

# Headteacher's Update

24th March 2017

Red Nose Day



## Friday 24 March

On Friday we held our first RND. Students arrived at school in mufti, with red being a feature throughout the choices. Having sold 120 noses through the week, these were heavily on display, including all the staff. The cake competition was a success with Jake S and Acalia D being crowned champions in the taste and aesthetics categories respectively. The lessons challenges were great fun, with the following students taking victory in the various areas:

Spelling	Jake S Sam H		
Bicycle	Ben S	Lucy R	
Cream crackers	Lewis Q	Eve W	
Spanish	7GA	8EM	
Netball	Mimi W Tegvir D		
Plank	Pacey F	Sonny N	

At the time of going to print, we have currently raised nearly £600. Thank you to all those who have donated.

#### **MENSA Puzzle**

On each row place a four letter word that will link the two given words (i.e. SECOND - HAND - BAG). When completed the third letters of the added words will give the name of a capital city reading downwards. What is it?

FAST	 CHAIN
BIRD	 TOWEL
FOOT	 WAY
BROAD	 BAG
FALSE	 CHORUS
GRAVY	 RACE

Last Week's Answer: Care

## Comedy Night – TONIGHT!

Tonight (24th March) is the Friends' Comedy Night with acts from Bearcat Comedy Club. We are delighted to see so many people supporting the evening. If you suddenly find yourself free and looking for an entertaining evening, come and join us; there will be tickets available online and on the door.

The venue is Elleray Hall, Teddington. Doors open 7pm; first act on around 8.15pm - tickets £15

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

#### Forthcoming Events

31<sup>st</sup> March: School closed for INSET day 1<sup>st</sup> April: Jurassic Garden planting, 9.30am 3<sup>rd</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Holidays 18<sup>th</sup> April: Students return to school

19th and 20th April: School Production - Beauty and the Beast

#### Fixtures

**28<sup>th</sup> March:** Y8 Boys' Football AWAY v Grey Court 28th March: Y7 Girls' Netball AWAY v Grey Court 29th Mar: Y7 Boys' Basketball Tournament at Christ's

**30**th March: Y7 Girls' Basketball Tournament at Teddington

**30**th **March**: Y8 Girls' Netball v AWAY v Teddington **18<sup>th</sup> April:** Y7 Boys' Football HOME v Hampton High

#### Votes for Schools

#### Should the UK provide more aid for foreign countries?

In my opinion, I believe that the UK donates enough funds to play a part reviving countries taken over by poverty and famine. We are spending £113 million to assist Yemen, £137 million for Somalia, £302 million for Nigeria and £176 million on aid projects in South Sudan. This amount is much more than other 1st world countries such as Germany or the US — wealthy countries that also lend a hand of relief. The UK is spending money that could be used to lift the decreasing amount of money in the NHS or provide resources to schools for better education. I think that the UK must sort out the problems we face here so we have the strength to help the weak. *Aleezah R* 

#### Beauty and the Beast

Letters went out this week regarding rehearsals and performance dates and times for the school show. We understand that some students may not be able to make the Easter holiday rehearsals and that's absolutely fine; there is no need for families to rearrange existing plans. However, if students are available, we would appreciate as many of the cast there as possible.

For those not involved with the show, but who would like to come watch, tickets are priced at £4 and available on Scopay. The show will be performed on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 7.00pm, at The Mall School. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Sherry via the school office.

## Beauty and the Beast Rehearsal Schedule

#### **Tuesday after school rehearsals**

DATE	SH	WG	МО
28/03/17	Castle	Netball	Belle
	Servants	Fixture	Beast
			(Beauty
			and the
			Beast
			Waltz)

## Wednesday after school rehearsals

DATE	SH	WG	МО	
29/03/17			Full Cast	
Easter Holiday Rehearsals at The Mall School: Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April				

Thursday 13th April

#### Props for Beauty and the Beast

Beauty and the Beast is in the final stages of rehearsal and we are very excited for you to see the show.

We need to source the following props. If you have something that might be suitable and would be happy to loan for the week of the show, could you please email Miss Willoughby at info@turinghouse.org.uk

#### A Victorian Style Armchair:



#### A small park bench:



#### Poetry by Heart

After Easter, Miss Sherry and Miss Andrews will be running a 'Poetry by Heart' competition, which involves students memorising and performing a poem. In the process, we hope that students will foster deep personal connections with the poems chosen and bring poetry alive for their peers and families. The finalists will perform their poems in assembly, and the winners will receive exciting literary treats as prizes. More details to follow soon.

Watch this space!

## Student's Book Review

My Gym Teacher is an Alien Overlord by David Solomons

Luke is a bit of a bad boy at school and his best friend Serge is always getting the blame, but when Luke sees pure evil in his new gym teacher (Sue Dunham), he's sure that there is something fishy going on. Suddenly, in the middle of the night, 'Puny Earthlings', a mysterious video game, appears on everyone's doorstep in Bromley... it is a competition and he must complete it first. He knows that aliens disguised as gym teachers will invade the world, but will anyone listen?

This is a must-read book; the characters Luke and Serge are really funny, the plot is brilliant as they go on an adventure and I couldn't put it down! I have to say that we do not want an alien overlord working at Turing House School! **Noah R** 

### **Engineering Talks**

Yesterday we had the opportunity of an insight into engineering. We learnt about how we could have a future in engineering and revolutionise the world whilst making a living. One of the activities involved making a propeller and lifting a 200g bag of gravel with a Lego structure. Ben J, Joe S and Jamie S ending up winning and although the task was simple it showed the class possible doors into engineering. **Ben Johnson** 

I really enjoyed yesterday's session as it showed us how the world is based around engineering. We were lucky enough to do a practical in this lesson where we made a car and tried to send it a certain distance; unfortunately our team's car was a total failure but we got chocolate for winning the other task. *Jamie S* 

#### Netball V Orleans Park

The Y7 and 8 girls unfortunately came home last Tuesday with their first loss; it was against Orleans Park. Although they lost, they played really well scoring four goals. Our play down court was a bit rushed but well handled. Despite the fact that the girls didn't win, they should all be very proud as we have now come 2<sup>nd</sup> in the league pool and are soon to play Teddington for the playoff for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place! Well done to the girls and good luck against Teddington. *Mimi W* 

### Spanish Trip Evening

On Thursday evening we welcomed parents for a talk about our year 8 Spanish trip to Andalucía.

Students will be staying in Seville, famous for being the home of flamenco dancing. They will take Spanish lessons, eat churros and chocolate, and visit the famous park of Maria Luisa, the Gothic Cathedral and the Alcazar. In addition, students will also get the chance to visit neighbouring city Granada, home to The Alhambra Palace, a UNESCO world heritage site where diversity in culture and religion is celebrated, exhibiting the country's most significant and well-known Islamic architecture, together with 16<sup>th</sup> century and later Christian building and garden interventions.

Staff and students alike are very excited and looking forward to a trip which is sure to be unforgettable!

#### Tennis Classes at NPL

England Sports Group are offering high quality Tennis Classes at NPL in the summer term.

The aim of the classes is to make 11-14 year olds fall in love with the sport whilst learning all the techniques and tactics that gear them up ready to play the game whether it is just for fun or to compete!

#### Course Info:

Wednesday 03/05/2017 - 12/07/2017 (Excluding Half-Term 29th May - 2nd June)

3.30-4.30pm

Ages 11-14

Cost £66.95

**NPL Tennis Club** 

**Queens Road** 

**Teddington** 

**TW11 OLW** 

#### SPACES ARE LIMITED TO 10 PUPILS SO BOOK FAST!

#### How to book and pay:

To secure your child's place please visit <a href="https://www.englandsportsgroup.com">www.englandsportsgroup.com</a> and under Clubs – Book Now, choose the Teddington Club and in Term choose Summer Term C2 2017 to make a booking online.

If you are unable to book online please call England Sports Group on 0800 043 0707.

#### Healthy Eating

A number of you have recently contacted us requesting further information about some of the food served in out canteen - in particular, the Radnor Fizz drinks. Radnor Hills School Compliant Soft Drinks range is a delicious variety of flavoured soft drinks that all comply with the new Government Regulations for Schools. For more information see here:

http://www.radnorhills.co.uk/product-category/53f48231f0ab6/School-Compliant

Very soon, we will be launching our healthy eating fortnight with lots of chances to try new things. One of our big drives is to get more students trying and eating brown rather than white bread as this does seem a default setting for some of our students. Harrisons, our caterers, will be in to deliver assemblies and we will be launching a few *cool* things!

On Wednesday, we held a meeting for all of our vegetarians to gauge their opinions of the vegetarian offer and find out some additional recipes that they would like to see on the menu.

## Bushcraft Trip Evening

On Thursday we held the briefing for the upcoming Bushcraft trip (5th – 7th May). Activities will include things like camouflage and concealment, fresh water swimming and wilderness first aid. A letter and the presentation from the evening will be sent home for your information.

#### Charity Five-a-Side Football Tournament

On Thursday last week, many students took part in a charity Football tournament in aid of Comic Relief. Ten teams played each other and the winning team were *Benchwarmers FC* who consisted of Ben S, Charlie A, Lewis Q, Billy B and Karim S. *Ben S* 

#### Sainsbury's Active Kids 2017



Please collect vouchers from Sainsbury's stores and online shopping from now until June and bring into school.

## Business and Enterprise Club

On **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March** we will be running a taster session for a new club that will commence formally after Easter. The aim of the business and enterprise club is to give students an introduction to the world of business. The club will help students acquire the tools they need to succeed through finding solutions to problems. Much as in the world of business, the format of the club will be collaborative, shaped by the needs and wants of the students. We will discuss business ideas and concepts, evaluate case studies to look at how and why businesses managed to succeed or fail and allow the students to develop their own business ideas.

The exact structure of the club can evolve depending on the particular interests the students have, but can include areas such as:

- Introduction to business and the different types of organisations
- Branding, marketing and advertising
- Comparing and contrasting different industries
- Ten pound challenge groups of students have
  10 pound seed capital to try and develop and grow a business
- Supply chain how does a product get from raw material stage to the shop window?
- Share investing with students 'investing' an imaginary sum of money in dummy portfolios and tracking the progress
- Publicity, looking at how good and bad news events can impact the state of a business.

The club will take place in 1.6 at 3.15pm.



#### Jurassic Garden Update

A reminder that we will be planting the garden on **Saturday 1**<sup>st</sup> **April**. Eco Club members will have marked out the location of the plants prior to this, so that should speed up the process.

If you are able to help, we will begin at **9:30am**; bring yourself and a spade. To help us plan the day, please let the office know if you plan to attend. Both adults and students are welcome. All students must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

## EEP Trip to Big Bang! Science Fair

The EEP team went to Birmingham to the Big Bang! Science fair. This fair was hosting the EEP robotics competition as well as other senior contests. Firstly, we had to meet at school at 5:30am which led onto a 3-hour journey in our minibus which was driven by Mr Jones.

At the national round, we were able to design and make a stand which was judged as a part of our total score. Maria set out to create wonderful bunting and Raisharnai had the job of arranging pictures and documents around the stand. The stand was the home to all of our equipment including the robot. Shortly after, a large meeting took place. There, we were introduced to the other teams as well as the competitive day ahead.

We moved swiftly on to the robot challenge which didn't go as well as we rehearsed but we did take more risks and added sensors to improve accuracy. We still received a reasonable score for each trial.

Up next, the team challenge. We had to take a test for which career crew we'd be suitable for. They consisted of power crew, space crew, food crew, sports crew and more. Then, we had to find other members of career crews and answer a question. This was quickly completed and next, we focused on writing about 3 stands across the fair that linked to our team on the EEP challenge.

Next, we were brought to the robot design talk which went extremely well due to the fact that we all contributed and understood the challenges and design we chose.

After, the presentation was shown to a pair of judges. It went successfully and smoothly. We saw this from the responses of the adjudicators.

Lunch flew by rapidly and soon enough, the time had come for announcing the prizes. We were very surprised and happy to find out we had won an award from 'Tomorrow's Engineers'. This was for our creativity and passion towards our engineering careers in the future. *Sam H* 

## Richmond Borough Netball League

It has been an outstanding season for the netball teams at Turing House. The Year 7 and 8 teams have both finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their pools. The Year 7 team will compete in the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> playoff against Grey Court on Tuesday and the Year 8 team against Teddington on Thursday. These matches will determine their overall league position. Good luck, girls!

