



Where CURIOSITY HATCHES, creativity takes flight and learning SOARS TO A SKY OF opportunity.



I can hardly believe that the Autumn term is complete! It seems like only yesterday we were opening up the school gates for our September return. As usual, it's been a jam-packed term - we've celebrated Diwali, Black History Month, met for Macmillan Coffee morning and held a Christmas Fayre which was heaving with customers. The school made £946.14 which is excellent news - thank you all for coming! The children return to school on **Thursday 4th January** when the New Year will see our focus on computing... **'2024ward thinking'** is our new theme; we are going to get technical!

Congratulations to all the children in the 97up Club who received their Zoomania voucher today - we had to purchase 10% more this Autumn term compared to last year which is brilliant news: regular learning leads to great things! An education and a ball-pit!

Lastly, I would like to say a public thank you to the governors and staff for their commitment this term - as usual, there have been some hairy moments, sudden staff departures and last minute cover, but the team graciously stick together and pull through. We kicked off the year assembling as 'Avengers' - I can confidently say that we smashed it!

Season's Greetings to you all and a very merry Christmas to you and your families.

Pippa x

Christmas Fayre



Another great Christmas Fayre - thank you for helping make it so fantastic. Santa and his wonderful Elves were busy giving gifts and of course telling the children they were on the Nice list. Raffle prizes galore, face painting, plate decorating, gingerbread man icing, stocking fillers - we had the lot and we raised £946.14 to go towards much needed resources for the school.

PE at THS



As we bring to a close the Autumn Term, we can reflect on a wonderful start to THS PE this academic year. All year groups are showing passion for physical education and we are trying to instill a love of all things active. At THS, through PE, we are striving to ensure all children are physically literate- which means to have a love of movement and engage in physical activity for life.

The **motivation**, **confidence**, **physical competence**, **knowledge and understanding** to value and take responsibility for engagement in physical activities for life. International Physical Literacy Association (IPLA)

In KS2, we ended our Autumn Term with fun mini-competitions to show their progress in invasion games. Children have been learning how to attack and defend competently and their confidence has sky-rocketed!

Well done to all children in KS2 for their commitment to learning in PE. I thoroughly enjoyed observing the final lessons from Year 5 & 6, where they were able to showcase their talents on the court and many were able to enforce the rules of the games as referees. I hope our BIRDS come back firing on all cylinders after the holidays as we have a busy schedule of sporting events and competitions to get stuck into.



The PE team wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Reception- The Nativity

Reception's Nativity was spectacular! The children looked amazing in their costumes and did so well in learning their lines, songs and actions. We all want to thank you for coming and supporting them.

Year 2 - The Inn-Spectors

The "INN-spectors" was an "INN-stant" hit! The children worked so hard to learn their songs, with some children even singing a solo. It was wonderful to see the children showing their THS BIRD values and growing in confidence from performance to performance. Thank you to those who were able to watch!

Year 6

Year 6 have had a fabulous full term of learning - we are soaring BIRDS! Our Field of Study ended with a mini-performance for the parents Finale and it was lovely to see so many adults joining us to share the children's learning. We now look forward to the Spring term when our Field of Study is Frozen Kingdoms, studying the polar regions at the North and South poles including explorers as well as the geography of the polar tundras. We will have a visit on 30th January 2024 from Spirit of the Wild (letter to follow early January) and our Pit stop will be on 8th February @ 2.30pm - pop the dates in your diary! Have a fabulous Christmas break.



Step into Spring 1.....

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>School Holiday</u>	<u>School Holiday</u>	<u>School Holiday</u>	<u>4th January</u> School opens 8:30am	<u>5th January</u>
<u>8th January</u>	<u>9th January</u>	<u>10th January</u>	<u>11th January</u> Reception and Yr6 Height and Weight	<u>12th January</u>
<u>15th January</u>	<u>16th January</u> Yr2 Our experience - Past productions King and Queens day	<u>17th January</u> Yr4 Trip to River & Rowing Museum (Henley) Reception -Science Oxford trip	<u>18th January</u>	<u>19th January</u> Yr5 – Kew Gardens
<u>22nd January</u>	<u>23rd January</u>	<u>24th January</u>	<u>25th January</u>	<u>26th January</u>
<u>29th January</u>	<u>30th January</u> Yr6 Spirit of the Wild with animals from the Polar Tundra – Frozen Kingdom Pyjama pit-stop for Reception parents invited from 2pm	<u>31st January</u>	<u>1st February</u>	<u>2nd February</u>
<u>5th February</u> Year 1 – Pit stop 2.30pm	<u>6th February</u> Parents evening	<u>7th February</u> Reception – Finale Invention Convention Year 3 – Pitstop 2.30pm	<u>8th February</u> Parents evening Yr4 Pit Stop @ 2:15pm Yr6 Pit Stop - Northern Lights Art @ 2:30pm	<u>9th February</u> Break up for half term Yr5 – Pit Stop experience Yr2 – Pit Stop



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

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


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