

Headteacher's Update

7th July 2017

Summer Concert 2017

What a show! This truly was an evening which celebrated the various creative talents of Turing House School. There were some wonderful solo musical items as well as larger ensembles, with students performing some challenging pieces. The music was punctuated with some superb dance pieces and poetry recitations which were performed with both confidence, elegance and - in the case of the poetry - poise. The art department added to the occasion with a stunning display of some of the art from our students. A fantastic and creative evening. Well done to all.









Forthcoming Events

13th July: KS4 preparation evening for Y8 families, 7pm 13th July: Sports Day – (see details below) 21st July: last day of term

Fixtures

Richmond Prom 2017



This was an event of epic proportions in a very hot tennis arena at St Mary's College, Strawberry Hill, and a culmination of many weeks' work leading up to it. However, the heat was worth bearing to hear the standard of orchestral playing across Richmond borough. The arena was packed with players from primary to secondary, playing everything from classical to jazz to pop. For our students to be part of such an immense gathering was amazing and is certainly one they will remember long after the last stand is returned to its rightful owner.

Preparation for Key Stage 4 Event

13th July - This event will be to showcase the four subjects in which our Year 8 students will start GCSEs in THIS September! We will also give a brief overview of the options process and the possible choices ahead. This event will start at 7pm and last for around an hour.

Please sign up for the event using the usual booking system here:

https://turinghouseschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/

Please be aware that we will also be briefing Year 8 parents on the Duke of Edinburgh's Scheme on the evening as well.

Sports Day Arrangements

On Thursday 13th we will be holding our second ever Turing House Sports Day which is being held at the NPL Sports Club. Students will have a normal day up to lesson 3, then an extended break/lunch. Students will be expected to have their main meal of the school day then.

At the NPL centre, a small snack will be provided at no cost to the students. Events commence at 12pm with the final event hopefully completed by 3.30pm.

Parents are welcome to come and watch from 2pm. Please be aware, however, that there is no parking for spectators on the NPLSC site. Cars should be parked in the public parking areas in the Clapperstile car park and the road leading up to it.

LSCB Water Safety Bulletin

SAFETY BULLETIN Summer 2017







Kingston and Richmond LSCBs would like to promote some local learning regarding water safety to help families stay safe this summer.

Nationally, drowning has been identified as a leading cause of accidental death, with 62 deaths of children under 5 between 2008-2012 resulting from drowning. Bables and toddlers can drown quickly and silently in as little as 5cm of water. Older children and young people are also at risk of drowning.

The following key messages have been highlighted from local case reviews by which future deaths can be prevented:

- Supervision Parents and carers must ensure children of any age are adequately supervised by an adult in or near water including for example the bath, garden ponds and swimming places
- Bath Aids Bath seats are intended as an aid to bath-time and must not be relied upon as a substitute to adult supervision. It is not safe to leave a baby unattended by an adult in a bath seat at any time.
- Reduce Risks Parents and carers should consider reducing the risks presented by all sources of water, for example ensuring ponds are covered/fenced off as well as coverage of drains and water storage devices, ensuring baths, paddling pools and buckets are emptiled immediately after use, and securing access to garden areas and similar. It is important that these risks are taken account of not only at their own home, but when visiting and on holiday.
- Swimming Children and young people should be encouraged to learn to swim and to understand the risks posed by water including making appropriate assessments of the swimming location and their own swimming ability. Swimming should be undertaken in lifeguarded facilities, for example pools, beaches. The rules of the swimming area should be adhered to.
- Safety Promotion Professionals should promote the above messages when speaking to families about accident prevention as well as using the resources outlined below to help reduce the risk of accidental drowning.

The following organisations' websites provide further resources for families and professionals to help keep safe in and around water including RNLI's water safety events for all ages -

Drowning Prevention Week:

http://drowningpreventionweek.org.uk/

RNLI

https://rnil.org/

Child Accident Prevention Trust:

http://www.capt.org.uk/safety-advice/ keeping-your-child-safe-drowning The Royal Society for the Prevention of

http://www.rospa.com/leisuresafety/ adviceandinformation/watersafety/

New intake day

On 3rd July we ran out third new intake day! It only seems like yesterday we did this at St Mary's College with our founding year group. The day was a great success with some lovely feedback from our new students and their parents.







Sub Aqua

Teddington Sub Aqua were true to their promise and offered our students a reduced rate trial session. The first pairing through, Ollie and Sol, really enjoyed the chance to swim with the full scuba kit on. For more information on Teddington Sub Aqua Club, please go to their website here http://www.teddingtonsac.org/

If you attended and would like to give some feedback, just type Teddington Sub Aqua into Google and the feedback section appears immediately to the right.





MENSA Puzzle

For each of the following, place the two words together and rearrange the letters to give one word. Four Christmassy words will then be read. What are they?

FIVE + SET =

ROAD + NOTICES =

LET + SIN =

GRIP + PAWN =

Last Week's Answer:

Eight.

School Nursing Service

Our school nurse, Clarissa, from Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust, is setting up regular drop-in sessions at Turing House for our students. Students will be able to see her for a confidential chat about various matters, whether it be health-related or emotional issues.

She'll be available on **10**th **July and 17**th **July** from **10.15am-11am** in the Meeting Room.

The students have been made aware of this service during an assembly and we would encourage them to use it if they feel they would like to – even if it's just to say hello to Clarissa for a quick chat.

Clarissa can also be contacted online via:

https://healthmatters.clch.nhs.uk/

Oyster cards

Please be aware that we have had a number of issues with our students not being allowed onto buses, as they have not been able to show a valid oyster Card. We are aware that some bus drivers are more lenient than others, however they are within their rights to refuse entry or levy fines.

Cricket Success



Our Y8 cricket team took part in the finals of the McKinsey Cup tournament, representing Richmond borough. We played very well and came 2nd place overall in the tournament, which means that we're 2nd best in Middlesex. Well done, team. *Jake W*



Cycle to work day – Date for your Diary

www.cycletoworkday.org

Cycle to Work Day encourages adults across the UK to get on their bike and give cycle commuting a go for one day. Why? Because cycling to work is brilliant! It is an easy way to boost your health and fitness, improve your wellbeing and show some love to the environment.

This year's event takes place on Wednesday 13th September and it is our fifth birthday — so the celebration of cycling will be bigger than ever! Cycle to Work Day started in 2013, and every year this annual event has grown. Today, it is a way of celebrating those who are already passionate cycle commuters, as well as those who are giving it a go for the very first time.

So dust off your favourite bike and get ready to join in the UK's biggest one-day celebration of cycle commuting on Wednesday 13th September 2017.

E-Safety

Please be aware of a new function on Snapchat called Snap Map. The is being called 'stalk my friends.' Privacy and security concerns have been raised about Snapchat's new feature which allows users to see each other's locations. The Snap Map allows users to view snapshots of their friends' activities along with their location.

If two users follow each other, they can share their locations and see where the other is and what they are doing. According to Snapchat, the idea is users can stay up to date with their friends' lives and meet up easily. Fundamentally, this means that unsavoury types could find out a location.

Please also be aware that a number of fake calculator apps have been created to enable people to store pictures. Whilst students have right to some privacy, if you pay the bill you have the right to access your son/daughter's phone at any time.



Duke of Edinburgh Award

On Thursday, Year 8 had a very interesting assembly, explaining the Duke of Edinburgh Award. The Award consists of 4 sections: Physical, Skill, Volunteering and Expedition. They can begin the award from 1st August and can complete the award within a year.

If your son or daughter is interested in completing the award, Miss Garrod will be presenting more information at the end of the Preparation for Key Stage 4 Event on Thursday. The initial enrolment cost for the Award is £30. This creates an account and participants can start working towards completing the different sections. Enrolment forms for the scheme will be available on the night.

Tucasi Alerts

We are happy to inform you that we now have an alerts option on Tucasi. This option allows parents to set up alerts for low balances (minimum amount chosen by parents), new trips/events and upcoming instalments.

For detailed instructions on how to set up alerts, please refer to the following document link:

http://www.tucasihelp.com/documents/2.4SCOQuickReferenceGuideAlertsParent.pdf

London Rugby Championship Winners



On 7th July, the Y7 rugby team went to Crystal Palace to play a series of matches for rugby league. We started off with a strong performance against Harris Academy. We then went on to win our next two matches. We were through to the second round. Our first game went right down to the wire but we managed to get a try to solidify our win. We then won the last game without conceding any tries and progressed into the final. Our opposition got the first try but at the last minute we managed to draw 1-1 through an intelligent move by Rourke F. The final score was a draw but luckily the team we faced had previously lost a match, whereas we had not. We were crowned winners of the tournament and will progress to the national games soon. *Finn W*

Volunteering opportunities with Homestart



