

THORNGROVE NEWSLETTER

24th September 2010

I have just waved goodbye to the **ISI inspection team**. However, they will be back in four weeks' time with a second team of inspectors. They certainly were a jolly lot and the children made them feel very at home. I would like to thank all those parents who filled in the questionnaire either online or by hand. The final report will be available by the end of this term and I will be emailing you all a personal copy, as well as putting it on our website.

Our **OPEN MORNING** for prospective parents will be on Friday 15th October. Although it is in the **Newbury Weekly News** today (with some lovely photos of the children) there is nothing better than 'word of mouth'. I would really appreciate it if you could spread the word amongst friends and family and ask them to phone Mary to book a place.

I phoned Paul Brown for an update on the **1st XI tour** last night. They played their first match yesterday against Terra Nova (a strong football school just south of Manchester) and beat them 7-0. This is a terrific result and sets the tone for the rest of the tour.

Form 4 went to **Butser Ancient Farm** on Wednesday and lived the day as Celts. They crushed chalk, mixed it with water, mud and straw and then built a wall. They then did some archaeology and pottery. A great day was had by all. A big thanks to all the mums who accompanied the trip (see the photos at the end).

All the school experienced the **Explorer Dome** (an inflatable planetarium) on Monday. Mrs Gomez said, 'The children were fascinated to hear stories about constellations and take a visual spin around the galaxy' (please see 4B space poems at the end).

Jennifer Boulton would like to remind you about the **second-hand uniform** sale on Thursday 7th October. If you have any items you would like to sell, please give them to Mrs McQuillen in the office by Friday 1st October.

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The Eco Club would like plastic bottles to construct an eco-friendly greenhouse. They have to be a certain type– 2 litre 'fizzy drink' bottles. Please put them in the box on the front terrace.

A reminder to all Form 9 parents – the study skills seminar for parents is on Tuesday 28th September at 7pm in the Old Hall.

Absence from School

Please can you do the following:

- 1. If your child is ill, please phone the school office by 9am.**
- 2. If you would like to request an authorised absence (e.g. holiday, dental appointment etc.), please can you send an email to admin@thorngroveschool.co.uk I will acknowledge your request as soon as possible.**

Have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards,

Adam King
(Headmaster)

SPACE HAIKUS

The hot blazing sun.
The sun, big ball of fire.
Dangerously hot.

(Harry and Minnie)

Going into space.
Zoom past the moon shining bright.
Seeing stars twinkle.

(Luella and Fraser)

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