

Headteacher's Update

17th March 2023

We Will Rock You

Tickets for this year's school show are now available on ParentPay at a cost of £8, which helps us to cover the cost of the licence, set, props and costumes. We Will Rock You features over 70 of our students either as performers, musicians or stage crew and tells the story of a futuristic world where kids are only permitted to



listen to music produced by GlobalSoft and its evil owner Killer Queen, and Rock'n'Roll has died. Rebels, Galileo and Scaramouche, are helped by the bohemians to rediscover music as

we used to know it and defeat the Killer Queen! The musical features songs by Queen with a story and script by Ben Elton.

Your ticket is your ParentPay receipt, so please either print it or have it handy on your phone.

We hope to see you there – Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th March at 7.30pm!

Mixed Martial Arts taster session

On Monday, a team from Project X came to deliver free Mixed Martial Arts taster sessions to any students who wanted to try out the sport. Project X is part of the early help directorate within Achieving for Children, and their vision is to inspire and support young people to become the best version of themselves. They aim to provide positive and meaningful activities that serve as healthy alternatives and help them to see their individual



brilliance, supporting young people to feel part of their community.

Lead by professional MMA athlete Nathan Jones, students from Year 7- 13 engaged in a range of activities that developed physical

fitness, discipline and focus, and fun! It was great to see so many students involved and enjoying themselves. MMA is a fun and healthy way for children

24th March – Year 9 DTP/MEN/ACWY immunisations

26th March – THF Second Hand Uniform Sale

31st March - Valencia school trip

Dates for your diary:

29th/30th March – We Will Rock You school show

to learn a new skill, whilst developing ambition, resilience, discipline and respect.

Every Friday, from 5-6pm, Project X run a free MMA session at Twickenham Martial Arts College. Any student who is interested - regardless of whether they attended the taster session at school or not - is welcome to go and try it out. Please see the leaflet at the end of the newsletter for more information.

A massive thank you to Ashley, Nathan O, Nathan J and Joe for coming to work with our students.



Literacy Fact

When you use two negative words in a sentence, they cancel one another out and become a positive.

"I don't like never going to the park" means "I like going to the park."

"I can't not eat bananas" means "I have to eat bananas."

Reading

We are continuing our work to raise the profile of reading and promoting a love of reading with our students. You can support this at home by talking to your children about what you are reading and why you are enjoying it, and encouraging them to take time out to read and to always have a reading book in their bag. There is so much evidence about the advantageous impact being a proficient and confident reader has on a young person's ability to succeed in education and in

adult life. I think this quote from PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment) is a powerful one for you to discuss at home:

"Being more enthusiastic about reading, and a frequent reader, was more of an advantage on its own than having well educated parents in good jobs."

Books recommended by Miss Harman



Becoming by Michelle Obama

How we disappeared by Jing Jing Lee

The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown

Fallen idols by Alex Von Tunzelmann

The House Keeper's Tales by Tessie Boase

Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo

Three Sisters by Heather Morris

A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Como Agua Para Chocolate by Laura Esquivel

Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian

The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris

History Easter Competition



Year 11 & Sixth Form Mixer Event



On Monday we held a Sixth Form/Year 11 Mixer Event where Year 11 students got the chance to speak informally with our Sixth Formers about the courses they do. We are very grateful to the kind Sixth Form volunteers for the work they put into this. Our Year 11s had a great time and really enjoyed learning more about the courses.

Yr 7 Boys Basketball v Lampton & Green School

The Year 7 boys played their final group stage fixture of the Jr NBA league on the basketball court. They took on both Green School and Lampton. Taking on Green School first, the Turing team quickly settled into the game and found their form. They won the first three quarters, but the opposition refused to make it easy. Green School made a surprise comeback in the last quarter and broke THS hearts by winning the match in the last minute 26-24. Struggling to come back from a last-minute shock defeat in the first game, THS pushed hard against Lampton but the hosts caused more havoc as they ran in a flurry of accurate shots from deep inside the key, taking the win at the end of the second half. Well done to all involved!



Yr 9 Boys Football v Teddington

The Year 9 boys got their borough league football fixtures underway with a visit to Teddington last week. While the Turing team were keen to get their games going for the term, the Friday fixture proved to cause a slight availability issue. The home side capitalised on the numbers advantage they had, bringing fresh legs onto the pitch during crucial moments. Nonetheless, it was a fantastic effort from the boys who were available to play, but sadly Teddington were too strong on this occasion and established a lead early on in the game, allowing them to build the pressure in attack which resulted in their win. Read on to find out how they got on in their second fixture against Richmond upon Thames which happened this week. Well done to all involved!

Yr 7 & 8 Girls Netball v Twickenham

Both Year 7 and 8 girls netball teams were back in action on the court this week. They took on neighbours Twickenham in their respective games. The two teams were out for redemption, having suffered defeat to Teddington in their previous game, and they both managed to do just that - the Year 7 team won 8-1 and the Year 8 team won 14-3, with the opposition providing a close contest and making the girls battle for retention of the ball in their hard-fought victory. Read on to find out how they got on in their next game against Richmond upon Thames. Well done to all involved!

Year 8 & 9 Boys football v RTS

Two teams faced Richmond upon Thames earlier this week on the football pitch, both with the advantage of playing at home. The Year 8 boys struggled to convert their many well-worked chances into goals in the first half. Going into the second at 0-0, it was the away side who broke the deadlock with two goals in quick succession. The Turing team fought back to within a goal, but RTS saw out the match which finished 3-1. Over on pitch 2, the Year 9 team had established a 1-0 lead in the first half. They weren't able to capitalise on their early lead until deep into the second half when things started to finally click for the Turing team - better late than never! The match finished 4-1 to THS. Well done to everyone involved!

Student Sporting Success

Congratulations to Oliver D in 7N who took part in the British Judo Schools Championships over the weekend, representing Turing House. Oliver was competing against 18 other people in his category who were all aspiring to be the national schools' champion. Oliver smashed the competition out of the park (or in this case, the dojo) and won the gold medal! Well done, Oliver, a brilliant achievement!



Maths for Speakers of other Languages

Kingston Adult Education will be running a free numeracy course, starting on 19th April 2023. This six week course will take place online and is free to all. Learners do not need to have completed Part 1 and 2.

Here are the course details:

Maths for Speakers of Other Languages (Part 3)

This course helps adults whose first language is not English gain confidence with maths.

Times - Wednesdays 12.35pm to 2.35pm

Dates - 19th April 2023 to 24th May 2023 (6 session course)

To enrol, please click on the link or scan the QR code on the flyer:

https://bit.ly/multiply-kae



Maths for Speakers of Other Languages (Part 3)

Is English not your first language?

Practise numbers and maths English

-Money -Bills Children's homework

Our Next Free Course is:

Wednesdays 12:35 - 14:35

Starts: 19/4/23

Ends: 24/5/23

Where: This is an online course, so you can join from home! Cost: These are free courses How do I sign up?

Click the link below to complete the form : https://bit.ly/multiply-kae or scan the QR code:



You must be living in London, be aged 19 or over, and not already have a GCSE at grade C (or equivalent) in Maths. You do not need to have done Maths for Speakers of Other Languages Part 1 or Part 2 course



For help or more information: englishandmaths@kingston.gov.uk 07511045124





areers Fair

11am - 6pm All Welcome!

Wednesday 22 March 2023

Speak directly with NHS CV and career advice Get to see what local jobs are on offer Understand the wide range of careers in the NHS

Interested in attending but have questions? Please contact Karen Crawford on karen.crawford5@nhs.net









NHS Careers Fair

Richmond Training Hub and Richmond GP Alliance have organised 2 Careers Fairs that your students may be interested in attending. We will be covering the wide range of careers that are available within the NHS as well as the more traditional clinical roles. Kingston University will also be attending and we hope to stimulate some interest in working in the NHS!