

# THORNGROVE NEWSLETTER

**25th November 2011**

I apologise for the delay in the newsletter. I am now back online and can bring you up to date on all the news.

As I reported in my previous newsletter the **FOT Christmas Fair** was a huge success. Altogether the event raised £2700 (even more than last year). Many thanks to all the members of the Committee for working so hard and many other parents, staff and children for contributing in so many ways.

Thank you to all those people who gave me names of national and local charities for us to support. The School Council had to choose two charities from the following: Wellboring, PALS, Living Paintings, Fairbridge, RNLI, Whizz-Kidz, RDA, Khandel Light, Dogs for Disabled. In the end the children voted for us to support this year Wellboring and Dogs for Disabled.

On the theme of raising money, Sally, is holding a **raffle in aid of 'Stop Hunger'**. You can buy tickets from her or the office and the draw will take place on Friday 9th December. She has made some delicious edible prizes.

A couple of weeks ago Form 7 enjoyed a fantastic day in the New Hall building an amazing **Tudor house**.



**Form 7 are proud of their Tudor creation**

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Mrs Watkin reports:

'As many of you will have seen in the New Hall Form 7 took part in a 'Build a Tudor House Day'. This was a joint venture with the History and DT Departments to enable the children to build a piece of living history. As well as constructing the large scale Tudor House the pupils enjoyed a range of activities specifically related to the main project such as thatching, tiling, bodgering (making wooden pegs!), creating wattle and daub panels and building a small cruck house. We all had a superb day and thoroughly enjoyed the hands on approach. In fact, the children gained so much from the day that the Company will be coming back to build a Viking Longship with Form 5 in March.'

On Thursday 10th November all the girls in Forms 6 and 7 attended a **Day of Dance** at Downe House school. The girls took part in four workshops; tap, modern, Ribbon dance and Hip Hop. The girls had a fantastic day and thoroughly enjoyed all the workshops judging by the big smiles on their faces as they were taking part. Mrs Conetta said that they were all a credit to the school.



**Dance, dance, dance!**

The **U11 girls' netball team** also performed brilliantly at the recent U11 Bradfield Netball Tournament. They beat all the schools in their pool stages including Marlston House, St. Neot's and Yately Manor (see results). They were then beaten in the semi-finals by St. George's, Windsor, the eventual winners. Well done to all the girls.

I would like to draw your attention to the forthcoming **Christingle** Service at St. Michael & All Angels' Church, Highclere on Sunday 4th December at 3pm.

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You can also help by donating an orange or oranges for making into Christingles by bringing oranges into school by Wednesday 30th November.

The children raised £471 for **Children in Need** by coming to school in home clothes and making, buying and, of course, eating lots of delicious cakes. A big thank you to all concerned.



**The bride and groom are looking and bit nervous during Form 1's special day**

As you can see from the photo above, **Form 1** entertained staff and parents with a wonderful wedding! The children played their parts perfectly to make it a memorable occasion. Tom conducted the service beautifully as the vicar and Milo and Olivia made the ideal couple. However, Mr Garrety, the groom's father was rather disappointed not to be invited to his son's stag party!

**Form 2** spent a whole day studying castles. They dressed up; made castles; performed drama and had a jolly exciting day of fun and exploration. Is there a better way to learn?

**Form 3** had a VIP trip to London last week. Colonel Cowen kindly arranged for the whole class to see the State visit of the President of Turkey. The Children saw the Horseguards leave their barracks; the 21 gun salute by the King's Troop on Green Park and stood on the 'wedding cake' in front of Buckingham Palace to see the Queen arrive. There were some very excited children (and adults). A very big thank you to Colonel and Mrs Cowen for a truly unforgettable day.

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Form 3 have a  
VIP day in  
London and  
meet the  
Horseguards



Please remember that **The Lower School will finish at 12 noon** on the last day of term. There will be **no After Care** on the final day of term, Wednesday 14th December. School will finish after the Middle and Upper School carol service at 3pm.

Don't forget to notify Mr Webb or the school office if you would like to attend the Upper School production of '**Captain Stirrick**'.

With kind regards,

Adam King  
(Headmaster)

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## Girls' Results

U9 A/B hockey v Oratory lost 0-5  
U10 netball v St Gabriels drew 7-7  
U11 netball v St Gabriels lost 12-17  
U13 hockey v Cheam 5ths won 7-0  
U9 A netball v Princes Mead lost 0-7  
U9 B netball v Princes Mead lost 0-10

## U11 Bradfield Netball Tournament Saturday 19th November

v Marlston House won 5-3  
v St Neot's won 6-5  
v Yateley Manor won 4-1  
Semi-final v St. George's, Windsor lost 2-10 (this school was the eventual winner)

## Boys' Results

1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v. St. Neot's 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Lost	1-2	Knight (pen)
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v. St. Neot's 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	Won	5-0	
U11A	v. Prince's Mead A	Lost	1-2	Dodridge
U11B	v. Prince's Mead B	Lost	2-9	Janaway 2
U9A	v. Hermitage A	Won	3-1	Burt, Cardno & Hart (Newbury district league)
	v. St. Francis A	Drew	1-1	own goal
U9B	v. St. Finians A	Lost	1-3	West (Newbury district league)
	v. Hermitage A	Lost	0-3	(Newbury district league)
	v. St. Francis B	Won	3-1	Danon-Kerr, Cardno & Ryder
U8A	v. St. Francis A	Lost	0-1	
U8B	v. St. Francis B	Lost	0-1	