

Thorndown Newsletter

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Thank you

I'd like to thank everyone who has spoken to me and other members of staff, both in person or by e-mail, expressing support and kindness as we come to terms with the shock of losing our much loved caretaker. All thoughts and love shared for Mrs Cook have been passed on to her too.

Many of you have expressed the desire to purchase a bench and plants in memorial of him. We will be collecting donations as soon as possible, so please look out for my letter coming soon. Thank you.

Thorndown Choir visit the O2

*Once again, I had privilege of attending the O2 in London on Wednesday 30th January with Mrs Peach and the Thorndown School Choir. There are few words that can describe the sound of over 8,000 children singing together as one huge choir....apart from **truly amazing**. After an afternoon of rehearsing, the much anticipated 7pm concert time arrived. The lights went down, the torches went on and the singing extravaganza began.*



The concert was supported by Sharlene Hector, the lead singer of Basement Jaxx, Beau Dermott, who won a golden buzzer in Britain's Got Talent in 2016, the professional dance group, Urban Strides, and my all-time favourite, Tony Hadley!

The choir of Thorndown did our school proud. They sang beautifully and with great energy,

and I'm sure that anyone who came to watch would agree. A huge 'well done' to the choir and to Mrs Peach for all their hard work.

Miss Medlow

Football Report

The Year 4 and Year 5 team are through to the semi-finals of the Walters Cup after beating Warboys 2-1 on Wednesday 6th February. They were absolutely outstanding and their development as a team is incredible. They work for each other, demonstrating an exemplary attitude every time they play – picture to follow.

A mixed Y4/5/6 team played Westfield last week and unfortunately lost, even though they played extremely well. Their attitude was superb and they will continue to improve as the year goes on.

Mr Sweeney

Year 4 Mosque Visit

As part of our Year 4 RE curriculum, we visited the mosque on Thursday 7th February to observe how those who follow the Islamic faith pray.

It was an extremely interesting visit and we all learn a huge amount (teachers and adults included). The level of maturity and questions that followed from our children were very thoughtful and considered. They are a real credit to the school!

Mr Sweeney

Junior Park Run



It is 'run for your school' month at Junior Park Run. We won this competition last time and have a shiny trophy to prove it! To take part, turn up on Sunday mornings at 9am at Jubilee Park and run/jog/walk 2km with many other children. Parents can support by accompanying their children round the trail or by having a cuppa from the café and cheering

everyone on! All you need is a bar code which is available for free at www.parkrun.org.uk

International Week 2019

Pupils at Thorndown travelled all over the world last week, understanding different cultures and beliefs. We had many parent and grandparent visitors from our multi-cultural families. These visitors ensured our pupils understood what day to day life is really like in their home countries and gave pupils a flavour of how they grew up. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who gave up their time to share their lives with us. We have learned so much from you.



Pre-school and the Reception went to France. They took part in a traditional flower festival from Nice and the pupils enjoyed traditional French language books.

In Year 1, they took aeroplane flights to Italy, Spain and The Netherlands. During their visits, they made and ate pizza, and tried Flamenco dancing.

Year 2s learnt about China, Brazil and New Zealand. Their passports showed key facts from each country and they made lanterns, Maori inspired bookmarks and learned how to do a Haka from the Year 6 pupils.



Year 3 pupils investigated life in Romania, Poland and Spain. They enjoyed traditional food, dancing and craft.



Chinese New Year was the main focus for Year 4. A wonderful parent shared the traditions of their New Year including the food, dragons and lots of pigs!

Year 5s carried on their term's Vikings topic by looking at the three countries from which they came: Sweden, Norway and Denmark. They learned about life in the past and in the present day. Many pupils now want to see the Northern Lights when they are older!

Year 6s visited New Zealand and loved learning the Haka with Jack, almost as much as teaching it to the Year 2s. Anzac biscuits were greatly enjoyed by the pupils and parents at the fair. Lots of recipes were taken home to be made over half term.



The week was finished with all the pupils' hard work being showcased during the Friday afternoon. The parents who could attend joined in with the exploratory spirit of International Week and enjoyed their trip around the world too.

