

Headteacher's Update

6th January 2017

Vote for our Jurassic Garden Project!

TESCO Bags of Help

We are delighted that Turing House's Jurassic Garden project has been placed on the shortlist to try to win funding to help us create this garden.

Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch its Bags of Help initiative across England and Wales. The scheme sees three community groups and projects in each of around 200 Tesco regions awarded grants of £5,000, £2,000 and £1,000 – all raised from the 5p bag charge.

Bags of Help offers community groups and projects across the UK a share of revenue generated from the 5p charge levied on single-use carrier bags.

The public will now vote in store from 2 to 28 January on who should receive the £5,000, £2,000 and £1,000 awards.

Online customers can take their Customer Deliver Note into store and show this to a colleague in order to be given a voting token.

So please do go to your local Tesco store during January and vote for Turing House's Jurassic Garden every time you shop there; every vote counts!

Here is a list of stores supporting our cause:

Forthcoming Events

10th Jan: Looking after your bike session for students, 3.15pm
11th and 12th Jan: Y8 parents' evening, 4.15pm – 7.30pm
17th Jan: Y7 parents meeting re new assessment methods
18th Jan: Y8 Blood Brothers theatre trip, leave school at 6pm
4th Feb: Coder Dojo Event in school – details to follow

- NEW MALDEN HI ST EXP KT3 4DQ
- HOOK EXPRESS KT9 1EL
- WORCESTER PARK EXP KT4 7NW
- NORBITON EXPRESS KT1 3RT
- TOLWORTH EXPRESS KT6 7DQ
- SURBITON HOOK RD EXP KT6 5AR
- KINGSTON THAMES EXP KT2 5EB
- HAMPTON HILL EXPRESS TW12 1NL
- RICHMOND EXPRESS TW10 7NR
- TWICKENHAM LDN EXP TW1 4BW
- ST MARGARETS TWIK EXP TW1 1RG
- TEDDINGTON METRO TW11 8RF
- WHITTON METRO TW2 7LN
- EPSOM RUXLEY LANE EXP KT19 9JS
- EPSOM HORTON EXP KT19 8SP
- EPSOM STATION EXP KT19 8EU

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for your kind donations towards Christmas Jumper Day; we raised £185.19 for Save the Children.

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!

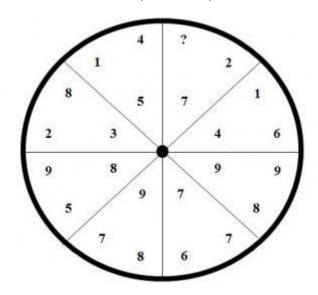
https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/registry/wishlist/30HZ 1M6U9CLY0/ref=cm sw em r wsvg 66kpybWCV755 R wb Or just search for Turing House School on Amazon's wish lists.

Fixtures

12th Jan: Y8 boys' Basketball AWAY v St Richard Reynolds 16th Jan: Y7 girls' Hockey training AWAY at Radnor House 17th Jan: Y8 girls' Basketball AWAY v Teddington 19th Jan: Y8 boys' Basketball AWAY v Teddington

MENSA Puzzle

What number should replace the question mark?



Last Week's Answer: Place the alphabetical values of the first and second letters together to give the number of cards. (Bethany -B = 2 & E = 5).

Uniform Reminder

Please ensure that all students are wearing the correct school uniform at all times, including PE kit. We believe that our uniform is incredibly smart if worn correctly and we hope that this will continue. For clarification, pages 6-7 of the school planner explain our uniform in detail, as does this page of our school website:

https://www.turinghouseschool.org.uk/uniform.php

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.

Mensa Testing Friday 20th

On Friday 20th January over 30 students from year 7 and year 8 will take the Mensa test. This challenging examination takes around 2 lessons to complete. For all students taking the test we wish them the very best of luck and, whatever the outcome, we are incredibly pleased they have taken up the challenge.



PE Kit Spares

Having noticed the incredible growth of some of our students over the Christmas break, we are making a plea for any outgrown PE kit (this includes trainers). Any spare kit we have on site ensures that everyone participates in physical activity at least once a week in school. Please bring any donations to the main school office.



Bike Mechanics

A reminder that Road Bicycle Exchange will be coming to Turing House on the 10th January to offer an introduction to bike mechanics (https://roadcycleexchange.com). Road Cycle Exchange, based in Kingston, is quite a new shop where you can buy and sell great used bikes with confidence and ease. All of their bikes are fully traced and serviced. If you are interested in taking part in this session, sign up with Mr O'Sullivan & bring your bike in on the day.



Beauty and the Beast Rehearsal Schedule

<u>'Beauty and the Beast' Rehearsal Schedule –</u> Term 3

WEDNESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL REHEARSALS

DATE	SH	WG	МО
TUESDAY!!	ALL CAST		
10/01/17	(Belle)		
18/01/17	Castle Servants, Chorus		
	(INCLUDING SILLY GIRLS		
	ANI	D NARRATO	ORS)
	(Be our guest)		
25/01/17	Castle Servants, Chorus		
	(INCLU	JDING SILL	Y GIRLS
	ANI	D NARRATO	ORS)
	(E	Be our gues	st)
1/02/17	ALL CAST (Mob Song)		
8/02/17	ALL CAST (Mob Song)		

THURSDAY AFTER-SCHOOL REHEARSALS (20 MINS ONLY)

DATE	SH	WG	МО
12/01/17	NO REHEARSAL – Y8 PARENTS' EVENING		
19/01/17	Maurice, Beast, Belle, Castle Servants	Gaston	Silly Girls

26/01/17	Belle,	Maurice,	Gaston,
	Beast	Gaston,	Lefou
		Lefou,	
		Belle,	
		Castle	
		Servants	
2/02/17	TBC	TBC	TBC
9/02/17	TBC	TBC	TBC

Harry W Dressage Success

In December one of our Year 8 students, Harry W, recently took a Riding for the Disabled Association Dressage test in conjunction with Park Lane Stables. Harry, together with his equine partner, Trigger, prepared thoroughly beforehand, performed amazingly and achieved 6th place. Congratulations, Harry!





Year 8 Parents' Evening

Book your 6 appointments here:

https://turinghouseschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk

Clubs and Extra-Curricular from January

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

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

Think Aloud Topics

This club is incredibly successful and runs each Thursday. Currently, we would like a few more year 7 students attending. Here are the topics that will be debated this term:

19th January Cats are better than dogs

26th January Gaming should be banned

2nd February Unhealthy foods should be priced highly

9th February Celebrity culture is a good thing

2nd March Unemployment benefit should be taken away

9th March The UK should take more refugees

16th March We should abolish capitalism

6th April Going to church makes you a Christian



Votes for Schools

A reminder to all parents/carers that each student has a personal login to access the Votes for Schools system. This unique service allows students to vote on a topic that they have discussed in form time each week. The topics discussed tend to be something controversial from the recent news. This week the topic was 'Will the

UK be more united in 2017?' With the political climate so volatile at the moment, we really want to stress the importance of our right to vote. So please encourage sons and daughters to login and vote each week.



This Year

Miss Parsons' form has been set a series of challenges for the New Year. We are sure that some other form groups may also take part. However, staff and parents may wish to do the same:

Break a bad habit

Learn a new Skill

Do a good deed

Visit a new place

Read a difficult book

Write and send a letter

Try a new food

Happy New Year and best wishes to all for 2017!