

# Headteacher's Update

12th May 2017

#### Bushcraft

BUSHCRAFT!!!! Where do we start? It was a weekend which we will never forget.

Day 1: The atmosphere was so intense. It was the moment we had all been waiting for. Which tent are we in? After everyone had finished unpacking, we played a game called predator, which for some was a new game. Later we had dinner, which was spaghetti and in our opinion was the best part! Then we were split into camps and then into tribes. There were 3 tribes in each camp and we were split into 2 camps. Then we went to our tents. They were massive! Also, some people took on the role of Bear Grylls and slept in shelters that we previously made during the day. Very brave!



Day 2: The girls and some of the boys had a pleasant surprise when they woke up. A herd of deer came stampeding around their shelters. But to make it all even better we had a full English breakfast! We had a 10 minute walk after that to get to the clear lake. We had to jump into the FREEZING lake (It was apparently 8 degrees!!!). It was the boys who went first and they jumped into the lake. Then the girls. When the boys jumped in they only stayed for about 5 seconds, whereas when the girls jumped in they swam around for 10 minutes. In addition, Miss Barnes and Miss Willoughby jumped in! That was great. Camp 2 were eating a delicious lunch. Everyone had kebabs which they had prepared themselves, on a fire they had built using their newly acquired skills. After all of that, the staff that were working there announced that we would have a Tribes Got Talent!



This would take part in the evening as the grand finale to find out which camp was better (obviously CAMP 1!) Everyone performed greatly and every single act gave a surprising twist!

#### Forthcoming Events

25th May: Rehearsal for Live@The Rose at The Mall, 3.30-6pm

26<sup>th</sup> May: INSET day 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June: Half Term 30<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June: Y8 Trip to Spain

10th June: CoderDojo event at Turing House

#### Fixtures

16th May: U13 Boys' Cricket AWAY v Christ's

16th May: U13 Girls' Rounders AWAY v Waldegrave

6th June: U13 Boys' Cricket AWAY v Twickenham Academy

6<sup>th</sup> June: U13 Girls' Rounders AWAY v St Richard Reynolds CC

Before dinner, five people took the challenge of eating a massive fish eye (which the camp leaders and Miss Parsons extracted from the salmon when they filleted and prepared it earlier); they said it was the size of an olive and when it popped, juice came out! Disgusting but a good survival experience. Some people even said that it tasted of sushi! Dinner was very appetising, even though we still had the image of the fish eyes in our heads. We also had roasted marshmallows for dessert!

<u>Day 3:</u> We packed up our stuff after we woke up and we were not ready to leave, even though we had plenty of bites to take home as souvenirs. For the final thing we did, we did the Bushcraft Challenge! Lots and lots of singing happened; we are still chanting them now.

This trip will be, for everyone, one that we will not forgotten.

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to the staff who helped organise the trip. *Missy D and Olivia G* 

Further photos from the Bushcraft trip will be made available via the website gallery later next week.

#### Aspirations

If any parents/carers would like to give short talks on their current jobs, it would be greatly appreciated. With our 'Big Futures' event now over, we would like to ensure that our students are getting a flavour of the kind of careers that await them. We would like the sessions to cover the journey from school to employment, progression routes and what a normal day might look like. Please contact the school in the normal way if you would like to support this: <a href="mailto:info@turinghouseschool.org.uk">info@turinghouseschool.org.uk</a>

## Site Meetings & Uniform

If you are attending any of the site meetings in the coming days, please bring along any old Turing House uniform which you would be happy to donate to our second hand uniform shop. This includes PE kit.

## Easy Fund raising

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Turing House Friends?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

#### 1. Head to

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/turinghousefriends/ and join for free.

- 2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
- 3. After you have checked out, that retailer will donate to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Turing House Friends will be grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.

**Turing House Friends** 

## Summer Term Clubs Timetable

	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
Morning 8am	Fitness		Orchestra	Yoga	
Lunch	Choir	Elleray Hall	Choir French	ECOSTARS	Band
After School	Homework War	Homework Music	Homework Creative	Homework Think	Boxercise Hair and
	Hammer	Tech	Arts	Aloud	Beauty
	Rounders	Fixtures	Maths in Motion	Football	
	Cricket	STEM	Drama	Volleyball	
	Table Tennis	Cycling	Rowing Reading	Dance	

#### School Production DVD

This is the last call for orders for a DVD of the Beauty and the Beast Performance, kindly produced by the parent of one our Y8 students. Last year's Witches DVDs were very popular and very high quality indeed.

Each DVD costs £5. Please order using the link below.



## CoderDojo Event at Turing House



The third Turing House Dojo is scheduled for the afternoon of **Saturday June 10**<sup>th</sup>, and we have some exciting activities planned. As well as making basic games and animations in Scratch, students can develop their Python coding skills, create their own website, design an online platform game, or even programme a robot! Many of these activities require no previous experience, and grown-ups are welcome to join in too. Find out more, and register for the Dojo mailing list here:

https://turinghousecoderdojo.wordpress.com/take-part/

## London Youth Games- Upcoming Trials

If any students participate in any of the following sports, we would encourage you to attend trials to represent Richmond in the London Youth Games.

Aquathlon (Years 7-11) - Saturday 20 May @ Pools on the Park

Athletics (Years 8 & 9) – 15 May @ St Mary's Uni

Cycling (Years 6-11) – (See below)

Football (Years 8 & 9) - Wednesday 24th May & Wednesday 7th June @ Lincoln Field

Netball – (Years 7 – 9) – Wednesdays 17 & 24 May @ Old Deer Park

Volleyball (Years 7-13) – Boys Tuesdays, Girls Wednesdays @ Teddington Beach Courts

We are also still looking for girls Table Tennis and Badminton players. All ages!

All further details and information on how to sign up can be found on the full document and at www.richmond.gov.uk/londonyouthgames

#### **MENSA Puzzle**

Crack the code to read a message. What is it?

19, 26, 11, 11, 2, 13, 22, 4, 2, 22, 26, 9

Last Week's Answer: Three. Each sector in the bottom half totals double its opposite in the top half.

#### Final request for vouchers!



Please collect together your final vouchers from Sainsbury's stores and **bring into school before 19**<sup>th</sup> **May** so we can order some sports or cookery equipment. So far, we have collected 6790 vouchers. We'll be able to order some extra equipment for the school very soon, which is exciting.

Did you know you can get cooking equipment as well as active equipment? So our vouchers could buy anything from wooden spoons and baking trays to table tennis bats and egg and spoon sets!

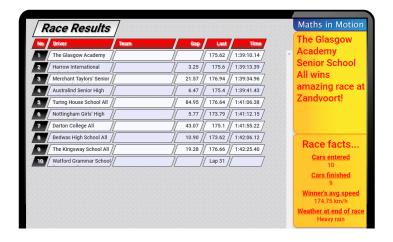
#### Music Exam Success

Congratulations to Y7 students Luca H, who has passed his Grade 4 Guitar exam with merit, and Noah RC, who has passed his Grade 3 piano exam, also with merit.

#### Maths in Motion

We have reached the final of Maths in Motion! This is a car race where the competitors program cars to enter into a virtual race. We are now through to the last 16 schools in the world internationally!

We had to finish in a time of under 1:42:05; Joe W and Jake S created the car. The final is on June 21st at the National Motor Museum in Gaydon, in the West Midlands.



## Table Tennis Victory

Our table tennis team attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg of a tournament at Christ's School and came back with a fantastic victory of 27-15. Well done, everyone. *Jake S* 



## Musical Events during the summer term

Several musical events will be taking place during the summer term. If your child is taking part in any of these, then please make a note of these dates in your diary:

#### Live@TheRose -

Rehearsal: The Mall - Thursday 25th May, 3.30pm - 6pm

Rehearsal: The Mall - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 3.30pm - 6pm

Concert at the Rose Theatre - **Thursday 29**<sup>th</sup> **June** - all day and evening concert

Richmond Prom Orchestra - rehearsal at St Richard Reynolds – Wednesday 21st June, 12pm

Performance at St Mary's College in Twickenham – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July, afternoon rehearsal and evening concert

**Summer concert - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**, evening, start time to be confirmed, in school

## Planner Design Competition

#### **Turing House School Art Competition 2017**

Your challenge: Design a front cover for the school planner.

The design could be linked to either ...

- Alan Turing
- Teddington
- Or it could represent the Turing values:
  Modesty, Curiosity, Leadership, Creativity and Perseverance.

The planner next year will be A5 in size, so your design needs to be to this scale. Your challenge is to see how you can represent the school in a creative way.

There will be a display of all the work entered in to the competition.

The prize: we will choose the design that we feel shows the most creativity, and represents the school in the most imaginative way. We will also need to consider what will make the most effective design when printed.

The winning student will see their work in print on the cover of next year's planner.

All artwork submitted has to be your own.

The design needs to be handed in to Miss Davison by **Friday 19**<sup>th</sup> **May**.

## NPL Activities at Chestnut Sunday

On Sunday 14th May, NPL will be parading the hydrogen car of the future and other odd vehicles and handing out water rocket flyers at the Chestnut Sunday event in Bushy Park. It would be lovely if you could be part of it with your children. We will gather on the inside left of the Teddington gate of Bushy park at 12 noon, for departure at about 12.30pm. The parade will be over within an hour, from when a funfair/activities area at the other end of the park will provide much entertainment including traditional fairground rides, arena displays, live music, historical re-enactments and a street parade. You are welcome to base yourself in the blue tent near the Diana

This year we there will be a trail of 3 vehicles: a futuristic hydrogen powered car, the water rocket powered car and the world's largest water rocket.

Event details at <a href="https://www.royalparks.org.uk/parks/bushy-park/things-to-see-and-do/upcoming-events-in-bushy-park/chestnut-sunday">https://www.royalparks.org.uk/parks/bushy-park/things-to-see-and-do/upcoming-events-in-bushy-park/chestnut-sunday</a>

#### Basketball

We are delighted to have a Basketball coach coming to us from Tiffin School next Thursday, 3.15-4.15pm.

If interested, please meet (ready in your kit) in the rear playground at 3.10pm.



## Tamesis Club Open Day



## Bushy Park Girls' Cricket Club

Bushy Park Girls' cricket club welcomes all girls from 5 to 15 years old who want to play cricket! Sign up for the summer season with Bushy Park Girls' Cricket Club this year and enjoy the thrills and excitement of competitive cricket in the beautiful surroundings of the park.www.bushyparkgirls.com

The club supports new players as well as existing cricketers at Bushy Park Girls, developing their skills and having fun. For those wishing to play in competitive matches we have a full season of fixtures ahead but we also accommodate those who just love being part of our unique all-girl (Under 11, 13 and 15) atmosphere at training sessions.







# Rowing

Here are some photos from this week's rowing taster session with Kingston Sea Cadets, thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated.

