



## Stone Age Workshops

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On Wednesday, Tower House had a visitor...from prehistoric times! Years 3-5 were treated to a talk from an early Homo sapien about the evolution of mankind from ape to present day humans. We learned about how early man went from using rocks as bashing tools to actually making tools from available materials like stone, wood and bone. Our visitor explained how the discovery of fire by Homo erectus (which means 'upright human') was a huge breakthrough for mankind's development because it meant humans could stay warm during the ice age and cook their meat, preventing them from dying of food poisoning! Year 3 particularly enjoyed forming tribes, thinking of ways that early humans may have communicated with one another, looking at the selection of tools and finding out the meanings of the Latin words Homo sapien, Homo habilis and Homo neanderthalensis. They were fascinated by our guest and asked questions to find out more.





## SAMARITANS WORKSHOP

Years 7 and 8 enjoyed a workshop by the Samaritans this week- looking at emotional health and active listening. It was really worthwhile reflecting on what makes us have ups and downs in the day, what makes us stressed, how do we resolve this and importantly how just talking about a problem can make you feel better.

As the saying goes- a problem shared is a problem halved!

The Samaritans Outreach team had this to say about the event "the boys really were a great bunch. Very well behaved and thoroughly engaged."

## YEAR 1

Year 1 has been learning how to sort objects using a Venn diagram. We sorted 2D shapes first, thinking carefully about whether they have curved or straight sides, or both. We then enjoyed sorting other objects by colour, type, size and more.





Aretha Franklin's timeless classic has been one of my 'earworms' this week since we have been focussing on respect. Our assembly on Black History snapped such sentiments firmly into focus and this was subsequently extended to more banal, but still important topics subsequently. The boys have been reminded of the need for respecting property and belongings as well as people. The odd absent minded doodle on a desk has been highlighted as well as the seemingly ever increasing mound of discarded clothes in lost property! It is important to remember that our veneration should not stop at the gates – our neighbours need our consideration too. Howarth House, the development on the corner of Sheen Lane and Sheen Lane Gardens is out of bounds for THS boys and we respectfully ask that parents/carers ensure their charges do not trespass before or after school.

And finally.....

The slight impingement of the building works on the playground has meant that some of the larger games of football have become a little smaller. With new environments come new opportunities and the Year 8 boys have rediscovered their fondness for tactile wooden blocks. Joseph, Rufus and Monty managed to give Alfie a new look during a particularly creative breaktime.

Mr Evans



### Library

Please continue to send in photos of your son at home with his favourite book/s from the last few months.

Photos can be sent to [Faith.Maxwell@thsboys.org.uk](mailto:Faith.Maxwell@thsboys.org.uk).

Many thanks.



### Football This Week

It has been another busy week on the football pitch and while it's been tough with some very strong opposition, the boys have all as ever done us proud. Sometimes we learn more in defeat than we do from an easy victory and I am sure the lessons from this week will only make us stronger going forward. Very well done to the U10 s who played fantastically well to beat The Mall last Friday, our U11 B team played some super football to beat Hornsby on Wednesday too. A special mention for our 3rd and 4th teams who played exceptionally strong opposition in Kensington Park on Wednesday but both sides kept battling and working and I was so pleased and impressed with their efforts. Very well done.

Another 16 matches next week so still plenty to come and we are looking forward to the first match for our Year 3 boys on Thursday. All support welcome as ever.

Mr Peyton

Year 5 have been learning how to use Bunsen burners safely to heat up a range of powders, liquids and solids. The magnesium ribbon got some fantastic reactions!





## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 11th	-	Years 5-8 Book Week workshops	
	-	Junior school Book Week assembly with Year 8	8:45am
	-	Senior school Book Week assembly with Year 8	10:40am
	-	Year 8 CE practice mock Maths listening	11:20am
	-	Junior school parents evening - online	4:30pm
Tue 12th	-	Reception to Year 4 Book Week workshops	
	-	Year 8 CE practice mock French listening	
	-	U10 A/B/C v Hornsby (A)	2:45pm
	-	U9 A/B/C v Newland House (A)	2:45pm
	-	Junior school parents evening - online	4:30pm
Wed 13th	-	Book Week workshops for all year groups	
	-	1st/2nd/3rd v The Hall (H)	2:45pm
	-	U11 A/B/C v St Philips (A)	2:45pm
Thur 14th	-	CE practice mock French Orals	morning
	-	U8 A/B/C/D v The Mall (A)	2:30pm
	-	FOTH book sale - hall	3:30pm
Fri 15th	-	Book Week dress up and character day	

**Have a lovely weekend!**