

# Thomas Jones

## Primary School

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Dear Thomas Jones Families,

### **Joyful Eid Breakfast**

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all our Muslim families a heartfelt Eid Mubarak. This morning's Eid Breakfast was a truly uplifting occasion. Pupils, staff and families came together to share food, conversation and celebration. Everything was warm and convivial, reminding us of the strength found in community and in the appreciation of different traditions. Moments such as these affirm the values of respect, kindness and togetherness that lie at the heart of our school.

### **Bucket Hats at the Ready**

As is our tradition, the Year 6 scholars will be attired in Thomas Jones' summer uniform next week. This benefits everybody, especially those of you who are still relatively new to the school. From Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April, all pupils are expected to wear the above, including the midnight blue bucket hat. This item of uniform has become an 'emblem', a valid strand that sets us apart.

### **RISE**

Over the last two weeks we have been delighted to welcome colleagues from a number of schools relating to the government's Regional Improvement for Standards and Excellence initiative (RISE) that Thomas Jones has been chosen to be a part of. The programme seeks to strengthen education through peer-to-peer support, enabling schools to showcase effective practice and learn from one another in the shared pursuit of excellence. Our visitors spent time in classrooms benefitting from snapshots of exemplary teaching, and speaking with staff and pupils. They commented warmly on the purposeful mood, the palpable enthusiasm for learning and the calm and aesthetically appealing learning environment.

### **Friends of Thomas Jones' Generosity**

We are immensely grateful to the Friends of Thomas Jones for their recent contribution of a splendid set of trikes and scooters for our Early Years setting. These will play an important role in developing gross motor skills, physical strength and confidence in our youngest learners. It has already been a delight to see the children exploring them with such joy and determination.

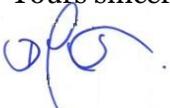
### **Inspirational Music**

Year 4 pupils enjoyed a special visit to hear the London Symphony Orchestra in concert earlier today. The performance, titled *The King Who Tried to Change His Fate – An Orchestral Storytelling* was a captivating introduction to the expressive power of orchestral music. Encounters such as this have a remarkable capacity to inspire curiosity in young minds, and we are certain the experience will leave a lasting impression on our pupils.

### **Parent-Teacher Meetings**

Many of you have attended our parent-teacher meetings. These occasions provide a valuable opportunity for partnership as we aspire for every child to flourish. The conversations between staff and families – thoughtful, reflective and forward-looking – are a vital part of ensuring that pupils receive the encouragement and guidance they need both in school and at home. Thank you for your time, engagement and unwavering support.

Yours sincerely,



David Sellens