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Dear Parents and Carers,

String Recital and Ostinato

Earlier this week, the string ensemble impressed and disarmed in equal measure, such was the quality of their performance. I'm loathe to single out individuals for praise, however, it would be wholly remiss not to mention the remarkably deft turns from our Year 6 scholars. They set the bar exceptionally high and showcased a near-perfect example of what can be achieved if ambition and tenacity are absolute. Year 4 have recently taken part in an interactive workshop with musicians from the Royal College of Music, composing and experimenting with ostinato and syncopation. In tandem, pupils then joined the audience at the annual Classical Spectacular Concert at the Albert Hall. It was, I gather, a hugely stimulating and enjoyable afternoon.

League Winners

Congratulations are due to the football team, Sports Leader Mr Julius Joseph and PE Co-ordinator Mr Scott Gourley. Training in driving rain, sleet and recently snow, the squad have definitely earned their stripes and a place at the proverbial top table. It is, though, their camaraderie and aspiration for one another that is so humbling. I cannot begin to capture how proud everybody is of a group of children who have given so much and committed with such effusive energy. Next Wednesday, they will play in the Champions League Final. We wish them well.

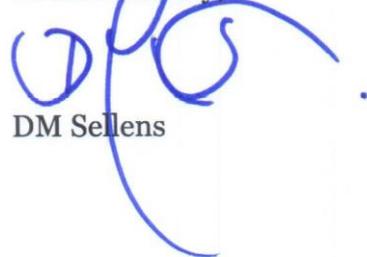
If You Go Down to the Woods Today

Forest School began again yesterday. Now in its third incarnation, this highly inventive venture presents a unique dynamic, with younger pupils embracing opportunities to explore the world of nature in an urban setting. All around at the moment there are reminders that the spring equinox is upon us, with lighter evenings and the exquisite sound of birdsong. Arriving at 9.00, resplendent in wellingtons and raincoats, beaming excitedly, I eagerly await reports of their adventures.

Oversubscribed Nursery

I'd like to thank Ms Emma Jones and Ms Lucy Bramhall for their incredible work ensuring that our nursery continues to be so oversubscribed. Both colleagues have shone, finding solutions at a most difficult time when the government's Fair Funding Formula is implemented. Some schools will not be in a position to safeguard their nursery provision. In the here and now, the future is positive at Thomas Jones.

Yours sincerely,



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