

Word of the Week

You may be aware that at the start of each week we have displayed a word on each of the classroom doors. Students are encouraged to find opportunities to use them in their work or in their daily lives – perhaps they've tried a few out at home! So far we have used the following words – please do ask your children to tell you what they know about them. If they are fine with all of them then why not check their pronunciation of the Spanish?!

Resilience	<i>no literal translation</i>
Fortitude	Fortaleza
Incontrovertible	Incontrovertible
Mellifluous	Melifluo
Infinitesimal	Infinitesimal
Reticent	Reticente
Intrepid	Intrépido
Plethora	Plétora
Avid	Ávido
Nuance	<i>no literal translation</i>
Voracious	Voraz
Incipient	Incipiente
Repudiate	repudiar

Good luck!!

Headteacher's Christmas Challenge

I wonder who will be the first to unlock all the levels on this free App available for Apple and Android devices in the [Apple Store](#) and [Google Play](#).

If you'd like to try it before downloading there is a website where you can play it here:



<http://www.integralmaths.org/games/Sumaze/>

Christmas Lunch

The canteen will be serving a traditional Christmas lunch complete with Christmas pudding, mince pies and crackers on Wednesday 16th December. We hope that everyone will want to take part and join in the festive fun. To ensure that everyone who wants a meal can have one. Tickets are being sold in advance and can be purchased online:

<https://www.scopay.com/turinghouseschool-richmond>.

The cost is £2.25 and they are available on the website until next Thursday when we will be ordering the food. Please note that there won't be other lunch options on that day.

Forthcoming Events

- 7 Dec:** 'Spirit of Christmas' 7pm
- 11 Dec:** KS3 Girls' Dance Competition - Orleans Park
- 18 Dec:** *Save the Children* Christmas Jumper Day
- 18 Dec:** End of Term
- 4 Jan:** INSET day
- 5 Jan:** Students Return
- 13/14 Jan:** Parents' Evening

Fixtures

- 8 Dec:** Girls' Basketball - AWAY v Teddington
- 11 Dec:** Boys' Basketball Tournament – Hampton Boys'
- 15 Dec:** Girls' Cricket Tournament – Teddington School
- 5 Jan:** Boys' Basketball – AWAY v Hampton Academy
- 5 Jan:** Girls' Basketball – AWAY v Waldegrave

Cross-Country (WK)

Last Friday saw our Cross Country Team have their first outing on the muddy paths of Richmond Park. Despite the looming grey skies, the students were full of energy and enthusiasm.



The girls took to the mud first (after a short wait for some deer to vacate the route!) with Lauren Lauchlan and Nina Stephens working well together to come home first for Turing House in 38th and 39th positions respectively.

The remainder of the team – Mimi Williams, Phoebe Hamblin, Emma Bagge and Sam Hardaker – battled to the end and helped Turing House to gain a very respectable 8th placing in the team event.

After the excitement of the girls' race, the boys eagerly followed the same route. First back for Turing House was Billy Bramhall, who ran a fantastic race to finish in 8th position.

As with the girls, Billy was well supported by his team mates, with Jake Sanders finishing in 18th position and Matthew Crabtree just 3 seconds behind, in 21st place.

Top runs from Oliver Bragg and Joe Wiggins also, helped the team to 5th place overall. Sadly, Oliver Hasham was unable to complete the race but contributed well in supporting the team!

A fantastic morning at Richmond Park for our first Cross-Country race – well done to all those who took part!

Literacy Fact – Homophones

Homophones are words that have the same sound when spoken but have very different meanings and spellings, such as:

there and their, meet and meat, hear and here

It is important to choose the right word for the meaning of your sentence. Word processors often do not pick up the wrong use of a homophone so you need to be aware of them in your own writing.

Chess Competition

The tutor group competition is beginning to heat up with both the students and the tutors keen to accrue points. Our



next competition will be inter-form chess. Forms have been asked to provide names of 3 boys and 2 girls to take part in this competition (this may grow once the school council get feedback).

There will be an official draw once the names have been submitted. While we wait for our competition boards to be delivered, students may ask to borrow some chess boards from home as they wish to have some pre-competition play offs within their form groups. Mr O'Sullivan was particularly excited to hear about the Star Wars chess set that might come in.

School Show Rehearsal Schedule

DATE	WHO IS NEEDED?
8/12/15	Car-crash chorus (MO) Bruno, Girl, Doorman, Mr Jenkins, Mrs Jenkins (SH)
15/12/15	Bruno, Girl, Doorman, Mr Jenkins, Mrs Jenkins, Grand High Witch, Grand High Witch's assistant

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening is in January. This is an important opportunity for you to meet with subject teachers to discuss students' work in class and the appointments will be available to book online from Monday 7th December at 6pm.

Because all staff teach all students, the "evening" will in fact take place on two consecutive days: Wednesday 13th January and Thursday 14th January. Even by spreading it out like this and having 5 minute appointments we can only offer a maximum of six subject teacher visits per student.

Experience tells us that parents put a high priority on appointments for English, maths and science – we request that you choose two of these teachers to meet at this event.

The evening therefore gives you an opportunity to keep in touch on a general level with most of the subject teachers so if there is something that you would like to discuss in more detail than might be possible that evening, please do let us know.

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

Christmas Tree

Books are starting to be delivered to school and are going under the tree and we have been preparing labels to put inside them to acknowledge the donors. It's not too late to join in!

Rotary Shoebox Appeal

Shoeboxes have been distributed to students this week during maths lessons. Folding the net shapes into boxes was used as the introduction to a topic on area!

We would like to collect them in next week if possible and certainly by the start of the last week of term. Full details and suggestions of suitable contents are in last week's newsletter.

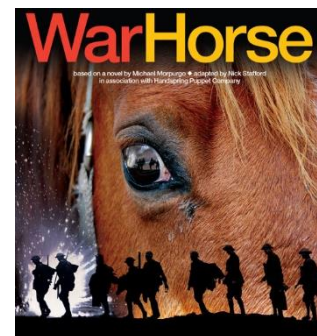
Spirit of Christmas

Please do join us for our Christmas Carol Service and Performance at St Mary's with St Alban's Church on Monday 7th December at 7pm. No tickets are necessary and refreshments afterwards; another opportunity to meet with other parents and Turing House Friends.

War Horse

A letter detailing arrangements for this school trip has been sent home this week including arrangements for how to pay for it.

Please do send back the permission slip as soon as you can.



Road Safety Media Project

We have been delighted to welcome Richmond Safety Education Officer Ellie Aldridge to the school recently. Ellie has launched a unique competition to our students, usually saved for students doing Media Studies GCSE in year 10. Ellie has led PSHE lessons this week in which students are designing Road Safety and Active Travel films for Year 6 students in the borough. Each class has been responsible for putting a brief together with Ellie then judging which ones in each form will be worked on. Ellie has been delighted with the session and recently emailed us with some feedback, which I am sure you will be proud of.

'Another great day today! I am so impressed with the students and can't wait to finish the pitches. Their enthusiasm is brilliant not to mention their intelligent ideas.'

Ellie plans to come in to school one night during club time to provide additional support and guidance in the preparation of these films.

Music Assembly - WI

In Tuesday's assembly we were joined by Alex from 'Learn, Create, Play' whose aim is to 'offer fresh and contemporary musical instrument and extra-curricular tuition in schools and homes across the country.'

Alex performed an amazing piece on his violin which literally had mouths wide open in amazement. The focus of the session was to promote stringed instruments.

Alex gave a short presentation on the violin and his own passion for music before he gave several students the opportunity to have a go. Ms Winch was impressed with several students who showed a real flare for the instrument.



Cashless Catering

The canteen will be using the cashless system from Monday 7th December – please do make sure that you have accessed the account and put some credit on it if your child uses the canteen. Please be reassured however that we will not leave any student hungry on Monday if there are any technical issues.

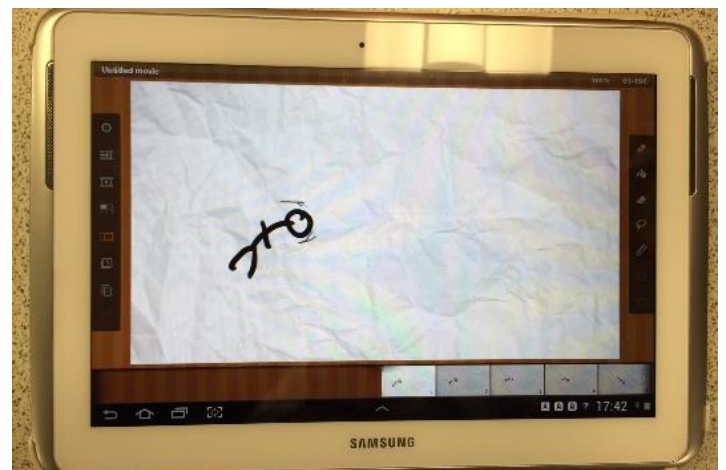
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Catering Menus

The school council will be discussing menus with Mrs Mills early next week with the aim of agreeing new menus for the New Year. Burgers (home-made of course) were very popular on Wednesday and hot chocolate and tea were so popular we had to go to Tesco for more milk – twice!

Animation

On Thursday Simon Flindall from Animatez came to provide a sample session to our students on animation. The session was incredibly active with students producing their own stop motion movies using Lego. There were also other packages that the students tried, producing some excellent results. Staff present were amazed at how much the students had produced in such a short space of time.



When animated this cartoon from Will Whatley was excellent.