

# Headteacher's Update

20 November 2015

# Christmas Books for Turing House

Thank you to our students, staff and the Friends of Turing House who have produced a stunning wish-list of fantastic books which will be the beginning of our school library. If you wish to purchase the school a Christmas gift, please follow the link below and choose one (or more!) off the list. Let's get reading!

http://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/registry/wishlist/30HZ1M6U9 CLYO/ref=cm sw em r wsl zL6swb08510C8 wb

# Elleray Hall Visit

We were delighted this week to be able to take our choir rehearsal down to Elleray Hall on Tuesday lunchtime; our choir numbers were bolstered by the visitors there, who helped us practise the carols we're preparing for the 'Spirit of Christmas' performance.

This will be a regular Tuesday event, as we look to strengthen this wonderful connection to our local community.

#### School Show Rehearsal Schedule

There will be NO school show rehearsal on Tuesday 24th November; instead, our focus will be on preparing for the upcoming 'Spirit of Christmas' concert. Rehearsals will resume on Tuesday 1st December. Please check the rehearsal noticeboard.

#### Forthcoming Events

7 December: 'Spirit of Christmas' 7pm

**18 December:** Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

# Spirit of Christmas

On the 7<sup>th</sup> December, the school will be holding its first ever Christmas Carol Service. The evening's show will consist of music, readings and dancing, as well as carols that will require audience participation! performance will take place at St Mary's with St Alban's Church, starting at 7pm.

We do hope you'll be able to attend the event and join us for mulled wine and mince pies afterwards organised by Turing House Friends.



Christmas: a time of peace and goodwill to all.

# Girls' Football and Cricket!

Girls' football club has now merged with boys' football on a Thursday. Mr Day is now running the Girls' Cricket Club on Wednesdays. Any interested girl cricket players are welcome to come along.

#### Fixtures

25 November: Sports Hall Athletics at Waldegrave

27 November: Borough Mixed Cross Country: In

Richmond Park

1 December: Boys' 5-a-Side Football Tournament –

location to be confirmed

8 December: Girls' Basketball – AWAY v Teddington

## Cashless Catering

Please note that next week we will be commencing the setup of our biometric payment system in school. We will be taking a coded scan of each student's thumb print and they will then soon be able to use their thumb to pay for food and use the printers (printing is provided by the school – it is not something parents pay for but the same system will be used to manage it).

A letter has been sent home with students to day giving details of how to access the online payments system. Please do log in and set up your account as soon as you can. You don't need to add any credit to the account yet. Once we start using the system in the coming weeks you will be able to top up student accounts in order for them to have lunch at the school. Arrangements will be made as always for any students in receipt of free school meals. For those who are interested further information can be found here http://www.nrsltd.com/cashless/what-is-cashless/



# Literacy Fact – There, They're and Their

**There** means a place – 'over there' e.g. "There are my books."

**They're** means 'they are' e.g. "They're going to school." This is called a contraction of two words; where the apostrophe replaces the missing letter.

**Their** means 'belongs to them' e.g. "Their performance was exceptional."

#### Children in Need

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> the Children in Needs Bake off took place. The event was simply amazing with a variety of cakes baked by both students and staff. As you can imagine it was a heated competition with much disagreement, disappointment and joy for the form winners. We are pleased to announce that Tarun Ray and Tomas Worrell were jointly given the coveted title of Turing House Bake off Champion. The cakes were then sold for charity at lunch.



## **Bus Survey**



Please do register your views about increasing the bus service used by our students.

https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/buses/481

# Photo Gallery

Photographs from our Cake Competition and other recent events such as our Opening, Remembrance and the Space Trip can be viewed in our photo gallery:

https://www.turinghouseschool.org.uk/documents/gallery/

## Cycling Club Update

Behind the scenes we are continuing to get everything in place for an official launch of our British Cycling approved club 'Teddington and Turing Velo' a provisional website has been set up, with a twitter feed. Currently we are in negotiation with <a href="http://www.giordanacycling.com/">http://www.giordanacycling.com/</a> who have designed a very smart looking kit.



# Level 3 Cycle Training

The following students will be taking part in the level 3 cycle training next week. Please ensure that all students have working bicycles and a well-fitting helmet. Lights would also be useful if the day of overcast or wet.

Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November		
1pm	Jake White	Archie Hale
2pm	Joe Steggles	Luca Deacon
3pm	George Hamblin	Danny Bolton
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November		
1pm	Eita Shibazaki	Leo Svara
2pm	Matthew Crabtree	Joe Wiggins
3pm	William Hulatt	Mimi Williams
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> November		
1pm	Ben Saunders	Jack O'Sullivan
2pm	Louis StJohn Smith	
3pm		

If any other students would like to take the remaining three slots please bring your permission slip to the office on Monday.

## **Football Success**

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November, some of our boys made the short walk over to Teddington Cricket Club, where The Mall was hosting our first ever Football match. Early on the game was very balanced, with the Mall and Turing House both having chances to score. The Mall scored first with an excellent strike, but the boys battled back to secure a 2-1 lead at half time.

At full time the score was 5-1 to Turing House, with goals coming from Wilbur Georghiou (Most Valuable Player), Ally Herzalla, Archie Hale and Harry Morris. In addition to this, the boys showed tremendous sportsmanship before, throughout and after the match and were a credit to the school. Well done boys.

## Christmas preparations

As we near the Christmas period, there are several things for students to start thinking about:

Firstly, there is an inter-form competition to produce the 'best-dressed' Christmas tree. However, all decorations must be home-made and not shop-bought!

We are also holding a non-uniform day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December where students and staff will be able to wear a festive Christmas jumper (paired with jeans and sensible footwear); normal jewellery, make-up and hair expectations still apply. All funds raised from this will go to the charity 'Save the Children'. Please be aware – you can always decorate an existing jumper, rather going out and buying a new one!

#### **STEM**



As part of our STEM specialism, we are hoping to help students become leaders in STEM through their participation in the LONDON Special Leaders Award and the Leaders Award for STEM. Both awards require students to research engineering and interview inspiring engineers.

The award is a fantastic opportunity to engage our students with real engineers who will convey the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in their daily working lives. Students will be able to let their creativity run free and draw and write about how they interpret the question and come up with inventions and ideas.

The school are running the programme in conjunction with the University College London and Leaders Award, the national STEM provider.

Are you an engineer or do you have links to the engineering industry? If the answer is yes, then we would be delighted to have your help and support. Please email / phone the school or alternatively, send students to Miss Wilkinson with contact details.

## Table Tennis continues to grow

Harriet Foster, Mimi Williams, Eve Winders and Phoebe Hamblin travelled over to Richmond Park Academy on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to participate in the Richmond Borough Table Tennis Competition. The girls played some fantastic shots and showed good determination and focus throughout.

The girls met RPA in the final, with all of them winning matches against their opponents. After 8 matches, the scores were tied with 4 wins each, so the first round of games were played again - another draw with 2 wins each. This meant with the scores still tied, games won within those matches were added up and RPA just nudged ahead of us. So unlucky for the girls not to win, but with Runner-up medals, they have added the first silverware to the Turing House campaign! Massive congratulations to all the girls who took part, well done!

Forms will also have the rather unique opportunity to dress their form tutors in festive garments.

Don't forget to submit your Christmas card competition entries as soon as possible!

#### Christmas at Orleans House Gallery

Santa returns for his annual visit to the Octagon at Orleans House Gallery. Join the festive fun, create Christmas activities, and get your gift from Santa in person.



#### **More Cakes**





