

# THOMAS JONES

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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Sixth Anniversary**

*Its melancholy, long, withdrawing roar,  
Retreating, to the breath  
Of the night-wind'*

Next Wednesday is the sixth anniversary of the Grenfell Tower fire. Pupils and staff will pause in a special assembly, and reflect during a 72 second silence. On behalf of everybody at Thomas Jones, Deputy Head Ms Lindsay Johnson and I would like to take this opportunity to send our heartfelt wishes to all who were affected by what happened on that dreadful night.

## **Return to the Farm**

*'Swallows from Africa swooped low over our heads - it was fascinating'*

Year 3 pupil Lonya Owusu-Bempah

Year 3's visit to Waltham Place Organic Farm was an unforgettable day full of adventure, learning, and fresh air. Pupils learnt how to look after animals in a kind and friendly way. They fed the pigs and chickens, admired the noisy Jersey cows, and stroked a lamb. The gardens were magical, and it was fascinating to learn about the vegetables and fruits that are grown in England. The children were astonished by the beauty of the nature and enjoyed counting bees and noticing how long they spent at each flower. There was time to run and play on the lush lawns and explore the woodland. The farm's education officer, Nikki McCann was, I gather, hugely impressed with the curiosity and attentiveness of the class.

## **Exquisite Vocabulary**

*'Painted across the sky were hues of amethyst; at its centre, was Helios - gold, sphere-like and emitting fierce beams of carmine, its aureate grace shone, humbling the envious moons and taunting the stars' ego'.*

The winner of the 2023 Year 6 Writing Festival is Tasnim Belkadi. Focusing on the theme of 'Landing on a Strange Planet', ultimately, it is the use of exquisite vocabulary that sets this composition apart. The snippet that appears above is so strong it needs no further context. Tasnim is a 'book worm'. When prompted, her advice to younger pupils is simple, she urges each and every one to immerse themselves in the joy of reading quality literature.

## **Close to the End**

There are now only six weeks remaining of the summer term. Attendance from the beginning of this school year to end of last half term was 97%. Please ensure that your child continues to attend right up to, and including, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

Yours sincerely,



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