

Remembrance Sunday – November 8th

Turing House School will take part in the Teddington Royal British Legion Remembrance Sunday Parade on Sunday November 8th; we very much hope that many of our students will join us to march with veterans, cadet forces and youth groups. The parade leaves from Kingston Lane outside the Legion premises and marches to the memorial outside Teddington Memorial Hospital. Following the act of remembrance, the parade returns to the Royal British Legion. We hope that many students will want to take part and parents are welcome to attend as well. A letter has been sent home today with a reply slip to help us gauge numbers.



PE Lessons after half term

Please remember that students continue with the same PE activity on Monday 2nd November and will swap between Rugby and Swimming on Monday 9th November.

PTA AGM

The PTA inaugural AGM will take place at 7pm on Monday 2nd November at school. This meeting will include election of key positions. All parents are welcome to attend.

Parent Governor Elections

Five candidates submitted nominations for the two parent governor vacancies at Turing House. Ballot papers were sent home with students this week, along with candidate statements and return envelopes. Please ensure that votes are returned to the school by Monday 9th November.

National Space Centre Trip – Reminder

Please remember the altered date for this trip: Wednesday 11th November. All permission slips should have been returned – if you've mislaid it, please do let us know!

Forthcoming Events

- 23 October** Inset Day
- 26 – 30 October:** Half Term
- 2 November:** Official Opening
- 8 November:** Remembrance Sunday
- 11 November:** National Space Centre Visit
- 7 December** 'Spirit of Christmas'

Fixtures

- 12 November:** Boys' Football 'C': (Hm) v The Mall
- 16 November:** Girls' Table Tennis Tournament
- 27 November: Mixed Cross Country:** AWAY v Richmond Borough

Royal College of Music Visit

On Tuesday Ross Johnson came to Turing House to give the students a lively presentation on various brass instruments. Lots of our students had the courage to give the instruments a try and the performances were encouraging. We were very impressed with Maria van der Vegt. Many students were very keen to explore having another go and even learning one of the instruments on show. Ross even had time to play some Jazz with our students clapping in time. Mr Mackinlay also shone with his rendition of the Wombles theme tune. Well done to Louis StJohn Smith for recognising it!



School Christmas Card Competition

There will be a competition to design a school Christmas card in November. We are giving you advance notice of this in case any student who wants to enter is at a loose end over half-term! The winning design will be printed on A5 card and can be either portrait or landscape. A4 entries are fine but remember the design will be reduced in size for printing.

Hot Food

Now that we have our kitchen almost finished we have in fact provided some hot snacks at school today. The hot menu itself will be served from Monday 2nd November. It is much anticipated by the students – please make sure they have money with them to avoid disappointment!

Cashless Catering

We are working through the process of setting up the cashless catering which involves the coordination of our catering company with the system provider, the online payments company and the banking service! This is no small task but is going smoothly so far. We expect to have the facility for setting up an initial balance by online payment during November and will start using the system in early December – possibly a little sooner.

Official Opening

We are delighted to be welcoming Shuna Hunt, Alan Turing's niece to school on Monday 2nd November to formally open the school. The focus of the event will be our students, some of whom will perform and read. Governors, RET Board members, local politicians and partners of the school have also been invited.

We are pleased to also be welcoming Simon Singh, mathematics author, journalist and speaker to the event.

Road Safety

Dark days and wet mornings really do reduce visibility for drivers. It is also tempting to run across as lights are changing or even red to stay a little bit drier. Please do emphasise to you children (as we are) how dangerous this can be.

Headteacher's Half Term Planet Challenge

Look to the East in the morning just before the sun comes up and, if there is a clear sky, you can see three bright objects a little above the horizon. At least two are planets – which ones?

Bushy Park Girls Cricket Club Open Day

Come and play cricket at Bushy Park Girls CC open day.

Try your hand at bowling, batting and fielding with our friendly qualified coaches. No previous experience necessary and no special equipment needed. Just come along in trainers and tracksuit bottoms. FREE for all.

- Who: Girls aged 9 to 12 years old.
- Date: Saturday 14th November
- Time: 1-2.30pm

Venue: Teddington Sports Centre, Sports Hall, Teddington School, Teddington, TW11 9PJ

Session ends with a free take-away packed lunch courtesy of our sponsors, Waitrose.

To register please visit the website at www.bushyparkgirls.org. Places offered on a first come first served basis

Environment Trust - Conservation Events

Help conserve nature with the Environment Trust. Two free forthcoming events:

Thames Draw-Off: Clean-Up

[Sat 14th November](#). Join the Environment Trust to help clear the Twickenham and Richmond foreshore of litter and rubbish during the annual Thames Draw-Off, which is the annual lowering of the river levels to allow access to lock machinery for maintenance. Wear wellies and bring leather gardening gloves if you have them. Bags and litter pickers provided.

Kilmorey Mausoleum: tidying the garden.

[Sat 28th November](#). Kilmorey Mausoleum is a historic monument set in an acre of walled garden which is maintained as a wildlife-friendly site. Work will include trimming overgrown vegetation and removing invasive plants. The Mausoleum itself will not be open, but this is a rare chance to visit an interesting and historic site not normally open to the public. No gardening experience necessary. Bring waterproofs and wellies.

Watch it!

Over the October half-term period, National Physical Laboratory (NPL) is hosting the **Watch it Made** experience, where participants (aged 11 to 14 years old) can create a customised watch, getting to choose a design, then manufacture and build their own watch.



Spaces are limited to 10 per session and are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a registration fee of £10 per head for the children involved, which will be donated to Shooting Star Chase.

Book a session (please note: if you want to book more than one child you will have to fill out the form again):

- Monday 26 October 18.00 - 20.30
- Tuesday 27 October 09.30-12.00
- Tuesday 27 October 12.30-15.00
- Tuesday 27 October 18.00 - 20.30
- Wednesday 28 October 09.30-12.00
- Wednesday 28 October 12.30-15.00
- Wednesday 28 October 18.00 - 20.30
- Thursday 29 October 09.30-12.00
- Thursday 29 October 12.30-15.00
- Thursday 29 October 18.00 - 20.30

Please note that the 11 to 14 years olds must be accompanied by an (non-participating) adult and a photograph/video consent form needs to be completed.

Location: NPL's main reception, Hampton Road, Teddington, TW11 0LW.

Halloween 2015

A message from Richmond Police and Richmond Council

Halloween will soon be upon us, this year falls on Saturday 31st October during the school half term and the final Rugby World Cup 2015 match in Twickenham.

Parents, please speak with your children if they are planning to go out on Halloween night and evenings across the holiday week. Make sure you know where they will be going, who they will be with and what they plan to do!

Stay safe when trick or treating by following this advice:

- Children should always be escorted by an adult
- Only go to houses where residents are happy to welcome 'trick & treaters'
- Don't knock on doors where there is a 'No Trick or Treat' sign – privacy & peace should be respected
- Be visible. Stay in areas that are well lit with street lights - take a torch with you just in case
- Make sure children are aware not to enter anyone's house - stay on the doorstep
- Be careful not to frighten vulnerable people, especially the elderly
- Look carefully before crossing the road, it will be busy due to the Rugby World Cup
- Advise children not to behave in a disorderly way, e.g. do not vandalise or throw items like eggs and flour. This can cause a great deal of damage and misery. What's more it can be classed as criminal damage.

Further Halloween advice and more information can be found here:

- <http://content.met.police.uk/Borough/Richmond>
- www.richmond.gov.uk/crime_prevention_advice



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