

# Townhill Junior School

## Weekly Update: 17<sup>th</sup> January



Dear Parents and Carers

We have already completed the second week in January and it has been another busy and eventful week. Here is a flavour of what has been taking place:

### Year 5 Living Rainforest Trip

On Thursday, Year 5 arrived at school early for a long coach trip to The Living Rainforest to support their geography work. They had a fantastic day and were complimented by the staff at the centre for their positive behaviour and engagement in the workshops. The children got to see various plants and animals, and were lucky enough to see the resident sloth up close on its feeding day.



### Life Lab

We have linked up with the Faculty of Medicine Team at University of Southampton who have kindly provided their huge Life Lab boxes to enhance our Science provision for both Y3 and Y6. The resources come complete with lab coats and equipment, with Year 3 looking at work on bones and the human skeleton.



Meanwhile, Year 6 have been looking at the circulatory system and how blood travels around the body. They created a large circulatory system in the hall using the resources provided as they acted out a journey through our blood vessels and learning how our blood can become oxygenated. They also used iPads with an x-ray feature to look at our internal organs. This was an engaging way to learn about a tricky scientific topic.

## Current Learning

	Subject	What the children will be learning	Ideas to support with the learning at home
Y3	English	Persuasive writing	Tell an adult what you have been learning in 'talk for write' with the actions
	Maths	Mass and weight	Measure the weight of difference objects in the home
	Science	Ball and socket joints	<a href="https://kids.kiddle.co/Ball_and_socket_joint">https://kids.kiddle.co/Ball_and_socket_joint</a>
Y4	English	Planning our Greek myths	Read a Greek myth with an adult
	Maths	Formal methods of Division	Extra work on TT Rock Stars and <a href="http://www.maths.co.uk">www.maths.co.uk</a>
	History	The Ancient Olympics	Research the Olympic values
Y5	English	Non-Chronological Reports in the style of David Attenborough	Learn more facts about the animals you saw at The Living Rainforest
	Maths	Adding and Subtracting Fractions	<a href="#">KS2 Maths - How to add and subtract fractions - BBC Bitesize</a>
	RE	Stewardship and looking after the environment	Research an environmentalist like Greta Thunberg
Y6	English	Persuasion	Persuade an adult to treat you to something this weekend! Find out what language works.
	Maths	Problem solving with Ratio	Complete the homework set on <a href="http://www.maths.co.uk">www.maths.co.uk</a>
	Science & DT	Keeping your heart healthy	Think about a flavour profile for the food you eat this weekend.



## Year 6 Revision Packs



As Year 6 build up to SATs there will be optional revision packs available for each week from class teachers. Please ask your class teacher each Monday and they are ready for you to take home.

### Star of the Week

Class	Name
3G	Jonah
3T	Joanne
4T	Jorgie
4P	Ava
5I	Ellis
5OH	Joshua
6S	Leo & Alexis
6C	Pheebe
6O	Sienna P
Music	Bryan, Idah & Peterclever

### Times Tables Rocks Leaderboard

Rank	First Name	Class	Most correct answers
1	Idah	5OH	4614
2	Connor	4T	2099
3	Raena	3G	1475
4	Alexandra	5I	1439
5	Alexis	6S	1095
6	Wonder	3T	956
7	Cohen	4T	820
8	Reimisa	4P	643
9	Fleur	4P	617
10	Heritage	3T	591



### Boom Reader



Class	Most Reads
3G	Aoife
3T	Jaxon & Penny
4P	Fleur
4T	X
5I	X
5OH	Matilda
6C	Andrea
6O	Thea
6S	Jasmine
<b>Weekly Class Winner</b>	<b>3G</b>

### Spelling Shed



Rank	Pupil	Class	Score	Total Score
1	Idah M	5OH	25,662,020	37,795,073
2	Janelle O	3G	3,149,783	74,513,790
3	Charlie S	3G	2,526,554	25,037,281
4	Grace D	6O	2,281,672	8,561,924
5	Raena S	3G	1,315,215	42,564,640
6	Aoife P	3G	1,202,040	3,394,990
7	Emilia Z	5I	606,400	76,087,330
8	Jonah B	3G	576,788	3,321,945
9	Denys K	6C	541,792	4,229,996
10	Herkus T	4P	514,888	17,407,723

## Stubbington Study Centre

This week we were shocked to find that there are surprising plans to consider closing Stubbington Study Centre. As a venue that TJS has used for many years for our Y6 residential, this is something we are very much against. We have seen thousands of children have a fantastic week away at Stubbington and the centre provides a unique learning environment that our children always enjoy.

We sent a letter out earlier in the week with a link to the consultation which we would ask as you to complete. Some of our parents have also been part of a group that has launched a petition for the idea to be reconsidered. If you would like to support this here are the links:

Consultation by 10<sup>th</sup> February: [consultation](#)

Petition: <https://chnq.it/M49MX5hDGw>



## Next Week at Re:Minds

# Next week at Re:Minds...

20th-24th January 2025

Thornhill Support Group 

**Friday 24th January 10am**

A chance to talk to other parents/carers with neurodiverse children and/or mental health issues. Get advice & support from our team - it doesn't matter where you live, you can attend any group!

You can also access the book & sensory library on request  
\*please allow 48 hours prior notice for this\*

Face to face meetings are at St Christopher's Church, Pepys Avenue, Thornhill, SO19 6PJ  
This venue has free parking and is accessible - Refreshments are available

You do not need to book to attend the support group. Just turn up!



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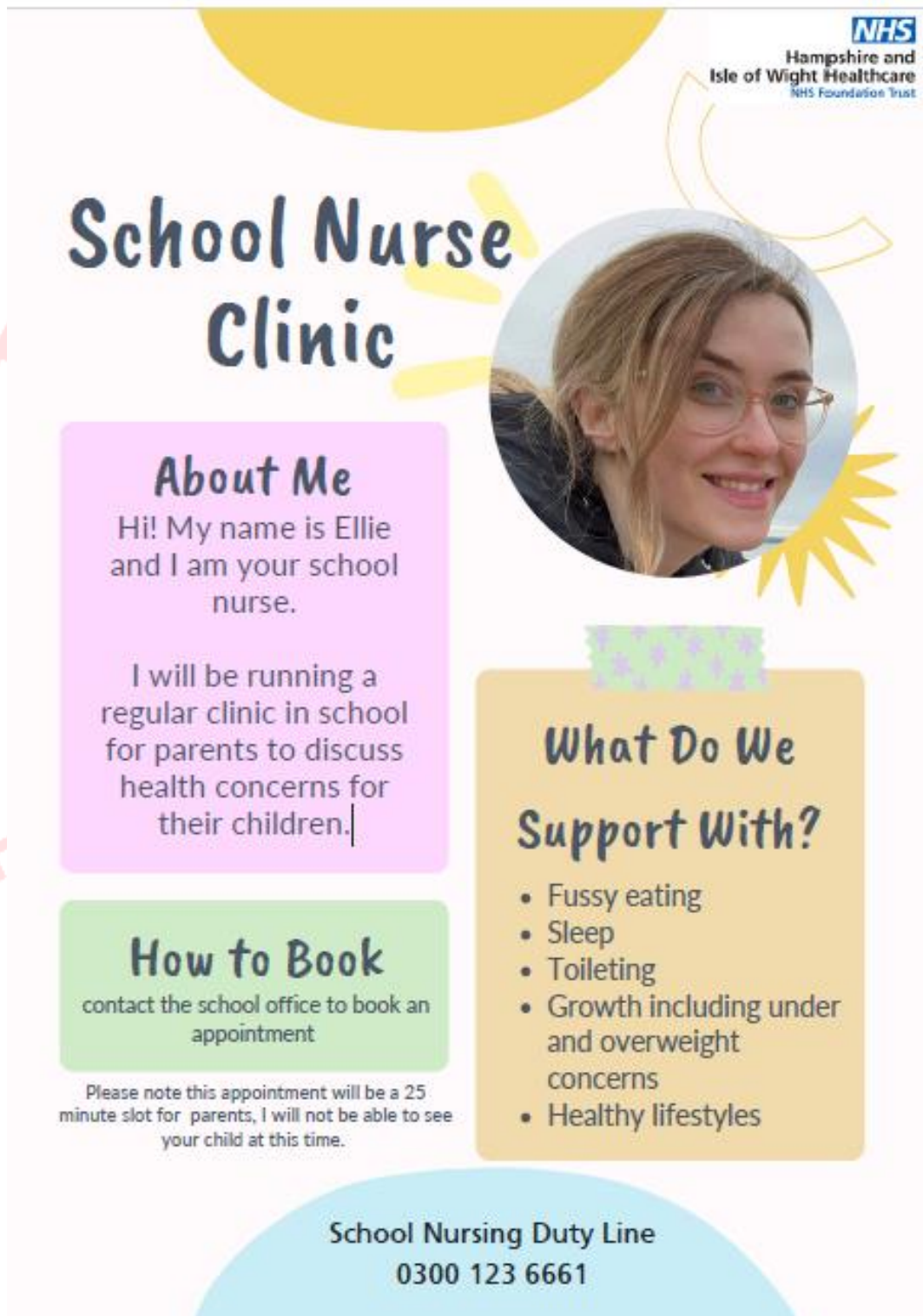
 Hampshire and Isle of Wight



## School Nurse


If the support offered is of interest please contact the school office in person or via email:

[info@townhilljuniorschool.co.uk](mailto:info@townhilljuniorschool.co.uk)



**NHS**  
Hampshire and  
Isle of Wight Healthcare  
NHS Foundation Trust

# School Nurse Clinic



## About Me

Hi! My name is Ellie and I am your school nurse.

I will be running a regular clinic in school for parents to discuss health concerns for their children.

## How to Book

contact the school office to book an appointment

Please note this appointment will be a 25 minute slot for parents, I will not be able to see your child at this time.

## What Do We Support With?

- Fussy eating
- Sleep
- Toileting
- Growth including under and overweight concerns
- Healthy lifestyles

School Nursing Duty Line  
0300 123 6661

Gantry Youth Theatre



Gantry Youth Theatre  
presents

# The Wonderland Academy



A Pantomime Written and Directed by Sophie Chambers

**Thursday 23rd - Saturday 25th  
January 2025 7.00pm  
and Saturday Matinee 2.00pm**

at The Sarah Moore Theatre, Bitterne Park Sixth  
Form, Dimond Road, Southampton, SO18 1BU

**Tickets: Adults £10.50 and Under 18's £6.50**  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-gantry-youth-theatre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-gantry-youth-theatre)



*"will you be late for this  
very important date?"*



Email [gantryyouththeatre@gmail.com](mailto:gantryyouththeatre@gmail.com)

## Dates for the Diary

**Tuesday, 21st January:** Y4 Temple Visit

**Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> February:** Y4 Break the Rules Day

**Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February:** Y4 Art Gallery Trip

Break the Rules Day

Discos Y3/4 (5:00pm) & Y5/6 (6:45pm)

**17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February:** Half Term

**Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> February:** INSET Day

**Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> March:** World Book Day & Dress Up Day

**10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March:** Assessment Week

**Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> March:** Y4 Parents Evening

**Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> March:** Parents Evening (3:30pm – 5:00pm) (Not Y4)

**Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April:** Parents Evening (3:30pm – 7:00pm)

**Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April:** Y5 Parent Reading Event (2:30pm)

**Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> April:** Break the Rules Day

End of Term: (3.15pm)



Wishing you all an enjoyable and relaxing weekend,

Mr H  
Headteacher

