

# THORNGROVE NEWSLETTER

**17th September 2010**

Last weekend **Reg Broughton** (Nick Broughton's father) sadly passed away. For those parents who don't know, he owned and managed a pig farm, for many years, on the very land where the school is situated today. When I arrived at Thorngrove, six years ago, I remember Reg walking through the grounds, stopping to chat with children and staff alike. In more recent years, due to ill health, he was rather housebound. Many of the older children will have known him affectionately as 'Grandad Broughton'. Our thoughts and prayers are with Janet, Nick, Connie and all their family at this time. A memorial service will be held in Highclere Church on Tuesday 21st September at 3.30pm and then afterwards in the New Hall at Thorngrove.

On a much lighter note, the **Explorer Dome** is coming to the school on Monday. This inflatable planetarium will be set up in the New Hall and all the children will be taken down in groups and given a 45 minute tour of the solar system (Wow!). Mrs Gomez, who has arranged this educational experience, was so impressed by it on a recent trip to Monkton School that she said, 'We must get it here!' So here it is and I for one can't wait to see it in operation.

Mr Brown was bouncing around the school today with a spring in his step. It's hardly surprising, after our **1st XI beat Cheam's 1st XI by 5-0**. Faiq scored a hatrick and by all accounts it was an impressive victory against a school nearly twice our size. It bodes well for the future. Perhaps Fabio should pop down to our next match to do some future England talent spotting.

The school will appear in the next edition of the **Newbury Weekly News** in a very colourful educational supplement. I'll leave a copy in Reception for you to read.

In my assembly this morning I have appointed the following children as **school prefects**: Eleanor Munro, Adam Teece, Sam Turner, Himmah Wallace, Katharine Evelegh, William Adams and George Bevan-Thomas. I am sure that they will be excellent role models and carry out their extra duties responsibly.

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Next Thursday at 6.30pm is the '**Welcome to the Upper School**' meeting for parents. This is aimed at all parents whose children are in Forms 7, 8 and 9 and provides a great opportunity to gather information and chat to other parents (wine and nibbles provided- of course).

A **minibus service** is still operating from Kingsclere, Headley, Newbury and Wash Common. More customers would be welcome. Please phone the school office if interested.

Mrs Boulton would like me to remind you that there will be a **second hand uniform sale** on 7th October.

We will be having an **inspection** next Tuesday and Wednesday. I have recently emailed (and sent out a letter by child post) information on how you can access the questionnaire online. I would be most grateful if you could find the time to fill it in. Mary does have hard copies in the office if necessary.

Finally, the **parents' login** on the website is now available. I have emailed the username and password with this newsletter.

With kind regards for a peaceful weekend,

Adam King  
(Headmaster)

P.S. The chickens have arrived!