

# Headteacher's Update

18th March 2016

# Sport Relief

We started Friday morning with a whole school run in Bushy Park to raise funds for Sport Relief. Between our students and staff we ran more than 400km so we can also say we've made it to the International Space Station again!



Students ran in three groups. Well done to Billy for making it back first with Jake a close second. Along with eight others they ran off to do half the course again – their challenge being how many people they could "lap"!

We've raised more than £700 already with more sponsorship coming in next week.

Well done Turing House!





## Mensa Puzzle

30 people were given 10 quiz questions, they correctly answered an average of only three each.

After a further 30 people had answered the quiz, the average number of correct answers rose to six per person.

What was the average number of correct answers from each of the last 30 people only?

**Last week's answer:** One. Along each row the first number, multiplied by the second number gives the third number. The third number minus the fourth number gives the fifth number.

## Chess

With only 4 days to go we have now reached the league stage of our chess competition. All competitors must play each other by lunch time on Thursday. We wish the following competitors the best of luck:

Jake, Owen, Daniel, Max, Jack and Omar

# Forthcoming Events

**13 April:** The Witches – evening performance at 7pm

**14 April**: The Witches – matinee performances at 11am and

1.30pm

22 April: INSET day

### Fixtures

**22 Mar:** Boys' Rugby - AWAY v Twickenham Academy

23 Mar: Boys' Basketball V St Richard Reynolds CC

**12 Apr:** Boys' Football – HOME V St Richard Reynolds CC

## Staffing Update

Many of you will know from the students that we have had an active term of recruiting new staff for Turing House for next year.

Students have taken part in every interview process and given feedback to us on every candidate's teaching. They are shrewd and accurate assessors!

We are delighted to confirm that we have made most of our teaching appointments now:

•	Science and Maths	Ms G Cusworth
•	Science and Maths	Ms V Barnes
•	Geography and History	Ms C Garrod
•	PE, Dance, Drama and Geography	Ms C Willoughby

English Ms H AndrewsDesign and Technology Ms C Parsons

Mrs Peters is leaving us at Easter – we are very grateful to her for the work she has done getting us started in Computing and Technology this year. All the students will miss her, especially her form group. We wish her all the very best for the future.

After Easter Ms Willoughby will join us and will teach a programme of lessons in the computing and DT lesson times that will include:

- Technology in sport
- Ecology and the environment
- Cross curricular activities

Following the May half-term Ms Parsons will join us and take over the teaching of Design and Technology.

Ms Wilkinson will take over as the form tutor of 7PE at Easter.

## End of term arrangements

School finishes for Easter on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Normal lessons continue during periods 1-4 and then after lunch we will have a celebration assembly. School will finish at around 2.30pm on that day.

We hope you have a restful and enjoyable break.

## Holiday Homework

Turing House does not set extra holiday homework as a matter of routine – watch out though for another Head Teacher Challenge in the summer!

Having said that, of course the 11<sup>th</sup> of April is the next working week and depending on where teachers have reached in their programmes of study they may set a piece of homework in the same way that they would over a weekend. Hopefully this shouldn't be too difficult for students to manage during the 17 days away!

# RNLI Assembly

On 11<sup>th</sup> March we were delighted to have two of RNLI's finest, Jon Chapman and Jon Barker, talk to us about the RNLI, river safety and the charity. In particular, students enjoyed the part of the assembly in which they acted out what happens when an emergency call is received. In under three minutes they managed to receive the call, change into suitable clothing, drive to the station (by the Wharf), meet their 4 colleagues, change into their kit and then get the boat on the water!

Whilst we have had a number of speakers this term, to have volunteers who save lives was incredibly inspiring. Please support this charity by giving here <a href="https://www.justgiving.com/rnli">https://www.justgiving.com/rnli</a>



More information about Teddington RNLI can be found here:

http://rnli.org/findmynearest/station/Pages/Teddingt on-Lifeboat-Station.aspx

## **Tuesday Cycling Club**

After Easter our cycling club meets for the first time. The plan is to ride from Turing House School to Bushy Park and then either Home Park or the Thames towpath. The club will begin between 3.15-3.30pm and return to Turing House by 5pm. However in our first session we may be delayed as we gauge the abilities of our students.

Cycling on the roads however can be dangerous, even in Bushy Park. All students will be required to **wear helmets** and **have working lights in low light**. Whilst this is a school organised activity, students who participate must have agreed to the Teddington and Turing Velo club's Terms and Conditions: <a href="https://www.bc-clubs.co.uk/teddingtonvelo/index.php/news/">https://www.bc-clubs.co.uk/teddingtonvelo/index.php/news/</a>

Students are expected to cycle in line with the Highway Code and not put themselves at any increased risk of harm. Any students who uses an inhaler should bring it with them.

In May the borough run their own cycling competition on a grass track. We hope to have a team participating in this competition.

## Turing House Friends (PTA)

Turing House Friends (THF) is now officially up and running and we wanted to say thank you to everyone who has empowered it to take flight.

## What is Turing House Friends?

THF supports the work of Turing House School by bringing the wider school community together through engaging, entertaining, informing and fund-raising. You may be familiar with similar groups such as PTAs or PSAs.

## Who are Turing House Friends?

THF is made up of parents, carers, students, teachers, staff, volunteers and invited members of the community. As a registered charity THF is governed by elected officers. Currently these are parents of founding children: Karen Pithouse & Michelle Garret - Joint Chairs, Andrea Dalton - Secretary and Anna Gregg - Treasurer. The elected officers are supported by the

wider THF community and we are delighted to see so many people contributing to work of THF.

## What has Turing House Friends been up to recently?

Quite a lot on reflection, not least finding our feet, but of particular note:

- The hosting of a number of drinks evenings: Thank you to everyone who has been coming along, it's fantastic to see them so well attended and many new friendships being formed.
- The Turing House School Library is now stocked:
  Thanks to the entire school community and local businesses for all the very generous book gifts.

#### What is Turing House Friends planning?

The next few months will see us:

- Contributing to the development of the outdoor school grounds
- Supporting the drama department at *The Witches* production
- Raising funds for fitness equipment
- Welcoming new families who are joining our school community
- Organising some more good nights out... and we feel a quiz night coming on...

#### How to make sure you are informed?

To keep up to speed with all THF news and key dates follow us on twitter @TuringHsFriends and read the updates in the school newsletter.

#### How to get involved?

The very best way is to just jump in, enjoy and support the initiatives we are delivering. For those who would like a deeper engagement we have meetings every few weeks, so come along. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding what we do or if you have any event and activity ideas please drop an email to Andrea THF Secretary at: thf@turinghouseschool.org.uk

We have been overwhelmed by the support of the wider school community in helping us get THF off the ground and look forward to working with everyone.

Thank you,

#### **THF elected committee**

Karen, Michelle, Andrea and Anna

# Boys' Hockey Tournament

On 15<sup>th</sup> March, 12 boys went to Teddington School to play a hockey tournament against Orleans Park and Teddington Schools. We unfortunately lost our first game against Orleans Park 3-7. Our second game (in my opinion the hardest game), we lost 5-0, but we played exceptionally well. Many thanks to those parents who came to support their children and thanks to the boys who had never played hockey before yet signed up. *Freddie Martin, Captain* 



# Boys' Football v Twickenham Academy

It was a sunny afternoon in Whitton on 16<sup>th</sup> March when Turing House and Twickenham Academy met for the first time ever, both for their second game of the season and Turing House were looking to bounce back from their most recent defeat to Teddington. The game kicked off with Twickenham Academy having an early chance but Ben Saunders saved us in a 1-on-1 situation.

It wasn't long after that Matthew Crabtree was given a chance to put Turing House in the lead and he delivered. Matthew bagged another before half-time to put us 2-0 up at the break. In the second half Twickenham Academy had a few chances which were denied by Danny Bolton in goal, but not enough to keep Billy Bramhall from scoring to put us 3-0 up. A 'Man of the Match' performance from Lewis Quintrell out of position at right back helped Turing House to a 3-0 win away from home.

Max Ratcliffe, Captain

## Girls' Hockey v Radnor House

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March the girls' hockey team took a second trip to St Mary's playing field for a second attempt at Radnor House. However, this time it was not to learn; we were playing full-on hockey. For some of us it was only our second time playing, yet, we still hit the pitch with high hopes.

We chose first pull back and the game began in our favour, after the second swap we had let one goal in but we had reached the D several times. We had amazing forwards in the second swap, Mimi and Harriet, and in the first swap Antonia and Nina stood out as midfielders and defenders, all of whom continued to try their hardest to score a goal.

Even so, we did have some help from my friend from primary school, who was constantly telling us how we could do better. All in all, we tried our absolute hardest and in the 5<sup>th</sup> and final swap we were 2-0 down and everyone was giving it their all to get at least one goal. Sadly, we didn't score and lost. Nevertheless, we will be attempting to beat them again and next time we will be victorious!

Maria van der Vegt, Captain

## Kit for PE (Cricket) after Easter

Students should come to cricket in their usual P.E. kit: short sleeved t-shirt, shorts/skort/tracksuit bottoms, socks, trainers, jumper if necessary. Optionally students may bring their own Cricket Bat, Pads, Gloves, Helmet and guard(s). If this is the case, the kit must be brought to school in a bag that can be worn over the shoulder, so that moving the kit doesn't disrupt the public during our walk to the playing fields. Thank you.

# **Easter Sporting Activities**

Attached to the email that sends this newsletter out to parents are some flyers for sporting camps and open days running in the Borough over Easter.