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Upcoming Events

March 2019

1st: St David's Day – Daffodil house wear yellow

4th: Y6 to Thomas's Fulham (science)

6th: Y2 to Pizza Express

6th: Pupils to Wembley Arena for WE day concert

7th: World Book Day: Dress up as a book character

8th: International Women's Day

15th: Red Nose Day

18th: (Day after St Patrick's Day) Shamrock house wear green

18th: Y4 to Cadogan Hall

19th: Y2 to Explore Learning

25th: No home learning due to Mother's Day

April 2019

1st: Oracy Enrichment Week

1st: Primary Maths Challenge

3rd: Y1 to Pizza Express

5th: Spring Term Break – finish at 2pm

23rd: INSET day

24th: Children return to school

24th: (day after St George's Day) Rose House wear red

Collaboration → Reflection



After our successful work on collaboration, our new Learn 2 Learn focus this half term is 'Be Reflective'. At Thomas's Academy, we believe that the ability to reflect on external and internal feedback is integral to success. A child who can set their own goals and measure their efforts against these, adapting as necessary, will be in a good place to succeed with the tasks in front of them and will enjoy the satisfaction of being a reflective and independent learner.

House Teams

Thistle, Rose, Shamrock, Daffodil – which House Team are you a member of? House teams are a very important part of Thomas's Academy. They provide a brilliant opportunity for collaboration. We are excited about House Team events and competitions that are coming up so watch this space. Daffodil House get to wear yellow on 1st March and join in with an activity led by Miss Dymond. On 18th March, it's Shamrock's turn to wear green. They will get the chance to participate in some Irish Dancing. Roses – it's your turn on 24th April.

World Book Day – 7th March

Children can come to school dressed as a book character. Awards will be given for the best and most unique costumes. In the interests of the environment we are requesting families to not purchase ready-made costumes but to get creative with what you have. Parents are welcome to read to classes at 9am and 3pm – please let the relevant class teacher know if you are interested.

Red Nose Day

On 15th March, pupils may wear red clothing and bring in a donation for this charity. The recommended donation is £2 per child or £4 per family. We will also be selling red nose day items in the school office. All profits will be sent directly to Comic Relief.

Be Kind - Learn to Learn - Think Globally – Create Beauty

International Food Day

Thank you to everyone who contributed and participated in this event. We are so lucky to have such a rich culture at Thomas's Academy. The pupils looked amazing in their traditional clothing too. £564.00 was raised which will go towards improving the playgrounds.



Breakfast Club

For £3 a day, pupils from nursery to Y6 may attend breakfast club from 8am. It is run by staff at Thomas's Academy.

Please sign up at the office if you'd like your child to come along.

Safer Internet Day

Pupils were involved in learning about 'consent' in relation to going online as part of this annual national event. The aim is to educate pupils about how to confidently and safely use the devices they have access to. We continue to learn about safe internet use throughout the year and if you would like any advice with this, please feel free to speak to Miss Kelly.

Seesaw

Digital photographs and videos for Early Years children are stored on a tool called Tapestry which we share with parents. We have now invested in a tool for pupils in years 1 – 6 to store their digital work. Pupils are being trained up to use Seesaw in a responsible way. The plan is to eventually allow parents to access this. If you would like more information about this, please see Miss Kelly.

Home Learning Club

The library/computing room is open for pupils accompanied by a parent/carer to complete home learning tasks on a Monday after school. Miss Geordie is around to support this. All children have to do is turn up with their home learning and their book – no need to book!

Yogurt Pots

Ms Thorpe, our Art Teacher, requires lots of small yogurt pots. Please hand them in to the office if you have some. Thank you.

School Crossing Patrol

After years of us asking, the council have advertised for the paid position of 'school crossing patrol' at the junction of Munster Road and New King's Road. This is an opportunity to help pupils at our school to safely cross this road. The position is for 10 hours per week. If you would like to apply for this post, please do so online at:

<http://ats-lbhjobs.jobsgopublic.com/vacancies/view/81847>

Alternatively, please see Miss Kelly who can help with the application process. The post is open to members of the public also so please ask others you know.

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, hats and scarves are available at Sogan's. Please label all items so they can be returned to their owner if lost. We also advise **adding a unique key ring to the zip of coats** so that children can identify their coat quickly.

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.

Kidzania for Best Attenders

As we have done for the last two years, we intend to take 40 children to Kidzania at the end of the academic year as a reward. The criteria to be chosen includes that a child has no unauthorised absences and that their attendance is at least 97%. This is open to all children from reception to year 6.

Change in personal details

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.

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.