



# Thomas Telford School

## Newsletter

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### PDSA Design Brief

Three Thomas Telford Sixth Form Design students have just completed a set of Information Display Boards which will shortly be going on display at the Royal Cornwall Show which, this year, celebrates its bi-centenary.

The Display Boards have been produced for the Priorslee based, People's Dispensary for Sick Animals (PDSA), and tells the story of its founder, Maria Dickin, who was concerned that many animals suffered unnecessarily because their owners could not afford to look after them.

Consequently, she set up the PDSA during the First World War. Since that time they have provided medical care for animals whose owners could not afford to pay for specialist veterinary care.

The students became involved with the project as part of their work placement requirements and realised that the best way they could help would be by using their design skills to publicise the PDSA's work. Their work placement was organised by the School's team of Industrial Consultants led by Mr Malcolm Scotto.

The students, Sarah Boyce, Tania Snell and Jenny Kiernan completed the display after first researching the services and history of the PDSA and liaising with PDSA Director, Ms Leslie Ebbutts. The finished product was handed over to the organisation's Marketing Manager, Kaye Berresford-Dutton, at the end of May.

### Teacher Training Initiative for TTS

Thomas Telford School has just been chosen as one of only two City Technology Colleges to launch the Government's new Teacher Training Initiative from September which will give high quality school based experience to forty graduate trainees.

The Smallpeice Technology Teacher Training Programme, will offer sponsorship for 100 students per year and will run for an initial five year period. Thomas Telford will be in one of only five national consortia, in which the School will be a 'Lead School' in conjunction with four partner schools.

The programme has been set up in association with the Smallpeice Trust, the City Technology Colleges Trust, the Roehampton Institute and the Department for Education and will aim to provide the type of technology training required to meet the wide ranging needs of the business and manufacturing communities of the next century.

Since its inception in 1966, the Smallpeice Trust has been responsible for providing educational training which looks at the way in which industry uses a wide variety of problem solving techniques. Students at Thomas Telford School will benefit from these experiences by being given the technological knowledge, skills and competence which will enable them to compete at the highest level.



*Students Tania Snell, Jenny Kiernan and Sarah Boyce present the display to Kaye Berresford-Dutton*

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# A Message From The Head

The School is now almost two years old and the students and staff continue to work with the same rigour as in the early days.

Many of the students' achievements will be highlighted at the Achievement Presentation Evening later this month when Mr Neville Simms, Group Chief Executive of Tarmac plc, and Mr Francis Baden-Powell, The Master of The Mercers' Company will be presenting the Awards.

I would like to make special mention about our Sixth Form leavers who have been tremendous ambassadors for the School in the industrial community. I shall be able to report in full on their achievements once we have received examination results in August and all the signs look very promising.

We all send them our best wishes in their endeavours to succeed in adult life.

All the courses for September have now been planned in depth by the teachers who have worked extremely hard to achieve this. It is, therefore with considerable confidence that I am able to look forward to another successful year in 1993/94.

May I request help in staffing the School Library. Some parents have expressed a wish that this is open until 8.00pm Monday to Thursday. Please contact Miss Evans if you can help in any way.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Dates For Your Diary

A Level Exam Results 19 August

GCSE Exam Results 26 August

1993 Autumn Term 1 September to 22 December (Half Term 25-29 of October)

Friday 15 October 1993 Social 'Theme' Evening

Friday 5 November 1993 Bavarian Evening

Saturday 13 November 1993 Lord Mayor's Show in London

Friday 4 March 1994 Quiz Evening



*Students from the cast pose for the camera*

## Shook, Rattled 'n' Rolled!

The production team would like to thank all those who took part in 'Sheik, Rattle 'n' Roll'. An excellent effort by all involved. Plans are under way for next year's production. We hope we can count on your support.

## Advisory Council News

On behalf of the Advisory Council I would like to start by saying 'Congratulations' to everyone involved with this year's production, 'Sheik, Rattle 'n' Roll'. What a tremendous performance by you all. Well done! Also thanks go to all parents and staff who participated in the setting up and planning of the School's Barbeque.

As most of you know, our aim is to boost School funds, but this year we would also like to support the students appeal to 'Get Mickey Mobile' with a sponsored balloon release during the evening of the barbeque. Mickey and his parents attended to release the balloons. The prize for the balloon travelling the furthest will be announced at a later date.

Lastly, I would like to close by mentioning that any parents who would like to contribute to the newsletter each term would be very welcome to do so, either by contacting myself or the School directly.

Denise Adams

## Andrea's European Role

Sixth Form Business student, Andrea Tudor, has just returned from the French town of Lille where she represented two local companies at the Europartenariat Trade Exhibition which aims to unite British firms with as many suitable trading partners as possible.

Accompanied by Business Teacher, Linda Thorley, she joined a party of over forty small business people from both Shropshire and Staffordshire plus Carole Watson from the Telford branch of the DTI and representatives of the North Shropshire District Council for the three day event.

Andrea received a warm and professional reception and was able to practise her French as well as take part in real life negotiations. With the help of a team of professional interpreters she was able to carry out six appointments for her clients and successfully secure some useful business contacts for the companies involved.

The opportunity to take part in such an event arose due to the involvement of Thomas Telford's Business students with the North Shropshire Business Week and the Duke of Westminster's Business Awards which took place last March. Several students, including Andrea, took part in the organisation of the week and their findings were used by the DTI. and Dundee University whilst compiling a distance learning degree course aimed at providing counselling for small businesses.



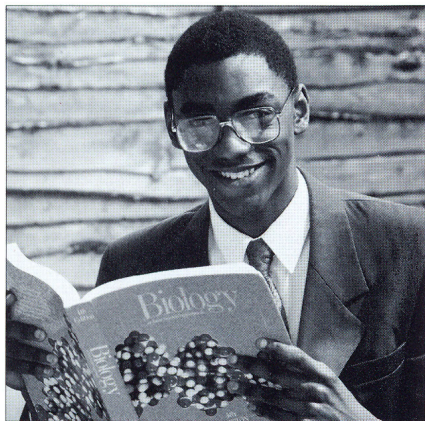
# Exchange Experience

This term began with the arrival of twenty French students from the town of Bellegarde close to the French-Swiss border.

The students, whose ages ranged from 17 to 22, arrived throughout April to take up their work experience placements with local companies and was part of a reciprocal arrangement from last year when their Thomas Telford counterparts paid them a visit. The students, who were studying Business and Finance and Hotel Catering courses, were hosted by

our Sixth Form students and their families and took the opportunity to brush-up on their English.

The exchange was organised by the School's industrial consultants, Dennis Beddows and Malcolm Scotto. Senior consultant, Mr Scotto, said, 'The interest and support of parents and industry has been spontaneous with organisations such as B&Q, Sainsbury's, Ricoh, Merlin Gerin, Ymoss, Labfax, Office International and the Telford Racquet Centre volunteering to take part.'



Record breaker, Kevin Crawford

## Here Sir...!

Sixth Form science student, Kevin Crawford, left Thomas Telford School having achieved a remarkable record. Despite the full range of childhood illnesses, coughs and colds and the like, he has never had a day off through illness since the age of eleven.

In fact, only a dose of Chicken Pox when he was in primary school robbed him of what would otherwise have been a perfect thirteen year record.

Headmaster, Kevin Satchwell said, "This is a marvellous achievement of which Kevin can be justly proud. In fact, he is only one of many of our students who have never missed a day since the School opened in September 1991."

This remarkable record came to light due to the Schools Electronic Registration system which allows the extraction of detailed data about the students' attendance and punctuality. This information can then be included in their Record of Achievement Portfolio to be shown to prospective employers, colleges and universities.

Perhaps Kevin can use the secret of his perennial good health in October when he will hopefully be attending Brighton University to study something he has had little personal experience of.....Pharmacy.

## Get Mickey Mobile Appeal

After reading about the 'Get Mickey Mobile' appeal in the Shropshire Star, four Year 8 students, Michaela Bailey, Leigh Kendal, Sarah Millington and Elizabeth Simpson decided to get moving themselves and raise some money towards purchasing the special, Dutch made 'Skwirrel' chair he needs.

The appeal has now been adopted as this term's School charity and a whole range of events have been organised including a 'Tripathon', mufti-day and an end of term draw with prizes donated by parents and the Telford Lions Club.

Not to be out done, the staff are arranging a 'Guess the Teacher Photo Competition' whereby you have to match the names of the teacher to photographs taken of them between the ages of 1 month to 5 years old. This could get embarrassing!

## Green Fingers

It's alive! At last our School Greenhouse has become a forest of information and an abundance of foliage although cuttings of geraniums, bizzy lizzies and the like are always welcome.

The tomatoes are on the move and, thanks to Danni Akers and Emelye Penfold, the mini eco-system, in the form of our indoor pond, is thriving.

This proved invaluable during the month of June when the Year 8 students looked at 'Habitats'. Science technician, Mrs West, awaits the arrival of dozens of leaping frogs.....You have been warned!



## Staff Welcome

Welcome to Bernard Dickenson, formerly a General Adviser for Sandwell LEA, where he had responsibility for Physical Education, Teacher Appraisal and Management Training. He joins us to manage the School-based Initial Teacher Training programme with Thomas Telford as the lead school in partnership with four others in the region.

Welcome also to the new Recreation and Leisure Facilities Manager, Gordon Smith, who joins us from Gillingham School in Dorset where he was the Head of Physical Education. He is looking forward to the challenge of developing and managing the community use of the School's excellent sporting facilities.

And finally, welcome to Paul Wright who joins us from the Wilfred Martineau School, Birmingham, to take over as Deputy Head in Charge of Mathematics. Although originally from Crewe in Cheshire, he is no stranger to the region having started his teaching career in Dudley before moving to Tamworth, Birmingham and now Telford.

## Danuta For the QUARNNS

Sixth Form science student, Danuta Tiebel, has been selected to join the prestigious Queen Alexandra Royal Naval Nursing Service, the QUARNNS, after passing a series of testing interviews and examinations.

Danuta was one of only fifteen students to be awarded a place from the hundreds who applied this year and will shortly begin her initial three year training programme at the Hasler Hospital, Portsmouth.

Danuta, a staff sergeant in the St John's Ambulance Brigade, is one of only seven cadet leaders in the country who are qualified to teach at this level.

## Publishing Success

Year 8 student, Linda Harper, is shortly to have one of her poems published. Entitled, 'School Ghost', it will feature in a book called Poetry Now Central 1993, published at the end of August, priced £11.99.

## Howzat!

The year 7 cricket team got off to a good start this season and recently won their quarter-final match of the Shropshire Cup against the Marches School, Oswestry.

Having bowled out the opposition for 54 in 20 overs, we scored 55-4, winning by one run in the last over with Daniel Peat receiving the man of the match award after making 23 not out.

Wickets went to Neal Banks, Jonathan Woodrow, Richard Wilson and Anthony Read with excellent catches being made by Ikbal Hussain at long off and Charlie Skidmore at mid-wicket.

## Cup Winners

Thomas Telford's Year 8 students became the first winners of the CTC Football Knockout Cup when they defeated Bacon's CTC in the recent final at Nottingham. The team, who were unbeaten in their pool matches, played the final on a wind swept pitch which made close control difficult with the result that the teams were goal-less at the break despite Ben Graham hitting the crossbar in the dying minutes of the first half.

Both teams had the chance to settle the matter in a physical second half, but failed to take their chances until Michael Carter gave Telford the lead mid-way through the second period with a left foot shot on the turn from six yards after a defence cutting pass from Simeon Sunday.

Despite pressure from an impressive Bacon's team, Thomas Telford held on against the wind to record a well deserved victory despite one of our players, James Holbrook, playing virtually the whole game with a broken toe.

## Champions

Thomas Telford students recorded a series of excellent victories at the recent Shropshire Schools Year 8 Athletics Championships. The victorious individuals were Ben Graham in the boys 200m, Richard Hall in the 800m Hurdles, Dawanna Campbell in the High Jump. Plus first place in both the boys and girls 4x100m relay.

Michelle Woodrow was also a worthy runner up in the girls 1500m. Well done to all those who took part.

## Stop Press...

Congratulations to two members of the teaching staff, Paula Edwards and Sue Luckett who have just passed their hockey umpiring course.....at last!

## Good Sports!

Sports day was once again a resounding success. All students who took part thoroughly enjoyed themselves in the warmth of the Cosford sunshine.

Over one hundred students took part and were cheered on by a large crowd of parents and friends. Outstanding performances were given by Jonathon Bowen-Scrivens and Donna Wilkinson, both Year 7 students and Ben Graham and Dawanna Campbell in Year 8.

Prizes were presented by Chairman of the Governors, Mr Jack Mawdsley.

## Just for kicks

The Year 7 and 8 girls football squads took part in a five-a-side tournament in Shrewsbury recently to raise money for the Barnado's organisation. The event, which was sponsored by Reebok, had each team in the under 14 category playing a total of seven games.

Despite some very heavy rain the girls played extremely well considering this was, in many cases, their first competitive match and being up against some very stiff opposition. Emma Crawford, Simone Fannell and Rachel Barrow all scored impressive goals with Emma and Gemma Eade receiving the Year 7 and 8 women of the match awards respectively. Each player was also awarded a certificate for participating in the event.

## All Weather Pitch Update

The School's All Weather Floodlit Pitch is currently progressing well. The team of contractors, having been graced with a spell of good weather recently are currently two weeks ahead of schedule. Now that the top surface has been laid the next stage is for the dried silica sand to be placed on and brushed into the pitch. The construction manager said "the pitch will hold approximately 220 tons of sand on the playing surface when completed". By the next edition of the newsletter the pitch will be operational and the students will be taking full advantage of this exciting new facility.



The Year 8 CTC Knockout Cup winners

