

# **Thornleigh Times**

## **Reach for the Skis**

Ever wondered what school residential trips are like at Thornleigh? Then read on to find out what this year's big ski trip was like...

Earlier this year, a large group of students went on a ski trip with PE to Austria, near the border of Germany. The trip involved 49 Year 10 & 11 students and 7 staff members but it is usually open to sixth formers too. Mr. Gavin, Head of PE, can ski but not as good as Mr. Owen! The trip lasted 7 days with a 2-day break (2 days not skiing). The following teachers went on the trip: Mr Owen (in charge of the trip), Mr Oxley, Mr Gavin, Mrs O'Hare, Miss Denoual, Mrs Reed, Miss Joyce.

It took them 28 hours to travel there but it took other schools 3 days. For students who are thinking of going on the trip next year, Mr Gavin says: "It is a good trip, whether you are a sporty person or an indoor person. It's a unique trip for anyone and everyone; I would consider going if I were you."









## **Mystery Interview!**

#### We ask our mystery guest some key questions but who is it?

#### Interview by Trinity and Ellie

What do I like to do in my spare time? "I like to spend time with my family, walk my dogs, play video games."

What book am I reading? "Satsuma Complex by Bob Mortimer."

What was my childhood dream job? "Author, journalist or video game designer."

What was my first job? "A writer for a website."

Why did I decide to become a teacher? "Because I love the subject I teach, watching students grow, learn and develop new skills."

What is my favourite colour? Green

Do you think you know who our mystery interviewee is? If you do then email us your answers at schoolnews@thornleigh.bolton.sch.uk





### In the Hot Seat!

#### This edition's big interview is with Miss O'Callaghan



#### What do you like to do in your spare time?

"I have a dog named Watson, who's a cockapoo and a very needy dog! I like to take him for walks. Also, I have 2 grown up children who I love to spend time with."

#### What book are you reading?

"The Family Remains. It was given to me by my son."

#### What was your dream job?

"I really wanted to be a teacher, but I am really interested in fine arts and theatre too."

#### Were you in any plays?

"Yes! But when I was younger, there were many strikes so there weren't many clubs. I have a degree in Drama."

#### What was your first job?

"I worked on a cheese counter in a store called Little Woods in Oldham where I lived. I also worked at my parents' chip shop."



An example of a cap worn by students when the school first opened.



## **A New Perspective!**

## Join us as we ask new student, Henlie- Paige, what she thinks about the school since joining

"Since I have joined the school, I have had a good experience with both the students and staff members. I decided to join Thornleigh because my cousins all come here so it's a familiar school to me. Another reason I joined was because of the good OFSTED review. I was encouraged to give Thornleigh a go and I am so glad that I did!

Since starting, I have made so many friends and got to know loads of people. In my lessons, I have the most fun and I feel that I have most definitely made the right choice by coming here!"

So there you have it! Not only does OFSTED say we are good, our students do too!

What do you enjoy most about Thornleigh? Email us your views at schoolnews@thornleigh.bolton.sch.uk





## **Riddle Me That!**

Join us each edition and see if you can work out our different puzzles and riddles!

What runs but can't walk?

What is always ahead of you but you can never see it?
What starts with 'e' ends with 'e' but only has one letter in?
What's once in a minute, twice in a moment but never in a thousand year?
What can speak but won't until spoken to?
What comes up but never comes down?

## **Spot the Differences**



Email us your answers at schoolnews@thornleigh.bolton.sch.uk



## **Creative Corner**

Different members of our school community share their creative masterpieces.

#### **Short Story**

Once there was a garden of flowers, beautiful they were.

Although there was one flower that didn't bloom as fast as the others. Whereas the other flowers petals were a bright shade of pink, its petals were soft purple blue.

The flower was discriminated about its shade but never stopped standing tall. It was often looked down upon, was neglected and left out.

#### Past Life Written by Amelia Curley

I reminisce about past life, No worries at all. God will be our side, He will always hear our call. Forests turned to ash, Animals losing their homes. People in the war, Turned from flesh to bone. Cyberbullying, Mean comments and more. Poverty, You never know what's in store. Some people living In horrible conditions. Toxins and chemicals, Breathing emissions. Hearing sounds of gunshots each day. Is the world fading away?

One day, after the flower had been watered, its petals began to spread and revealed its true colours and shape. The other flowers stood in amazement, in shock of its beautiful and unique colour. And everyone loved the flower and felt guilty of what they said.

The moral of the story is: never look down upon anyone because you might end up looking up at them.

#### Do you have a creative masterpiece to share with us?

It could be a short story, poem, song or piece of artwork. If you'd like it to feature in our next edition then please email us your masterpieces at **schoolnews@thornleigh.bolton.sch.uk**