

Thorney Primary stays open

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Thorney Island Primary has remained open during the Covid 19 pandemic for our 'Key Workers' children during the current crisis. There has been a regular rota of teaching staff working with the children during these difficult times. At Thorney we have felt it important that the children were kept safe and happy and as such have provided a wide range of activities to engage our children ranging in ages from four years old to eleven.

Every day, after hand washing, the children and staff have been enjoying a workout with Joe Wicks (online fitness coach) or some child friendly yoga. Then depending on numbers they have either worked as a class or split into Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. We are lucky to have amazing school grounds. Many of our activities have been based outside, such as planting vegetables and wild flowers in the allotment, a mini-beast hunt, building creature habitats, a tree survey and handling quail chicks. The children have also become ace hula hoopers and learnt how to play Tchoukball.



Inside the classrooms, after more handwashing, the children have developed their crafting skills with Hama beads, soap making, sewing, painting, clay modelling, baking and making rainbows in a variety of ways. Alongside this the children in school have been supported to access their on line work set by their teachers.

Sienna (aged 8) said, "It has been quite good having the field and the school to ourselves and working with the different teachers but I don't like it that I don't get to see my friends. I can't wait to see my friends again."

It has been a difficult time for everyone, but Thorney Island School would like to thank the support they have received from our parents, the unfailing cheerfulness of the 'Key Workers' children and the dedication of all the staff and governors.

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