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Thornhill enews



Dear Thornhill Family

I once again welcome all our Thornhill families back to the 2022 academic year and I trust it will be an exciting and productive year for everyone. Welcome to our Reception Class of 2022 and I hope your journey with us will be memorable.

The staff are excited to be back and we continue to 'hope' for a full programme to return to the school day, which will see each child enjoy Thornhill to the fullest. We will continue to engage with the MoBE on the way forward with activities and I will keep you updated.

As a school, we must respond to the 2022 challenges as quickly as possible. The word flexibility means the ability to bend without breaking. At Thornhill, we use the word to describe our ability to adjust, without creating stress or drama. Being flexible in life means that we are able to plan and adapt to new situations. A Tanzanian proverb says, 'the wind does not break the tree that bends.' Each one of us is going to do a lot of bending as we navigate our way forward this year. Yes, we are going to bend, but we are not going to break as we strive to get a full programme back into our school day. I wish you all an enjoyable and successful year, as we embrace the changes with a great attitude. Please keep safe and all the best for a productive and enjoyable 2022.

Covid-19

We continue to monitor the situation with the Omicron variant and we are engaging with the MoBE to pave the way moving forward. We have discussed the current protocols that have been in place during the past academic year and currently there are no changes to the current status quo from the ministry. However, we will continue assessing and reviewing as we want our children to have a 'full' Thornhill experience and we are committed to this cause.

Please note, that when children return to school after a period of self-isolation, they must come directly to the administration office, where parents must submit the clearance certificate before the child, or children can join the class. Each child will be given a release letter from the administration office, which must be handed to the teacher. A reminder that under no circumstances should your child/ren attend school if you, or any member of your household has been in contact with someone who is in self-isolation/quarantine, going for testing, or who is awaiting test results or showing symptoms.

Staffing

I am sure you will join me in sending out a warm Thornhill welcome to Mrs Solomon (Std 2), Ms Meswele (Std 4) and Mrs Smith (Mathematics Support), who joined our Thornhill team at the beginning of the 2022 year. I trust that they will enjoy a memorable stay with us at Thornhill and I hope you will give them your full support. Good luck to all the staff, as they begin another academic year.

Parent Information Meetings

We are so pleased to have had our parents on the campus for these meeting during the last week and we hope that you found them to be beneficial. Parents had the opportunity to come in and familiarise themselves with the curriculum, classroom management, daily procedure and more importantly, meet the teacher. I trust the Information meeting was informative and helpful to parents, and if there are any concerns in the future, please feel free to come in immediately and speak to your child's teacher.

I would like to wish you all a successful term and I look forward to the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. I leave you with these words from Sun Tzu, 'victory comes from finding opportunities in problems.'

I Greaves

Headteacher

Std 6 Cambridge Results

Mr Warwick has already shared the Cambridge results for the entire year group with all parents, but I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all those who sat this examination in October 2021. We are exceptionally proud of our Std 6 Cambridge results, as our children performed superbly throughout the examinable subjects; English, Mathematics and Science. Our results were well above the international average as follows:

	Thornhill Average	International Average
English	5.0	3.8
Mathematics	5.0	3.7
Science	4.9	3.8

The following children featured below, received one 6.0 or more in either English, Science or Maths, which is equivalent to that of an A* (the highest result achievable).

Three 6.0 Subjects (A*)

Advaith Harith, Ayaana Harry, Kyra Brasem, Luca Braun, Matthew Nasha, Mira Iyer, Refilwe Rugara, Samantha Chavaze and Wedu Chilume.

Two 6.0 Subjects (A*)

Alexander Rodger, Atang Thekiso, Calisto Courage, Hardit Ruprah, Micaela Xavier, Moagi Majola, Zaydaan Kala.

One 6.0 Subject (A*)

Charmaine Marwiro, Haedan Dory, Kushatha Manewe, Layla Nchindo, Lefika Garebamoto, Lehakoe Molokwe, Logan Meyer, Nicko Maritz, Nikita Kurewa, Onalenna Mokgosana, Samantha Mangana, Samuel Molosi, Samuel Vuylsteke, Sechaba Mere, Sheè Sebeo, Suri-Jade Neilson, Victoria Graves and Zoya Modarrisi.

Congratulations and well done to all our top achievers. Collectively this Std 6 Class of 2022 performed exceptionally well as a year group and every child can be very pleased. To the staff, on behalf of the parents, school and Board, our sincere thanks and appreciation for a job superbly done.

Should you have any queries, then please feel free to contact Mr Warwick (Deputy Head and Head of Curriculum) using the following contact:
fwarwick@thornhillprimary.ac.bw



Std 6 Outreach



Std 6 Outreach Christmas Present Drive

At the end of Term 3 in 2021, the Std 6 children organised a Christmas Present Drive for the orphaned and underprivileged children of Botswana.

Once again, there was the most amazing response from our Thornhill family to our request for donations. The beautifully wrapped presents came flooding in, so much so that we needed to use space in four store rooms to accommodate all the donations.

These gifts were collected for the children of St Peter's Day Care Centre in Mogoditshane, African Haven in Old Naledi, and AAP in Broadhurst (a charitable organisation that helps orphans and vulnerable children throughout Botswana).

We had also raised enough money to send party food and drinks to these children, and the Standard 6 children helped with collecting the gifts and loading the vehicles to send these donations to the correct destinations.

Welcome Reception 2022



It was lovely to see our new Reception children arriving all dressed up in their new Thornhill uniform. The children were ushered into school by their parents and they all settled quickly into their new classes.

A few comments from our children about their first day:

Divine – 'I like my first day because I was so excited. It was the best day ever. I can bring my toys to school.'

Tsogang – 'I had so much fun at big school. I loved making the caterpillar.'

Tseo – 'I like my new school. I like swimming and stories and giraffes'.

De Waal – 'I like swimming, stories, eating and playing with my friends. I also like computers. I think I like everything about this school.'

Lexxy – 'I am so happy to be at big school with my brother.'

Lubalile – 'This is such a cool playground with nice swings.'

Safia – 'I like swimming and singing.'

Ethan – 'I like playing in the playground, there is a big jungle gym.'

Prefects 2022



Congratulations to the following children who have been selected as Prefects for 2022. We are extremely proud of you and would like to wish you all the very best of luck. They are as follows:

Samantha Chivaze, Arona Pelotona, Micaela Xavier, Calisto Courage, Chané Cloete, Mira Iyer, Refilwe Rugara, Haedan Dory, Hardit Ruprah and Wedu Chilume.

2022 Calendars

We still have 2022 calendars on sale (P50) and should you wish to purchase one, or come in and view them, then please see one of our staff in the administration or finance office for assistance.

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January 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
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KwikTurf Artificial Grass

April 2022

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Oodles of Coboodle Children's Toy & Gift Store

July 2022

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4X4 ACCESSORIES SPECIALISTS

October 2022

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fresh healthy visit the dentist healthy gums brushing water

February 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
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WHOLESALE OF PPE MASKS, KIDS POPPERS AND SANITIZER

May 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Big data doesn't fall from the sky

August 2022

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CLEAN ALL SURFACES YOURS

November 2022

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Have Riding Lessons From 6 years to adult

March 2022

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DAMAS Advisory • Tax • Corporate Services

June 2022

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27	28	29	30	1	2	3
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Quality connectivity YOU'VE GOT IT

September 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
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HASKINS

December 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
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2500m² of quality furniture at the most comfortable price

Term One Tue 18 Jan - Fri 8 April

Mid Term Break: Fri 25 February
 Mid Term Break: Mon 28 February

Term Two Tue 10 May - Fri 12 Aug

Ascension Day: Thu 26 May
 School Holiday: Fri 27 May
 Sir Seretse Khama Day: Thu 1 July
 President's Day: Mon 18 July
 Public Holiday: Tue 19 July

Term Three Tue 13 Sep - Thu 8 Dec

School Holiday: Thu 29 September
 Botswana Day: Fri 30 September
 Mid Term Break: Fri 28 October
 Mid Term Break: Mon 31 October

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