

THOMAS JONES

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Leather on Willow
*'Now in April to the wicket,
Out in march with bat and pad'*

A.E. Housman

Last month, the hockey team were crowned borough champions. This reflects the skill and tenacity of the squad and deft touch of coach Niall Lee. Next term, attention will turn to tennis and the beautifully idiosyncratic game of cricket.

Wise Words

This forthcoming holiday, please ensure that sufficient time is put aside for you and your child to read together. Reading remains the single most important element of learning. To steal a line from some of our most accomplished 'book worm' Year 6 scholars *'the stronger one becomes as a reader, the stronger one is as a learner'*. Wise words indeed. I look forward to seeing all pupils again on Monday 17th April.

Visceral Teaching and Exacting Attendance

Looking ahead to April, our focus is to sustain the quality of what is afforded and to further improve. The school's professional development programme continues to be defined by rigour and an uncompromising set of standards. Visceral teaching is the most influential factor. Attendance from September to the end of this term, when rounded up, is 97%. This remarkable achievement is further testimony to the fact that pupils want to learn, with many not missing a single lesson.

Congratulations

Congratulations are due to Thomas Jones' 'Play Plus' Leader and parent governor, Patrina Quashie-Ferguson, who earlier in the week, accompanied by her son, Year 3 pupil Ausar, attended a special ceremony at Kensington & Chelsea Town Hall. Patrina was presented with a prestigious Mayor's Award for services to the community.

Bucket Hats at the Ready

By way of a gentle reminder, from the start of next term, all pupils are expected to wear summer uniform, including the midnight blue bucket hat. We are not unique, but the above is a valid strand that sets us apart - a bold sartorial statement and, on an entirely practical level, something that affords protection from the sun's harmful rays and spring showers.

Huge Thanks

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have supported us in recent months. Kind and encouraging comments, insightful communication and generous donations that have been made are appreciated by everybody.

Yours sincerely,



DM Sellens