

# Headteacher's Update

12 November 2015

## Remembrance Sunday – November 8th

Turing House School took part in the Remembrance Day Service in Teddington on Sunday.

Mr Mackinlay, Mr O' Sullivan and 17 students marched with the parade from Teddington British Legion to the memorial outside the hospital. The school joined other organisations in laying a wreath at the memorial.



## Literacy Fact – Double Negatives

When you use two negative words in a sentence, they cancel one another out and become a positive.

"I don't like never going to the park" means "I like going to the park."

"I can't not eat bananas" means "I have to eat bananas."

## School Show Rehearsal Schedule

DATE	who is Needed?
24/11/15	Car-crash chorus (MO)
	Bruno, Girl, Doorman, Mr Jenkins, Mrs
	Jenkins (SH)
1/12/15	Bruno, Girl, Doorman, Mr Jenkins, Mrs
	Jenkins, Grand High Witch, Grand High
	Witch's assistant
8/12/15	ALL CAST
15/12/15	ALL CAST

# National Space Centre

The Eagle, or rather two large coaches, landed at the National Space Centre on Wednesday. The trip was a huge success, with students enjoying the activities and learning about life in space and the engineering behind

## Forthcoming Events

13 November: INSET Day

**7 December:** 'Spirit of Christmas' 7pm

#### **Fixtures**

16 November: Girls' Table Tennis Tournament

27 November: Mixed Cross Country: AWAY v Richmond

Borough

being an astronaut. Students met early at 7.30 am and embarked on the trip to Leicester.



At the centre, students made their way round the various exhibitions, some of which were interactive. They were great advocates for the school and interacted well with members of the public, so much so that we received an email from a visitor to the centre before we had even arrived back at school:

#### Dear Headteacher.

I visited the Leicester space centre today with my 2 year old son. A group of children from your school was also visiting today. I would just like to say how impressed I was with their behaviour and conduct. On more than one occasion they asked my son if he wanted to have a go on something or interacted with him: I asked two young men which school they were from and they gave me a short history of the school and were most eloquent. They were impeccably turned out in their uniform. The group were a great credit to your school.



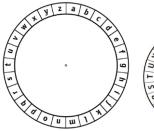
We have evaluated the success of this trip already and believe that next year's cohort will also benefit. However if you have any comments or feedback please let us know.

## Code Breaker Challenge

The Caesar Shift is one of the simplest codes we come across in cryptography. It is a substitution code, which means that each letter is replaced with another one. The code is named after the Roman Emperor Julius Caesar who use this method to send military messages to his army.

To encrypt or decrypt a Caesar shift, we first list the alphabet, and then for a Caesar shift of three, we move every letter of the alphabet 3 places, so A would become D in the code.

E.g. Turing House School would become WXULQJ KRXVH VFKRRO





A Caesar Wheel, such as the one here, can be used to help crack these types of codes by putting the smaller part on top of the bigger part and turning the small wheel anti-clockwise by the number of spaces given in the key.

# INSET Day – 13 November

Please remember that Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November is an INSET day. Staff will be learning more about how to use the Virtual Learning Environment and continuing with planning of the curriculum for this year and next.

## **Bus Survey**



TfL would like your views on proposed changes to bus route 481, which runs between Kingston and Isleworth.

They are proposing to increase the Monday to Saturday frequency and introduce a Sunday service. This is partly

the result of increased use by students for Turing House. We very much want them to increase the frequency of the service and, in particular, to look at the morning timings to ensure that students arrive some minutes early rather than late.

If your son or daughter uses or might use the service then please do respond to the consultation here:

https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/buses/481

This consultation will run until Friday 18 December.

## Bicycle Security Marking

Local police will be in school on 18th November from 3pm to do security marking of bicycles. Whether you cycle to school regularly or not, please do bring your bicycle along if you would like to have it marked.

## **Parent Governor Elections**

The ballot closed this week for our first parent governor elections. Votes were counted on Monday, and Nick Bagge and Fiona Williams were the winners. Congratulations to them, and many thanks to all five candidates for their interest in governing at the school.

#### THF Christmas Presents to Turing House

Students and staff have created a list of more than 100 books we'd like to have in our library. Instead of sending the list to Santa we've sent it to Turing House Friends (THF) – the PTA – who are organising ways for families to donate a book to the school for Christmas. More details on how to take part soon.

#### Children in Need

A reminder that we are supporting Children in Need by holding not only a bake sale but an inter-form bake off competition on Friday 20th November (1 week after the event).

Students are encouraged to bake, buy and bring in cakes which will then be sold at lunch time. Each form will decide on their best home baked cake based on the following criteria: taste, design & originality. These form

winning cakes will then be sent to the leadership team for final judging.



## Level 3 Cycle Training

Students who wish to take a 1:1 Level 3 cycle training session should see Mr O'Sullivan to get a permission slip. They will go out in pairs with an instructor for an hour and cycle the route or as close to it that they take to school.

Students will need their own bike and helmet and will be provided with hi-visibility jackets. Sessions will commence in the week commencing 23rd November. For those wishing to cycle to school, this would be a good opportunity to complete a reconnaissance of their route.



#### Teddington Methodist Church - Table Top Sale

Christmas Fair and Charity Card Sale to raise funds for their hall redevelopment project.

Saturday 21st November: 10am - 1.00pm

Teddington Methodist Church, 1 Stanley Road, **Teddington TW11 8TP** 

Free entry: Cards, Gifts, Side Shows and Refreshments

www.teddingtonmethodistchurch.org.uk

# Arts Richmond Young Writers' Festival 2015

Arts Richmond's Young Writers' Festival is open to all young people who either live or attend schools/clubs in the Borough of Richmond upon Thames.

It is a chance to show off your writing skills in any form: stories, descriptive writing, poems, playlets, lyrics for songs – whatever your imagination can devise.

Entries are judged in four age groups with prizes for all shortlisted entrants. In addition Arts Richmond appoint a Young Laureate with an award of £200 and a Junior Laureate awarded £100, and provide opportunities during the following year to write about events taking place in the borough, for possible publication.

The Laureate Awards are being generously supported this year by the Barnes Literary Society.

All shortlisted entrants will be invited to a gala awards event at the Orange Tree Theatre in Spring 2016.

Rules: The entry rules are very simple: Entrants may write about any subject of their choice, in any form, not exceeding 500 words or 25 lines for a poem, in a typed format. Extracts from longer pieces will be accepted. Entries will be judged in the following age categories:

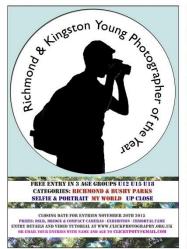
Send your entry to: Arts Richmond, ETNA Community Centre, 13 Rosslyn Road, Twickenham, TW1 2AR or e-mail: YWentries@artsrichmond.org.uk

Please give full name, address, telephone number, e-mail, date of birth, school year and school/club you are attending in a covering letter/message (not on the entry itself).

Deadline: 11th December 2015

## Young Photographer of the Year 2015

The deadline for entries in the Richmond and Kingston Young Photographer of the Year 2015 competition is fast approaching (30 November).





There are four categories and three age groups (U12, U15 and U18). This competition is run by Click Photography Workshops in association with the Royal Parks and both councils, and with Exhibitions at the Orleans House gallery in Twickenham and the Rose Theatre in Kingston. Judging panel headed by Matt Fearn, Picture Editor of the Daily Telegraph.

Youngest age of entry so far is 6 years old.

Email your entries with name and age to Clickypoty@gmail.com