

Headteacher's Update

17th November 2017

Craft Fair



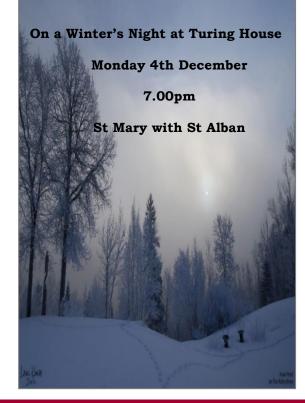
Christmas Craft Fair Donations Needed

We only have three weeks left before our first ever Christmas Fair! THF would like to sell refreshments and cakes to raise money for the school. Therefore, we are asking for donations from Year 7 & 8 of soft drinks, Mince Pies and Gingerbread! Any donations are welcome; please bring to Miss Parsons ASAP. Thank you.

Forthcoming Events

23 November: Parent Workshops 6pm
4 December: Winter Concert 7pm
6 December: Christmas Craft Fair 5.30pm – 8pm
15 December: End of Term

Winter Concert – Date for your diary!



RSPCA Young Photographer of the Year

Year 7 student, Oliver Porter, has been nominated for an award in the RSPCA Young Photographer of the Year Awards 2017! On Friday December 15th 2017, he has been invited to go to the awards ceremony at the Tower of London to find out if he has won! Good luck, Oliver!

Fixtures				
20 Nov	Boys	Y8	Rugby League	Hinchley Wood
21 Nov	Boys	U14	Basketball	Twickenham Academy
23 Nov	Boys	Y7	Basketball	Teddington
24 Nov	Girls	U14	Basketball	Teddington

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Congratulations!



Congratulations to Georgia B. who took part in The Farnham Music Festival this weekend, playing a high-level piece _ Polish Dance - and received the highest award available of 'outstanding', from the adjudicator.

Well done Georgia.

Exciting Opportunity for Tom D!

An exciting opportunity has opened up for Tom Delaney who currently attends Trinity College for Music on Saturdays as a junior.

Over half term, he was invited to take part in a joint project with Laban Dance School and composers Leo Geyer and Darren Bloom.

"With our Composers' Ensemble as the resident ensemble for this project, JT composers and CAT dancers will be working together to create a 25min show on the theme of 'Exchange' to be produced for Live@TL on the LABAN Main Stage and with some workshops taking place at TATE Exchange. This is an extraordinarily exciting collaboration, the likes of which haven't happened since Leo Geyer himself was at JT."

Tom spent 3 days over half term working with the other composers/dancers, and will be composing some short bits of music (only 1 min joining pieces!) as he is by far the youngest person on this project; most of them are A level students.

The performance for this will be Tues 20th March. It will be amazing for Tom to hear something he has written performed on stage by an orchestra and dancers.

Well done, Tom!

Bike Security

Please can we remind students to be vigilant locking their bikes up when they are leaving them unattended. Bikes should also be security marked. If you would like your child's bike marked at school please email the school on <u>info@turinghouseschool.org.uk</u> and if there are sufficient numbers, we will run another session with the local police. Students should also remember to lock their bikes when attending any clubs or fixtures at Bushy Park.



Parent Workshops

You may have seen in the school calendar that on Thursday 23rd November we are holding some workshop sessions for Year 7 Parents.

The event runs from 6pm to 7.30pm and there will be a series of three sessions lasting 30 minutes each:

- 1. Supporting Literacy & Homework
- 2. Student Homework
- 3. eSafety

Parents have found these very helpful in previous years and we hope that you will too. Please do book your place at the workshop using the Parents' Evening System:

https://turinghouseschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/

We can accommodate all families but it would be very helpful for us to know how many of you are planning to attend!

Police Cadets Success

Congratulations to Monty in Year 9 who took home several trophies in a recent Cadets competition. His supervising officer described him as 'one of our best cadets'. Modest as



ever, Monty described the competition as 'a lot of log lifting'! Well done, Monty.

Themed Weeks

This week we celebrated two special weeks.

Inter Faith Week focuses on promoting good inter-faith

relations by increasing the understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs. It aims to strengthen good interfaith relations at all levels in our increasingly diverse society.



Anti-bullying week was held between the 13th and 17th

November and was organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. Follow the events on social media using #antibullyingweek and #abw17. The theme promoted difference and equality in schools with the tag-line 'All Different, All Equal'.



Turing House students spent tutor time this week discussing bullying throughout society and the impact adults can have on the thoughts and actions of children. We also stressed the importance of how different people may interpret what others may perceive a 'banter'.

Online Safety Course

Parents' information evening about online safety

On Wednesday 29th November, 6-8pm Ham Youth Centre is hosting an information evening for parents and young people aged 10 to 19 offering practical tips and advice to support young people to be safe and resilient in their use of technology, including expert speakers and informal discussion groups to share dilemmas and discuss sensible strategies for the whole family. The evening is free; please contact Ben Skelton book place. 02082880916 to а Ben.skelton@achievingforchildren.org.uk

We've been selected for the Co-Op Local **Community Fund!**

We are thrilled to hear that the Turing House CoderDojo has been chosen as a beneficiary of the Co-Op Local Community Fund!

Every time Co-Op Members buy selected own-brand products and services, 1% of whatever they spend goes into the Co-Op Local Community Fund, along with all money raised by Co-Op from sales of carrier bags. The funds are then shared amongst chosen local charities, and Co-Op Members can decide which cause benefits from their own 1% contribution.

Turing House CoderDojo will be one of the selected local causes between 12th November 2017 and 28th October 2018.

We will be using any funds raised to buy new equipment for our community coding events, which run once each term at Turing House School in Teddington. At CoderDojo, young people learn computer-coding skills through fun projects, with the help of volunteer mentors. To find out how you can get involved, come and see us at the Turing House CoderDojo website.

Commonwealth Class Short Story Writing Competition

What images, emotions or memories come to mind when you think of the word 'Peace'? Children around the world are invited to capture its meaning for this year's Commonwealth Class Short Story Writing Competition. The competition offers a unique opportunity for students to become part of the Commonwealth's rich storytelling heritage and to be in with the chance of winning some great prizes! For further information, please click on the link below. Although we are not running this competition at school, Miss Andrews would be happy to give feedback on anyone's entry!

https://schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/aboutprogrammes/commonwealth-class/story-writingcompetition

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Thinking about Adoption?

Is adoption right for you?

Have your questions answered at an adoption information meeting: 10am-12 noon, Wednesday 22nd November in Twickenham. The session will give you the information you need about adopting with us and what it is really like. The sessions are friendly, relaxed and are led by our specialised social workers and supported by adopters.

To book at place, please phone the Kingston and Richmond Adoption Team on 020 8547 4620.

Richmond sports centres membership offer

Join now and pay nothing until the 28th January 2018. Offer is valid until 31st December 2017 and joining fee applies.

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Mensa Puzzle

Which of the following words is the odd one out?

SAUCE PAPER TIME RAIN SAW SO

Last week's answer: **O.** Alternately take the fourth letter from the beginning of the alphabet then the fourth letter from the end of the alphabet

Rugby Shirt Design now in production

Following the RFU / CCC design workshop, we are delighted to let you know that the Rugby Shirts designed by our students are now in production and we should be receiving them in school soon!



Road Safety Week 20th – 26th November

Road crashes are the biggest non-medical cause of death and serious injury among children and young people in the UK. Dangerous roads also have a major impact on their ability to walk, cycle and live healthy active lifestyles. That is why it is important to develop our awareness of the risks of the roads. Working alongside the charity Brake, we will be helping to raise awareness in form time and encourage students to be aware when travelling to and from school. Please help us to reinforce the message of safer travel at home, as well as being extra vigilant when driving through school areas.

Attendance & Lates

We are very pleased with the overall attendance of our pupils; however, we are noticing an increase in the number of students who are late to school each day. Please remember that your child is missing valuable learning time and arriving late to lesson can cause disruption to others' learning. Please instil the need for your child to be at school on time, ready to learn.

Please remember to ring the school or use the Studybugs app to let us know if your child is going to be absent for any reason.