

THORNGROVE NEWSLETTER

10th June 2011

School has been rather quiet this week with many children doing school exams and our Form 9 boys and girls doing their important Common Entrance exams for entrance to their senior schools. I am sure that they have all done their best and that their results, in due course, will reflect their hard work. It is worth reminding you and the children that, although exam marks are important, they are not the only 'indicator' of a child's progress. I told the children in my assembly on Monday that it is just as important to learn from your mistakes. Few sports teams or coaches in the world can reach great heights without a few falls on the way. You only have to look at the great Sir Alex Ferguson or the victorious England rugby team of 2003. Results will be written in the back of your child's diary. I hope to give you good news of our CE results in my next newsletter. I am sure that they will maintain our 100% success rate (no pressure there then!).

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Esther Redhouse as our new Form 1 teacher from September. She comes to us with a wealth of experience. She started out her career at Oxford High School before moving further south and running the Early Years department at Brockhurst and Marlston House. More recently she has been teaching in the pre-prep at St. Gabriel's. She is married and lives in Newbury with her husband and two boys.

I have also appointed Sue Beardmore-Gray as Head of Middle School from September 2011. I am sure that she will build on the strong foundations laid by Mrs Worrall.

Mrs Watkin reports on a History trip to the theatre:

'On Wednesday 8th June an excited group of Form 4 and 5 pupils travelled to the New Theatre Oxford to see the Horrible Histories production of the Ruthless Romans. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. Horrible Histories is such a good mix of fun and learning and it is amazing how many things the children remember, especially the gory bits! We all especially enjoyed wearing the 3-D glasses and some of us screamed louder than others when a large crocodile came flying out of the screen! The pupils' behaviour was excellent and it was a pleasure to take them'.

Please support the FOT raffle. Tickets have been sent home and I hope that we can raise plenty of money before the draw on the night of the summer concert, 24th June.

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FOT have also organised a 'Colours Evening' for the ladies (or men being strictly PC) on Wednesday 22nd June. Tickets are £7.50 each and are available from the school office.

IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES

SUMMER CONCERT	Friday 24th June at 7pm (picnics from 6pm)
FOUNDERS' DAY	Monday 27th June from 2.30pm
SPORTS DAY	Tuesday 28th June for LS and Forms 4 & 5 (picnics at midday) Wednesday 29th June for US at 1pm (picnics before)
SPEECH DAY	Friday 8th July at 2pm

Founders' Day

Founders' Day is new this year. It replaces our celebration day and Nick and Connie Broughton will be joining us for the afternoon. Paul Rankin, the celebrity chef, will be doing cookery classes with several groups of children throughout the morning. In the afternoon parents are invited to join us for the 'Battle of the Chefs' in the New Hall at 2.30pm. Paul Rankin will then be handing out prizes and talking to us about healthy eating. Afterwards we are having a tea party on the back field (I hope the cream tea won't be too healthy!) from 3.45-4.45pm.

IMPORTANT

CHILDREN IN FORMS 1 and 2 WILL BE DISMISSED AT 3.15pm FROM THEIR FORMS. CHILDREN IN FORMS 3-9 WILL BE DISMISSED AT **3.45pm** FROM THEIR FORMS. PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILD FIRST BEFORE GOING TO THE TEA PARTY. AFTERCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE AS USUAL. HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE **NO PREP OR JUDO.**

The new whole school photograph is now available to order and a framed copy is also on show in reception.

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Finally, Jane Skingley, our resident Artist (and mum), would like me to advertise an exhibition of her work and others at 'Jenna Burlingham Fine Art' in Kingsclere. Jane's own work will be on display from 15th-23rd June. Do go and have a look. Details can be found on the following website: www.jennaburlingham.com

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Adam King
(Headmaster)

GIRLS' RESULTS

U9A rounders v Oratory Prep lost 81/2 -12

U9B rounders v Oratory Prep lost 8-16

U8 rounders v Oratory Prep won 16-61/2

BOYS' RESULTS

BOYS' TENNIS

U8/9 v. Horris Hill U9 VI **Lost 4-5 on matches (and 121-127 on points!)**

	v. Pair 1	v. Pair 2	v. Pair 3
R.Mitchell & H.Cardno	L 9-11,10-7,8-10	W 10-3	W 11-9
F.Hart & M.Franklin	L 5-10	L 9-11,10-6,5-10	W 10-6
D.Reed & D.Leggett	L 6-10	L 8-10	W 8-10,10-8,10-6

BOYS' CRICKET

U8A Pairs v. St.Francis A

STF: 242-1 (12 overs)

TH: 253-2 (12 overs)

Won by 11 runs

U8/9B Pairs v. St.Francis B

TH: 258-1 (12 overs)

STF: 257-1 (12 overs)

Won by 1 run!

U9A Pairs v. St.Francis A

STF: 260-1 (12 overs)

TH: 217-5 (12 overs)

Lost by 43 runs

Talbot-Williams 1 wicket

U12A XI v. St.Francis U12

STF: 74-8 (18 overs)

TH: 75-3 (10.1 overs)

Won by 7 wickets

Saint 2-1 Mortimer 2-14 N & A Harris 1-5 & Forsyth 1-13

Mortimer 50* & Winch 9