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New Administration Staff

We are pleased to announce that our front desk now has a new team: Yasmin and Anna. If you have any queries, they will be happy to assist.

Thomas's Academy Website

Our new website is now live. The address is www.academy.thomas-s.co.uk. It includes a calendar of upcoming events and a regularly updated blog with photos of the pupils which is well worth looking at.

Assemblies

Y6 will be sharing some of the things they have been learning about on Thursday 4th February. Y5 will be doing the same on 11th February. All welcome.

Teacher Training

We have worked with Roehampton University for many years supporting teacher training. We have now received a certificate celebrating that we are an accredited teacher training provider in partnership with the University of Roehampton.

School Games Award

Thomas's Academy has achieved the Silver Sainsbury's School Games Mark award for our commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport. Well done to Mr Winsloe for all he is doing with school P.E. We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids 2016 vouchers. The more we collect, the more sports equipment we can get.

Community Matters

Some £160.00 has been given to us by Waitrose as part of their 'Community Matters' programme. This will be used to cover some of the cost of running our many after-school clubs. Thank you to all who contributed to this.

Perform

Our Year 1 pupils enjoyed a session with this drama group based on the theme 'superheroes'. Perform are offering a £30.00 introductory discount on Perform fees for pupils at our school who try out a free class before Monday 8th February.

Y4 Art Buddy Program

Year 4 have been taking part in an Art Buddy Program with Thomas's Clapham where they work collaboratively to produce an art piece. On the two occasions that this happened, fantastic art was created, a great example being the kindness collages that you may have seen in the reception area. With the next session this month, keep an eye out for another exciting Art Buddy piece that will be popping up somewhere around the school.

Sayers Croft

The residential trip is on 7 – 9th March. A meeting for parents and pupils will be held after school on 2nd February for those involved in this residential trip. Kit lists and a timetable will be provided during this meeting.

Physical Education

This term has been a very busy term already. We have had many sports teams competing at various competitions throughout the borough.

Our Mayors Cup football team is back in action this term and both the girls and boys teams came away with a draw in their first match for 2016.

We had a mixed football team competing at the Champions League tournament run by Chelsea Football Foundation, this was valuable experience for our talented football players.

This we offered netball as another competitive sport and our netball team competed at a tournament hosted by The Godolphin and Latymer School.

There are many more sports opportunities coming up later this term, so encourage your child to get involved.

Vivo Points

Congratulations to the Autumn Term Winners in each class.

Year 1: Frankie

Year 2 and overall winner: Natalja

Year 3: Basma, Zarah and Mahin

Year 4: Olivia

Year 5: Loretta

Year 6: Amal

Also, congratulations to the discoverers for being the house with the most vivos last term.

Book Day – 4th March

We have lots of exciting things planned for our Book Day this year which we will share with you nearer the time. Pupils will receive a book voucher and we will be



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asking parents to get involved so please save this date if you can.

Charity

At Thomas's we firmly believe in our cornerstones: Think Globally and Be Kind. For our next enrichment week, we will be learning all about 'Charity'.

We will be visited by several charities including, NSPCC, Cats Protection, Amnesty International and London Sports Trust amongst others. We will be finding out about what they do as well as how we can support them. At the end of the week we will be holding our own fundraising event with all of the proceeds going to 'The Cairn Trust'. If you would like to find out a little more about this charity please visit their web page <http://www.cairntrust.org/>. We will all benefit from engagement with communities near and far, enhancing our awareness of both local and national charities.

Top Attenders

Following the fantastic trip to KidZania by 74 of our best attenders, we have decided to repeat this reward. At the end of the Summer Term, Thomas's Academy will be taking 60 pupils with the best attendance and punctuality to KidZania, London.

Monthly Cake Sales

Y1 raised £54.90 last month – well done. Next is the turn of **year 2 on 5th February**. It is intended that this is run by parents so please help to sell cakes if you can.

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.

Parents Community

The next coffee morning that all parents are invited to is 5th February at 9am in the Welcome Room. Mr Chester will be in attendance. If you have anything you'd like to be discussed, please put a note in the comments box which is in reception.

The Parents Community will be holding a Spring Raffle on 23rd March. Please donate raffle prizes for this event such as unwanted gifts and Easter eggs. Many thanks in advance.

PE Kits

To participate fully in the lessons, it is essential that pupils are in the correct clothing. Please also ensure that P.E. kits are named in order that lost kit can be returned to correct person. Registers will be taken in order that parents of pupils without kit will be contacted.

Shoe Laces

If pupils cannot yet tie their laces, please provide shoes and P.E. trainers without laces in order that pupils can be as independent as possible whilst at school.

School Uniform

We are considering including a summer jacket as part of our school uniform. If you have any feedback, please speak to Anna or Yasmin in the office or email us.

Please be reminded that pupils should be in **school shoes** (not boots or trainers). The pupils look very smart when the uniform is worn consistently.

Water Bottles

Please ensure children have a filled water bottle and that it is cleaned daily.

School Photos

The photographer will be taking photographs of whole classes on 4th February. These will be available for you to purchase.

Book Amnesty

Many of our new and popular books have not been seen for quite some time! If you have any school reading books at home that you have finished with, please return them to the library so they can be enjoyed by others.

Free NHS Health Check

This is on offer to those of you aged 40 – 70. The checks are due to happen on 19th February at our school. If you wish to take part, please contact Natalie on 07505423410.

Parents Required

If you have spare time to hear pupils read, please give your name and availability to the office and we will contact you.

Contact Information

Please ensure the office have been informed of any changes to your details in order that you receive all texts, emails and phone calls.

Half Term

School is closed on the week of 15th February for half term. Pupils should return to school on 22nd February.