

THORNGROVE NEWSLETTER

18th September 2009

Last week I welcomed Richard Backhouse, the Headmaster of Monkton Combe, to Thorngrove. He entertained the children in assembly with a story about an intrepid sailor called Crowhurst. Although he loved the warm, friendly atmosphere of our school, he was rather surprised to bump into 'Fireman Ben' in the Nursery (please see following photograph). Richard is keen to welcome Thorngrove parents down to his school, which is situated in idyllic surroundings on the outskirts of Bath.

I popped down to Sherborne Girls School on Wednesday and was given a splendid tour of the school by four of our old girls (Sophie, Octavia, Charlotte and Harriet). It was lovely to see them happy and settled and I promised them that I'd mention them in my newsletter.

In my last newsletter I welcomed all the new children to the school. Since then, Cameron Moffat and Callum Crook have joined us. I'm sure they'll quickly feel at home.

On Tuesday ten pupils from Form 6 took part in a Challenge Day at Pangbourne College. They were set a variety of challenges including high wire walking, trapeze jumps and a variety of team building activities. Throughout the day they were grouped with pupils from Elstree and St Piran's. Mrs Worrall said 'it was fantastic to see once again the good natured spirit that is so apparent within our pupils as they quickly got to know their team mates and strived to work together to achieve the goals which were set. One particularly difficult challenge was the Totem pole which saw the children climbing up to the top, then having to hold hands in a group of four before leaping off! They were all so brave and approached this task with great enthusiasm.' Well done to all those children who took part.

It was lovely to see many of you at the Lower School coffee mornings this week. This was an ideal opportunity for new and old parents to meet and have an informal chat with their child's teacher. Miss Kitaruth even gave her parents a taster of the synthetic phonics programme the children currently follow in the lower school. Apparently the children were much better at it than their parents.

I have reviewed the school's Rewards and Punishments Policy. Although the policy remains much the same, procedures and terminology have changed. I have uploaded a copy of the updated version onto the website. The children will be informed of the changes in my assembly on Monday.

After the success of last year, when our horse riders won the Schools Show Jumping League, Mrs Shingles (Emma's Mum) is keen to put together another team. If you'd like more information please contact her on 01635 255355 or 07973 819377. It would be wonderful to be able to defend our title.

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To celebrate National Book Week, we have invited a Book Fair run by ‘Travelling Books’ to visit Thorngrove for a week from 5th- 9th October. This is a wonderful opportunity to stimulate conversations about books and to encourage a love of literature in all the children and so I hope you will have a moment to come and browse the cases with your child. There will be four cases of books spanning the full age range of children at Thorngrove, from Nursery to Form 9. I have explained that some of our children are quite sophisticated readers and ‘Travelling Books’ have offered to tailor the fair to our needs. They are an independent company with an excellent reputation and have proved to be helpful and reliable in the past. They offer us a generous rate of commission on whatever we sell, which can help to boost literacy resources as well as build up new stock for Mrs Gunnell’s Library. The Book Fair will be open, in the Hall, each afternoon during Book Week from 3.45-5pm. I am sure it will be well worth a visit!

I would like to remind you that assemblies are now starting at 8.45am. It will be important that children are in their form rooms by 8.35am at the latest.

The end of the third week of term is rapidly coming to a close. I wish you all a very happy weekend; I might even bump into you at the Newbury Show on Sunday.

Best wishes,

Adam King
(Headmaster)

N.B. Please look at the next sheet for fixture changes and fixtures for next week



Ben Worrall enjoys dressing up as Fireman Sam in the Nursery

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Fixture Changes for Next Week

1. 2nd XI v Pangbourne on Wednesday 23rd is cancelled

Match Results

Crosfields	1 st XI	L	2-3 (Knight & Bolkiah)
	2 nd XI	D	1-1 (Willis)
	U11 A	L	1-5 (Beck)
	U11 B	L	1-4 (own goal)
	U11 C	W	1-0 (Cameron)
	U11 D	W	2-1 (Buchanan & Ferradaz)
St.Francis	1 st XI	W	5-1 (White 2, Lewis, Willis & Wallace)
Chandlings	U11 A	L	2-3
	U11 B	L	3-10 (Warren 3)
	U11 C	W	4-0
	U11 D	L	0-1
Sherborne House	U9 A	D	2-2 (Frisby & Lynas)
	U9 B	W	2-0 (Stevens 2)