

# Headteacher's Update

19th January 2018

# Bike Marking – don't forget!



The Police will once again be coming to Turing House on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30am to security-mark some more bikes.

## Turing House Friends: next meeting

The next meeting of the Turing House Friends will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

#### School Shoes: a reminder

Please can you make sure that your son/daughter is wearing the correct shoes for school. They should be traditional flat, black sensible leather shoes. Lace up shoes are preferable to Velcro, and lace up shoes must have black laces. No trainers or boots. No sandals, kitten heels, platform shoes or ballet pumps. Thank you.

# Adolescent Brain – Parent/Carer Workshop

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January, we are holding workshops for parents entitled "Adolescent Brain".

These workshops are intended to enable parents/ guardians gain a better understanding of the changes adolescents go through. During adolescence both the structure and the function of the brain changes: how does this change affect their relationship with you as parent/guardian, their siblings, interactions with other adults, authority figures and their peers?

The workshop has suggestions about how you can adapt your parenting and support strategies to promote their education, self-esteem and identity formation at this critical period of life.

The workshop will run three times at 5pm, 6pm & 7pm in the Main Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend and no booking is required; the workshop will last for 50 minutes.

In addition to the presentation, there will be time for questions and answers and opportunities for sharing strategies to meet the changing and developmental needs of adolescents. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Forthcoming Events

23 January: THS Friends Meeting 7pm

24 January: Bike Marking

24 January: Careers Event for Y8 and Y9

29 January: Parent Workshops 5pm, 6pm, 7pm

12-16 February: Half Term Week

19 February: School closed re INSET day

#### **Fixtures**

| 23 Jan, 2018 | Y8   | Rugby League | Howard of Effingham |
|--------------|------|--------------|---------------------|
| 25 Jan, 2018 | Y9   | Football     | Orleans Park        |
| 20 Feb, 2018 | Y7/8 | Netball      | Twickenham School   |
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# Coder Dojo – next event



The next Turing House CoderDojo event will be on Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup>. As usual, there will be a variety of hands-on coding workshops for young people, with fun activities suitable for beginners and more experienced coders. We

hope to see many Turing House families there. The tickets are normally snapped up quickly though, so to be notified when they are released you will need to join the CoderDojo mailing list. For more details, please see:

https://turinghousecoderdojo.wordpress.com/takepart/

#### MENSA Puzzle

Rearrange the letters of 'ACUTELY FAIR ARTISAN' to give the names of three countries.

What are they?

Last week's answer: Snowflake

# Volleyball – well done

Congratulations to the U13 & U15 volleyball teams who took part in the Richmond Borough volleyball competition yesterday.

The U13's team finished 3rd and the U15 team finished  $2^{nd}$ .



## Holocaust Memorial Evening

On Wednesday evening, 10-year nine students attended a Holocaust Memorial Evening at Hampton School. The students took part in a workshop where they created posters telling the story of the Jewish Siegel family during the Holocaust. These posters will be displayed in libraries around the borough to help raise awareness of the genocide. The students then heard the testimony of Holocaust survivor, member of the Siegel family, Bea Green.



In 1933 Bea's father was beaten badly, and a sign placed a sign around his neck that read "Ich bin Jude aber ich will mich nie mehr bei der Polizei Beschweren," or "I am a Jew, and I will never complain to the police". He was paraded around barefoot in front of the Reichstag. By chance, an American photographer took a picture of the incident and this photo was posted in several American newspapers. Bea told us of this event, alongside her experiences of Kristallnacht, and her emigration to England as part of the Kindertransport.

Her story was moving and Turing House students conducted themselves with maturity and grace as they listened to her testimony. Jack and George were interviewed by the BBC at the event, and will feature in an article about Bea Green which will released later this month.





# Online Safety

We have been sent this link to an excellent website for parents, which explains and gives advice on keeping your child safe on the internet. It also provides resources and support to help you deal with problems that may arise due to the use of social media and information on the many social apps that are now available for your child to download.

https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-guide/

## Annie Trip



Thanks to the generosity of Mrs Jenkins, 65 students and teachers went to see Annie in the West End on Wednesday evening. Thank you!

Bonnie & Kerrie said:

"It all started with a dark stage, then the amazing show began. The show was filled with songs and so many talented young people. We all had such a great time and would definitely go and see it again. The audience loved it so much there was a standing ovation at the end. We would highly recommend it!"

# Friends of Bushy Park

The Field Study Council are running wildlife and conservation courses at Bushy Park throughout 2018. Bookings are now being taken; please go to their website for further information.

# Art & DT Work

Students have produced some amazing work in Art & DT in the last couple of weeks. Well done!









# Y8 Parent Survey

Thank you to all the Y8 parents who completed our survey form at parents' evening yesterday. The results were again extremely positive and are reproduced below, showing the percentage of the respondents who agreed or strongly agreed with each statement. If you do have feedback, questions or concerns, then please don't wait until we do a survey but email or call the school.

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# School Trips

Thank you to those who have now reviewed and updated their payments. To those who haven't, please pay any overdue instalments immediately. For reference, below is a list of payments that we should have received thus far and upcoming instalment dates.

| Trip      | Year | Account<br>to have<br>balance<br>of | Next instalment due on |
|-----------|------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Iceland   | 9    | £305                                | 02-Feb-18              |
| Bushcraft | 7    | £155                                | 05-Feb-18              |
| Bushcraft | 9    | £190                                | All instalments now    |
|           |      |                                     | complete               |

