Authority. Please also note that being late after registers are taken results in an absent mark for that morning - see our Attendance Policy for further information. **Thank you to all those who help ensure their children get the best start to the school day by being here and on time!**

### NEW MOBILE PHONE?

If you've changed your mobile number or email address, please ensure that you've informed the office so we can contact you in an emergency!