

Thorndown Newsletter

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Happy New Year and welcome back to another busy and hardworking term at Thorndown. I hope you had a great break and have recharged your batteries.

We have started back with a focus on a 'Wow' starter to begin our topics. These include a toy picnic (details below) and den building.

This term, we will continue to have more class assemblies, at which we would love to see you, as well as open classrooms, parent workshops and our parents' evenings in March. Dates for these events will be put on our Thorndown Lowdown over the next few weeks and there will be separate letters regarding the parent workshops, so please look out for these.

I look forward to working with you again this term.

Vicci Godbold

Year 5 World War Two Ending Celebrations



Recently, Year 5 had a visit from members of the British Legion, Rotary Club and Civic Society. We had an end of term celebration so that we could share our term's worth of work with the visitors.



In the first term of the new school year, we created our 1940s bomb shelters and we put those on display. We also showed our pieces of homework to the British Legion, as well as the reams of writing we had completed all based around the two world wars! The visitors enjoyed seeing what we had achieved in the school term and we certainly enjoyed hearing their intriguing war stories.

This day was full of work sharing, fun, and even a few laughs!!!

Written by Beatrice and Edward, Year 5



Well Done



There are moments in school when a well done smiley sticker is just not enough! If a pupil has worked very hard at a piece of work, and have perhaps tried harder than they ever have before, or have made amazing progress in their learning, we feel that everyone should know about it!

Therefore, we have our postcard system, which we use to inform you of great things your child has done. A postcard will be sent home to you with a small note about the action with which we are very, very pleased, in order that you can share in their achievements too. Look out for these in your child's bag.

Staff News

We are delighted that Mrs Lally and her husband are expecting their second baby in April. Congratulations to them both.

Friends of Thorndown

Friends of Thorndown (FOTS) have planned some really great events for the rest of this academic year. They include:

Bring a Bottle Bingo night: 26th January

Easter Disco: 16th March

Mums' film night: 11th May

Summer Fete: 22nd June

Summer Disco: 22nd July

These events are much loved by children and their families and raise a lot of much needed funds. However, all these events need volunteers. If you can volunteer to help with any of the above events, please e-mail Fotssecretary@gmail.com or comment on the FOTS' Facebook page. A school disco normally raises over £2000. Unfortunately, due to lack of volunteers, FOTS made the difficult decision to cancel the Christmas Disco, which has meant that our fund to buy much need reading books for our children across the school is £2000 less than we were hoping.

I would like to thank Howdens very much for their generous £500 donation to FOTS this Christmas. Your money will help in our fundraising for more play equipment and new reading books. Thank you!

Rainbow Recall

Well done to our first Rainbow Recall prize winners! We have been using our new maths programme in Key Stage 2 for almost a term now and each teacher selected three children to receive our special Rainbow Recall prizes in Friday's assembly. The winners were selected because of their effort, positive attitude and progress in developing their maths fluency. The children had made great improvements in their ability to recall key facts and use well-reasoned strategies to solve trickier calculations. We shall be awarding more prizes at the end of half term, so keep practising!

Mrs Gerrard



Drumming and Choir Assembly



On Friday 5th January, we were wowed in assembly by the Choir and the Drumming Club. The Drumming Club showcased all their hard work from last term with lots of toe-tapping tunes. The Choir shared with us some of the wonderful singing that they will be doing at the O2 in a few weeks' time as part of the Young Voices experience. Thank you to the choir, drummers and Mrs Peach for a wonderful assembly.



A Toy Picnic

Year 1 have had a very exciting start to their topic, 'Let's Play'. On Thursday 4th January, they took part in a Toy Picnic. All the children brought in their favourite toy and enjoyed having their lunch with them. The children were chatting about their toys and completed some excellent pieces of writing full of capital letters, full stops and lots of descriptions! Following this, the children investigated an unusual event which had occurred in school. Traction Man, the main character from the book we will be studying, was rescuing the other characters. The children wrote a letter to Mr Vyas to explain what had been happening!

