

THOMAS JONES

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Impressive Attendance

Pupils arrived promptly this morning, and it being a non-uniform fundraising day, dressed in an array of smart clothes, their notion of tardiness acute, with an eager demeanour. Attendance in recent weeks is an impressive 97%.

Victorian Designer, Poet and Print Maker

*'Turn from the unchanging sea, and gaze,
Down theses grey slopes upon the year grown old'*

William Morris

The many successes of the last eight weeks include Year 2's sublime harvest performance. On Wednesday, older pupils arrived in anticipation of spending the day immersed in the designs of Victorian poet and print maker, William Morris. Earlier in the week Year 3 ventured to town to marvel at the William Turner Collection. Their remarkable seascapes, inspired by this visit, will shortly be displayed.

Great Expectations and 'More!'

Since returning in September, Year 6 have explored Dickens' Oliver Twist, Blake's The Tyger and John Keats 1820 sonnet, To Autumn. With exacting aspirations no different now to in previous years, if anything, we have become even more determined to ensure that every child shines. Visitors are frequently disarmed by the standard of writing across the school. I attribute much of the success in this discipline to the literature that is taught.

Wholly Remiss

It would be wholly remiss not to briefly mention the new children who have joined us since September. They are all delightful and especially those who have embarked upon an exciting odyssey of sorts in the Nursery.

Bookworms

'Learning starts with reading'

Several former pupils have visited recently. Whilst at Thomas Jones, the aforementioned scholars excelled. It is their shared view that, in no small part, this reflects the fact they were/are 'book worms'. One commented 'The stronger I became as a reader, it transformed my capacity to think and write'. During the half term holiday, please ensure that time is put aside to read with your child.

Yours sincerely,



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