



Did you know?

In an average classroom, three children will be suffering from a diagnosable mental health issue. We will be discussing this important topic in Tutor time next week. At Turing House, we are incredibly lucky to have two members of staff who are trained as Mental Health First Aiders. Mrs Gidlow (SEN Practitioner) and Mrs Poynton (Inclusion Practitioner) are both Youth Mental Health First Aid Champions. Any student who has worries or concerns is welcome to talk to them.

Children's Mental Health Week 2018

5-11 February #childrensmhw
ChildrensMentalHealthWeek.org.uk

Football Win!

Congratulations to the Year 9 Football Team who beat Orleans Park last week, winning 5-2. We have progressed to the next round of the Richmond Borough Cup. Goals scored by: Matthew Crabtree (2), Sol Smith, Albie Burgess, Own Goal from Orleans Park.

Forthcoming Events

- 12-16 February:** Half Term Week
- 19 February:** School closed re INSET day

Safer Internet Day

Why not take the 30-day Challenge?

Why not challenge your child to do the following over thirty days? You could join in and see what difference it makes to family life!

- Post 3 positive comments today
- Charge your phone in the lounge overnight
- Switch your phone to 'do not disturb' mode at night time

At the end of the 30 days, discuss with your child how easy each challenge was and whether any of it could become part of your daily routine.

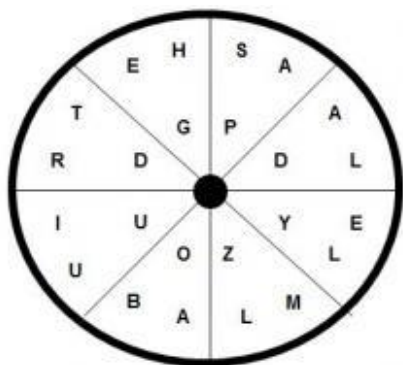


Fixtures

- 5 Feb:** Boys Yr 7 Football v Richmond Park Academy
- 20 Feb:** Girls Yr 7/8 Netball v Twickenham School
- 20 Feb:** Boys Yr 7 Football v Richmond Thames School
- 27 Feb:** Girls Yr 7/8 Netball v Teddington
- 27 Feb:** Boys Yr 8 Football v Richmond Park Academy

MENSA Puzzle

Take one letter from each sector to give the name of a city in Australia. Take another letter from each sector to give an Austrian city. The remaining letters will give the name of a city in South West England. What are the three cities?



Last week's answer: 85. Multiply by four then add one each time.

Year 8 Inter-Tutor Table Tennis Tournament

Congratulations to Sophie W (8RI) and Kai S (8DV) who won the Year 8 Inter Tutor competition on Wednesday.

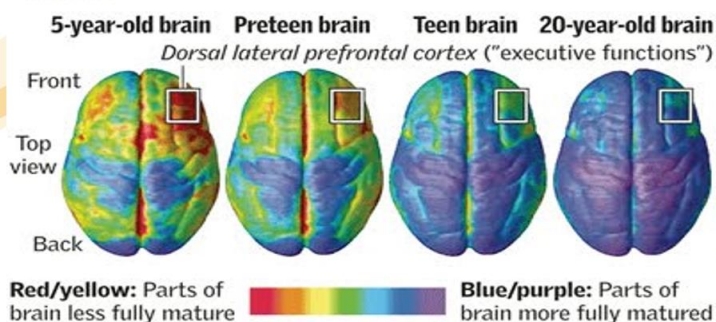


The Adolescent Brain

Over 100 parents attended a very interesting presentation on adolescent brain development last Wednesday from the Richmond Secondary School Project. Parents learnt about how a teenager's brain is in a period of remodeling that affects both the structure and the function of the brain and how judgement is the last area to develop.

Judgment last to develop

The area of the brain that controls "executive functions" — including weighing long-term consequences and controlling impulses — is among the last to fully mature. Brain development from childhood to adulthood:



Sources: National Institute of Mental Health; Paul Thompson, Ph.D., UCLA Laboratory of Neuro Imaging
 Thomas McKay | The Denver Post

The evening also gave parents tips on the best ways to communicate effectively with their teenager to fit the needs of their developing brain:

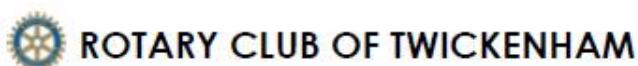
- Be clear about rules and consequences, but always explain your reasons.
- Be mindful of the young person's need for increasing independence.
- Be sure to ask your teenager's opinion. Listen to and respect their views, and if you agree with them, take them into account. If you don't agree, explain why.
- Let the young person know they are valued and respected.
- Set the rules with the young person so that they have a say in how they are decided.
- Make sure all rules are age appropriate and the young person is aware of what will happen if they are broken.
- Be sure that adults also take time for themselves.

Connecting Classrooms

During half term, Miss Andrews is jetting off to Jordan as part of a programme called "Connecting Classrooms" which is run and funded by the British Council. Miss Andrews has taken part in training on developing students' critical thinking skills and has developed a partnership with a teacher in Lebanon. They will be meeting at a conference in Jordan and working on a joint project, which incorporates these critical thinking skills into the English classroom. We hope you have an interesting and productive trip!

Swimathon

If any students are interested in taking part in Twickenham Rotary Club's Swimathon on Saturday 24th March, please see Mrs Skinnard as soon as possible.



SWIMATHON

to be held at

TEDDINGTON POOLS AND FITNESS CENTRE,
VICARAGE ROAD, TEDDINGTON TW11 8EZ

ON SATURDAY 24th MARCH 2018

11.00am – 4.00pm



TEAM ENTRIES FREE

Each swimmer must get sponsorship for their team.

The aim is for teams to swim as many lengths as possible within an hour.

All monies will go to the team's nominated charity and to Rotary charities.

For further information please contact:

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History Debate

This week, year nine history classes have been debating if America was right to use the atomic bomb against Japan in 1945. The students have made well-judged contributions to discussion; responded, developed and extended points made by other group members; and asked questions to show interest, challenge, summarise and extend knowledge gained through listening to others.

At the end of the debate, a winning team was chosen in each class by a set of judges, and before leaving, all students voted on the topic. 41% thought that the use of the bombs was justified, with 59% believing that the decision to drop the bombs was wrong.



Should the Americans have dropped the atomic bombs on Japan?



■ YES ■ NO

Year 8 L&SE Boys' Champion Schools Finals

Turing House were appearing in their first final (London and South East) less than three years after the opening of the school, and they handled themselves well in a tough first half before Howard ran away with the game in the second.

Barinder S opened the scoring for the Surrey school after four minutes with a strong run to the line. Turing hit back when Kit H crossed following good work by Josh M to level the scores.

Minutes later, it seemed Adam G had given Howard the lead with a terrific run to the line but unfortunately he put a foot in touch before crossing. However, the Surrey outfit weren't to be denied and they took the lead late in the half when another good run by Greenaway was finished off by Luke W to give his side an 8-4 lead at the interval.



It took some stern defending by Turing to prevent them from going further behind early in the second half. But when they knocked on deep in their own half Whistlecroft took advantage to claim his second try.

Howard began to dominate with Jake R putting them further ahead by finishing off an attack from deep.

Elliot Riley added another before Whistlecroft claimed his hat-trick followed by a second from Greenaway which Raffaelli converted, but Turing fought to the end and had the final say when Sonny N touched down.

Well done Year 8s!

Lateness Reminder

Lateness: Students need to be in their classrooms ready to start their first lesson **by 8.30am**. Students who arrive after this time cause disruption to their own learning and that of other students. We will continue to notify parents by text if their child arrives late into school, unless you have pre-warned the school office that your child will be late.

Are you a mum/dad under 25?

This fantastic free event series will give the participants the chance to discover new skills and discuss topics like doing business and finding work online; vlogging and blogging; managing your finances online and keeping your kids safe on the internet.

Are you a mum under 25 and interested in learning about vlogging, online finances or working online?

**Home-Start Richmond, Kingston & Hounslow invites you to our
#MUMSCONNECTED PARTIES**

Wednesdays 10 - 11am

21st Feb | 28th Feb | 7th March | 14th March | 21st March

Kingston United Reformed Church, Richard Mayo Centre
Eden Street, Kingston, KT1 1HZ

(or log-on at a location of your choice and join remotely via Facebook or Podcast)

FREE for mums...

Interactive sessions featuring a live broadcast from #techmums guru Sue Black. You'll hear from digital experts, female entrepreneurs and other mums.

The parties will be a chance to discover new skills and discuss topics like doing business and finding work online; vlogging and blogging; managing your finances online and keeping your kids safe on the internet.

Contact Claire Leonard: 020 8487 8500 or info@homestart-richmond.org.uk to book a place.

