



Mental Health Awareness Week

We were able to celebrate Mental Health Awareness Week and the abundance of open spaces we have around us here at THS this week, as this year's theme was reconnecting with nature. The weather was kind to us and some classes were able to walk up to Richmond Park where everyone enjoyed the chance to get out of the classroom. The boys sketched some of the trees in the park and made natural sculptures with twigs and leaves in the style of Andy Goldsworthy.

Back in school, our Junior School boys, as well as getting out and about, have been busy planting. Well over 100 vegetable and flower seeds have been planted this week to remind us of the joys of growing and the enormous mental health benefits associated with gardening. It is so important that we remember to take on new challenges, to care for something other than ourselves and most importantly, after the year we have all shared, to have something to look forward to; a garden full of vegetables! As your plants begin to sprout, don't forget to share some pictures with your teachers. We are looking forward to hearing how your seeds are getting on.

Our thanks go to all the THS Staff, especially Mrs Patel, who gave up their time this week to make all of these activities possible. Further information from the Mental Health Foundation is available at www.mentalhealth.org.uk











The Big Ask survey for school pupils

As we all look forward to the next step on the return to normal, the Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, launched "The Big Ask" - the largest ever survey of children in England. It asks all children about their priorities and concerns for the future, so that their views can be taken into consideration by the government which aims to, "put children at the heart of the national recovery post-COVID-19." If your son would like to add their voice to this national conversation, the deadline for completing the survey is Friday 28th May. You can find the survey [here](#).



Achievements outside school

Many boys and their parents have been glad of the return of 'grass roots' sport outside school - even getting up early on a cold Sunday morning has been sorely missed.

We always like to highlight achievements outside school and one such superstar is Freddie Reed-Sperrin (Y5).

Freddie and his Barnes Eagles team took part in a pro academy football tournament last Saturday. Despite being the only non pro academy team in the tournament they made it to the final where they narrowly lost 2-1 to Wolves. Very well done to Freddie and his team!



Polite reminder regarding Absence and Sickness - the following information is detailed in parental information booklets:

If your son is ill, please ring the main school number and leave a message on the answer phone or email secretary@thsboys.org.uk.

If your son has to be absent from school and you are aware of this in advance, please complete an absence form which can be completed [here](#). The Head Teacher either will or will not authorise this depending on circumstances. We obviously do not encourage term time absences.



Cricket results this week.

Some more sensational results this week across the school so well done once more to all the boys who have played cricket. The best thing has been seeing how much the boys have enjoyed playing fixtures. I must mention our Year 4 boys specifically because not only did they play their first sports fixtures in any sport since arriving in the Senior School last September, but they also made us very proud indeed. This is a quote from a message sent to me from the Head of Sport at St Philips; "I had to let you know what our boys told us when we had played the game against you last week. We were just chatting about the experience of playing Tower House and the boys told us how much they had enjoyed it and how much better it was than the last game they played against a different school. They said how friendly and fair the Tower House boys were and that even when Tower House won they didn't shout and boast but actually thanked them for the game and told us how well we had played." Well done Year 4 boys, you really are amazing ambassadors for THS, this made me so proud of you all.

Our 1st, 2nd and 3rd XI all recorded super wins over Kingswood, traditionally strong opposition, on Wednesday this week and there really was some amazing cricket played by all these teams. The U11 A & B teams also won on Monday against Surbiton Prep and some great individual as well as team performances. Despite losses for the U10 teams against Wellington, these boys are making rapid progress. With losing out on their first season last year of competitive cricket it was always going to be a steep learning curve, but one I have no doubt they will climb.

Well done again to all the boys and plenty more cricket to be played next week.....we just need some sunshine please!

Mr Peyton

READING WALL

Review of the Week

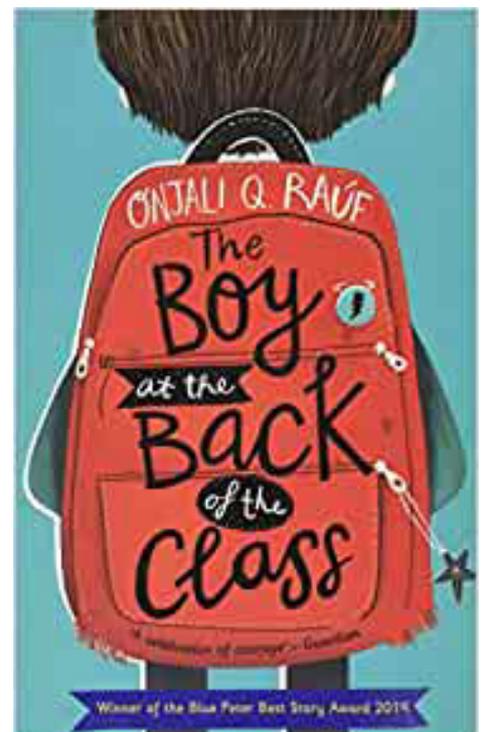
The Boy At the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Rauf

This book was very enjoyable to read. Every page is gripping and I love the plot of the story. The story is about a refugee boy who has run away from the ongoing war in Syria. He speaks Curdish so has an assistant teacher called Miss Hemsey. The narrator along with his three friends Jose, Tom and Michael encounter amazing adventures including a surprise visit to Buckingham Palace!

What I like about the Author:

Onjali Q. Rauf is a Refugee herself and I really like her because she uses very descriptive language and really pulls you into the book. She also write the Night Bus for those of you who are interested.

Submitted by William Bryan in Year 5





Tower House School

FOTH SUMMER BBQ

HOG ROAST
BRAND NEW ATTRACTIONS
FAIRGROUND GAMES
ICE CREAM VAN
SWEETS STALL
TOMBOLA AND BAR



Senior School: 1st July 2021 6:00 - 8:00PM
Junior School: 2nd July 2021 4:00 - 6:00PM
Barnes Homeguard Association
76A Richmond Park Road, London SW14 8JU

Tickets on sale from 18th May on foth.org.uk





FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mon 17th	-	U11 A/B v Willington (A) Pick up from THS at 4:45pm	2:30pm
Tues 18th	-	Year 7 trip to Kew Gardens (Geography project) Packed lunch and waterproof needed	
	-	New Reception Stay and Play	10:30 - 11:30am
Wed 19th	-	Year 8 HPV vaccine	8:45am
	-	1st/2nd/3rd v St Philips (A) Pick up from Barn Elms car park at 4:40pm or THS at 5pm	2:30pm
Thur 13th	-	Thai lunch theme	
	-	Year 2 scooter safety workshop Boys to bring scooters to school. They will be left inside the Junior School entrance until the afternoon	1:30 - 3:30pm
	-	Year 4 Flatford Mill parent briefing via webex Meeting details to be sent by Mrs Richards	5:00pm
Fri 21st	-	New Reception Stay and Play	10:30 - 11:30am
	-	U10 A/B v The Mall (H) Pick up from Sheen Common at 4:15pm or THS at 4:30pm	2:15pm
	-	U10 A/B v Willington (A) Pick up from THS at 4:30pm	2:15pm

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Gregory Evans, Headmaster