

Headteacher's Update

18th November 2016

Remembrance





Topsoil 20th November - REMINDER

We've now had 15 tonnes of topsoil delivered and Mr Jones and Miss Garrod would really appreciate some help putting it onto the garden!

Any parents who can help on Sunday 20th November from 10am will be welcomed with a hot drink and a friendly smile.

Please bring shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows. Miss Garrod is supervising our Eco warriors – other students and children are welcome if accompanied by parents.

MENSA Puzzle

What number should replace the question mark?

752 - - - 6

687 - - - 2

693 - - - 5

426 - - - ?

Last Week's Answer: Four. On each row the first two numbers are added to give the fifth number. The third number minus the fourth number also gives the fifth number.

Spain 2017 Payments

We would like to remind parents to pay (via Scopay) the second payment instalment that was due by **4**th **November** – many are still outstanding. Also, the third instalment will be due to be paid by **9**th **December**.

Forthcoming Events

20th Nov: School Garden Work Morning

24th Nov: THF social for Y7 parents, Teddington Arms, 7.30pm

5th Dec: A Turing House Christmas Evening, St Mary with St

Alban's Church, Teddington, 7pm

16th Dec: Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

16th **Dec:** Last day of term

Fixtures

21st **Nov:** U13 boys' National Table Tennis Competition – Wilson's School, Wallington

24th **Nov:** Y7 Boy's Rugby League National v Bishopshalt **25**th **Nov:** Boys' & Girls' U13 Borough Cross Country

Consistent Mathematical Methods

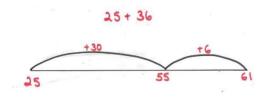
A guide for Parents

With the introduction of the new GCSE in mathematics, the expected standard for the mathematical attainment of our students has been raised significantly. Students will be required to have a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts, be familiar with the connections and links between these concepts and be able to apply their knowledge to solve multistep, and often unfamiliar, problems.

Parents frequently ask how they can support their children in mathematics. Over the next few weeks we will be sharing with you some of the mathematical approaches and methods that we use at Turing House, many of which may be different from the way that you were taught at school.

Stages in Addition

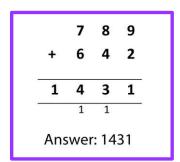
1. Using a number line



2. Mental method, using partitioning:

$$47 + 76 = (40 + 70) + (7 + 6)$$

3. The column method - an 'efficient' method



'Efficient' methods are often the ones you may be familiar with from school but are not always the easiest way to learn for some students. They are, however, important for examinations.

Cross-Country

Last Saturday, the boys' cross-country team competed in the second round of the Cross Country Cup. In less than ideal conditions — rain, wind and lots of mud - the team fought hard against some very strong runners. Jake Sanders produced a great run to finish 33rd with Billy Bramhall and Matthew Crabtree not far behind. Joseph Boluda, Tom Delaney and Sonny Ellison completed the team in their first big cross-country for the school. Well done to them all! The next cross country race is the Richmond Borough Schools Cross Country on Friday 25th November. Good luck to all those competing!



Turing House Friends

Thanks to the Year 7 parents for organising drinks for all Year 7 parents on the 24th November – it is a great way to meet some friendly faces so do pop along. Thanks also to the parents who supported the CoderDojo event with refreshments, and the Yr 7 & 8 parents who signed up to the comedy night sub-committee (more details to follow soon).

As Friends' activities grow with the school, we would love to have another volunteer join the Turing House Friends charity committee, the small group who share the roles of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer to oversee the Friends charity; we need one more member of the team. If you would like to join us and want to find out more, drop us an email at thf@thuringhouseschool.org.uk

Follow us on Twitter @TuringHsFriends and the newsletter for details on meetings and social events.

Can your employer help Turing House?

Our plans for Dinosaur Jurassic Garden at the front of the School are progressing well.

Not only will the school be more attractive and private, but this also supports our environmental aims and provides a learning resource for students.

Projects like this make a massive difference to the school and only happen through the generous help of volunteers (like in October and this coming Sunday). However, we also need some funds for the soil and plants as all of this is above and beyond the designated school budget from the Government.

Parents at Turing House are already very generous in their donations through the school fund and Turing House Friends, but did you know that many of your employers are also keen to support your efforts?

Several larger companies have schemes in place such as:

- Match funding employee donations to charities (Turing House has a charity number and this could apply to any donations to the school fund)
- Supporting where employees volunteer with funding (many parents have already volunteered for the School)
- One off donations to a charity of your choice
- General community grants that Turing House might be eligible for

We know that giving to charity is a very personal choice and just wanted to flag up the school is also eligible for this support. If this is something you are interested in, please find out how your workplace could help and let us know.

Easyfundraising for Turing House Friends

easyfundraising .org.uk

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/turinghousefriends/

Christmas Jumper Day

On the last day of term, 16th December, students will be allowed to wear a Christmas jumper in return for contributing £1 to Save the Children. Students will be expected to wear their school uniform underneath the jumper and must maintain all other uniform standards, e.g. shoes.

Richmond Sing Off – Charity Fund Raiser

You are invited to come to the Richmond Sing Off – a celebration of local community choirs. Five choirs will be competing to be crowned the Best Community Choir in Richmond.

• When: Sat 19th November 7pm – 10.30pm

• Where: Clarendon Hall, York House

Tickets: £10 per adults, £7 kids

Book now: https://richmond.sing.off.eventbrite.co.uk

A cash bar, sweets, snacks etc. available on the night.

All proceeds will go to Ruils http://www.ruils.co.uk/ – a local charity supporting local families with children with disabilities, disabled adults and the elderly of our community who need support.

Beauty & the Beast Rehearsal Schedule

Wed	SH	WG	МО
23/11	Castle servants (Human again)		
30/11	Castle servants, Chorus (Human again)		
7/12	Gaston, Lefou	Zoe, Josie, Spike, Finn,	
		Shreya, Eddie, Leah,	
		Sadie, Scarlett, Shay,	
		Nina, Ally, Ollie,	
		Acalia, S	illy Girls.
		(Be	lle)
14/12	ALL Chorus, Silly Girls, Belle (Belle)		

Thu	SH	WG	МО
24/11	Belle, Beast	Lumiere	Silly Girls
1/12	Belle, Beast	Lumiere	Gaston,
			Lefou
8/12	TBC	TBC	TBC
15/12	TBC	TBC	TBC

Youth Participation Day

TfL's Youth Participation Day (YPD) is taking place on **Saturday 3 December** at the **London Transport Museum**. It promises to be a fantastic day and they would love for you to be involved.

YPD is an annual event where young people, aged between 12 and 25, who live in London or regularly use the TfL network come together to have their say. They will be talking about the future of transport and priorities for young Londoners. Representatives will have the opportunity to learn more about TfL projects and campaigns, and share their views and experiences with them. Mike Brown MVO, Transport Commissioner, will be speaking, followed by interactive workshops and a panel discussion.

TfL will be providing a lunch and refreshments for the young people attending.

If you could circulate the invitation to any young people who would be interested in attending the event that would be fantastic. Organisations can take up to three young people to ensure they have participants from groups across the Capital.

For more information and to register for the event, please follow the link below: http://www.cvent.com/d/yvqxfm

If you have any further questions or require any more information, please contact jenniferdix@tfl.gov.uk

Santa and Festive Family Fun

Santa returns for his annual visit to Orleans House Gallery. Join the festive fun, create Christmas activities, and get your gift from Santa in person. The session is suitable for children aged 4 and above, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Date: Sunday 11 December 2016

Times: 11am to 12.30pm and 2 to 3.30pm

Location: Coach House, Orleans House Gallery

Price: £9 per child

Booking is essential; please call the Gallery on 020 8831 6000 or book online.

Mini Maestro Family Concert series at St Martin-in-the-Fields in Trafalgar Square

These are interactive classical music concerts with orchestra, suitable for ages 4 to 11. The music is explained with lots of stories and imagery, and the children are invited to sing and clap along, sit among the players and even conduct! It's all lots of fun, very educational and a perfect introduction to classical music for children of primary school age. www.lmaorchestra.com/mini-maestro