



Turing House

Headteacher's Update

10th June 2016

Age UK – Thanks to Turing House Students

Over the last four weeks 8 of our students have taken it in turns to visit Ellerray Hall to support Age UK's training workshops on the use of tablets. Gill Wilson, project lead, has just written to thank them:



Just a note of thanks for the wonderful help from all the Turing House pupils – they were polite and helpful and a credit to the school. The clients really enjoyed having them in the classes.

Well done to all involved and we are looking forward to helping at a follow up session that may be running in September.

Michael's Triathlon Challenge

It seems that it's not just Turing House staff who are triathlon crazy. Following our announcement about Ms Wilkinson's selection for Team GB we are delighted to share Michael's achievement in the UK Kids Fun Triathlon at Henley-on-Thames last Saturday. He raised £60 in sponsorship which he has decided to contribute to the school for gym equipment. Thank you Michael and well done!



Turing House CoderDojo

We're excited to announce that in the autumn of 2016 Turing House School will be hosting its first ever CoderDojo event. CoderDojo is a community of non-profit, volunteer-led, free computer programming clubs for young people, with a focus on peer-to-peer, self-led and family learning. We've sent out a separate letter with further information, and a call for technical and non-technical volunteers. For further details, or to be added to the mailing list, please contact:



TuringHouseCoderDojo@gmail.com

Race for life

We are fundraising for Cancer Research UK using @JustGiving. Students will all take part in our own Race for Life on Friday 8th July – another day to remember your PE Kit and more importantly to start raising sponsorship for!

We'll accept sponsorship in cash of course but even better would be to use JustGiving, especially if you are a tax payer and can use Gift Aid to boost your donation.

http://www.justgiving.com/turing-house-school?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=tweetfeed&utm_campaign=mypages

Forthcoming Events

- 14th June:** Year 7 Awards Evening
- 21st June:** Parents' Site Meeting
- 28th June:** Parents' Workshop
- 4th July:** INSET day (Induction Day for new intake)
- 7th July:** Summer Concert

Fixtures

- 13 June:** Boys' Cricket AWAY v Grey Court
- 13 June:** Girls' Rounders AWAY v Radnor House
- 14 June:** Boys' Cricket AWAY v Radnor House
- 12th July:** Turing House Sports Day

Votes for Schools

This week students explored the question 'Is it reasonable for employers to ask women to wear high heels at work?'

Why is this in the news?

- A 27 year-old woman was sent home from her City firm job in December 2015 for refusing to wear high heels
- Nicola Thorp says she was "laughed at" when she told her bosses she didn't want to wear high heels on her first day as a corporate receptionist
- Her job involved long periods on her feet
- She was told to go home without pay unless she changed her flat shoes for heels, between 2 and 4 inches (5.08 and 10.16 cm) high

Nicola's story, in her own words:
BBC news 1m31s



Full hyperlink: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ukL5C0W1YTM>

Pupils debated the merits or not of employers requiring women to wear high heels, what counts as reasonable and when to make an objection.

'Personally, I believe that if a woman has applied for a job, that she wanted, and the manager said one of the requirements was to wear high heels. Why shouldn't she have to wear high heels? It is part of her job, it's just like her refusing to answer a call from a client and her job is to do that and so is wearing high heels. As well as this there is no extreme reason why she shouldn't wear them.' George 7PE

I voted no for the law that "a boss can tell a women to wear high heels." This is due to the sexist and discriminating power it gives to the boss. I also believe that flat shoes can be just as smart as high heels so there is no need for women to wear them. Another thing is that wear high heels are bad for your health so by keeping this law in power you are putting women in danger. Finally why can men wear whatever shoes as long as they look smart but females have to wear high heels? That's why I voted no, what do you think? Eve 7PE

Votes are currently still coming in but stand at a clear 94% No.

Next week - Should learning a foreign language at school be compulsory?

Olympic Fact

The Paralympic symbol is made up of three "agitos", coloured red, blue, and green, being the colours most widely included in the national flags.



The 'para' in the title is because the Games run parallel to the Olympic Games.

Until the Paralympics came along, athletes with disabilities did sometimes compete in the Olympics. In fact, in 1904, American gymnast George Eyser won three gold medals in just one day, with an artificial leg.

Mensa Puzzle

A cyclist covers his outward journey downhill at 26 mph. He returns, over exactly the same distance at 6.5 mph. What is the cyclist's average speed over the entire journey?

Last week's answer: *Lavishly.*

Beginner Cycle

Mr O'Sullivan and Ms Wilkinson would like to invite parents to a beginners' cycling ride on the 3rd of July. We are aware that several parents have been interested in going for a ride to ease away the stresses of a working week.

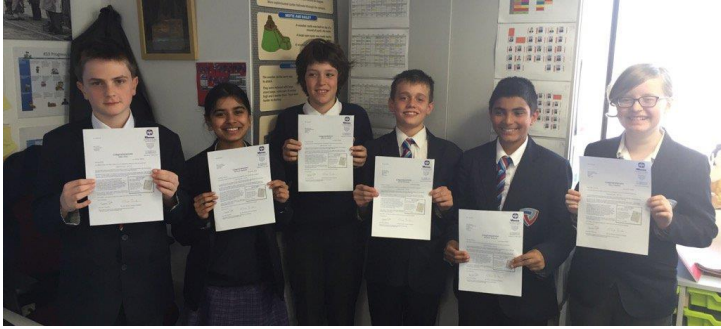
The ride will be completed at an easy pace, ensuring that everyone rides together.

We will plan to stop at the top of Box Hill for coffee and cake! If any parent(s)/carer(s) or friends of Turing House are interested please let us know by responding at the following email tatv@turinghouseschool.org.uk.

Items you will need will be:

1. A working bike, with gears (no BMX please)
2. A helmet
3. 1-2 water bottles
4. 2-4 energy bars or flapjacks ... if you can't wait for the cake

Mensa Success



We are pleased to announce the following students were successful in passing the Mensa testing. Ollie 7DA, Aleezah 7DA, Billy 7MO, Jacob 7EM, Michael, 7EM, Sara 7EM.

Art 2016-17

Our new Art teacher, Ms Davison, is incredibly excited about joining us in September, so much so that she has given all members of the Turing House community some homework!

In order to be prepared for one of the units of work she would like us to bring in the following items: glasses, bottles, jugs, vases, vessels, ceramic pots and dishes, anything reflective - mirrors, kitchen utensils, cutlery, typewriters, old jewellery, old tools, teacups, mugs, crabs and shells, insects, dolls, train sets, other toys, bones, skeletons, old/broken musical instruments, dried/fake flowers, light bulbs, lanterns, seed pods, interesting packaging.

If you have any of the list above please drop them into reception and we will store them ready for Ms Davison's arrival.

Parent Workshop

A reminder about our parent workshop on Tuesday 28th of June.

Maths and numeracy – the new demands of GCSE, how this affects the Y7 and 8 curriculum and how you can help your children.

Character Education – how we work to develop responsible and mature attitudes and behaviour,

including practical ways this can be used at home. We will also touch on some additional e-safety issues.

If you would like to book your place please do so at <https://turinghouseschool.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/>

Spain 2017

You will be aware that we sent out a simple survey this week to gauge opinion on a possible trip to Spain next year. Whilst votes are still coming in, we currently have 97% of the response in favour of a trip. Before confirming this trip we will continue to contact companies and receive quotes. Once we have narrowed this down to the best options we will make a formal request to the school governors for approval.

ITV @ The Voice

On Wednesday ITV came in to listen to some of our singers, gauging talent with a view to students auditioning for a new programme: 'Children's Voice'. T students involved: Mia, Maria, Alicia, Rhiannon, Nina, Yasmin, Harry J, Niall, Emma, Federico, Louis and Jamie W, performed really well; ITV were very impressed and are looking forward to seeing them at auditions.



Sports Day and Barbecue?

Our Sports Day is confirmed for the 12th July. Arrangements are underway with final details to follow. We are hoping to offer a BBQ alongside the awards ceremony, for which tickets will be available for purchase shortly. More information on this in our next edition.

Awards Evening

Congratulations to our awards winners for 2016. We're looking forward to recognising your achievement with your parents on Tuesday next week. Parents – please do book your seats on Parents' Evening Booking System so we can ensure there are enough!

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

Bike Week: 11th – 19th June

Bike Week is an annual opportunity to promote cycling, and show how cycling can easily be part of everyday life by encouraging 'everyday cycling for everyone'. Demonstrating the social, health and environmental benefits of cycling, the week aims to get people to give cycling a go all over the UK, whether this is for fun, as a means of getting around to work or school, the local shops or just to visit friends. The 2016 event will take place 11-19th June but events still take place through September and beyond.

So why not cycle to school or work next week?

Summer Concert

Preparations are well underway for our 'Summer of 16' concert. Students are rehearsing enthusiastically and are really committed to it being a success. A gentle reminder to all involved to remember their instruments and ensure they are aware of all rehearsals

Year 7 Exams

It's hard to believe that it has been almost a year has gone by and we are in the run up to end of year exams. Students have had a range of assessments over the last five terms in a variety of styles and we are bringing the learning for the year together with end of year exams from 30th June to 5th July. In practice, over this period there will only be 3 days of exams as we have an INSET day on 4th July for the new intake induction day.

The GCSEs that our students will be taking in just four years' time no longer have a coursework component and we are using the end of each year as an opportunity

to develop their skills and strategies well in advance, including:

1. Revising and preparing to answer questions on learning from across the year
2. Time management in independent learning
3. Routines and organisation of exams in the school environment.

We know that all students will find this a challenge to a greater or lesser extent and we will use this as an opportunity to see how well they can apply their learning in examination conditions which, to some extent, mirror the GCSE arrangements.

Please do talk to them about getting ready for these and we will give some more guidance over the coming weeks. They should remember that we, they and you already know how fantastically well they have progressed this year, reflected in the reports you have just received. Students now need to find out how to show the same thing in exam conditions so that we make sure they can show an examiner that in four years' time!

And finally..... a very nice letter

Often, if a member of the public is motivated to write to a school, it is because of a concern they have. I'm pleased of course to have received very few of those. Much more frequent are letters like the one below received just before the holiday:

Every morning of my working day presents a challenge; sharing public transport with the school children of the many and varied schools in the area. It is very noticeable, however, that the children from your school are very different from the milieu - displaying impeccable manners and courtesy on a consistent every-day basis. They stand back to allow the elderly to board the bus first, they thank the driver when they alight and they use the word 'please'. It's quite touching when they alight from the bus to hear the driver calling out to them 'watch the road' such is the impact of their good manners. I rarely put pen to paper for any reason these days, but I thought you ought to know these children bring credit to your school.