

9th February 2018

Safer Internet Day 2018 – 6th February

Assemblies in school this week looked at the differences in meaning of words used on line such as “like”, “follow” and “friend” – particularly in the much wider set of connections that people have in their social media apps. We then went on to consider the lower threshold that some people have for making offensive comments online and how they would be seen if said face-to-face. The videos we watched can be seen on YouTube; we hope you find them interesting too – please do discuss them with your children too.

[Can I be your friend?](#)

[In real life \(an offline experiment\)](#)

Lateness

An increasing number of students are arriving to school late each day; a few, more than once a week. Lessons start at 8.30am and all students should be in school ready to learn at this time. After half term, any student being late more than once a week will be issued with a school detention on a Friday break time. Obviously, we appreciate that there are rare occasions when a student cannot help being late, and on these occasions, parents should contact the school and let us know as soon as possible.

Forthcoming Events

12-16 February: Half Term Week

19 February: School closed re INSET day

1 March: Year 7 Parents' Evening

MENSA Puzzle

Rearrange the following letters to give two eight-letter words. What are they?

D E E E R R S V

Last week's answer: Truce, truck, tuck, tick and pick.

Hockey Club

There is a hockey club at Teddington School on Thursdays 5pm-6pm. If any students are interested in going, please could they see Mr Woodward ASAP.

Surrey Table Tennis Association – Girls Only Session

Tuesday 13th February 2018 from 10am to 12 noon at the Graham Spicer Institute, Dukes Avenue, New Malden, KT3 4HL.

Cost £5.00- please email to register or come on the day. Coaching, fun and match play session.

The session will be run by experienced 'Team STTA' coaches. All Coaches are Table Tennis England Licensed Coaches: Fully qualified (minimum Level 2), clear DBS, Safeguarding attended and insured.

Fixtures

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

Surrey Table Tennis Association

Junior Training Camps

There will be two sessions running through the half-term holiday in the main hall at the Graham Spicer Institute, New Malden. For further information, please contact: Mobile: [07894 905850](tel:07894905850) or email: janebarellastta@outlook.com

Each session will be run by a Table Tennis England (TTE) Licensed Coach from our own 'Team STTA' Coaching Team including: Adam Laws, Jane Barella, Goran Maric, Carmen Vajdi, Richard Pelc and will also be supplemented with additional coaching assistants and sparrers from 'Team STTA'.

All 'Team STTA' coaches are TTE Licensed Level 2 / 3 Coaches i.e. fully qualified, insured and full clear DBS.

14 years & under Mon February 12th 11am to
3pm £15

18 years & under Wed February 14th 12pm to
4pm £15

Year 8 RP - Islam

This half term in year eight Religion and Philosophy, students have been learning about Islam. Several of our own Islamic students helped us to bring the topic to the life this week with Marwan, Sherif, Amro, Narmeen, Zaim and Rabeya teaching their classes about Islam. They prepared and presented on various topics including the prophets, diet, dress, and the Quran. Thank you so much to all students involved!



CoderDojo



On Saturday, February 4th we held our fifth Turing House CoderDojo, and it was our biggest yet, with 66 young people, and their adults, registered to take part.

It was also our noisiest Dojo to date – the Raspberry Pi crew were making traffic lights, complete with pedestrian crossing beeps!

Our regular Scratch and Python projects, courtesy of [Code Club](#), were as popular as ever, with animated rock bands, dodgeball games, rock-paper-scissors, and turtle races being just some of the creations. Special mention goes to the opera-singing squirrel, which we think could definitely start a trend, though it competed with some equally interesting looking specimens at the fictional zoos being showcased by participants in our Web Development activity.



Of course, our Dojos are very dependent on a dedicated and enthusiastic team of volunteers. This time we welcomed Llewelyn, who ran a new [robotics activity](#), with our young coders manipulating and controlling an articulated arm and claw to pick up objects. He was one of three mentors helping out on Saturday who are actively looking into setting up new Dojos in other parts of London, including Ealing and Wandsworth. It is great to see the CoderDojo model expanding, and if you are interested in getting involved [let us know!](#)

Year 7 Parents' Evening

Following our email and subsequent text to Year 7 parents this week, we would like to remind you that our Year 7 Parents' Evening will take place on **Thursday 1st March**. If you have not yet booked time slots to see up to 6 of your child's subject teachers, please do so using the following link:

<https://turinghouseschool.parenteveningsystem.co.uk>

Year 7 Inter Tutor Table Tennis Tournament



Congratulations to all the year 7 students who took part in the inter tutor competition this week. The winners were: Quasim K 7KI & Chloe C 7KI!



Spanish Tapas



On Monday and Wednesday this week, 60 Year 8 Spanish students tried a selection of tapas and churros at Estilo Restaurant in Teddington. The highlight for everyone was the churros and chocolate dessert. This trip marked the end of their recent unit of work on food.



London Fashion week

On Saturday 17th February, Turing House's digital embroidery machine will be at Save the Children in Teddington High Street. In honour of London Fashion week, Save the Children and Miss Parsons will be giving you the opportunity to digitally embroider any textile items (shirts, bags, dresses, towels etc.) with monograms, words and images. We hope to see you there to have something old given a new life, or something purchased new and personalised in store. Profits will go to Save the Children.

Orchestra

Students conducted their own orchestra practice this week, taking turns to conduct!



Frankenstein Trial



Year 7 are currently conducting a trial of Victor Frankenstein and are all taking on roles as lawyers, witnesses and the jury!



Walking Out of Darkness – Mental Health Awareness

Walking out of Darkness 2018

Who are Clasp?

Clasp Charity is an organisation that promotes counselling, life advice and suicide prevention. Their aims are to help empower, inspire, and motivate people to raise mental health awareness, suicide prevention and end mental illness stigma. You can find out more about their work here: <https://www.claspcharity.com>

What's Walking out of Darkness?

As part of their awareness-raising Clasp run an event Walking Out of Darkness, 10 mile walks at various locations across the country. The aim is to walk with your family, friends and work colleagues; supporting people suffering mental ill-health, helping end the stigma surrounding mental illness, raising mental health awareness, creating zero suicide communities and fundraising for local and regional charities, across the country.

How can I get involved?

The London walk will be held on Saturday 12th May and Kingston and Richmond LSCBs and CDOP will be there and we invite you to join us by signing up here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/walking-out-of-darkness-2018-10883871498>



Year 7 History

This half term in history, year seven students have been learning about how the arrival of William the Conqueror in 1066 transformed the landscape of medieval Britain. To consolidate their understanding of the role that castles played in this change, Ms Riglin and Mr Woodward ran a competition where students were asked to create or design a medieval castle. We crowned six winners for their impressive designs, and were blown away by the standard of all entries.

