

# 'An amazing summer at Thomley'...

**What a fantastic, record-breaking summer at Thomley!**

Our all time record for August alone was 1,200 visits from young people...This year we topped 2,000! So, thank you to all of you who came and spent it with us. It's been particularly pleasing to see a great mix of new families, and families who have been coming for years and years!



**We tried to put on as many new activities as we could this year, attempting to double what we offer each day - we really hope there was something for everyone and maybe you tried something new!**

You may have also noticed we increased our sports offering too. Our casual staff took the lead on various sports, taking advantage of all the new training equipment we got before the summer - we hope you enjoyed the new workshops.

Thanks from the senior team at Thomley to all of our staff and volunteers, who really helped to make it a summer to remember.

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# Our Place

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## Christmas Market...

### Saturday 25th November, 10am-3pm

The Christmas Market last November was a huge success and we had in excess of 500 people on site buying Christmas goodies and tucking into the varying food stalls we had in the pavilion.

We are now taking stall bookings for this year, so get in quickly to reserve your space - by September 27th.

We will again offer lots for the children to do whilst you parents shop, including face-painting, crafts and some sporty activities!



## How was your Thomley summer?

Please take two minutes just to tell us how we did this summer. If you visited atleast once over the summer holidays, we want to hear from you. Go to the following link to take part (you can also find this on our Facebook page: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ThomleySummer>

For all enquiries about the Christmas Market stalls or details of the day, please contact Amy, on: 01844 338380 or email her on: [amyappleton@thomley.org.uk](mailto:amyappleton@thomley.org.uk)

# October half term is coming up...

As always with Halloween we will be offering pumpkin carving on various days throughout half term and the best carving will make it into our November newsletter!



If pumpkin carving isn't your thing we have lots more to do, including a crocodile workshop, Paul and his woodwork and lots more. See the holiday activity planner or the online calendar for the full range of additional activities.

Soup is back on the pavilion menu for the winter months, so be sure to try our soup of the day!

# Lots to do on our adult days...

Adult Days at have really grown at Thomley, with lots of regular adult visitors coming every Tuesday and Thursday in term time.

We always offer additional activities to do, such as cooking. But we have never really offered external workshops previously. Thanks to a supporter of ours, on the activity planner you will see we are able to offer Umbanda Drumming, Paul and his woodwork and a visit from baby crocodiles to some of the Thursdays in term time. Please book in and make the most of these fantastic workshops!

# Thanks for joining us at Parallel...

A massive thanks to the families, staff and friends of Thomley, who all joined forces and ran, walked and wheeled various distances at the inclusive 'Parallel London'.

We managed to raise well over £1,000 for Thomley, as well as having a great day out together!

We hope to see you all again next year - get training early :-)



# Upcoming Workshops...

## A1 Martial Arts

Every Saturday from October 7th!  
See Martial Arts poster for details

## Soundabout!

7th & 14th October, 18th November  
Soundabout are here three times in the next two months! Ensure you book on to their various workshops before you come.

## Animal workshop, crocodiles!

Tuesday 24th October

This is a fantastic chance to see some reptiles up close and maybe even hold and touch them!

## Pumpkin carving

23rd, 24th, 26th, 27th & 28th October  
Pumpkin carving is always popular at Thomley, and we will help you make fantastic creations...

## Woodwork with Paul

26th & 27th October

Is there something you've always wanted to make from wood? See if Paul can help you!

## Magic show and walkabout magic!

Sunday 29th October

Jay is a fantastic magician, come and enjoy Halloween with us, mixed with a bit of magic!



# Paul Isaacs 'Managing Behaviour'



**New Disability Martial Arts Club  
comes to Thomley  
Every Saturday morning from  
Saturday 7th October, 10am-11am**

**After a successful workshop at Thomley in the summer, we welcome A1 Martial Arts to Thomley every Saturday morning.**

**The club is open to all ages and all abilities.**

**Training is FREE every week until 15th November, just book in with Thomley as normal, and say when you call up that you want to book into the Martial Arts club.**

**To book: [bookings@thomley.org.uk](mailto:bookings@thomley.org.uk) / 01844 338380**

**Friday 29th September, 5:30pm for a 6pm start  
£5 per person. Hot dogs, cake and drinks available.**

Join us and listen to our Patron Paul talk about his personal experiences of Autism, and specifically managing behaviours. This talk is for parents, teachers and anyone looking for ways to understand and deal with common behaviours people with Autism may have.