

THORNGROVE NEWSLETTER

14th March 2011

I apologise for the lateness of this newsletter. On the positive side, it allows me to announce the news that Adam Teece has been awarded a top Academic Scholarship to Abingdon School. This is an outstanding achievement on top of his Music Scholarship which he was awarded earlier in the term. Many congratulations!

Parents and staff were treated to a festival of poetry, speeches, readings and public speaking last Thursday. The evening was very entertaining and the children performed magnificently from the very young in Form 4 to the much older in Form 9. I was impressed with the confidence exhibited by all the competitors. A big thank you to Mr Gist, the Head of English at Marlborough, for adjudicating in such a positive way and, of course, Mrs Lynas for organising and pulling everything together on the night.

Last Tuesday, you could be forgiven for thinking that Thorngrove had stepped back in time to WW2. Form 6 arrived at school, looking wonderful, dressed up as evacuees complete with gas mask boxes and identification labels. They were even accompanied by Winston Churchill! They were off to the Steam Museum in Swindon to take part in the "We'll Meet Again" activity day. The pupils took part in a variety of workshops including: taking on the roles of evacuees being chosen by different villagers; learning to make, do and mend; meeting old gentlemen who had grown up during the war and experiencing the cramped conditions of an air raid shelter. Mrs Watkin said that the pupils impressed the guides with their knowledge and excellent behaviour. Another enjoyable history trip (see photos).

There are a few events happening this week:

- ◇ The **Art Exhibition** is on Thursday in the New Hall starting at 6pm with presentations at 6.30pm
- ◇ **Comic Relief** day is on Friday. Children can come to school in a 'red top' and donate £1 to Comic Relief
- ◇ Mrs Cartey would like me to remind parents in the lower school about the '**bring and buy sale**' on Friday starting at 2.30pm
- ◇ There is a **second-hand uniform sale** on Thursday afternoon from 3.00-4.45pm
- ◇ The **U13 Rugby Tournament** is on Friday at 1.30pm-spectators most welcome!

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Our new **speech and drama teacher**, Mrs Lee-Delisle, will be doing a 'free' workshop for all those children who might be interested in doing speech and drama lessons next term (or just fancy some drama). It will give them a little taste of what to expect and above all be a lot of fun! The workshop will be on Monday 28th March from 4.00-4.45pm. If your child would like to participate please give their names to Mary in the office.

I would like to remind parents that the school will be closed on Friday 29th April (Royal Wedding Day) and also on the following Bank Holiday Monday.

Best wishes,

Adam King
(Headmaster)



Winston Churchill and Vera Lynn



Two 'rather happy' evacuees



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Results

Horris Hill Cross Country Results:

U9 Boys

3rd Sam Clarke
4th George Woodhead
5th Rory Mitchell
21st Dan Parkin
22nd Dermot Leggett
26th Monty Franklin
Team = 2nd

U11 Boys

12th Ben Knight
20th Sam Warren
26th George Tanner
30th Connor Fanning
33rd Harry Dean-Evans
45th Andrew Exelby
Team = 4th

U13 Boys

2nd Faiq Bolkihah
4th George Knight
6th Ukasyah Wallace
36th Alex Winch
37th Oscar Saint
40th Ben Cheesman
Team = 2nd

U11 Football

West Berks Knock-out Cup
Semi-Final
v. Falkland School
Lost 1-0 (shame!)

U11 - West Berks Indoor Athletics Championships

20 schools took part and we finished in 2nd place!
Kate Parkin was awarded a special trophy for best field event performance, breaking the standing long jump record!

U8 Tag v. St.Francis

A team	B team
Won 50-20	Won 40-15

U9 Rugby v. St.Francis

A team	B team
Drew 15-15	Lost 25-40
Bennett, Klewicki & Clarke	Cook 4 & Franklin

U11A Hockey v. Horris Hill

Lost 2-3 Hebbes & Storey

U11A Hockey v. Magdalen College

Lost 2-3 Riley 2

U11B Hockey v. Horris Hill

Drew 1-1 Oretti

U11B Hockey v. Magdalen College

Lost 0-3

1st XV v. Cothill 1st XV

Lost 19-27 Bolkihah 3 (Wallace 2 con)

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U9A hockey v Cheam lost 1-8
U9B hockey v Cheam lost 0-12

U13A netball v Downe House won 9-5
U13B netball v Downe House lost 5-12

U13A netball v Marlston House B won 32-20
U13B netball v Marlston House C lost 7-24

U11 netball v Princes Mead won 8-6
U10 netball v Princes Mead lost 5-6

Hot off the press:

The U11 girls came 3rd (out of 21 schools) in the Netball Competition at Park House on Saturday