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Our website is receiving hits from all over the world including Ghana, Australia and Thailand. The address is: [www.academy.thomas-s.co.uk](http://www.academy.thomas-s.co.uk) and includes a blog with information and photographs of the ongoing events. Keep an eye on it for up to date information.

### Sports Relief

We raised an amazing £107.69 for this charity. Thank you to the staff who organised the money raising events and to all you for contributing.

### British Heart Foundation

At the end of term 2 we held a dodgeball tournament to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. We raised a massive £500.00 and a big congratulation to Blin Azizi for raising £149.45. The tournament was a huge success; all pupils enjoyed participating and representing their houses. There were some very close fought battles between the teams, however, there could only be one winner. Well done to the inventors or 'GB Force' as they named themselves for the tournament. They are: Nazir, Shayma, Abir, Aaron, Mattias and Mahad.

### Monthly Cake Sales

Y3 raised £117.21. The next cake sale will be on 6<sup>th</sup> May and will be the turn of Y6 who are raising money for something special.

### Raising Money for the Thomas's Academy Summer Fair

Well done to everyone involved with the 3 events at the end of last term. The 'own clothes' day raised £133.46, the cake sale raised £120.64 and the raffle raised £239.90. If you would like to contribute your time, thoughts or expertise towards the Thomas's Academy Summer Fair, then please attend the next coffee morning on 15<sup>th</sup> April.

### Science Week

Pupils enjoyed a week of science. The week included a variety of trips plus a visit from Safari Pete and his wild animals! It was lovely to see so many parents visiting the school to see the pupils' inventions on the final day.

### Chess Team

We are tremendously proud to tell you that Thomas's Academy Chess Team were awarded second place at the Junior Champions League Chess Tournament. Our team of Year 5 and Year 2 pupils represented our school by playing extremely well against some tough competition, losing to the first place team by only one point! The team have made it through to the European Finals Day on 2nd May. We will be following their achievements closely and will keep you all updated on their progress.

### Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

Years three and four had a wonderful trip to Cadogan Hall in Chelsea to listen to and sing along with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in the performance entitled 'Fire!'

### Buddhism

As part of our RE curriculum, we cover the seven main world religions. This week we are spending two full days learning about Buddhism and the activities that children will be completing will explore different concepts such as celebration, specialness, teachings and symbols.

Year 4 and 5 have visited the Buddhapadipa Temple in Wimbledon for a guided tour of the temple and learn more about worship in Buddhism. Reflection is an important aspect of the Buddhist faith and it is also a main factor of our schools 'Learning to Learn' cornerstone. It is hoped that the pupils see this link and develop as better reflective learners and have an understanding and respect for all beliefs.

### Maths Workshop for Parents Y1 – Y4

On 14.4.16 at 9am, Mrs Webber (previously Miss Williamson) will be holding a meeting for parents to share information about 'Maths Mastery' which is the scheme that the pupils are following in maths. Please attend if you can.



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### **After School Clubs**

The Summer Term clubs will commence on 18<sup>th</sup> April. You will have received the list of this term's offers to choose from and we recommend you do this quickly so not to be disappointed.

### **Top Attenders**

At the end of this term, 60 pupils with the best attendance and punctuality to KidZania, London.

### **Parents Community**

The next coffee morning that all parents are invited to is 15<sup>th</sup> April at 9am in the Welcome Room. If you have anything you'd like to be discussed, please put a note in the comments box which is in reception. All parents/carers are welcome to attend to find out more about this group and get involved in school activities.

### **Book Fair**

On the week of 25.4.16, there will be a sale of children's books at our school.

### **School Uniform**

Now that we are in the Summer Term, pupils are now able to wear the Summer uniform. For girls this is a blue and white dress with white socks. For boys, it is mid-grey school shorts with plain grey socks. Black school shoes should continue to be worn. Thomas's Academy caps are available at our uniform suppliers.

### **Water Bottles / sun cream**

Please ensure children have a filled water bottle and that it is cleaned daily. If required, please also ensure children have sun cream applied before school.

### **Parent Readers**

If you have some regular spare time to hear children at our school read, please collect a DBS form from the office and let them know your availability.

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast club is open for pupils at 8am. The cost is £2 per day. Please let Anna or Yasmin know if you are interested in your child attending.

### **Parent View**

You can share your views about our school on the parent view website. This also informs us of what you think we are doing well and what we can improve with.

### **School Closures**

There are 3 closures to make note of:

Nursery will be shut on 19<sup>th</sup> April due to staff training.

2<sup>nd</sup> May is a bank holiday.

Due to the school being used as a polling station for the mayoral elections, school will be shut to pupils (except for Year 6 - sorry) on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

We are also closed on 23<sup>rd</sup> June due to the EU Referendum.