



Message from Mrs Collins

It has been another eventful week in an already challenging year, but for the first time in quite a while, I feel a genuine sense of optimism and excitement about the future. Whilst we recognise there is still a way to go, I feel like there is now a clear route out of the pandemic. We now have dates where we can once again meet up outdoors, visit our loved ones, get a haircut (much needed by my three-year-old – I learnt my lesson in the first lockdown and 'Mum's Salon' was permanently shut following a pudding-bowl shaped disaster!), and most imminently, when students can return to school, meaning that the end of this strange, challenging period feels within touching distance.

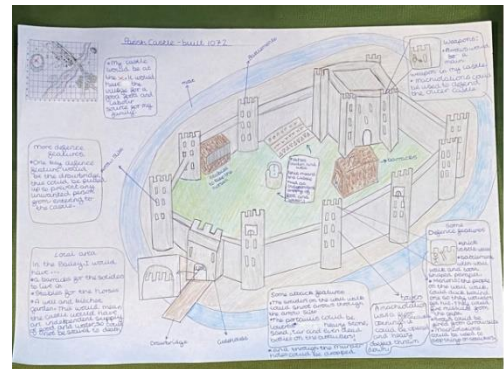
Mr O'Sullivan sent communication home today outlining the plans for commencing the lateral flow testing from next week, with more details to follow, which will allow us to get students back into lessons as quickly and safely as we can.

We are very much looking forward to being together in person, as a community again very soon. I hope you are able to enjoy the blue skies and sunshine forecast for the weekend, and that the brightness they bring continues in the weeks ahead.

Castles – Year 7

We love this amazing castle design by Beatrice in Year 7. We are hoping she will let us put it on the school walls when we return!

Keep up the brilliant work, Beatrice.



We also love this creation by William in Year 7. Have a look at the artwork on the walls – wow!



Dates for the Diary:

Year 9 Options Evening – 4th March 2021

Escape Room Event – 20th March 2021

Year 11 Students

Spaces still available for our exciting unique Sixth Form!

Apply now on our website!

Fantastic News For Park Lane Stables, Teddington



Half Term week was a rollercoaster of a ride for Park Lane Stables and its team. With only a week of their

Crowdfunder to go, they had managed to raise around £500,000 but they were still a long way from the £1m needed to buy the stables. I was beginning to think that we needed either a miracle or a millionaire to come and save the day.

Well, a miracle happened! On Wednesday 17th February, Park Lane Stables were visited by BBC Breakfast News. I was lucky enough to be filmed to tell the public what Park Lane Stables means to me and why it is so important for the stables to stay in the community. That evening, the journalist phoned to see if they could interview me live the next morning on BBC Breakfast.

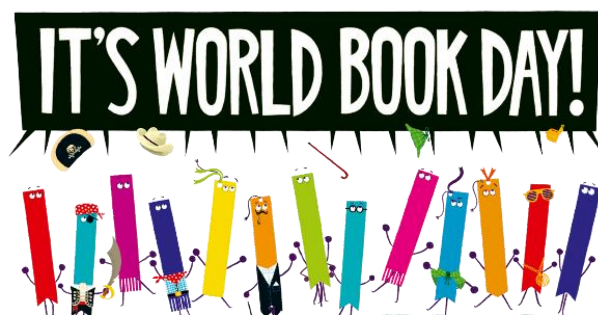
While we were still on air, donations reached £600,000, and from there the money continued to come in. At one point £10,000 was being pledged every minute! Just a couple of hours later we had reached the target of £1m. We were speechless at the generosity of the public, and over the moon that the stables could stay in Teddington. The film crew, who had already left, had to head straight back so that they could film a piece for broadcast the next day to update the story.

I'd like to say thank you to everyone who shared the story or donated to the Crowdfunder appeal so that Park Lane Stables can continue to help disabled riders and their families within the community.

By Louis W. Year 10

Well done, Louis, on your hard work and determination!

World Book Day Fancy Dress – 4th March



Whilst we may be in lockdown, we still intend to celebrate World Book Day to the full! We would love students to get dressed up as one of their favourite book characters for the day!

Send in photos of you reading as Matilda, solving maths puzzles as Artemis Fowl, performing in Drama as Nick Bottom or PE as Katniss Everdeen! The options are endless! The best costumes will be featured in our newsletter.

Join the English Department to celebrate World Book Day this year by becoming part of a book cover.

Send your Book Faces to:

info@turinghouseschool.org.uk

by Thursday 4th March to help us celebrate reading.

We can't wait to see your faces, face-to-face, back in school!

But before then, get your face in a book...



Escape Room – Tickets available now

Sunday 20th March – 7pm - 9pm- Book your ticket now!

Turing House Friends are organising an online escape room event: Sherlock Holmes Detective story



The year is 1912, the location: London town.

You and your group think yourself to be a top-notch group of detectives and are itching to take on your first big case. What better start than a case that Sherlock himself has been trying to solve? You'll need your wits about you, a keen eye for detail and don't forget to take notes!

During your investigation, you will come across quite a few individuals who will hopefully help connect the dots and lead you on the right path. Perhaps you will even be able to catch up with Sherlock and solve the case yourself?

Think fast, look closely, and of course just remember...Don't Panic!

Sherlock Holmes is a fantastic web-based game you can play at home, solo or with your family. Fix that Escape Room itch with one that doesn't even require you to step outside! Includes audio and visual files that are gradually unlocked as you solve your way through the exciting and curious puzzles to solve the mystery.

When: Saturday 20th March 2021 from 7 to 9pm
Location: online
Price ticket: £7.50 + £1 fees (additional donation to the school is optional*)
 One ticket is valid for one login on only one device

Ticket purchasing link: <https://buytickets.at/turinghousefriends/488029>
 (ticket sales close on 17th March 2021)
Minimum age: +10
 Email thf@turinghouseschool.org.uk with any questions

Family and friends are welcome to join in

* Turing House School is eagerly awaiting its new premises and is developing a wish list for our new home. THF has recently supported with equipment for virtual learning for all students and supporting the fantastic effort of staff.

Turing House Form Group Distance challenge

With over 800 submissions in 3 weeks, and a total of **6202 miles** accumulatively covered as a school, we have a winner with the first form to 700 miles....

CONGRATULATIONS 10A!!

What an amazing effort made by all students, staff and parents/ carers. The totals of each form are below:

Form Group	Distance (Miles)
10A	770.78826
9N	576.89
7A	523.472078
11T	447.29
10U	387.846
11U	384.747
7T	372.77
7L	330.3801515
7U	284.17
8N	240.847
11N	181.4
7N	181.205
7R	180.28
8T	158.63
12A	146.94
9A	145.5077
10T	139.3748
9U	125.1732284
11A	121.4
9T	114.14
11L	92.051
8U	82.92
8L	60
9L	57.78
10L	47.52
8A	45.7

Monologue Competition Winners



Well done to everyone who entered our monologue competition last term - we had lots of entries and really enjoyed watching your performances.

The winners, who will receive their prize when we're back at school, are:

KS3 - Rory Connolly and Larry Gallager

KS4 - Luke Lawrence

Special mentions to: Noah M, Nojus R, Beatrice P, Landen J, Meg D (and Meg's cat who made a guest appearance as Toto!)

We can't wait to get everyone who entered on stage next year for our school show!

Sixth Form Blog Spot

Want to take some time to consider your next steps after Sixth Form? Why not do something extraordinary in that time, like Ms Andrews did!

Read all about her gap year in this week's blog on the Sixth Form website:

<https://www.turinghouse6th.org.uk/?p=2524>

BBC Young Composer Competition open

BBC Young Composer 2021 is open!

BBC Young Composer 2021 are seeking musically-minded students aged 12 – 18 of all technical abilities, backgrounds, and musical influences to submit an original composition and recording. Any genre, any instrument, and any method of composing are welcome.

Winners will participate in a tailored development programme working with a mentor composer on a project with the [BBC Concert Orchestra](#), culminating in a performance or broadcast opportunity.

The closing date for entries to the competition is **5pm on Monday 28 June 2021**.

For full details of how to enter, Rules and Privacy Notice visit bbc.co.uk/youngcomposer

Richmond Parent Carer Forum



Sporting Headline of the Week

A 21-year-old swimming teacher has become the youngest woman to row solo across the Atlantic Ocean. Jasmine Harrison, from Thirsk in North Yorkshire, set off on her 3,000-mile (4,828km) journey from La Gomera in the Canary Islands in December.

She docked in Antigua earlier, completing the journey in 70 days, three hours and 48 minutes.

As well as rowing into the record books, Ms Harrison has also raised more than £10,000 for charity.

Guinness World Record Attempt for Children's Mental Health Week

Freestyle Football Academy have launched a GLOBAL Guinness World Record Attempt for 'The longest online chain football video' and it's time for you to GET INVOLVED! All teachers, pupils & families from around the world are being encouraged to take part in this official world record attempt – all you need is a football.

Below are some very important guidelines from Guinness World Records that we all need to stick to when filming our video clip for the world record attempt. You can also view a video on the website demonstrating EXACTLY what is required from participants so please take a look at that.

Film a video in portrait (The way you hold a phone).

Football rolled in on the FLOOR from the participants right hand side like in the video.

Show us what you can do with the ball and then pass the ball on the FLOOR out on the participants left side like in the video.

The video clip needs to be over 5 seconds long.

Use a size 5 football.

Please send your videos with the name of the participant(s) to FootballChainVideo@hotmail.com. For more information visit the following website: <https://www.freestylefootballacademy.com/take-part-in-a-guinness-world-record/>

Sporting Fact of the Week

Did you know.....?

London is currently the only city to have hosted the Summer Olympics on three occasions (in 1908, 1948, and 2012).

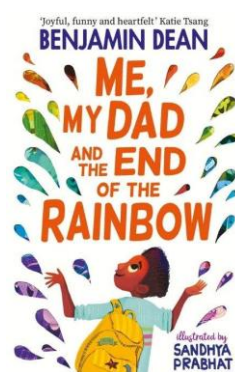
Spanish Cooking – Year 7

Some brilliant pictures from Year 7 students after their Spanish cooking lesson.

Well done to Shamsi, Arthur, Hena, Lama, Lucas, Kush, Mariyah, Abi for their amazing cooking.



LGBTQ+ Reading



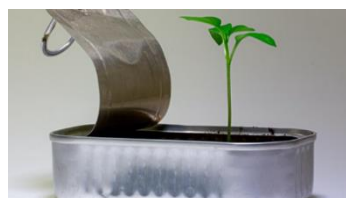
Finding ourselves in books is one of the most important things when we're children. It helps us to understand the world a little better, but also provides the comfort that we're not alone, even if the books we're finding solace in are set in a fantasy worlds.

Over the years, LGBTQ+ stories, and the characters within them, have offered children the chance to see themselves reflected in the books they read, while also providing some incredible adventures to go along on a ride with.

Last week, we shared some of our favourite LGBTQ+ books, and this week we're sharing this list by author Benjamin Dean, including his own novel,

Me, My Dad and the End of the Rainbow:
https://www.booktrust.org.uk/news-and-features/features/2021/february/six-brilliant-lgbtq-books-chosen-by-benjamin-dean/?fbclid=IwAR1yu9TxMQC-4UAEAqzOyKr_1Q8WSOJiBUzdE4xsY6Ba1DlVLC-V21bWxw

How to Become a Charity or Social Enterprise – 24th March 10am -1pm



So many local people have been responding, getting involved and achieving amazing things in the community.

If you're a local resident, aged over 18, with a great idea and want to know the next steps to create a charitable project, we can help. This workshop is for anyone setting up, or thinking of setting up, a local community group, charity or social enterprise in the borough.

Register now and get the basics to put your vision in motion. <https://bit.ly/3brVMvS>

Free English & Maths courses to help your child online

Richmond & Hillcroft Adult Community College have set up some courses to support parents & carers of KS3 and KS4 children while in lockdown. These courses are funded by Richmond Borough Council and are free to all borough residents.

They also have support with KS4 maths. The details are on the website below, where people can also enrol easily.

https://www.rhacc.ac.uk/search?search_api_views_fulltext=support+your+child

FREE2B Youth Clubs



Junior Bake Off –Open for applications!



DT – Year 8

8U and 8L have been hard at work researching, analysing, designing and creating models inspired by iconic designers this term.

They have studied James Dyson, Vivienne Westwood, Harry Beck or Zaha Hadid. The following is an example of some of the excellent models produced for this topic.



Oscar DeHavilland
8L



Ted Mugford
Blender 8L



Toby Egan Dual
mobile charger 8L



Katie Wah
8L



Toby Barnes
Vivienne
Westwood
recycled bag 8U



Casper Williams
Computer Aided
Design model 8U

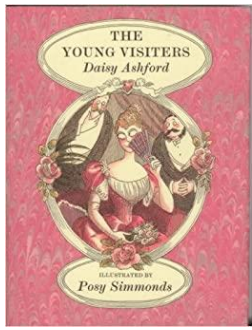


Ben Hagon Zaha
Hadid building 8U



Franak Krol Zaha
Hadid Mall 8U

A best-seller was written by a nine-year-old



In 1890, nine-year-old Daisy Ashford wrote a novel and forgot all about it. She gave up writing fiction for good at the age of 13. Some 28 years later, upon going through her mother's house after she had died, Daisy and her sisters found the pencilled manuscript in

a drawer.

They showed it to a friend, who passed it on to an acquaintance who worked in publishing, and so the book – *The Young Visitors* [sic] – came out in 1919 with a preface by *Peter Pan* author JM Barrie, who many people wrongly believed was the book's author.

The novel was praised for its clever plotting and keen observation of Victorian manners, and went into several editions. The author, by now Mrs James Devlin, bought a farm with her earnings, commenting, "I like fresh air and royalty cheques".