

THORNGROVE NEWSLETTER

22nd October 2010

The **ISI inspection team** returned on Monday and observed, interviewed and generally prodded and poked into every aspect of school life for three days. They were a very merry bunch, as we are, and the inspection report I am sure will reassure current parents that the school is doing an excellent job and encourage prospective parents to sign up their children as soon as possible. In due course, I will be sending a copy of the report to all current parents and putting a link on our website.

It was lovely to **welcome another Head** here last Friday and refreshing to hear from Miss Edbrooke that Thorngrove girls joining St. Helen's at thirteen appear so much more mature and have a depth of character which really lifts the girls who have spent two years at the bottom of their senior school. The top two years of prep school life are so crucial to a child's development and I know that most senior school heads agree.

Our **Open Morning** was very successful with over twenty adults touring the school and being treated to a showcase. The school grounds and buildings looked superb thanks to the hard work of Sally Brown, Sean Roberts and their respective teams. I certainly felt very proud showing the school off to so many prospective parents, who in turn were impressed with the talents, friendliness and cheerful disposition of all the children.

You should have all received **flyers for the forthcoming Christmas Fair** on Sunday 14th November. Please give these flyers to friends and family or display them in public areas (village notice boards, libraries, doctors' surgeries, village halls etc.). The more people who know about it the better. The Friends of Thorngrove Committee, with the help from the children's school council, have decided to raise money for the completion of the adventure play area and Naomi House, a local hospice. As mentioned in previous letters, raffle tickets are available from the school office or car park on Fridays.

I apologise for not including **match results** at the end of all my newsletters. I will endeavour to do so from now on.



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The **Book Fair** was a huge success. Thank you so much for all your support. Not only did the children enjoy choosing from a wide selection of literature, but throughout the week a total of £1611.08 was taken. This means that the school can purchase £960 worth of books for use within their lessons or to extend our library provision.

The **Pop Quiz Night** is fast approaching on Thursday 25th November at 7pm in the New Hall. Mr Mes will be hosting the event and I am sure that it will prove to be very entertaining. Tickets will shortly be available from the FOT. You can make up your own tables (6 to 8 adults) or join another. The staff team are preparing for the event already with 80s music being piped into the staff room on regular occasions.

Mrs Worrall would like to remind children and parents about the **Christmas Pet Photograph** competition (adult supervision recommended!). Entry fee is £1 (from the school office) and all entries must be in by 10th November.

Speech and Drama is starting after half-term. If you would like your child to have a taster session on Monday 15th November, Judith Wilson has made a few slots available during the day. Please see Mary to get your child's name down.

Congratulations to Seth Bown who won a gold medal at his local judo club. Don't forget that your child can do judo here with Mr Small on Monday afternoons after school. The children love the sessions and not only do they learn a disciplined sport but also have bags of fun!

I announced to the children today in my assembly that they will all be doing a '**Pig Bin Challenge**'. It is important to educate them not to waste too much food and I hope that this initiative might encourage them not to throw too much food away. If they succeed I have promised to give the whole school an extended break time. As you could imagine, this new initiative proved instantly popular.

I do hope you have a restful half-term break.

Adam King
(Headmaster)

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BOYS' RESULTS – Week 7

U8A v. St.Francis A
Won 3-0

U8B v. St.Francis B
Won 6-0

U9A v. Cheam
Lost 0-5

U9B v. Cheam
Lost 0-7

U9C v. Cheam
Lost 0-9

U11A v. Brockhurst A
Drew 1-1 Bailes

U11B v. Brockhurst B
Won 3-1 Cameron 2 & Hebbes

U11C v. Brockhurst C
Won 5-0 Morton, Lynas, Dean-Evans, Spring & Shaw Stewart

1st/2nd XI v. St.Francis 1st XI
Won 3-1 Templeman, White & Cheesman

BOYS' RESULTS- Week 6

1st XI
v. Horris Hill 1st XI **Won 5-0** Wallace 2, Knight, White & Bolkiah

2nd XI
v. Horris Hill 4th XI **Lost 0-5**

Under 11A team **Bradfield College 6-a-sides**

v. Yateley Manor **Lost 0-2**
v. St.Andrew's **Won 3-0** Warren 2 & Riley
v. Gayhurst **Won 1-0** Warren
v. Aldro **Won 5-1** Warren 3 & Riley 2
Q-Final v. Hoe Bridge **Won 1-0** Riley
S-Final v. St.Andrew's (Woking) **Lost 0-1**
Final St.Andrew's beat Yateley Manor 2-1

U11 District Knock Out Cup
1st rd v. St.Joseph's **Won 8-2** Warren 3, Bailes 3 & Storey 2
2nd rd to be played after half term

U11A
v. St.Francis A **Drew 2-2** **Mitchell & Warren**
v. Horris Hill A **Won 2-1** **Riley 2**

U11B
v. St.Francis B **Lost 0-2**
v. Horris Hill B **Lost 0-2**
v. St.Francis C **Won 1-0** Cameron

U11C v. Pilgrims C **Lost 1-2** Ferradaz

U11D v. Pilgrims D **Lost 0-4**

U9A v. Daneshill **Lost 3-4** Janaway 3

U9B v. Daneshill **Lost 2-6** Adams & Cook

U8A v. Daneshill **Won 5-2** Hart 3, Cardno & West

U8B v. Daneshill **Lost 0-6**

U10 'Penalty Shoot Out' held at the League 2 match between Northampton Town FC & Hereford Utd FC
Thorngrove School **beat** Lings Primary School (Northampton) 4-3 after sudden death. Connor Fanning scored the winning penalty. Thorngrove now qualify for the 2nd round on 5th February which will be held during the half-time of the match between Northampton Town FC and Barnet FC.

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GIRLS' RESULTS

U12/13 A Hockey v Oratory won 4-1
U12/13 B Hockey v Oratory lost 3-0
U11 Hockey v Oratory U11 A drew 2-2
v Oratory U11 B won 1-0
U10 Hockey v Oratory U10A lost 3-0
v Oratory U10B drew 1-1
U9A Netball v Cheam lost 4-2
U9B Netball v Cheam lost 6-0
U8A Netball v St .Francis won 3-2
U8B Netball v St .Francis won 2-0



U10 BOYS' FOOTBALL TEAM AT THE 'COBBLERS'



U11 BOYS' FOOTBALL AT BRADFIELD