

Message from Mrs Thrower



A warm welcome to the autumn newsletter. Thanks to those who came to the music and awards evening this year. There were not many seats available after everyone had sat down. So lovely to see.

I thought the performances were exceptional and will be special memories for me in the future for sure.

As I embark on a term's secondment to Ofsted in the spring term, I can assure you the school is in safe hands with all the leadership team looking after the day-to-day running of the school. I will still be about in the background though and hope to see you all in the summer.

This term we say a fond goodbye to Mr Puntrello who is leaving us to head up the deaf unit at Moss Bury Primary School. So not leaving us completely, but working with deaf children before they come to us. Good luck John. We do have a replacement for D & T in January and hopefully the new teacher Ms Koen will fill the hole that Mr Puntrello will leave.

I just want to wish you all a lovely holiday break for however you celebrate this time of year and hope that 2024 is very kind to you.



The Saxinets
Mrs Thrower and Mrs Sounni
performing at the Music and Awards
evening for the final time.



Gean was our very first winner of the Suzanne Thrower prize for reading, recognising her progress in reading. Congratulations Gean!



The staff choir, along with Maciej and Iwo, performed Silent Night in Polish, German and English.

A final word from Mr Puntrello

After working in mainstream schools and higher educational settings for 25 years, I embarked on a journey with Knightsfield; a truly unique specialist deaf provision. Now in my 5th year, I am sharing my final words with you all. Working at the school with parents, carers, the children, and colleagues has been a privilege and Knightsfield has a very special place in my heart. I have enjoyed coming to work to see the children grow, develop, achieve, realise their ambitions, and become responsible, caring people, ready for the next stage in their lives. I am so proud that the children at Knightsfield are polite, kind, and ambitious. I have had the pleasure to work with many outstanding staff and know that the school's success is that of the whole team. My personal journey has been supported by Mrs Thrower and I would like to thank her for giving me the opportunity to work at such a great school as well as encouraging me to undertake my Teacher of the Deaf qualification. I have no doubt that the students will continue to Achieve, Believe and Communicate in this exceptional school as they progress with their academic journey. I am looking forward to my new adventure which entails running the deaf provision at Moss Bury Primary and Nursery School and to strengthen the links with Knightsfield. To end, many thanks to you all for allowing me to teach your children, giving me your support, understanding and feedback over the years. I will miss working here and I wish Knightsfield the very best in the years ahead.



Year 8 form with Mr Puntrello & Mrs Pniewska



Mr Puntrello Yr10 food

PGL



In November, 22 pupils went to PGL in Lincolnshire. They took part in abseiling, climbing walls, giant swings and many more activities. In the evening they played a game called Passport to the World where they had to find counties all over PGL. Pupils enjoyed learning to read maps and crawling through tunnels! They even had an instructor who was deaf, she was a great role model for them all!

OTHER TRIPS:

Yr 8 have had a busy term visiting Haileybury School Library as well as the Hitchin Gurdwara.

Yr10 and 11 Sports Leaders have been out visiting local Primary schools.

Yr5 - 8 went to the Pantomime to see Peter Pan

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Year 8 WGC Synagogue
 Matilda the Musical
 Voice in a Million - Wembley
 Year 7 Hindu Mandir
 Year 9 London Central Mosque

HOT CHOC FRIDAYS

Back by popular demand – the student voice told us they'd like #hotchocfriday reintroduced so here we are with Zak and Rocco having been nominated by their teachers for having an outstanding week and making real progress. They were invited (and given a +1) to have hot chocolate with Mr Bidwell at break time today. Well done, guys

