



# Thetford Grammar School

*The small, friendly school that gets results for individuals.*

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear families of Thetford Grammar School,

Remarkably, we find ourselves with only one more fully school week before the October half-term. Perhaps it should be no surprise when so much is packed in to each school day - opportunities to celebrate success in Music, Art, Drama, Sport and D of E have continued to come thick and fast.

This morning in assembly some of our Sixth Form presented a video they made last summer on the theme of mathematics in nature. Our group, led by Kudzi Garikayi and Isabel Holland with the help of Brynmor Jenkins, Matthew Ruddy and Roland Richer won first place in the UK Maths Trust national competition, a superb achievement.

Parents, if your children begin to disassemble broccoli heads looking for fractals, I apologise.

I'd like to add huge thank you to Sixth Formers for their help last night with our Open Evening, I hope that the many Year 11 pupils and families that visited enjoyed a lively and engaging time finding out from teachers and students what life in Sixth Form is like.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Mr Brewer

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## **FRIENDS OF TGS NEWS**

**The Committee needs YOU!! Your expertise and a little bit of your time!!**

The first fundraiser of the year is our "Storytelling for Grown Ups" event!! Friday 5th October in Old School with booking via Leaping Hare (online [www.leapinghare.org](http://www.leapinghare.org) or in the town centre office)

This evening promises to be fun with the return of Marion Leeper the 2016 Bard of Cambridge and guests. Tales of modern Heroes from the 16th Century and so much more!! Refreshments provided.

Christmas is looming.....and the committee are looking for thoughts and ideas on how to make the Christmas Fayre bigger and better.....what do you think? Could you run a stall? Have a great idea for a fun activity?? Let us know!!

The Uniform Shop will be open on a Tuesday from 3.45pm until 4.30pm for donations and sales! Our Thanks as always go to all staff, parents and friends who help out and join in!!

**Mrs Anna Jenner**

FoTGS Chair

## **KNITTING POPPIES**

Staff and pupils have been busy knitting lots of poppies ready for our Remembrance Day celebrations during the lunchtime knitting club, held on Thursday lunchtimes in F6. The pattern is attached to the newsletter. Please bring poppies into school by the 5<sup>th</sup> November.



**Mrs Tracy Granger**  
Y10 Tutor



## **SQUIRRELS HIGH LODGE VISIT**

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October, Squirrels class visited High Lodge in Thetford Forest as part of their work in Geography. The children used classification sheets to identify the different types of trees, from both their shape and their leaves as well as investigating the undergrowth for wildlife.



They were excited to find lots of mini-beasts including wood lice, ladybirds, millipedes and the rather large and scary-looking 'Devils Coach Horse Beetle'. Everyone had a try at bark rubbing and drew some of the leaves they found.

After lunch, the class enjoyed trying the various leisure facilities in the Forest; Mrs Foreman even had a go on the zip wire. Superb behaviour was demonstrated by everyone and they all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



**Mrs Julie Foreman**  
Squirrels Geography teacher

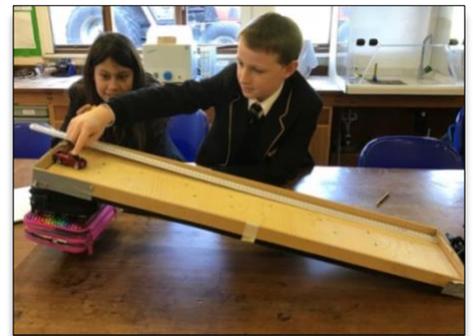
### YEAR 7 SCIENCE

Year 7 have been finding out about different variables in experiments. They have investigated if the height of a ramp (independent variable) makes a difference to how long it takes a car to roll down it (dependent variable). They then looked at whether the length of the string affects how long a pendulum takes to do 10 swings.



We thought it was quite funny that the mass at the bottom of a pendulum is called a 'bob'!

**Mrs Tracy Granger**  
Y7 Science Teacher



### SUMMER 2018 PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Congratulations to all who submitted photographs to the Summer Photography competition on the theme of 'Shadows'.

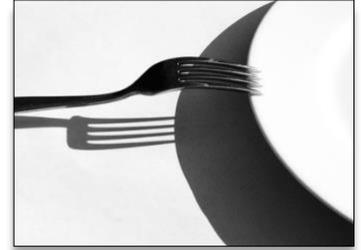
The following winners have been selected and will be displayed in the dining room.





1<sup>st</sup> place was chosen by Mr Brewer and will also be displayed in his office.

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Jasmine Dawes	Y8	Bridge
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Harriet Guyton	Y8	Fork
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Sophie Peace	Y9	Chairs
Runners-up	Sophie Jacklin	Y11	Warehouse
	Elliott Morrison	Y8	Swimming Pool



**Miss Caroline Griffiths**  
Art/Photography Teacher

### UKMT MATHS MINIATURES 2018 VIDEO COMPETITION

Last summer, after our ‘AS’ Level exams, the Year 12 mathematicians were given the opportunity to enter the UKMT Maths Miniatures 2018 video competition. For this, we had to make a short video on the subject of ‘Mathematics in Nature’.

Originally, there were 2 different groups hoping to compete but only one entry was allowed. Our group led by Kudzi Garikayi and Isabel Holland was chosen to enter and with the help of Brynmor Jenkins, Matthew Ruddy and Roland Richer were able to complete their video in time. We decided to use what we had learnt in Biology as a starting point and based our entry on Fractals in Nature. Although submitted before the summer holidays, it wasn’t until we returned back to school in September that we were announced winners of the national competition!

By Kudzi and Izzy

‘I would like to congratulate these students on a fabulous achievement. This was the first year that we have entered a group into this competition and we are very proud of what our mathematicians have accomplished. The UKMT volunteers who judged the competition “found the video very interesting and enjoyable, and were very impressed”. I would like to thank everyone who assisted them, especially Mrs Granger.’

The video will be available on the website.

**Mrs Tania Beukes**  
Head of Mathematics



## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Pupils, staff, family and friends across the whole school helped to raise a fantastic £424.84 in aid of MacMillan on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September. It was lovely to see so many people having a lovely time in aid of such a good cause. Many thanks to everyone who baked, bought and ate on the day!

**Mrs Nicki Peace**  
Head of Prep



## SMALLS FOR ALL

In Africa, some women are living in such poor conditions that they only have access to a single pair of knickers, or sometimes none at all. Not only is this unhygienic, but if women own underwear, they are considered more wealthy and likely to be 'cared for', which means they are likely to have a male relative in their life. In turn, this means they are perceived as 'not alone', and thus are seen as less vulnerable.

**Smalls for all** is a great charity which has been set up by Maria Macnamara, who after visiting and assisting vulnerable people in Africa, wanted to make a lasting difference to their lives.

**Bras for Africa!!!!**

**Smalls for all**

## **If you'd like to donate underwear here's the brief**

All you have to do is buy a packet of ladies' or children's pants and send them to us. They must be **new** and size wise for **children aged 3-15** or **ladies size 8-16**.

We also accept **new** or '**gently worn**' bras which can be **any size**, including teen, sports and nursing bras, but not cropped top style or bikini tops.

Please bring in your donations to Mrs Granger. Encourage your female relatives to have a clear out of their bra drawers and donate them to this charity.

<http://www.smallsforall.org/>

**This is our last push before we send our box of donations to the charity.**

**Mrs Tracy Granger**  
Head of Science



## THE UNIFORM SHOP



The uniform shop will be open during term time on Tuesdays, from 3.45pm until 4.30pm. We have many top-quality items for sale including blazers, sweaters, and sportswear. If you have any spare time to help with the shop, please let us know. You don't need to be a member of the Friends of TGS to volunteer.

**Mrs Billie Lawler**  
Friends of Thetford Grammar School



## ALLERGIES – PACKED LUNCHES/SNACKS

Due to allergies, I would be grateful if you could refrain from sending in nuts or products containing nuts as part of a packed lunch or for snack. We do encourage children to bring in healthy snacks for playtime and would appreciate your support. Many thanks.

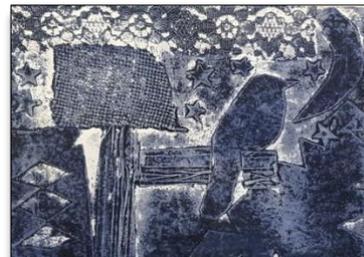
**Mrs Nicki Peace**  
Head of Preparatory School

## CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Sebastian Floyd who was awarded his DofE Bronze Award in assembly on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Also to Qinfeng Qian who was presented with his certificate for ABRSM Grade 5 Merit Organ in assembly today.

## Artists of the Month

Well done to our Artists of the Month for September, Ryan Bourne in Year 9 and Harry Lyes in Year 5 for producing interesting and original designs for their Christmas cards. Both boys took well to printing with the press using the collograph technique, inking their printing plates carefully. They were awarded their certificates in assembly on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October by Mr Brewer.





## Prep School House Captains

Congratulations to Dominic Trowell (Millingtons), Fraser Bacon (Reeds), Luke Lindsell (Coles) and Harriet Brewer (Cronsheys) who have all been elected as Prep School House Captains for the academic year 2018-2019.



**Mrs Nicki Peace**  
Head of Prep

Congratulations to the following pupils who received certificates from Mrs Peace in Prep assembly on Tuesday 25th September.

Jimmy Chenery-Taylor    Megan Chenery-Taylor    Sophie Codd    Gabriel Galveias  
Bruce Hayhoe    Maia Lebish

Congratulations to the following pupils who received certificates from Mrs Peace in Prep School assembly on Wednesday 3rd October.

Jack Bacon    Lucas Burrows    Gabriel Galveias    Jasmine Hanspal  
Max Hanspal    Bruce Hayhoe    Harry Lyes

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>7.00pm – 9.30pm</b>	<b>FoTGS Storytelling for Adults</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>9.00am – 10.30am</b>	<b>Woodcraft Folk presentation to Squirrels Class</b>
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>6.00am 9.30am – 2.15pm</b>	<b>Paris Art Trip departs Science Fair Y3 - 6</b>
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>10.00am – 1.30pm</b>	<b>Whole School Open Morning Science Fair Y3 - 6</b>
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Approx 8:30pm</b>	<b>Paris Art Trip returns</b>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Last Day of Half Term Half Term Reports Emailed home</b>
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>		<b>Daylight Saving – Clocks go back</b>
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>		<b>Back to School</b>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>		<b>Sixth Form Taster Day</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>		<b>Assessment week for Y7 – 10</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>6.30pm – 8.30pm</b>	<b>Y9 GCSE Options Evening</b>



## FIXTURES

<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	U14 Netball Tournament @ Attleborough (A) 3.00pm. Pick up 6.15pm U14 Rugby v Alderman Peel (H) 3.15pm. Pick up 4.30pm
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	U14 Netball League v Archbishop Sancroft (H) 4.15pm. Pick up 5.30pm
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	U11 Tag Rugby v Downham Prep (A) 1.00pm. Pick up 4.15pm
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	U13 Hockey v Hethersett Old Hall (A) 1.45pm. Pick up 4.45pm

## FIXTURE RESULTS

<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	U14 Rugby v Fakenham U13 Hockey v Sacred Heart	<i>Lost 65 - 15</i> <i>Lost 2 - 0</i>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	U14 Hockey v Hethersett Old Hall	<i>Won 3 - 0</i>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	U16 Hockey v Sacred Heart	<i>Won 1 - 0</i>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	U14 Netball League v Diss High School	<i>Won 19 - 4</i>

## LOST PROPERTY

Regan Statham has lost his black Rugby shorts – they are named. Could you please check your child's PE bag this weekend. Thank you.

## ATTACHMENTS

Knitted Poppies patterns

*If you would like a printed copy of this newsletter please contact the office.*