

## Open Evening

Our first Open Evening was extremely busy. Well over 450 attended the Headteacher's talks which were in fact jointly given by me, Jake Sanders and Harriet Foster. This was in addition to the families who just took tours of the building and subjects.

Our students were a credit to us: exemplary, smart, confident, articulate and above all genuinely enthusiastic about Turing House. So many families commented on the very positive impression they created. Thank you to all who helped out both on Tuesday evening and again on Wednesday morning for the school tours.

We're have a further open evening next Thursday and tours on Friday morning and the list of volunteers is even longer. If your child does wish to help please do ensure that we have a permission slip.

## Literacy Fact – Paragraphs

A paragraph is a section of a piece of writing. The average paragraph is five or six sentences long. We change paragraph when we write about a new time, topic, place, focus or in dialogue when there is a change of speaker. Paragraphs often start with topic sentences which identify the main focus of that paragraph.

## Forthcoming Events

- 8 October:** Open Evening
- 15 October:** Parents' Workshops (see article)
- 24 October – 1 November:** Half Term
- 8 November:** Remembrance Sunday
- 7 December:** Spirit of Christmas Service

## School Council

On Wednesday the 30th September, the Turing House School Council met for the first time. Congratulations to those who were elected by their forms: Joe Wiggins, Harriet Foster, Harry Morris, Sam Hardaker, Will Whateley, Lily-Rose Soane, Eve Winders and Ollie Hasham.

The meeting began with some administrative items such as the school council notice board, meeting dates and times and of course the handing out of some rather plush badges. The agenda then moved on to a discussion about future events including a possible Christmas Jumper Day. Students were keen to promote various charities and will now go back to their form groups to debate this in more detail. All representatives contributed to the discussion but sadly the proposal of a jacuzzi on the school roof did not make it through the discussion phase (thanks Eve!).

## Shooting Star Chase – Assembly

We were delighted to welcome Shooting Star Chase to Turing House this week; they came to give an assembly about their work. In the summer they were the most popular local charity amongst our students for Mr O'Sullivan, Ms Wilkinson and Mr Day to raise money for in the Lidl Bananaman Triathlon

## Fixtures

- 6 October:** Boys' Rugby (Hm) v Rich. Park Academy
- 6 October:** Girls' Football (Aw) v Waldegrave
- 7 October:** Boys' T/Tennis Tournament (Away)
- 13 October:** Girls' Football (Aw) v Teddington
- 16 October:** Girls' T/Tennis Tournament (Away)
- 20 October:** Girls Football (Aw) v Twick Academy

Parent Workshops

We will be holding a set of parent workshops on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October from 7pm until 8.30pm. This will be an opportunity for you to learn more about three important parts of secondary school life and how we approach them:

- Supporting literacy and homework
- Target setting
- eSafety

If you would like to attend please reserve a place at the event using the Parents Evening System: <https://turinghouseschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

The Witches – Cast Rehearsal

ALL CAST MEMBERS: our first rehearsal will be on Tuesday 6th October in the Hall, from 3.15 – 4.15pm.



We cannot wait to get started!

“DOWN WIV CHILDREN! DO THEM IN!”

Ms Sherry

Thud!

**Students** – please make sure you THUD your work!  
**Parents** – please make sure they explain what this means but **don't** THUD them if they need a reminder!  
**Teachers** –please THUD their work if they forget!



Bushy Park Run

Huge congratulations to our students who competed in the Bushy Parkrun on Saturday. Well done for all your fantastic performances!

Oliver Bragg - 22.58	Oliver Hasham - 32.41
Joe Wiggins - 24.11	Emma Bagge - 57.18
Nina Stephens - 27.04	Lauren Lauchlan - 57.18
Eita Shibazaki - 27.29	

Music Lessons

Instrumental music lessons are now up and running at Turing House much to the delight of everyone! Currently we have drum lessons on Mondays, guitar lessons on Tuesdays and piano lessons on Wednesdays all of which are being attended enthusiastically.



Other lessons are available on request and I hope very much that many of our students will take up this opportunity as it is great fun and a fantastic addition to their education. If you would like your son/daughter to take up an instrument then please apply directly to Richmond Music Trust.

## Syrian Refugee Appeal

A CALAID COLLECTION IS ON 6TH OCTOBER

TURING HOUSE AND KING'S SCHOOL WILL BE COLLECTING FOR THESE AND WE WILL DELIVER DONATIONS TO THE DROP OFF POINT. WE THEREFORE NEED DONATIONS BEFORE THEN.

Collection boxes will be located in main reception.

### URGENT NEED

- Shoes, trainers or hiking shoes size 41-46
- Tents, covers, tarpaulin
- Men's jackets sizes small and medium
- Travelling Bags
- Socks
- Candles or other lighting equipment
- Belts

### ALWAYS NEED

- Tracksuit trousers
- Jeans 28-32
- Blankets
- Sleeping bags
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Plastic bags
- Woolly hats
- Pants
- Pots
- Pans

### WE DON'T NEED:

- Women and children's clothes and shoes
- Sheets
- Pillows
- Suits
- Town shoes
- Jumpers
- Wellington boots

## Remembrance Sunday

Every year the Royal British Legion in Teddington organise a Remembrance Sunday Parade from outside their premises to the memorial outside Teddington Memorial Hospital. Turing House School will take part in the parade this year on Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup>; we very much hope that many of our students will join us to march with veterans, cadet forces and youth groups. Following the act of remembrance the parade returns to the Royal British Legion.



We will send home more details nearer the time and hope that many parents will turn out too.

## Spirit of Christmas

We haven't yet counted the days to Christmas but we'd like to give you advance notice of our Christmas Event which will be held at St Mary with St Alban's, Teddington Parish Church, on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Please do put the date in your diaries. We've started planning for the event and hope to involve as many students as possible.



### Reading Book - Reminder

All students should now have a reading book in their bags at all times. If you're struggling to find a book that interests and excites you, come speak to me and I will be more than happy to make a personal recommendation.



*Ms Sherry.*

### Holiday activities at Orleans House Gallery

Fill your holidays with creativity! We offer a range of full and half day workshops for ages 0 to 17. Visit the gallery exhibition and work with professional artists specialising in a range of different techniques from drawing, painting and print-making to sculpture and textiles. We can provide support for children and young people with additional needs. More details are here:

[www.richmond.gov.uk/holiday\\_activities](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/holiday_activities)



### Parent Survey

Thank you to all the parents who completed our survey form. We ask you to complete another again later in the year. The results were extremely positive and are reproduced opposite showing the percentage of the respondents who agreed or strongly agreed with each statement. I am grateful to those parents who gave more detailed feedback and I have responded to all of you who asked specific questions (if you included your name)!

If you do have feedback, questions or concerns then please don't wait until we do a survey but email or call the school.

The school helps me to support my child's learning	100%
My child is taught well at this school	100%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	95%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	100%
The school is helping my child become mature and responsible	100%
The school makes appropriate provision for my child's spiritual, moral and cultural development	100%
My child makes good progress at Turing House	100%
My child is well looked after at this school	100%
The school makes sure its students are well behaved	100%
The school deals effectively with bullying	100%
The school is helping my child to develop a healthy lifestyle	95%
The school is making sure that my child is well prepared for the future	100%
The school is led and managed effectively	100%
The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns	100%
The school meets my child's particular needs	100%
The school works closely with parents	100%
The school provides a wide variety of activities/opportunities outside of lessons	100%
I would recommend Turing House to other parents	100%

