



Technology Tournament

On 28th March, Esme, Lily Rose, Paddy and Niall (all in Y8) went to the Rotary Club's Technology Tournament at Richmond Park Academy. Our challenge was to build an electric car that could push some debris out of a pipe. We had to make a back axle and a pulley to make the car work as it was powered by a motor. Miss Barnes took part in the teachers' competition and her group came first place! **Lily Rose S**



100% Attendance Certificates

We have today awarded certificates to 72 students, all of whom achieved 100% attendance for the spring term. Well done to all of those students and parents! The aim for average attendance is 96% or above, so let's keep striving to keep above this figure for the rest of the school year.

Forthcoming Events

1st April: Jurassic Garden planting, 9.30am
3rd-13th April: Easter Holidays
18th April: Students return to school
19th and 20th April: School Production - Beauty and the Beast

Fixtures

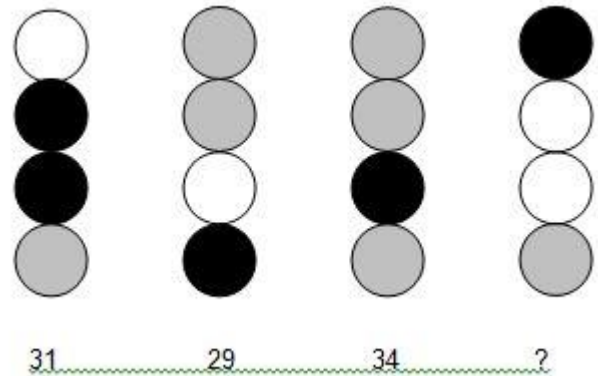
18th April: Y7 Boys' Football HOME v Hampton High
25th April: Y8 Boys' Football HOME v Hampton High

Red Nose Day Fun



MENSA Puzzle

What should be the value of the fourth column?



Last Week's Answer: Ottawa. The words are FOOD, BATH, PATH, BEAN, DAWN and BOAT.

Jurassic Garden Planting 1st April

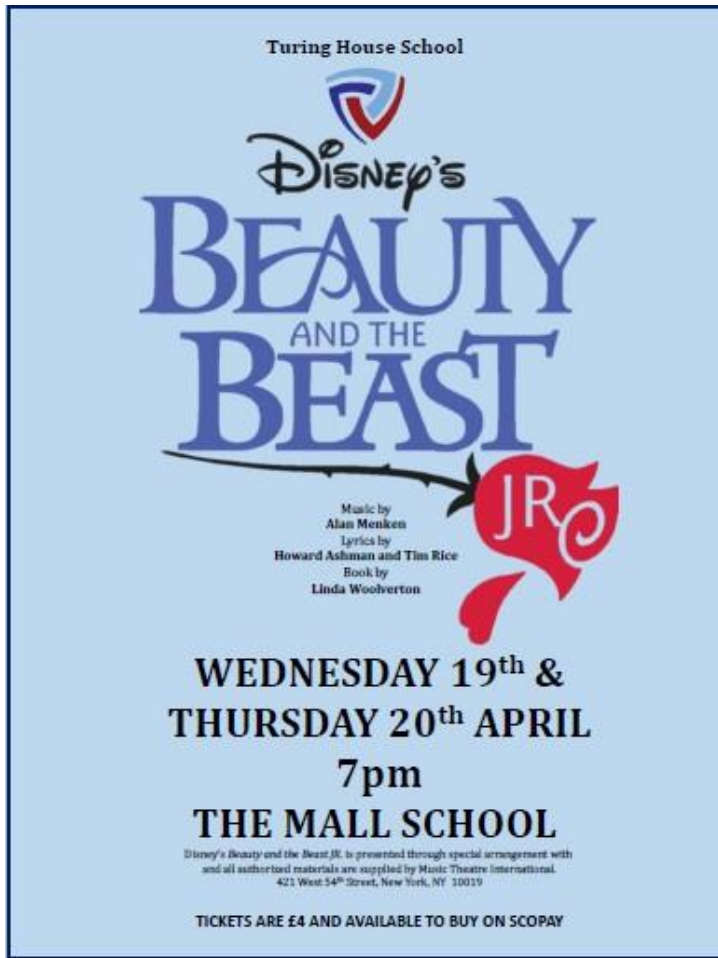
A reminder that we will be planting the garden on **Saturday 1st April**. Eco Club members will have marked out the location of the plants prior to this, so that should speed up the process. If you are able to help, we will begin at **9:30am**; bring yourself, a wheelbarrow and a spade. Both adults and students are welcome. All students must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

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 19th April** and **Thursday 20th 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

Easter Holiday Rehearsals at The Mall School: Monday 3rd April

10.00am – 3.30pm Belle, Beast, Maurice, Castle Servants, Gaston, Lefou, Silly Girls, Wolves

1.00pm – 3.30pm – ALL CAST (plus skeleton crew)

Thursday 13th April

8.30am – 3.30pm – ALL CAST AND CREW
(but NOT hair/makeup and front of house)

Student's Writing

In Year 8 English lessons this term, we've been reading, enjoying and analysing works of literary non-fiction, looking in particular at how non-linear chronology can be used to narrate an event. Ethan H uses flashbacks in his stunningly moving piece of writing below:

English Flashback

The monotonous beeping of the heart machine is the rhythm I listen to whilst I wait. The 'match attacks' he gave me sit on my lap. I decide at that moment that I will keep them until I feel fit to open them. I attempt to

remember the times we had together. The breezy summer days when he introduced me to cricket. That triggers a memory.

Grandpa throws the ball down to my feet and I smash it over the fence. We both start laughing and we walk around to go and get it. He tells me how England are winning the Ashes and how he will teach me how to play a coin game. "Life is perfect," I think to myself.

I unwrap the packet of Polos tentatively, trying not to wake him up. I eat them and my head ache and my sickness gets worse. I don't know why I have my head ache. I think it was the car journey. The smell of cancer taunts me, floating through my lungs, infecting my trail of thought. The anonymous voices in my head tell me to stay but my childish brain tells me to leave. I can't take anymore so I leave to play on the hospice PlayStation. This was my only friend in this moment. I look at my brother's plane and start remembering.

It's August and I'm sitting on Grandpa's shoulders looking at the planes soaring over us. We are at Shoreham air show and I'm loving it. I am amazed at the huge spirals and patterns the planes are making. I receive a bag of chips and start eating. My Grandpa used to be a flight engineer, so he knew all the ins and outs of planes. He explained how it all works and I loved it, even though I didn't understand anything he was saying. We went every year since I was 2. I am now 5.

But I am now 7 and playing on the PlayStation waiting for the call. It's currently 8:30pm. I'm tired and alone. I drift to sleep. My wakeup call is mum crying, weeping. I walk out and ask "what's wrong?" Dad replies by saying, "go back in that room for a bit please." I do as I am told. There is no point in hiding it from me. I know what's happened. After 3 long minutes I am invited into his room. No beep; no breathing; no noise. It's done; it's over. I look at my 'match attacks', then the heart machine and a realisation thumps me in the chest. He's gone. "Goodbye." **Ethan H**

Y7 Netball V Orleans Park



What a fantastic season the Year 7 and Year 8 netball teams have had! They have both finished 4th out of 10 schools in the Richmond Borough League.

Music Success



Huge congratulations to Tom D (Y7) who, after auditioning at The Trinity College of Music in London, has gained a place at the Junior Music School where he will attend every Saturday from September this year. This is an incredible achievement and we are very proud of him. We are very much looking forward to attending his future concerts which I'm sure will be amazing. He has also, this week, been successful in achieving both his Grade 6 piano and Grade 6 cello exams with strong merits. Well done Tom!

Turing House Friends' Comedy Night

A packed house raised over £700 for the school as Ellera Hall transformed into a cabaret club for the Friends' Comedy Fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and went along.

Bearcat said it was a '*great crowd*' - like we didn't know that already...



Y8 Football v Grey Court



On 28th March, the Turing House Y8 Boys faced league leaders Grey Court in a crucial football match. Grey Court were on the attack from the first minute and had the majority of the possession for the first half, but failed to make their many chances count; it was 0-0 at half time. The second half started and we were once again under pressure. However, some excellent defending by our centre-back duo, Karim and George,

and some exquisite saves from Ben kept us in it. We soon hit Grey Court on the counter attack and Billy scored! We then managed to see out the rest of the fixture to make us 1-0 winners. The MOTM was Lewis for showing his versatility for playing the first half out of position at right-back. **Max R**

Global Social Leaders



On Saturday 25th March, Turing House's Global Social Leaders team attended a meeting at the prestigious Wellington College. The day was organised so each school/sixth-form involved could showcase all things about their project. We were split into 3 groups and had to produce a 7-minute pitch in front of a panel of judges who decided the overall winners. Our project is on young carers and how we are teaming up with Richmond Carers Centre to give them a day off. At the end of the day, the awards were announced and we unfortunately didn't win anything. However, the head judge did come up to us and praised us for our maturity and social awareness for such a young age. We were the youngest there out of everyone! Overall, it was a great day out and we are all very honoured to be part of such a big event. **Max R**

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Jack Petchey Winners

Finn W:



Finn is an outstanding student who works incredibly hard across every subject, always trying his best and striving to succeed. Despite his many successes, he remains incredibly humble. He is helpful during tutor time and looks out for others. He stands up for what he believes in and sticks up for his friends in a mature way. Finn displays a fantastic attitude in lessons and after school activities; he represents the school in a number of sports showing passion, determination and commitment. He is a highly talented individual who raises the level of team mates' performances too.

Will W:



Kind, thoughtful and enthusiastic, Will's passion is infectious. Whether it's the latest book he's read and keen to share, or the next performance he's in, Will demonstrates commitment to the school – especially its extra-curricular life. Will is an interesting and interested young man; he readily gives of his time and talents and

is enthusiastic about all he does. He is very well liked and respected by both staff and peers, and shows absolute loyalty to all the clubs and activities he attends. Will is passionate, opinionated and confident with his views whilst also being empathetic to those around him. The school is richer for having Will as one of its students.

Zoe F:



Zoe is a sunshine person – she brightens up every room she’s in through her friendliness, kindness and helpfulness. She has responded to landing the lead role in the school production with modesty, grace and commitment, ensuring that every minute of every rehearsal counts. The way she treats others means everyone always feels comfortable around her. Zoe works incredibly hard and is always looking at ways to improve the work that she produces.

Jake S:



Since the school opened, Jake has thrown himself into every available opportunity. He is at the heart of all things science and maths and this can be seen in his numerous extracurricular activities. On top of this, Jake is a keen sportsman, taking part in basketball and tennis. Jake is a mature young man with a lovely sense of humour. Jake has undoubted academic ability accompanied by quiet modesty and a gentleness of spirit. He quietly but resolutely involves himself in many areas of school life with successful outcomes. He works well with both staff and peers and is respected by both. Jake is a role model, exemplifying what can result from hard work and dedication.

Maria V:



Maria is an outstanding student who gives 100% in everything she does. She has supported the school in events and volunteers for so much. She is someone who has her own opinions, empathises with others and sees the good in people. In Religion and Philosophy, she has a brilliant philosophical mind and challenges ultimate questions beyond her years. Maria is the embodiment of our Turing House values and she applies these in all that she does. Maria has played a key part in EEP robotics, supporting her fellow students with her bubbly and kind hearted nature. She strives to complete everything to her best ability and with impeccable manners. She is exceptionally able in many areas and somehow manages to spread her time over the vast variety of extra-curricular commitments she has, whilst also having the time to be friendly and mature. Always ready with a smile, Maria is welcoming and friendly to all, radiating positivity.

Yasmin H:



Yasmin is committed to all aspects of the school community and epitomises the values of Turing House. She has represented the school in numerous sporting events, including every netball match this term. She is also a reliable cast member of the school production. Yasmin is conscientious, working hard in all of her subjects. She can always be relied on to look out for other students in the class. She is kind, conscientious, and her smile brightens up every room she's in. Modest, gracious and giving, Yasmin exudes kindness and positivity to a standard that we should all aspire to.

Y7 Boys' Basketball Borough Tournament

On Wednesday the Y7 boys took part in a basketball tournament held at Christ's School in Richmond, involving eight other schools. The boys performed exceptionally well, finishing in 4th place overall. Well done!



Y7 Girls' Basketball Borough Tournament



On Thursday the Y7 girls put in a resilient performance, showing great team work to win their final match and finish on a high. Well done, girls!