



THE THORNDOWN CHRONICLE

The children of Thorndown were asked to write in the style of reporters therefore the articles published in this newspaper are not strictly true but do make fabulous stories.

HAPPY, HEALTHY, HIGH ACHIEVERS

Happy

The children at Thorndown feel happy because they are in a safe environment. They feel valued as a pupil even if they are not the most successful.

Healthy

What makes us a healthy school? We encourage healthy eating at Thorndown, both packed lunches and school dinners,

even snacks! School Here are some of dinners are packed full Thorndown's favourite of healthy options and phrases : we are encouraged to do lots of physical exercise.

High Achievers

At Thorndown we feel that we are valued and respected whatever our learning needs. We are encouraged to develop our learning skills by asking questions and taking learning risks.

- *Reach for the stars
- *It's not "I can't do it, it's I cant do it yet!"
- *Never say never!
- *Never give up

By Chloe W (Yr 6)



Are you a budding pop star? Do you want the lime light and fame that One Direction, Jessie J and Olly Murs experiences?

If the answer is 'Yes!' then 'The X Factor' needs you!

Auditions will take place

in the school hall on 1st November @ 12.20pm and the winner will get to sing at the Christmas production. Your judges are Miss Godbold, Mrs Browne, Mr Sweeney and Mr Sewell.

Who will be your mentor?

Could it be Mrs Browne who mentors the girls? Mr Sweeney to mentor the boys? Miss Godbold to mentor the over 10's or will Mr Sewell the groups?

It's time to face the music...if you dare!

By Ella C (Yr 5)

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Special points of interest:

- ☺ Hear about the Halloween adventures
- ☺ Read how you could take part in 'The X Factor'
- ☺ Find out what life is like at Thorndown
- ☺ Take a look at the pictures of our new school

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YEAR 3/4 TOWN TRAIL

It was windy and half way along the tour it began to rain. At one part of the walk we didn't need our hoods.

We went to the old chapel bridge. The chapel is mostly closed. But this time we could go into the chapel. I liked it. I would like to borrow the key from the Norris Museum and I will go there once again. I would like to use the key to go into the chapel and go downstairs and I will look out from the balcony.

A nice woman talked about lots of things. She talked about The Great Ouse and The 3C of St. Ives. They are corn, coal and cattle. There were big fairs in town and it was famous for wool.

We heard an old nursery rhyme: "As I was going to St. Ives, I met a man with seven wives..." This was the beginning

of the rhyme.

The woman asked some questions and I answered one of them at the end of the walk. The answer was coal, and for that I got a piece of plastic coal. I felt like I walked a 1000 miles, because the walk was so long!

By Jamie K (Yr 3)

The town trail was enjoyed by all.



Excitement hit Thorndown Primary School within the completion of the new school building. Staff and pupils were delighted to be working in the building in time for the start of the new school year.

More work is now starting to get the new playground and car park done before the builders move onto the old infant school.

The new school building has some great new rooms and early reports are that the children love it. One pupil said, "The library is a lot of fun and is great for exploring on the computers, they are amazing Apple Macs and they are like a normal computer but much better!"

Each year now has its own classroom without pillars in the way. Each classroom is big and makes you feel welcome. Split over two floors, Miss Godbold was worried she may get lost and hoped the children would help her find her way round.

This impressive new building will no doubt bring lots of new and exciting events for staff, children and parents alike.

Check out the website for my more information.
By Ryan S (Yr 5)

OUR NEW SCHOOL

I like the new school because I get to go upstairs. The corridors are tiring but they fit in a lot of classrooms. Instead of people going "I don't want to go" they go "Yes...School!" The school has a ginormous hall and tough walls. The classrooms smell brand new and the decorations are cheerful. We

get to go on the field and we have lots of games for wet play. The windows are big and transparent; this makes our new classrooms much lighter. There are more clubs to go to this year. I go to chess club on Mondays and Karate on Thursday and the people who do them seem really nice. There are comfy carpets and warm chairs. In

the afternoon the air seems hotter. The doors aren't creaky and the book corners are sorted.

By Ethan L (Yr 3)



SCHOOL GOES SHOPPING

When I was walking home from school I saw a glimmer of light. At midnight I was wondering what would happen. I looked out of my window and the school was gone. I saw the school walking and then it disappeared. "Hello Pencil what are you doing tonight?" said Table. "Oh we are going to Next and Marks and Spencer's in Cambridge" replied Pencil. The Crayons were walking home from Cambridge carrying lots of shopping bags. They had a great time and had



brought lots of new things for the new school. The school returned to St Ives on the guided bus. They got back to the school site because the school had to be back by morning because the children would be arriving. What would the children say if they all knew what they had been up to whilst they were all asleep?

By Carys M (Yr3)

On Monday 6th October 2014 Lion Class embarked on a quest to learn about the changes over time in St. Ives. The day it was on the weather was devastating! It was pouring with rain. First they talked about the Saxons building houses, shops etc out of wood and churches, memorials etc out of stone. The river was both good and bad (good because it was used for transport; bad because of floods.) St. Ives was famous for its sheep, wool and cattle. Also it had three Cs cattle and corn, which it sent away, and coal which it got back. The weather couldn't have been worse, but everybody listened and joined in. A parent helper was interviewed. She said "The children listened very well even though the weather was appalling." The children found out that every second something is changing. The most recent change in St. Ives is our new school.

By Matthew A (Yr 4)

HALLOWEEN AT THORNDOWN

A few days before Halloween, all the stationery that the children use were in a meeting as they wanted to do something special for the children of Thorndown Primary school, because they had provided them with a lovely new home. So they decided to put on a Halloween party for when the children come back from the weekend. The scissors cut out pumpkins, the pencils decorated the cakes, the rubbers laid out the party hats and the rulers measured how long the banners were. Then they got all the stuff and took it into the hall. The stationery got lots of sweets and party bags from pound land. Finally they were ready for the children. When the children got into school on the Monday morning they were so surprised, that a little boy said, "Who did this?" Then they had a lovely time at the party.

By Liam O (Yr 3)



BREAK IN AT SCHOOL!

Breaking news; there has been a break in at Thorndown School! All students have been told to lock their doors and windows until the crime has been solved. Parents are very worried about their children but the children are happy because they get lots of time off school! The robber stole some biscuits, a pair of

It was a scene of fear and confusion at Thorndown School, St Ives yesterday morning (Thursday) when some people claimed to hear whispering in their ears. The whispers were telling the pupils to do things against their will like telling the teachers what to do. The Headmistress Miss Godbold and the Deputy Headmistress Mrs Gerrard, raised the alarm when the same children seemed to be coming to the office everyday with red cards. Miss Godbold could see a vague thing she couldn't tell what it was. Each day a shadow was easier to see. It was the 31st October the sky was turning pitch black. They were losing contact with the children! The children were looking gloomy. Then a big shout, not like the shadow at all, and all the people, except those being whispered to, were terrified. The shadow shouted - screamed in fact - "all teachers are to be banished for all eternity!" then there was a big gust of wind and witnesses described the teachers being pulled into a magic lantern which was then seen being pushed into a pile of mud and disappearing. "Something wasn't right!" said one witness at the scene. The lantern came back, the gust of wind came back, the teachers were pulled out and the shadow was pulled in. The last words heard from the shadow were: "I will have my revenge you fools!" After the event some witnesses claimed not to remember anything about what had just happened. The police are now investigating.

By Evie T (Yr 4)

glasses and the head teacher's chair.

"Who would steal the special chair, a chair stealer?" said Miss Godbold. "Some of my biscuits for the children have gone!" said Head Cook, Karen. Police found a purple jacket with Mrs Williams' name in it, "So that's who took everything, Mrs Williams must

have left her purple jacket when she stole the special chair!" said Mrs Gerrard.

By Lauren S (Yr 3)

THE GREAT FIRE OF THORNDOWN

One rainy day, the children of Thorndown were all in their classrooms working hard. Mrs Cook was working through her paperwork in the office. Miss Godbold was chatting away to Mrs Gerrard about new improvements for the school. All was quiet and calm. Suddenly the fire alarm went off. There was smoke pouring out of the kitchen. Everyone screamed and ran out of the school. The fire swept through the school dramatically. For 5 days the school was ablaze and the firemen worked hard to put it out. All that was left was a smoking pile of bricks. Everyone was sad. The school field was filled with mobile classrooms so that everyone could still come to school. The builders came in and a new school had to be built straight away! They worked day and night for weeks and weeks. Eventually the new school building came up from the ground and that is what you can see here today.

By Lucy G (Yr 3)

"WHO WOULD STEAL THE SPECIAL CHAIR, A CHAIR STEALER?"

THE NEW SCHOOL

The new school is loved and taken care of by every one and the learning-environment is great. Upstairs there are key stage 2 and downstairs there are key stage 1. The classes are huge, and people get on with their work. All of the students said that teachers are brilliant. Instead of the students saying,

'oh man it's school' they say, 'yes! school'. All of key stage 2 love the Discovery suite, they get to go on iPads, laptops, the interactive table and read lots of books. In the afternoon they do subjects like science, art and history. It's not just the upstairs that students admire; it's also the downstairs they enjoy. On the learning Street there are domes, where some students are taken to do early work. All of the children say that the lunches are delicious, the lines are huge because they are so popular. After school the students normally talk about how much fun they had during lesson time.

By Rowan L (Yr 6)

MY NEW SCHOOL



There are 366 pupils in our school, aged 4 to 11 years old.

I love my new school because it is awesome. The discovery suite is very colourful and can be used for reading, computing and changing our reading books. The hall is very big and is used for lunch and assembly.

There's lots of natural light in our class rooms and corridors due to the glass roof and big windows, which makes our school look bright and sparkly.

The sad thing at the moment, is that we don't have a playground as

the builders are still building it, so we have to play on the field which is sometimes quite wet and muddy. We have been asked to wear wellington boots to go out to play so we don't bring mud and dirt into our lovely school. We have been told we should have a brand new playground by Christmas and I can't wait.

The teachers also love our new school. We are all very happy and feel very lucky to have such an incredible and fabulous building to learn in.

By Maddoc (Yr 3)

TOYS ALIVE!

One day in Thorndown School, me and my friends were playing with the toys when...they started to come to life and tried to get us! We tried to open the doors they were locked so we tried to find the key. We found the key but the toys were in front of the door so we couldn't get out and we were petrified. Then we tried to get them out of the way but when we ran to them we hurt our noses on the door. Finally we unlocked the door but of course the gates were locked. So we climbed over the gate and ran home and told everyone about what happened.

By James P (Yr 3)



MY BURWELL TRIP

Tomorrow I'm going to Burwell with my school. It will soon be time for me to go to bed, but I have just enough time to pack my case. Wellingtons, raincoat, slippers, jumper, t-shirt, socks and a hoodie. Not forgetting a good book to read, I might have a read now. Time for bed and lights out. Morning came around really quickly. We were soon on the coach and travelling to Burwell. The first activity was to explore the near by woods. We

went through the woods, it was cold and dark. The trees were very tall and towered above us. Treading on all of the fallen leaves and branches with our wellies, there was a lot of crunching and cracking under our feet. Then we heard a horrible louder noise which sounded like a roar. We all saw a big black bear in front of us. He had big sharp teeth and long claws on the end of his paws. We all turned and ran away as fast as we could. Then I heard my mum saying "Come on

Sienna get up, it's morning and you're off on your trip today!" I was in my bed at home and that was the last time I'm going to read 'We're Going On a Bear Hunt' as a bedtime story!

By Sienna F (Yr3)

THORNDOWN WINS THE CHAMPION'S LEAGUE

Last Monday Thorndown took on Barcelona in Spain. Things did not start off well for Thorndown they were ten nil down at half time. After half time and a good team talk from coach Miss Godbold the Thorndown team soon improved with goals from Pughsley, Circuit, Francis, Jolly, Pawley and two hat tricks from Woolfall. The final

whistle blew with Thorndown winning 11/10. Circuit said "We didn't expect to win but we had a great second half." Team captain Woolfall said " It was a massive game for us, the trophy will look great in our cabinet at school."

By Oscar W (Yr 4)



ALIEN DOGS AT THORNDOWN

It was Monday lunchtime on the 13th October 2014 when we saw a massive dog kennel crashing down from the sky. The kennel door opened and 4 green, fat and tall dogs came rushing out.

They were sniffing the hard ground as if they had lost something. Suddenly the largest dog was speaking in human language and in a low voice. He said "I am Commander Wagpaw, from the far away planet of Boneywater. My crew are called" and he introduced his crew "Steaky the First Mate, Barky the Second Mate and my helpful cook Beefy."

I was thinking, that's weird, talking dogs! I suddenly went up to them and said "Hello, my name is Isaac Webb and this is my school, Thorndown Primary School. Why are you here Commander Wagpaw?"

"Well, we are looking for a gigantic lamb steak and some huge bones. Can you and your friends help us find them?"

"Of course we can. I just need to shout them." I called my friends, James, Henry, James and

Josh over, then told them what Commander Wagpaw said.

Josh told me that we needed to see the Head Teacher, Miss Godbold, to have her permission. Off we went to the office. Miss Godbold didn't believe us so we took her to meet Commander Wagpaw and his crew.

Suddenly, I hit a greasy patch underneath the dirt and it felt squidgy, I felt the next part and it was really, really hard like a stack of bones. I told Commander Wagpaw where to dig and we found them.

The green dogs were really excited. They said "Thank you our young friends".

They then gave us four of their phones so we could contact them if we wanted to go to their planet. Next they went back to their spaceship and flew off into space at hyper speed.

Miss Godbold then said "Awwww, why didn't I get a phone?"

By Isaac W (Yr 3)

I am really enjoying being in year 3. I like Mathletics on the computer, it has fun and interesting games to learn maths. I like getting points to get a certificate. I like to play the games against other children, it's cool. There are lots of different games to try and you can do a different one every day.

Frankie G (Yr 3)

I LIKE MATHLETICS

HAUNTED

There is this school called Thorn-down Primary School but the children and the teachers were all scared to go in.

At night all of the chairs, tables, pens and pencils moved around, so Ashley's ghost hunting crew decided to set some traps to try and catch the ghost. The crew spent all afternoon working hard on setting the traps. They hung electric nets from

the ceiling and put flour on the floor to see any footprints, they also built trapdoors in the floors for the ghost to fall through and lock them in.

Night time came and Ashley's crew hid. Suddenly a door opened, Ashley's crew switched on their torches and threw a very smelly potion towards the open door. The ghost screamed "Yuck that's horrible!"

Ashley's crew were all amazed that it was actually Miss Godbold, the head teacher playing tricks on the teachers and children.

By Ashley L-H (Yr 3)

"YUCK THAT'S HORRIBLE!"



NACHOS DAY WITH EUAN

Nacho is a very cheeky Lemur which is a toy and he lives in Lemur Classroom. He is known as the Marvellous Maths Monkey Magician. Thursday was a very exciting day for Nacho as he spent the whole day with me. Before assembly everyone lined up and Nacho sat on my back to maths chair being pesky. When we came back from assembly Nacho jumped off my chair onto the table and watched everyone learn how to multiply. Nacho

jumped around and fell off the table but he wasn't hurt. At playtime me, Mrs Groves and Nacho sat on a bench for the whole breaktime...Nacho hung round my neck. Next he watched me do my writing progress work writing about my walk round St Ives. At lunchtime Nacho sat on the windowsill in Lemur class because I didn't want him to get dirty. He watched out the window. After lunch we did RE about patron saints Nacho thought that was hilarious. We lined up again for Art, Nacho didn't understand what we were doing in Art so he just lay there eyes popping with amazement at how much we knew. (We were doing bridges) We came back and lined up in register order and I put Nacho back on the other side of Miss Collins' desk and that was the end of our day together.

By Euan F (Yr 4)

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THE WRITING SUPERHEROES COME TO SCHOOL!

In the town of St. Ives weird things started to happen. The children of the school ran out of writing ideas. The children were unhappy and the parents were very tired.

Thorndown Primary School were about to change that...with diggers and mixers, cranes and workers the magic started to happen!

As time went by the building began to grow, filling its pupils and teachers with a new form of life.

With every brick brought them imagination and every window brought some knowledge. Step by step, brick by brick it all became alive!

The superhero writers filled the town with life and imagination once again!

MY WALK TO THE NORRIS MUSEUM

After register, we packed our bags with a drink and snack. We then went to the toilet. We chose our partners, I was with Layla. Then we left at 9 o'clock. We walked along the muddy path wearing our sensible shoes. Down into the thicket we went, along the path and then we arrived at the graveyard at the church. Jenny, the lady from the Norris museum talked to us about the church. After this the lady gave someone a special badge. We walked to the Waits. We took a look at how high the floods went up. The bakers had to put the bread on sticks and lift it up to the windows. Ashley answered a question right and got a rubber duck. Then we went to the Broadway to look at the road signs and arches. Horses and carriages went through the arches. Then we went in the chapel at the bridge because it was raining. There was a model made of sand and stone. It was a chapel bridge with buildings near it. There were little windows and seats with a staircase and balcony. You can borrow the key for the balcony from the Norris museum. After that we went to the place that the roman skeleton was found. There was a special wall that didn't explode covered in leaves and twigs with dirt. Then we went to talk about the railway station near Waitrose. We then made our way back to school for lunch.

By Enya G (Yr 3)

NEW MINECRAFT HIGHSCORE!

Diamond Sword 571 has successfully created 'Thorndown Primary School' in both Minecraft and in real life!

Minecraft is a game where you can mine and create things. In a certain mode (called Survival) there are lots of monsters (zombies, skeletons, creepers and spiders) that insist on killing you.

They only come out at night (they don't like light) and you need to build a shelter in order to stay alive.

Thorndown School is currently teaching approximately 2200 children and its insignias are a diamond sword and an arch of leaves.

Thorndown Primary is actually a two-storey building and is brand new. The school has been inspected and the class with the best behaviour is Mr Lemmon's (Yr5's) and the tidiest is Mrs Patrick's (Yr 3/4). In year 5 they teach: Maths, Literacy, Guided Reading, Science, Topic, French, Samba, PSHE and PE.

In Minecraft the school is made with all sorts of valuable elements (such as Diamond and Emerald). There is even a cafeteria where the food is stocked. Signs on every iron classroom door tell everyone who teaches in that room.

Diamond Sword 571 has made teachers and children but sadly, they do not move. One room is called 'The Mine Room' and it has some steps leading towards a mine. This is where Diamond Sword 571 mines to get even more valuable elements. Let's hope it doesn't get blown by creepers!

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH DIAMOND SWORD 571!

Q: After making Thorndown in Minecraft, what made you decide to build it in real life?

A: A friend of mine works at Wheatfields

and she told me it was absolutely crowded there. She also told me they needed more staff and a bigger building. So I realised that if I made Thorndown, there would not be that problem at Wheatfields.

Q: Did you build Thorndown by yourself?

A: In Minecraft, yes, but definitely not in real life. I have a few builder mates and I asked them if they could give me a hand. I had done a few jobs for them before, so I knew roughly what I was doing.

By Lauren M (Yr 5)

