



Rudi Oppenheimer

Last Friday our year 8 students were privileged to welcome and hear from Rudi Oppenheimer, a survivor from the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. Originally we had programmed the session to last for an hour so that he could speak to them and they could answer questions. Rudi was still with us after nearly two hours as the session overran into lunch. Students listened, transfixed and respectful, for almost an hour and then started asking their questions including:

'Have you forgiven the Nazis'

'Would you change anything about your life?'

'What do you think of Trump?'



Rudi answered them thoughtfully and at length. His perspective is unique and he gave everyone much to think about the past, the present and the future.

Several students and staff purchased signed copies of his book and some even took selfies!

The event was a huge privilege for the students and one that clearly resonated with many of them reflecting on issues in today's society.



Forthcoming Events

3rd Jan: INSET day, School closed to students

4th Jan: First day of term for students, 8.30am

10th Jan: *Looking after your bike* session for students, 3.15pm

18th Jan: Y8 *Blood Brothers* theatre trip, leave school at 6pm

Fixtures

Rotary Boxes

We received a lovely email from the rotary club thanking the students for their efforts with the boxes:

'So many thanks for the huge effort Turing House pupils made to produce the huge number of shoe boxes; there were 93 in total. I'm also going to arrange for a certificate to be produced that you can display.'



Well done to the 93 students!

Christmas Book List

Thank you to everyone for the books for our library that joined the shoeboxes under the tree. We're more than happy to receive some late presents in January too!

https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/registry/wishlist/3OHZ1M6U9CLY0/ref=cm_sw_em_r_wsvg_66kpybWCV755R_wb

Or just search for Turing House School on Amazon's wish lists.

Sustainable Travel Bronze Award

We are delighted to announce that we have now received our plaque for achieving bronze award status for our commitment to safe, active and responsible travel. Miss Garrod is now picking up the baton in our quest for Silver!



MENSA Puzzle

Bethany has received 25 Christmas cards, Diane has received 49, Carla has received 31 and Adele has received 14. How many cards has Barbara received?

Last Week's Answer: 215. The numbers rise by 80, 60, 40 and 20.

Permanent Site Update

This month has seen the start of the feasibility study for the permanent site. This is the process where reference designs are drawn up, surveys of the land are done and the information is put together for building contractors to prepare their bids.

We've had a number of meetings with the architect for this phase and it's exciting to see real plans being created. The size of the site will enable us to have fabulous sporting facilities and we've already started to look at how these could be made available to the community.

Mr Jones, the dashing Santa

On Sunday 4th December, Mr Jones took part in the London Santa Dash in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital. He finished in under 50 minutes. As you can imagine, it was not easy running in a Santa suit as it can get very hot! Clapham Common saw its fair share of Christmas spirit that day.

At the final count he raised £377, however you can still donate to a very worthwhile cause. Please go to http://events.gosh.org/site/TR/SantaDash/SantaDash?px=1180781&pg=personal&fr_id=1170



Christmas Safety

Following on from our recent message home about road safety, we would like to thank you for your support with reinforcing the message, particularly about the crossings near school which can seem frustratingly slow because of the complex traffic flow.

Please do remind your children about this again as we approach the shortest day next week and again in January when it will almost certainly be colder and wetter!

Reflective tape, patches and accessories for coats and bags make great stocking fillers too!



Christmas Quiz



Work out which station each of these clues is for:

1. Do not go south
2. Tie up to the barrier
3. Wait in line to see the flowers
4. Stormy spurs
5. Mountain sold by weight
6. Yes sir, we have plenty of everything
7. Did it stop after four minutes?
8. Find the greenery round the bend
9. Clowns study here
10. Guns go underground

<http://content.tfl.gov.uk/standard-tube-map.pdf>

Imperial College CodeLab

CodeLab engages students in Years 7 to 10 in computing and STEM subjects through creative coding projects led by talented Imperial students. More details and how to apply are here:

<https://www.imperialcodelab.com/#start-coding>

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Spinning in 2017

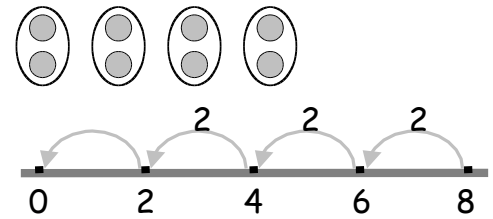
We held our last spinning session of 2016 at Fitness First on the 8th December. Both Fitness First and Turing House are keen to keep this going. We'll announce some dates in the New Year after Mr O'Sullivan has surveyed the students to find the best day of the week in the already busy schedule of clubs.



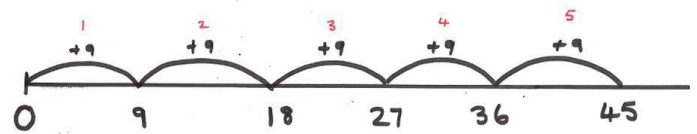
Consistent Mathematical Methods

Stages in Division

1. Number lines & grouping



2. Division on a number line: $45 \div 9$



How many lots of 9 make 45?

3. An 'efficient' method for short division

$496 \div 11$ becomes

				4	5	r	1			
1	1				5					
				4	9	6				
Answer: $45 \frac{1}{11}$										

4. An 'efficient' method for long division.

$432 \div 15$ becomes

				2	8	·	8			
1	5			4	3	2	·	0		
				3	0					
				1	3	2				
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Answer: 28·8										

Clubs and Extra-Curricular from January

Before School	Lunchtime
Monday	
Fitness	Band
Tuesday	
	Elleray Hall
Wednesday	
Orchestra	Choir
Thursday	
Yoga	ECOstars
Friday	
	Choir

Monday 3:15	Tuesday 3:15
Homework	Homework
Netball	Music Tech
X-Country	Fixtures
War Hammer	STEM
Wednesday 3:15	
Thursday 3:15	
Homework	Homework
Creative arts	Drama: 30mins
Maths in motion	Think Aloud
Drama	Football
	Dance