

Thorndown Newsletter

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Welcome back. I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing half term break. Below are a few dates I want to make sure you are aware about as we move into the last half part of this academic year. As always, I hope to see you all at many of the events planned.

- Sports Day: 19th June. Foundation Stage and KS1 am. KS2 pm
- School Fete: 22nd June 3.30-5pm
- Parent Forum 28th June 7.15-8.30pm "Fluency in maths"
- Arts Week: 2nd-6th July
- Art Exhibition: 5th July 3.15-4pm in the Main Hall
- Reports home to parents: 6th July
- Year 5&6 productions: 10th and 11th July
- Meet your new class mornings: 12th and 13th July. This is when we share your new class information with you and your child.
- Open School: 17th July 3.20-5pm. This is a great chance to look at your child's books as well as meet your child's new teacher.
- FOTS' School Disco: 20th July 6-8pm
- Last day of this academic year: Tuesday 24th July 2018
- Pupils return to school: Tuesday 4th September.

Thorndown Rugby Squad at Twickenham



On the first Saturday of half term, Thorndown Rugby Squad had an exceptional opportunity to attend the Premiership Final at Twickenham. During the half time interval, the Thorndown Squad had been chosen to play in a primary school match on the pitch to entertain the crowd of 75,000. We were escorted to the entrance of the pitch and, when given the signal, we had to run on to the hallowed turf. As we ran out, we were

grinning from ear to ear, particularly Miss Sibanda and I!

We played our match and won 3-0. The atmosphere in the stadium was electric. We showed excellent team work with fast, accurate passes being sent down our attacking line. A particular mention to Sammy for racing passed lots of defenders to the try line and Oli, who twisted and turned to avoid being tagged as he scored. In all my years of teaching, this has got to be one of the most inspiring trips I have ever been on. Well done to the Thorndown rugby squad and thank you to Miss Sibanda for accompanying us on the trip.

Mrs Burke

Roger the Horse



Roger the horse visited Year 4 on the morning on the last day of term. He linked to our focus book, 'Charlotte's Web' and provided an exciting stimulus for a character description when imagining someone new had joined Wilbur in Mr Zuckerman's barn. The children loved meeting him and learning all about him from his owner, Sarah. I'm sure this is not the last we will hear from Roger!

Miss Sibanda

Marvellous Maths Day

Thorndown Primary School had a **marvellous** maths day on the first day (4th of June) back after their half-term. Each year group participated in truckloads of fun activities based around a maths book. Three of the books that were used were called: *How Big Is a Million*, *Math Curse*, *One is a Snail, ten is a Crab* and *The Gruffalo*. 'You know you can think of almost everything as a math problem!' stated one of the books.

We started off listening to the teacher reading the book that was chosen. Year 5 had *The Math Curse*. After it was read to us, we had a go at making their own versions of the book, starting off with making their own timetable of the day then adding what kind of maths questions they are going to do for that activity. They included a whole humorous heap of wit. Later, they started to make their ideal pieces of work. A question from a book was: *I tried to get dressed but this got me more problems,*

Shorts = A = 10% Turtleneck Jumpers = B = 5% Shirts = C = A/B Dust = D = A/B X A+B Trousers = E = (rest)

As you can see, we related algebra to getting dressed and clothes, as well as other things. This taught us how to incorporate maths into everyday life.

Quotes from three people were: "I loved it, I enjoyed it and it was brilliant!" Another child said, "It was the most supreme day of half term so far and I learnt about Maths in the real world."

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Years 3&4 used 'Spaghetti and Meatballs' to learn about perimeter.

Sweatshirts

At the end of half term, there were 47 unnamed and unclaimed sweatshirts in lost property. This works out that one or two were lost every day. We do try to return each sweatshirt to their original owner where possible and it is so, so much easier to return a sweatshirt when it has a name in it so. Also, as handwritten names can fade in the wash, please check that these can still be read. Thank you.

Little Lords and Ladies for the day

The Year 1 children kicked started their topic of 'Little Lords and Ladies' with a sparkly starter. The children dressed up as kings, queens, knights, princes and princesses, and we even spotted a unicorn! The costumes were fantastic and the children were so sensible with their swords and body armour. To show off their outfits, the

children took part in a fashion show and strutted down the catwalk to medieval music. They made some fabulous crowns which they will be wearing during English writing sessions. Did you know that the crowns are magic and make their writing royal?"



Year 4 Dragons' Den



At the end of last half term, Year Four held their own version of Dragons' Den. They designed and created their own machine. Afterwards, they pitched their inventions to the visiting parents who 'invested' generously, with toy money of course!

Holt Island visit to ring birds



On Tuesday 5th June, 13 Year Four children had the opportunity to visit Holt Island. The children helped volunteers to ring birds and record their size and weight. This was a very special experience for the children. Pranesh explained, "We learnt all about the names of wild birds, what they eat and how to ring them."



Thank you to all the volunteers on Holt Island and Mrs Murphy who made this wonderful unusual experience happen.