

The Thomas' Times

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School Council Update

FOUR NEW CHAIRS, SHAKING THINGS UP!



By Esme, Finlay, Amalia and Sophie (Year 6 chairs)



Welcome to the first edition of our brand new school newspaper, brought to you by the children of St Thomas'. These are our current priorities to improve school.

1. We are starting to make sure everyone's voice is heard by starting a suggestion box and newspaper. We'll have a suggestion box in each class so every child with an idea to improve the school will be able to.
2. The Thomas Times. This is the exciting first edition of our new school newspaper written by the children, for the children, as a way of celebrating our writing and news.
3. Our shop is a chance for you to buy all of your equipment for school.
4. To improve our parking we will make leaflets for parents, telling you how to be safe and how it will work on our road. Look out for new posters.



Year 6 netball match- St Thomas takes on Queen Eleanor

By Sophie Watson and Rebecca Gallagher (6 St George)

On the 16th of October 2017 St Thomas' year 6 girls took on QE's. For the A team, it was a tough match but by the end of the first half, it was 4-1 to STOC. We felt really pleased. The second half was a bit tougher but we kept going and managed to keep up as the ball zoomed up and down the court. At last, the full time whistle blew and the final score was revealed- six all. Although we would have liked to win, we all felt very proud.

For the B team it was a different story. Both teams were evenly matched but the St Thomas' girls just managed to pay up. It was a great success for it was one-nil to us. Well done to everyone who played for it was a super netball match.

A team		B team	
Sophie	Esme	Chelsea	Nicole
Mila	Lucie	Ella	Mikaela
Rebecca	Katie	Gaia	Hana
Lola		Lucy	Lily
		Valerie	Charlie

STOC X COUNTRY TEAM WIN BEST DRESSED!

On Tuesday 17th October runners from St Thomas of Canterbury went to Holy Trinity to represent our school in a cross country race in our amazing florescent tops. To get us in to the team spirit we performed a quick warm-up followed by a song of SToC (to the tune of YMCA). Later we were named best dressed and proceeded to run our way through the rain to the finishing line. Esme was second overall and the rest of us did very well in a tough uphill climb through the Downs. The highlight of the race was the girls helping their teammate out in the final tough leg. Overall the team did great and everyone should be proud of themselves. Well done to everyone for making **SPACE** with their running!!!

By Katie and Esme (6 St George).



GO TEAM!



Meet the Editorial and Production team...



Secretaries: Nicole, Jamie and Ellie



Publicity Team: Katie, Gilly, Amelie, Katie (and Marysia)

Word Cup Football: Who's in? Who's out?

By Kamala Mahadeva-Ponton (5 St Angelo)



What's happening?

As you may all know, the men's football Word Cup final will be in October 2018. Thirty-two countries will get in and I and many others will be watching the draw on Friday 3rd December in Moscow at State Kremlin Palace.

Nigeria leads Africa

Out of the African teams Nigeria, nicknamed 'Super Eagles', have qualified well and seem determined.

Chile's unlucky move

Chile did not qualify for the World Cup by just an inch. In my opinion I still think they are a hardworking team and will be back for more.

Magic Messi saves the day!

Just when everything seemed lost for Argentina, Lionel Messi livened up the spirits of Argentina by scoring three goals (a hat-trick). He also saved Columbia (my second home country) from a distraught ending by slashing Ecuador's hopes and giving Columbia their place.

Favourites

Germany, Brazil, Spain or France are the most likely to win, but Poland could ambush the other teams. England qualified against an easy group and will have to improve greatly.

Some countries that have qualified

England	Scotland	Columbia	Brazil
Australia	Germany	Poland	Spain
France	Mexico	Nigeria	Italy
Belgium	Argentina	Egypt	Japan
South Korea	Costa Rica	Portugal	Russia

Red Sun and Hurricane Ophelia

The red sun was due to some of the forest fires in Portugal and Spain, and the Saharan deserts sand and dust which was in front of the sun and made it look orange and the same with the sky. The heat was sucking in smoke and the actual heat so that's why it was really hot on Monday. The hurricane went across Wales and Ireland which was another reason why it was really windy and cloudy. Ophelia was the last hurricane near us, since 1987 but lucky for us it wasn't over us but for some it caused lots of damage.

THE OBSTACLE COURSE

By Daniel Pretty (5 St Angelo)

For me, life is something I have to weave my way through.

I am ten years old. I am diagnosed with a disability called 'cerebral palsy'. This causes damage to my brain that means my legs cannot move properly. I cannot stand unaided for more than a few seconds without falling over. I cannot climb without help. There is a long list of symptoms that I cannot go through. But I persevere.

At school, my TAs (Teaching Assistants), OTs (Occupational Therapists) and Inclusion Team perfectly understand this disability and work around it perfectly. But sometimes things can be harder.

For one thing, most retailers either involve steps to get into, or they have no lift. Whenever I enter a building, I have to keep faith there will be a lift. Otherwise I cannot access anything above ground level.

One time, we went to a party. It was called Laser Quest. When we came, the managers said I couldn't take part. It was very sad.

That's not to say that everything is negative for me.

In 2013, we setup a charity called One Big Step For Daniel, a charity designed in partnership with Tree of Hope. The support received was great—and in just a year, I was able to undergo SDR at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London—and we were all very pleased—because it was the charity's goal.

Although One Big Step For Daniel was officially closed from donations eventually, we continue to use it as a site where we blog about my physical improvements since the operation—and the last one was added in 2015. Our project this year is to make a new one about my recent developments. Most of all, I do hope you donate to Tree of Hope; they changed everything for me.

I understand some of you readers have already donated. For that, thank you. It means a lot to me.

I for one would like the disability of cerebral palsy to be something that everyone is aware of. I need to rely on people like you to spread the word on disability. I think it needs to be heard a lot more than the business of it is right now.



AMAZING ANIMALS

By Charlotte Legassick (3 St Bruno)

We have great news. Snow leopards are off the endangered list! Snow leopards can be found in the snowy mountains of Asia. Snow leopards have been on the endangered list for years and now they are finally off this horrible list.

Did you know?

- Tigers don't live in deserts, they live in rainforests.
- Owls are not very clever. They are the least intelligent animal.



IT'S A VERY COOL
THING TO BE A
WRITER

Top 5 tips for writing

By Charlie and Hana (6 St George)

1. Make sure you form all of your letters clearly.
2. Look at your letters and make sure that they're all joined together.
3. Are you putting all your punctuation in the right spots?
4. Is all of your writing on the line?
5. Make sure what you are writing makes sense.

MIND GAMES



S	B	A	N	L	O	C	S	R	T	G
H	C	A	T	H	E	R	I	N	E	F
N	A	H	V	N	S	H	V	D	O	R
U	R	C	O	B	Y	Y	U	R	A	D
A	E	X	V	O	T	O	G	D	Y	H
N	T	Z	M	R	L	E	W	I	N	F
G	A	P	C	C	Y	L	I	M	E	J
E	K	E	A	L	R	N	S	R	S	M
L	E	W	I	E	P	Z	X	C	U	K
O	R	N	O	O	D	N	U	R	B	O

SCHOOL
MR LEWIN
WILLIAM
CATHERINE
CLOUD
EMILY
BRUNO
KEA
ANGELO
GEORGE
PTA
CARETAKER
BUSENYA

By Elliott Tarling (3 St Emily)



By Maya Mirkowicz (2 St Dominic)

Autumn Poem

By Poppy, Thomas and Noah

(2 St Dominic)

Autumn leaves tumble down from the
trees,

Autumn leaves are blown by the breeze,

Autumn leaves are copper, crimson and
gold,

Autumn leaves are crunchy and bold.

Pull out supplement! The Harvest Festival







Year 5 RGS Trip



On Monday 9th and Monday 16th October, Year 5 went on a trip to the Royal Grammar School. There, we learnt all sorts of things that we didn't know about the Tudors.

First of all we entered a room that was an original Tudor part of the school. Inside it was two huge oak wood chairs, which we were told were for the teacher. There were also lots of beams on the ceiling, with the names of mayors, prime ministers and monarchs from the Tudor times onwards.

Next, we went into the chained library, which was named for the books being chained to the shelves so that they could not be stolen, as they held secrets. They also had bars in front of the books, just in case.

After seeing all of the books, we went back in to the Tudor room to do some music. With our teacher, Mr. White, we learned a Tudor clog dance. Four steps to the right, stamp, four steps to the left, stamp, and so on.

After that we did some art, drawing some anamorphosis. Anamorphosis is when a picture is tilted to one side, so that when you were facing that side, you would see something completely different.

After art we had lunch. We were in a very nice canteen. Some of the girls, including my friends and I, said "hello" to a few of the passing boys.

Next we did DT/Science with Mr Hoyle. We learned about the original Tudor weapons including a catapult called a Trebuchet. At the end of the lesson we tried using our own mini Trebuchets.

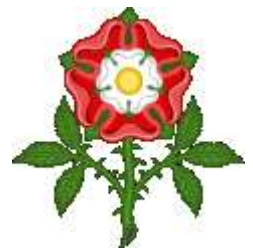
At the end of the day we did ICT with Mr Jesset, where we made our own little film clips about our day. We were told to include all of the things we had learned that day. It even had credits at the end, like a real film!

When we came out of the school to find our coach back, many of us were utterly surprised to see that the sky was a murky shade of brown! Our main tour guide, Mrs Timberlake, could probably see from the perplexed looks on our faces that we were awfully confused. Calmly, she explained to us that it was smoke from the terrible forest fires in Spain and Portugal, and also sand from the Sahara Desert.



By Emma Sherratt, Eva Burdall and Hannah Li

(Year 5 St Paul)



Wonderful Writers' Day!

By Ellie (6 St Nicholas)

On the 18th October, we went to St Edmunds School in Godalming to attend a Narrative writing workshop. It was run by the head of English teacher from Tormead School, called Mr Parsons. He taught us how drama can help our writing. We made freeze frames and had a go at writing. We learnt how to convert from a boring list of what we did last night into an exciting paragraph of excitement! Overall, it was a very fun afternoon.

Sports, fabulous sports

By Denis, Luana, Thomas and Luke (4 St Peter)

If you are in year 3 to 6, District sports is welcome to you. On Sports Day you should try your best even if you win or lose. This year there have been cross country races, netball tournaments and football matches.



CLASS ASSEMBLY CATCH UP...

By Marysia and Gilly (6 St Nicholas)

St George's class brought on the 12th October a wondrous class Worship! We all laughed at the comparison Game Show where we met a very rich and a very poor family. Lots of information was passed on as they answered the quiz questions, both doing well in their own styled questions. What a show!

St Nicholas' class shared a story of two chimney sweep brothers by the name of Alfie and Davey. This show was brought to us on the 19th October, and we watched the cruel hearted Mr Ruff let Alfie squirm in fright up the chimney, resulting in fatal consequences. We watched the prodigal son make bad choices, enjoying ourselves all the way.

Harvest Festival

By Grace and Olivia (4 St Peter)

On the 18th of October 2017 at St Thomas of Canterbury School we were singing songs from all around the world. The people who watched said that it was AMAZING! The elderly guests enjoyed their cake and sandwiches. We enjoyed our singing in front of the audience and they enjoyed it too! It was EYFS' first time singing in front of an audience and Dr Mather was amazing.



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