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Newsletter May 2019



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Positivity



At Thomas's Academy, we believe that approaching activities in a positive manner, having a growth mindset and being resilient will enable more learning to happen. In particular, pupils will be learning about 'Zones of Regulation' which will help them identify their mood and consider strategies to improve it. The green zone is what we're aiming for!

School Improvements

The scaffolding is down! We are very pleased with the new windows. We now have some work to do on the playgrounds. Lots of money has already been raised for this but if you wish to do some fund-raising or donate towards this, then please let us know.

Breakfast

Year 6 pupils are invited to join the rest of their class for breakfast on their assessment days. This has been kindly donated by a parent. It will be in the Y6 classroom from 8.30am.

Aktiva Camps After School Care

We are delighted to confirm that this has started. Matt from Activa has been collecting pupils from their classrooms at the end of the day, then has been doing some fun activities with them until they are collected. Further information about Aktiva can be found on their website: www.aktivacamps.com

Upcoming Events

May 2019

2nd: Year 4 – Explore Learning Workshop

8th: Reception to Pizza Express

13th: Year 6 Assessment Week

15th: National Numeracy Day

15th: Y2 to Museum of Childhood

16th: Y1 to Museum of Childhood

20th: Social Enterprise Enrichment Week

21st: Year 3 - Explore Learning Workshop

23rd: School closed for Polling

24th: Parents' Sessions: Online Risks

27th-31st May Half Term

June 2019

6th/7th: Islam Study Days

6th: Y6 Transition Workshop

13th: Eid Disco

14th: Sports Day

28th: Summer Fair

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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Dodgeball Tournament

On 1st May, six members of Y3&4 competed against schools from across the borough. They won three games and lost two coming top of their group. The group came fourth overall which is a fantastic achievement. A special thanks to Mr Bates and Miss Anna for facilitating this.

A Bug Hotel

Outdoor Adventures Club have created a bug hotel for all of the Thomas's Academy wildlife to live in. It is situated in the Reception playground. We'll let you know how our minibeast community grows.

Breakfast Club



For £3 a day, pupils from nursery to Y6 may attend breakfast club from 8am. It is run by staff at Thomas's Academy.

Please sign up at the office if you'd like your child to come along.

Home Learning Club

The library/computing room is open for pupils accompanied by a parent/carer to complete home learning tasks on a Monday after school. Miss Geordie is around to support this. All children have to do is turn up with their home learning and their book – no need to book!

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, **including the light-weight red one**, 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.

REMINDER: Rec-Y2 Book Bag (House Colours), Y3-6 Thomas's Academy Backpack.

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.

Kidzania for Best Attenders

As we have done for the last two years, we intend to take 40 children to Kidzania at the end of the academic year as a reward. The criteria to be chosen includes that a child has no unauthorized absences and that their attendance is at least 97%. This is open to all children from reception to year 6.

Birthdays

We will always celebrate a child's birthday if they wish us to however, please be reminded to not send in cakes on these occasions. If you wish to bring in something to be shared, please choose a healthy option such as fruit.

Change in personal details

Please remember to let the office know if you change any details such as your address or 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. Also, please let your child's teacher know if somebody different will be collecting your child.