

# THOMAS JONES

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **As We Embrace the Spring**

*'You can hear the dew falling, and the hushed town breathing. Only your eyes are unclosed, to see the black and folded town fast, and slow, asleep'.*

Dylan Thomas

As we embrace the spring, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your unerring kindness and trust. The last ten weeks have afforded veritable riches in the form of our hugely successful gardening venture, a series of well received computing workshops led by coding expert Mr Nick Hughes and remarkable 98% attendance. Last week's string recital was a particular highlight of the term. Fifteen years ago, had somebody intimated that this would become an integral element of the Thomas Jones calendar, I'd have been sceptical.

Not for the first time this season, the Football Team have surpassed their own high standards by reaching the borough's Champions League Final. This achievement will be celebrated at the start of the summer term in a special ceremony. At the beginning of March, the Year 6 scholar's Writing Festival produced some deft short stories. Curators of this now annual event, Ms Natasha Meldrum and Ms Harriet Bingley, struggled to award 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in the writing competition, such was the standard of this year's entries. 'The turn of phrase and complex sentence structure within the compositions was ultra-inventive,' effused Ms Meldrum. The quality of class performances in recent weeks has been exacting, with representations of epic poetry and Reception pupils' accomplished tableaux depicting nature's visceral beauty.

### **Reading Together and Venturing into Town**

During the forthcoming school holidays please ensure you read with your child as much as possible and visit the library or a bookshop. When the rain dissipates, it is worth venturing into town to visit a museum or gallery or one of London's many exquisite parks or gardens. I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

Yours sincerely,



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