



Townhill Junior School

Weekly Update: 10th January



Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to wish a Happy New Year to all our school community and thank you for your support in getting the children back to school with such an excellent attitude. It has been a busy start to the year with events taking place from the first day on Monday with our Ancient Greek day for Year 4 and then a STEM workshop and assembly on Friday.

Y4 Ancient Greek Day

On Monday a Greek warrior came to visit Year 4. He taught them how to prepare for a battle by using weapons and shields. They also got to explore and play ancient games. This was a brilliant hook day for their history topic and they were certainly enthusiastic about their learning.



STEM Workshop and Assembly

On Friday morning we were visited by Luke, a scientist, educator and former RAF engineer who works with aviation technology including jet engines, missiles and weapon defence. Luke led a fascinating Year 4 workshop on fuels and followed this up with an engaging whole school assembly on missiles. What made the morning even more impressive is that Luke is a former TJS pupil and his message to the children was inspiring to allow them to recognise what they could achieve if they applied themselves in the key STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects.



Healthy High 5

We were delighted to receive our Healthy High 5 validation again this week as we maintained our silver status. This is down to the hard work and engagement of both the staff and the children in the key areas of:

- ✓ Physical Activity
- ✓ Nurturing Nurture
- ✓ Mindfulness Minute
- ✓ Healthy Lunch, Breakfast & Clubs
- ✓ Access to Water



There will be regular updates in the newsletter of our progress this year.

School Roof

Thank you for your support and patience getting through the narrow path that is now in place along the side of the school where the scaffolding is. Deliveries were made on Friday and the initial work on the roof will start next week.



Reminders: Water and Uniform



A reminder that the children are only permitted to have water in class. This should be in a bottle with a sports cap to avoid leaks ruining work. In the same way that we do not allow toys in school, we would ask that the children do not come to school with expensive branded drinks containers.

Uniform: If girls are wearing leggings to school, as outlined in the uniform policy they must also wear a skirt over the top and not just be in plain leggings.

Cutbush Lane Parking

Although the School Streets scheme has finished for the time being, the area is now high on the list for traffic enforcement officers who were out patrolling twice this week. They have already sent warnings to a number of cars parked illegally and were targeting anyone parking on the zig zags. They have also asked us to monitor the zig zags and make them aware of cars who persistently park there making the children's route to school more unsafe than it needs to be. We would encourage you to not park in Cutbush Lane at all, unless you are a blue badge holder, as having less cars in this busy route home is what made the children feel safe walking to and from school when the scheme was running.



Current Learning

	Subject	What the children will be learning	Ideas to support with the learning at home
Y3	English	Persuasive writing	Look at different and discuss what is persuasive about them
	Maths	Units of length	Measure the length of difference objects in the home
	DT	Making Roman board games	Play your favourite board games and say what makes them so good
Y4	English	Writing a narrative	Read your favourite narrative to an adult
	Maths	Formal methods of Multiplication and Division	Extra work on TT Rock Stars and www.maths.co.uk
	Science	Sound	Experiment how sound travels through the different objects
Y5	English	Non-Chronological Reports in the style of David Attenborough	Research facts about elephants
	Maths	Adding Fractions	Add up different amounts of food types broken down into equal pieces (chocolate bar / pizza / fruit!)
	Science	Living things and their habitats	Learn what makes a reptile different from an amphibian
Y6	English	Designing a gadget	Describe your gadget to an adult
	Maths	Ratio	Use coins or counters to explain ratio to an adult
	Science	Circulatory system	Research the circulatory system



Home Learning

A reminder that all of our home learning is online through three main platforms and the expectation is that every child should be logging their reading, and completing challenges on TT Rocks and Spelling Shed every week:

Maths: Times Tables Rockstars

Reading: Boom Reader

Spelling: Spelling Shed



Star of the Week

Class	Name
3G	Ivy C
3T	Billy
4T	Seth
4P	Dexter
5I	Viren
5OH	Idah
6S	Jessica D
6C	Timothy
6O	Amelia
PE	Lily N



Times Tables Rocks Leaderboard

Rank	First Name	Class	Most correct answers
1	Idah	5OH	9712
2	Connor	4T	3849
3	Raena	3G	1870
4	Alexis	6S	1784
5	Lucie	6O	1462
6	Cohen	4T	1418
7	Alexandra	5I	761
8	Is'haq	6S	713
9	Andrea	6C	621
10	Divino	4T	506



Boom Reader



Class	Most Reads
3G	Aoife
3T	Penny
4P	Bella-Grace
4T	Ayda
5I	x
5OH	Matilda
6C	Andrea
6O	Max B
6S	Jasmine
Weekly Class Winner	3G

Spelling Shed



Rank	Pupil	Class	Score	Total Score
1	Idah M	5OH	5,874,512	11,873,159
2	Raena S	3G	2,310,844	41,249,425
3	Charlie S	3G	1,086,642	22,648,639
4	Janelle O	3G	976,324	71,364,007
5	Hector G	5OH	503,978	36,625,298
6	Joanne O	3T	468,512	5,149,373
7	Emilia Z	5I	456,240	75,937,170
8	Charis M	4P	410,004	106,501,788
9	Denys K	6C	282,940	3,880,356
10	Aoife P	3G	248,196	2,308,950

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EDITION 3

New Releases



The Boldest White
Ibtihaj Muhammad
4 years +

Hunt for the Golden Scarab

M.G. Leonard
9 years +



Sunrise of the Reaping
Suzanne Collins
13 years +

Reading Challenge



The We Wonder: Our Blue Planet STEM reading challenge is free to enter and aimed at students across the UK aged 7 to 14 years .

Following the framework of read, inform, protect, students are tasked with designing a campaign poster to protect our precious water resources. Exploring a range of information and ideas, this challenge not only encourages reading for pleasure and reading diversely, it supports disciplinary literacy by increased engagement with non-fiction texts.

[Sign up on the National Literacy Trust website](https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/we-wonder-our-blue-planet/)

Library groups for families

Libraries across the city hold regular groups for families. Highlighting groups such as rhyme time and story time at your local library to parents is a great way to get families engaged with reading from an early age. Woolston library holds a book club for children aged 7-11 on the first Tuesday of every month.

For your local library events to share with parents, visit the [Southampton Libraries Website](https://southampton.spydus.co.uk).

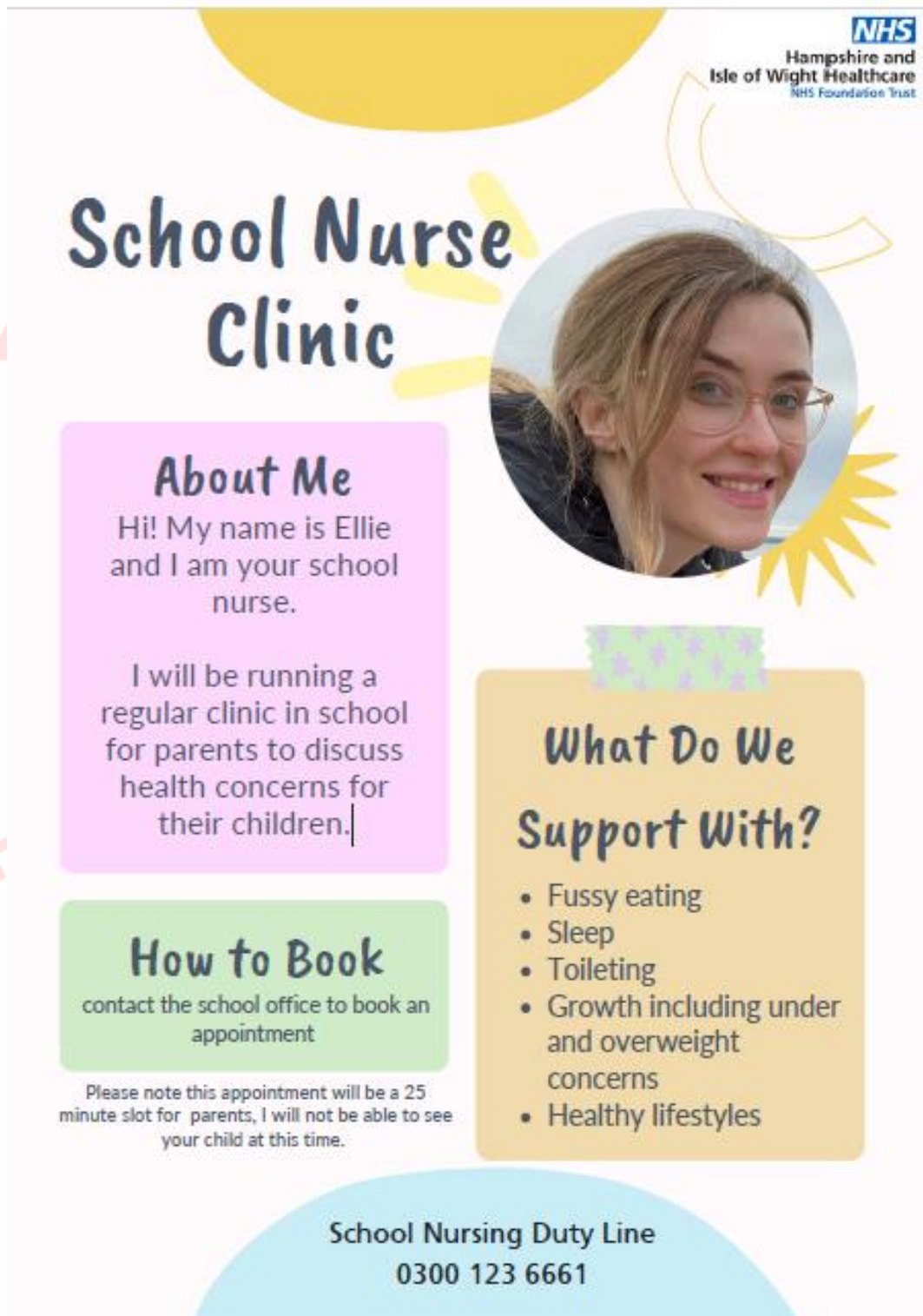
<https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/we-wonder-our-blue-planet/>

<https://southampton.spydus.co.uk>

School Nurse


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

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

SUPERSTAR SPORTS

**After School Clubs at
Townhill Junior School**

Venue: Townhill Junior School *Time: 3.20-4.30pm*
Age: All ages *Cost per session: £4.50*

Gymnastics	Football
Monday	Friday
13/01/2025	17/01/2025
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31/03/2025	04/04/2025



To book visit www.superstarsportsuk.com 02382 127331
Click "Book Now" on our main home screen to begin.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday, 16th January: Y5 Living Rainforest Trip (7:45am)

Tuesday, 21st January: Y4 Temple Visit

Monday, 10th February: Y3 Roman Workshop Day

Y3 Outcome Afternoon for Parents (2:30pm)

Thursday, 13th February: Y4 Break the Rules Day

Friday, 14th February: Y4 Art Gallery Trip

Break the Rules Day

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

17th – 21st February: Half Term

Monday, 24th February: INSET Day

Thursday, 6th March: World Book Day & Dress Up Day

10th – 14th March: Assessment Week

Friday, 28th March: Y4 Parents Evening

Monday, 31st March: Parents Evening (3:30pm – 5:00pm) (Not Y4)

Tuesday, 1st April: Parents Evening (3:30pm – 7:00pm)

Thursday, 3rd April: Y5 Parent Reading Event (2:30pm)

Friday, 4th April: Break the Rules Day

End of Term: (3.15pm)



Wishing you all an enjoyable and relaxing weekend,

Mr H
Headteacher

