

# THORNGROVE NEWSLETTER

**11th February 2011**

It must be the **Thorngrove Cross-Country** competition because the rain is coming down very heavily as I write this newsletter. I am sure that all the boys and girls taking part in this event today will shake off the inclement weather and do their best for their team and the school. I will report on the results next week.

I was treated to a retelling of Jez Alborough's book 'Cuddly Dudley' by **Form 1** in the Lower School assembly. Considering their age, they all performed brilliantly in front of the other children and staff, with plenty of penguin cuddles! These section assemblies every Thursday are great for each section (lower, middle and upper) allowing the children to perform or be spoken to in smaller, age related groups.

After some brilliant rugby results last week, **the girls** have jumped on the bandwagon this week and had a splendid unbeaten run of results too. Have a look at the results at the end of my newsletter.

I forgot to mention that last week the **U11 football team** achieved an excellent win against Francis Bailey to reach the semi-final of the District Cup. Well done boys!

Congratulations to the following pupils for being awarded scholarships:  
**Adam Teece** has been awarded a Music Scholarship to Abingdon; **Didi Price** has been awarded an 11+ Academic Scholarship to Godolphin School and **Samuel Turner** has been awarded a Music Scholarship to Pangbourne College. Well done indeed.

All the boys and girls in Form 9 had an interesting trip to see '**Private Peaceful**' at the Haymarket in Basingstoke. They are studying Morpurgo's book as part of their CE syllabus and I am sure that it brought the 'page to the stage'. However, some of the children were disappointed that the production didn't stay true to the book at the end.

I would like to remind all parents with children in **Form 8** that there is a **parents' evening** on Thursday 17th February between 6.00-8.30pm in the New Hall. Please make sure that you arrive by 7.30pm and inform Mary if you are unable to attend.

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I have noticed recently the bigger boys wearing their **trousers** lower slung on the hips. This, although trendy, exposes rather too much underwear. Please could you remind your son to pull up their trousers to a more demure level.

Mr Britton is arranging a trip to see **England v. Sri Lanka** in a test match next term. There are still places available if you are keen. Please see him or Mary for a letter.

The '**Poetry Recitation and Public Speaking**' Competition is fast approaching on Thursday 10th March. Please see the attached information from Mrs Lynas about the structure of this year's competition.

Mary has a few bits of **lost property**; a pen and a couple of watches. Please have a look if you think they are your child's.

Finally, our **Open Day for the Lower School** will be on Friday 18th February. It will be a great morning with several children in the Lower School performing a showcase. I have placed an advert in the NWN today and there will also be an editorial coming out in the same newspaper on the 17th. Do have a read and remind any friends and family to come and have a look.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

With kind regards,

Adam King  
(Headmaster)

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## **BOYS' RESULTS**

### **RUGBY RESULTS**

**1<sup>st</sup> XV v. The Pilgrims' 1st XV**  
Won 54-0

**U11A XII v. The Pilgrims'**  
Lost 5-49 Warren

**U11B IX v. The Pilgrims'**  
Lost 15-25 Bailes 3

**U11C IX v. The Pilgrims'**  
Drew 40-40 Francis 2, Lynas 2, Suttie, Campbell DSM,  
Mitchell DSM & Tyler DSM

### **Form 4/5 House Rugby Results....**

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Oak</b>	<b>9pts</b>	<b>(14-3)</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ash	6pts	(11-9)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rowan	3pts	(9-13)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Beech	0pts	(5-14)

### **Boys' Hockey**

**2<sup>nd</sup> VII v. Crosfields**      Won 6-1



## **GIRLS' RESULTS**

U13 tag rugby v Park House won 10-7 - the girls now qualify for the area finals.

U9A netball v St Francis won 7-3

U9B netball v St Francis drew 2-2

U13 netball v St Francis won 18-6