

# A BIG THANK YOU

# Education ACTIONzone

***The staff, pupils, parents and governors at Thatto Heath Community Primary School would like to thank the EAZ for its hard work and commitment to improving the standards of our pupils' literacy, numeracy and ICT skills.***

Self-esteem building, collaboration and motivation have been at the heart of the projects carried out in our school.

*'As a direct result of our partnership with the EAZ we have been able to revolutionise teaching and learning at our school. The Arts and the creative use of ICT are now at the forefront of our teaching.'* Governing Body

As a direct result of to the wonderful work carried out by the Artzone team, it is now **cool** for boys to dance in our school!

From the Bollywood production to *Thriller* and the wonderful finalé of *Americana*, dance is now not only embedded in each Year group, but is one of the highlights of our curriculum.

*'I really enjoyed learning how to dance with Karen and the rest of the team. It was fantastic to get the opportunity to dance alongside the Artzone team on stage at the Theatre Royal. It made me feel confident, exhilarated and part of a professional team. We all worked together and produced a performance which everyone was proud of. Thank you to the Artzone team for believing in my ability.'* Neil, Year 6

*'Drama is my favourite subject now . I used to avoid taking part as I felt shy when I was on stage but the Artzone has taught me to believe in myself and has given me confidence.'* Jodie , Year 5

**Thatto Heath has become an ICT Centre of Excellence. Each class now benefits from having an interactive whiteboard, a class camera, and DVD equipment.**

*'I love using the interactive whiteboard in my classroom. It makes my lessons more interesting .My favourite programme is '2 Create a Story.'* Chloe, Year 1

Year 6 have benefited from having a class set of wireless laptops. Research skills are now embedded in all curriculum areas which has helped the children to become independent learners.

*'I enjoy using the laptops for our revision. We use Revisewize during a morning Booster Club. RM Maths is good fun but my favourite is when we produce PowerPoint presentations for assemblies, as well as our link classes in the infants.'* Kathleen Year 6

## **Photographers and Film Makers**

As a result of the additional core funding provided through the EAZ we were able to establish a Film Making Team. Recently, the children have been hard at work building on the success of the school documentary and the making of the pantomime. Their current project is a short movie reflecting on the issues surrounding Global Warming.

The Key Stage 1 nominated class photographers have now been trained on how to use the camcorders. This half term they are making a movie based on Friendship. Our pupils are confident, enthusiastic learners due to the creative curriculum which has grown out of our work with the EAZ.

## **Plasma Revolution**

The addition of a plasma screen in the school has been a huge motivational tool. It is used as a showcase for the children's work in all curriculum areas.

*'I was so excited when my RE PowerPoint was displayed on the plasma screen in the foyer. Lots of other pupils, parents, teachers and the office staff got to see my work and tell me what they thought of it.'* Jodie

## **Football Superstars**

Through the EAZ we have recently established links with Football 4 the Community . The Football Camp project was a huge success and we would like to thank the EAZ for facilitating this partnership.

*'I really enjoyed the Football Camp in the half-term holiday. I learnt lots of new skills and got to play lots of matches. It was great!'* Abby, Year 2

## **Magic at Maths!**

Thatto Heath would like to say a big thank you to Mr Eric Taylor for the invaluable contribution he has made to raising the profile of mathematics across the school. Eric has recently carried out Problem Solving training for staff and took part in team teaching lessons in both Key Stages.

*'Eric Taylor has been a good friend to the school. He has produced fantastic resources, coached staff and demonstrated how to make maths lessons challenging **and** fun!'* C Ireland, Deputy Headteacher