

23rd March 2018

Rotary Technology Tournament – The Space Capsule Launcher

On Tuesday, four Year 9 students attended the Rotary Technology Tournament.



“Our task was to create a Space Capsule Launcher. We were given wood, glue, a drill, 20 elastic bands and some wire. We had just over 4 hours to create this. One of the challenges we faced was to determine how tall

we should make the structure. We also tested how far the elastic could stretch.

Overall, the day was really fun and I would happily attend in years to come. I learnt some really helpful and cool skills such as how to use a saw properly!” report by Nyah P.



Forthcoming Events

- 26 March:** Final day to hand in Bushcraft forms
- 29 March:** Last day of term, 12.30pm
- 16 April:** First day of new term after Easter
- 28 April:** THF Quiz Night
- 4 May:** Year 7 & Year 9 Bushcraft Trip
- 25 May:** INSET Day (school closed)
- 28 May-1st June:** Half Term

Fixtures

27 Mar, 2018	Y8	Football	Christ's School
28 Mar, 2018	Y7	Netball	Twickenham School
28 Mar, 2018	Y8	Netball	Twickenham School
17 Apr, 2018	Y7	Football	Hampton High
19 Apr, 2018	Y9	Football	Grey Court

Save the Date – Quiz Night!

The Turing House Friends Quiz is back! It will be held on Saturday 28th April at Elleray Hall. Do you know your Theresa May from your Mother Teresa, Ceylon tea from your Cylon Basestar? Tell all your friends and look out for details of how to book in next week's newsletter. Also, pop the 22nd June in your diary and brace your sensitivity... the Turing House Friends Comedy Night is back!

New Site - Update

The process of appointing a contractor to build our permanent home is steadily progressing with detailed design meetings taking place this month:

<https://www.turinghouseschool.org.uk/documents/TH%20Press%20Release%201%20FINAL%201603.pdf>

MENSA Puzzle

Fill in the missing words so that a chain is formed with each word suffixing the previous word and prefixing the following word. What are the missing words?

SMOKE _ _ _ _ **N** **PLAY** _ _ _ **U** _ **WORK** _ _ **R** _
_ **MEAT**

Last week's answer: Five.

History Tips

This term, year seven historians have learnt how William Duke of Normandy controlled England after he invaded in 1066. One of the methods that William used to keep control was the Domesday Book.

Recent historical research has revealed that of the 14,783 place-names recorded in the Domesday Book, only 1,219 no longer exist. That's an impressive survival! Quiz your children on how else William controlled England to aid their revision this week!

Unique Opportunity!

Miss Riglin has been given the opportunity to take two students to represent our school on the First World War Centenary Battlefield Tours Programme. This is a national programme completely funded by the

Government to commemorate the First World War. Students will be given the opportunity to visit the WW1 battlefields in France and Belgium, alongside children from other schools, for four days in November.

In order to be considered, students need to:

- Complete the parental consent form available on ShowMyHomework.
- With a peer who they would like to travel with, write a letter explaining why they believe that they should represent our school.

Ms Riglin will meet with two members of SLT to consider the applications and a decision will be made as to who will go on the trip next week.

This must be handed into Ms Riglin by MONDAY.

ParentPay update

We are happy to inform you that the migration to our new cash-less system, 'ParentPay' has been successful!

Your child's dinner balances should now be up to date. Please take a moment to log in and check these, and if required, top-up their dinner money accounts.

We are currently in the process of migrating trip balances and expect these to be up-to-date early next week.

Thank you all very much for your cooperation in activating the ParentPay accounts.

Sport Relief

Our Sport Relief 2018 week kicked off with the opening of our Step Challenge on Monday morning, inviting students to record their steps taken throughout the week and upload their results when it closes at 3pm on Friday (today). Also on Monday was our Sit-up challenge, which saw students try to do as many sit-ups as they could in 1 minute. Our winner, with a fantastic 85 sit-ups was John Cullen from 8AN- well done!

The Inter-tutor Keepie-Uppie challenge proved to be a huge success this week. In this event, each tutor group

had to select one student who they put forward as their 'champion' to represent their form. Special mention goes to Chloe Connelly from 7KI as the only female competitor, beating much of the competition with 40 keepie-uppies. And congratulations to our overall winner, Matt Maslanka from 8RI, with 128 keepie-uppies!

On Wednesday at break time, the Plank Challenge took place. Students wanting to take part had to maintain the position as long as possible, aiming to be the last competitor left. Going past the 8-minute mark, we only had 2 year 7 students left – Bonnie Burgess and Oliver Hester. Each showed brilliant resilience and endurance; massive congratulations to Oliver who managed to hold on slightly longer!



Wednesday also provided superb entertainment in the form of the Staff vs Students netball match. Each side played exceptionally well with the score being 6-5 to the students going into the 4th quarter. Unfortunately, the staff team were unable to hold on and the students became the masters, beating the staff 11-5. Well done to the student team, you were brilliant. Hope you are ready for a re-match!



Thursday provided the students with a calm and Zen form of physical activity – yoga. Around 20 students took part and they were introduced to Vinyasa flow yoga. Students did well to try to hold positions which they found to require significantly more strength and balance than they had expected.



Break time today saw the last of our small individual challenges; the Press-up Challenge. This encouraged students to see how many press-ups they could complete in 1 minute. Well done to Sonny Noble in 8TU for a brilliant effort of 71 press-ups.

Also today all students were invited to attend school in PE kit, in order for them all to take part in our 5K run which is taking place periods 5 & 6. Details and pictures will be included in next week's newsletter, along with results from the Step Challenge. Stay tuned.

Other special mentions go to Ollie Hasham for his dedication to Sport Relief week with these fabulous socks!



Food Tech – Important Information

A number of students are forgetting containers to take their food products home in. Although we have a few spare pots, when these run out food will have to be placed into a food bag, which can make it difficult to take home. Students currently taking Food Tech (7RO, 7NI, 8DV, 8RI, 9T1 and 9A2) are cooking every week; therefore, students should be bringing a suitable container to school. Please also check



on SMH and on the recipe hand out sheets the quantities of food needed. We have limited space at school for storing food and there is a large amount of food waste being produced that could be avoided if students bring the correct amount to school.

Online Gaming – Parental Warning

We have been made aware of a student who was contacted online through the Instagram Fortnite Online Fan Page by a stranger. Please make sure that your child is aware that they **MUST NOT** give out their personal details to anyone online.

Please also be aware that Instagram, Snapchat & Facebook requires everyone to be at least **13 years old** before they can create an account.

It is important that you speak to and monitor your child's use of the Internet and social media.

Click on the following link for some tips on internet safety that you can discuss with your child:

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

Many student issues we deal with in school are online issues, so please: be safe, protect yourself, and ensure your online activities reflect well on you.

