Be Kind - Learn to Learn - Think Globally - Create Beauty

Newsletter February 2019



Thomas's Academy

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Collaboration



Our Learn 2 Learn focus this half term is 'Be Collaborative'. At Thomas's Academy, we believe that the ability to work with others is a key skill that children need to learn in school, and which they will use for the rest of their lives. We are celebrating moments of collaboration from across the school

in our Friday assemblies – we hope to see you there, to share in children's successes.

House Teams

Thistle, Rose, Shamrock, Daffodil – which House Team are you a member of? House teams are a very important part of Thomas's Academy. They provide a brilliant opportunity for collaboration. We have newly appointed House Team Leaders that will be leading their teams through various events this year.

Thistle: Mrs James **Shamrock**: Miss Kelly

Rose: Mr Bates

Daffodil: Miss Dymond

We are excited about House Team competitions that are coming up so watch this space.

Art Competition

An art competition has recently taken place, where children were asked to create a poster for their House Team. Thank you all for the wonderful entries. We are impressed with the standard of work that we have received. The

Upcoming Events

February 2019

1st Mayors Cup (Y5,6)

5th: Safer Internet Day

6th: Y3 at Pizza Express

6th: SATs revision club starting (Y6)

7th: International Food Afternoon – pupils may wear traditional dress for £1.

7th: Y4 Dance workshop

11th: Science enrichment week

12th: Parents Meetings (Y1 – 6)

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18th: Half Term Week

25^{th,} 26th: Buddhism Focus

March 2019

1st: St David's Day – Daffodil house wear yellow

4th: Y6 to Thomas's Fulham (science)

6th: Y2 to Pizza Express

6th: Pupils to Wembley Arena for WE day concert

7th: World Maths Day

7th: World Book Day: Dress up as a book character

18th: (Day after St Patrick's Day) Shamrock house wear green

18th: Y4 to Cadogan Hall

19th: Y2 to Explore Learning

Thomas's Academy places the safeguarding of children's welfare as our very highest priority. If you have any concerns about a child's safety or welfare, inside or outside school, please contact one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads or call us on the number above.

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winners were announced in assembly on 31st January. Well done to those children and to the runners up also.

International Food Day – 7th February 3.15pm – 5.00pm

Our annual event is approaching quickly. We are asking



families to cook/bake a traditional dish (savoury or sweet) and bring it in to school for others to experience. To raise funds for the school playground, Thomas's Academy Parents (TAP) are asking for a

donation of £3 per adult - children will eat for free. Each parent who donates a dish will go in to a draw to win a £100 voucher from Meridionale Restaurant on New King's Road. There is also a silent auction for vouchers to Koji restaurant. Pupils will be allowed to wear traditional dress on this day with a £1 donation.

Young Singers

This is our second year at Young Voices at the O2. Our choir had an amazing time last week. They really did the school proud by rehearing all



through the afternoon and then singing for the evening performance. Huge congratulations to all the staff and children involved.

The Lion Dance

Ms Thorpe, our Art teacher, is helping to organize an event at Asia House (W1G 7LP) on 7th February to celebrate Chinese New Year. Families with younger children may be interested in attending. It's from 11am and is followed by storytelling and creative activities.

School Crossing Patrol

After years of us asking, the council have advertised for the paid position of 'school crossing patrol' at the junction of Munster Road and New King's Road. This is an opportunity to help pupils at our school to safely cross this road. The position is for 10 hours per week. If you would like to apply for this post, please do so online at:

http://ats-lbhfjobs.jobsgopublic.com/vacancies/view/81847

Alternatively, please see Miss Kelly who can help with the application process. The post is open to members of the public also so please ask others you know.

Uniform

Please ensure that pupils are wearing full school uniform. Please be reminded that school shoes should be black and that trainers or boots are not permitted. School coats, hats and scarves are available at Sogan's. Please label all items so they can be returned to their owner if lost. We also advise adding a unique key ring to the zip of coats so that children can identify their coat quickly.

Lunches

If you wish your child to change to or from school lunches, please let the office know in advance. We request that this is only done at the end of a half-term. Packed lunches should be healthy and contain no nuts due to allergies in the school. This includes Nutella, peanut butter and sesame seeded rolls. A small treat is permitted on Fridays.

Upbeat

Upbeat, who we have worked with for many years, are running a music course on 20-22nd February for children aged 4 - 14. A 20% discount is available to pupils from Thomas's Academy. To find out more, go to www.upbeatmusiccourses.co.uk or email them at: upbeatmusiccourses@gmail.com.

Absences

Please be reminded to call the school office each morning when your child is off school. You may also email to absent@academy.thomas-s.co.uk

Our school is committed to promoting the welfare of your child through regular school attendance. All holidays taken during term time will be considered as unauthorised and may incur a penalty charge.

Please remember to let the office know if you change any details such as your phone number. We are increasingly using e-mail as a form of communication so please let the office know your email address if you haven't already.

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