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Newsletter November 2018

Thomas's Academy

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Upcoming Events

November 2018

- 2nd: Mayor's Cup (Y5 & Y6)
- 7th: Dodgeball Tournament (Y5 & Y6)
- 7th: Governors' Coffee morning for parents
- 8th: Parents' Quiz Night
- 12th: Anti-Bullying Week – Choose respect!
- 14th: Young Mathematicians' Competition
- 15th: Y5 & Y6 to Science Museum
- 16th: Children in Need Day
- 23rd: INSET Day
- 30th: Thistle House Day (wear blue)

December 2018

- 6th: Flu Immunisations (nasal spray)
- 7th: Mayor's Cup (Y5 & 6)
- 10th: Book Fair (all week)
- 12th: Christmas Nativity (Y1 & Y2)
- 14th: Christmas Lunch
- 14th: Christmas Jumper Day
- 21st: School finishes at 2pm

Art Exhibition

This exhibition showcasing children's artwork at the end of Art Enrichment Week was a proud moment for the school. The focus was 'Communities' and this was expressed in many different ways. Well done to Ms Beata Drodz who organized the art week and to all the staff and pupils who participated. The art work will be displayed around the school for future enjoyment.

Spooky Day

Thank you to the parents who organized and ran the parties on this day. Thank you also to others who contributed in some way. The children looked great and had a fun-filled (and spooky) day. £500 was raised which will go towards playground improvements.

Harvest Collection

Thank you to all the families who kindly donated to the Foodbank. The items were gratefully received. Some of the older pupils met with a Foodbank representative to learn more about what they do.

Photo Consent

You may have noticed that our blog and twitter posts have stopped. Due to new regulations, consent to use children's images has had to be re-sought and has made this more complex. Once we have responses from parents regarding this, we can share more of the wonderful things that we do. Early Years staff share children's achievements through a digital programme called 'Tapestry'. Without parental consent, parents will not be able to view pictures of their child in school.

Thomas's Academy places the safeguarding of children's welfare as our very highest priority. If you have any concerns about a child's safety or welfare, inside or outside school, please contact one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads or call us on the number above.

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Unicorn Award

Pupils have been introduced to the Thomas's Academy unicorn award. Every child from Y1 – Y6 will receive a **new** book to record special experiences which help develop understanding of the schools' cornerstones. For children in year 3 and above, please make sure your child's book is kept in their book bags/ruck sack so it can be worked on in school too. Please help your child to treasure this book and complete it carefully so they can create beauty that they are proud of.

Fruit for KS2

We are now providing fruit and vegetable for older children too during the break times.

The Daily Mile

Thomas's Academy is getting fitter and healthier every day, due to The Daily Mile! Our miles are helping us to concentrate and get our brain muscles working!

Congratulations to the following classes:

Year 1 have run 2 miles!

Year 5 have fun 3 miles!

Year 4 have run 7 miles!

Let's see if Thomas's Academy (or maybe a class!) can run the distance of a marathon by Christmas!

Children in Need – 16th November

Children should come to school in uniform but may wear a 'Children in Need' Accessory if they wish. Our School Council will be organizing a 'Bring and Buy Sale' to raise money for the charity so we are asking for donations of books, good quality children's clothing and cakes. More information to follow.

Points of Contact

If you wish to discuss your child, your first point of contact is your child's class teacher. Teachers are normally available in the playground before school and after school but please do not have conversations after 8.50am as they need to get to class. If you wish to speak to our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCO), Lyndsey Gale, she works on

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Appointments can be made with her via the school office. The leadership team are also available in the mornings, after school or via appointment.

Parent's Quiz Night

Parents are hosting a Quiz night on Thursday 8th November 7.30-10.30pm with a hope of having a lot of fun, meeting other parents and raising some much needed funds to improve the school playground. The cost of the event is £10 which includes food, drink and quiz. You can book your place for the event in the school office.

Uniform

Please ensure that pupils are wearing full school uniform. Please be reminded that school shoes should be black and that trainers or boots are not permitted. School coats are the only coats permitted. Please label all items so they can be returned to their owner if lost. Once the temperature decreases and you wish for your child to wear a hat, please ensure it's a school beanie available at Sogans. Pupils are not required to bring stationery to school as this is all provided.

Lunches

If you wish your child to change to or from school lunches, please let the office know in advance. We request that this is only done at the end of a half-term. Packed lunches should be healthy and contain no nuts due to allergies in the school although a small treat is permitted on Fridays.

Absences

Please be reminded to call the school office each morning when your child is off school. You may also email to absent@academy.thomas-s.co.uk Our school is committed to promoting the welfare of your child through regular school attendance. All holidays taken during term time will be considered as unauthorised and may incur a penalty charge.

Updating information

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Please remember to let the office know if you change any details such as your phone number. We are increasingly using e-mail as a form of communication so please let the office know your email address if you haven't already.

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