



Lest We Forget

12th November 2021

The atrocities of World War I prompted a global act of remembrance on an annual basis. The armistice on 11th November 1918 provided the date we acknowledge each year.

With no living survivors from that conflict – the act of remembrance takes on new meaning; with future generations taking up the baton to honour those who have gone before.

Such traditions have been difficult to facilitate in recent times – but, it was affirming to finally have a group assembly on this theme yesterday. Such occasions always provide the perfect platform for poetry and so it was this year as Alf Beresford-Peirse recited a self-penned piece, Enzo Manuel read *Why Wear a Poppy*, Hamish Hall delivered *Oorlog* (in Dutch) and Thomas Wood gave us *In Flanders' Fields*.

Finally a 2 minute silence was impeccably observed by the whole school preceded by *The Last Post* performed by Oscar Riddell on his trumpet.



Remembrance Poem Alf Beresford-Peirse

Bloodshed has been cast upon Europe like a spell
The fighting men fear every shell.
From dusk till dawn men battle for their beloved
homeland,
Trying to stop disturbing images sending them mad.
They long to be sitting by a roaring fire in their house,
Close again to their adoring spouse.
Everyday the families wait in fear of the dreaded post,
Haunted by the worry of their fathers becoming ghosts.
Every man that went to fight
Did so for a better life.





Tower House School



Year 1 have created this beautiful poppy display in their classroom





YEAR 2 SCAVENGER HUNT

Year 2 went on an autumn walk last week as we were writing sensory poems in English. The boys also enjoyed an autumn scavenger hunt finding lots of interesting things around them before we discussed what we could see, hear, feel, smell and taste. Here is a poem by Charlie Danos:

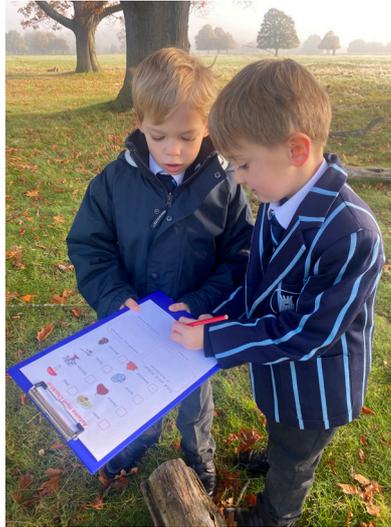
In autumn

I see the green and brown trees in the fog

I smell the sweet red berries

I feel the cold wind wooshing past my head

I hear a fluffy squirrel running along.



RECEPTION

This week, as part of their 'People who help us' topic Reception welcomed two visitors into their classroom: Natasha Hegegaard who is a local vet and our very own Mr Hare in his capacity as a paramedic.





Saturday football tournament

It was billed as a football bonanza and it certainly didn't disappoint. Over 100 players, 4 tournaments and 6 hours solid football! Thank you so much to everyone who came along and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. This was a day where the trophies and medals helped a little bit but in fact the boys all just seemed to enjoy taking part and having plenty of fun along the way.

Huge thanks to Mr Geary and his team of helpers who kept everyone fed with a magnificent array of wonderful BBQ treats. Also our thanks to all the parents who helped out with the cake stand and to Mrs Martini who did a roaring trade with her hot drinks and coffees. Finally my thanks to Mr Mullan and Mr Morris for keeping the games moving and the boys ready to play.

It was a great team effort and thanks to everyone involved we managed to raise over £1400 which will go towards some fantastic new sports equipment for children in Barbados which will be donated on the tour this Easter.



Football this week

A super week of football fixtures has once again seen the THS boys produce some fantastic results.

The U11s played against very strong opposition in Newland House on Monday and acquitted themselves very well indeed. It was the turn of our U10 boys who continued their extremely impressive season with victories at A/B level and a draw at C team level against Falcons on Tuesday. Finally on Wednesday our senior boys produced some of the best performances Mr Geary and I have witnessed at 1st and 2nd team level against Northcote Lodge, one of the largest schools on the circuit. The 1st team came back from a goal down to turn things around and secure a 3-1 win and the 2nds battled so hard to secure a 2-2 draw, desperately unlucky to concede with the final kick of the game. Well done to our 3rd and 4th teams as well both of whom played really well and with great spirit in defeat.

Next week is the final week of the full football season and we are going out with a bang with the busiest week of the term so far! No less than 22 fixtures and with every boy from Years 3-Year 8 taking part in a match. It is going to be busy but very exciting too!

Mr Peyton



YEARS 3 AND 4 TRIP

On Wednesday Years 3 and 4 travelled to deepest, darkest Hampshire to visit Butser Ancient Farm. Read on for an account of Year 3's experience and to the following page for some quotes from Year 4 about their day.

Year 3 spent the day experiencing what life was like during the Stone Age. They stationed themselves in a traditionally built replica of a stone-age house, full of tools and pottery, where they sat on animal skins around a center fire to learn more about this historical period. The first activity they took part in was using flexible hazel saplings to construct wattle fences. They were then given a chunk of natural chalk to colour with naturally available 'dyes' and then carve a picture into using a piece of sharp flint. They visited other shelters in Paleolithic and Mesolithic styles before returning to their Neolithic structure for packed lunches round the fire. After lunch, they took part in an archeological dig where the boys used trowels and brushes to unearth bones and flints before cleaning them and trying to work out what their findings were. The last activity involved ropemaking. Each of the boys was shown how to twist fibres to make them into strong cords which they then turned into either a bracelet or zipper pull. They had a brilliant day out and the boys came away with a much better understanding of the Stone Age from the experience.

Mrs Hogan





Tower House School



"The trip was so enjoyable and I learnt how Roman villas were made. After that we went on an archaeologist dig and I found a bone, some pottery and a piece of flint." Rafa



"I loved the trip but what especially stood out was their amazing round houses, excavating the objects from deep underneath the ground and making the beautiful jewellery out of just wire." Felix





Anti-bullying week

Monday 15th November sees the start of Anti-Bullying week. This year's theme is 'One Kind Word.' We have a range of activities planned for all ages including an exciting assembly from Year 8, talks and workshops for our older boys from Richmond MIND, a visit from Nick Carter (see below) and Mr Peyton's special story time for boys in the Junior School and Reception.

The week starts with Odd Socks day on Monday 15th November. We ask that boys wear a different pair of socks than their usual grey ones, with their school uniform. The socks can be the same or different to help remind us to value individuality uniqueness and our diverse world. This is a free event but, to raise money for the Anti-bullying alliance, the charity who organise anti bullying week every year, we will be selling wristbands (£1) and a range of other merchandise after school on Monday and at drop off and pick up times throughout the week.

The Anti -Bullying alliance have also published some information for parents which can be found at their website: For Parents and Carers (anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)

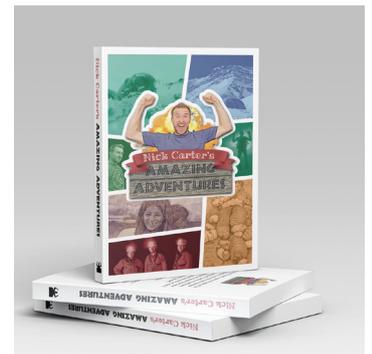
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Nick Carter, the explorer and adventurer, is coming into school on Wednesday 17th November to talk about his amazing adventures, like climbing Mount Everest, living with remote tribes and swimming the English Channel (even though he wasn't very good at swimming).

Nick has just published his first children's book (signed copies £10 on the day) that tells the stories behind his biggest adventures to date (the Amazon, very deep caves, finding kindness, etc) and explains how to develop important adventure values yourself. More importantly, the book pushes children to go and experience those values first-hand through age-appropriate missions.

Perhaps even more excitingly, Nick has decided to gather together some of his most inspirational adventurer friends to organise a weekend of values-based activities around London, that teach practical kindness, bravery and resilience first-hand. Look out for a flyer on the day.

We think the children will be fascinated and inspired by what Nick has to say and are excited to welcome him into the school on Wednesday.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Your son will bring home today a proof of the photographs taken earlier this week.

Orders should be placed directly with Tempest Photography, details of which are outlined on the proof form.

YEAR 4 CHARITY

To bring some warmth to SW14 and raise some money for Tiggywinkles (Worlds Leading Wildlife Hospital), Year 4 will be running a Tiggy inspired drinks stall on Thursday 18th November for Y4-8 during lunchtime. We will be serving up a Peyton Primer and an Evans Angel Juice. Not to be missed. £2 each.



FOTH CHRISTMAS FAIR

THURSDAY 2ND DECEMBER
FROM 3.30 PM

FESTIVE FUN

- SANTA'S GROTTO
- INTERACTIVE GAMES
- TOMBOLA & JAM JARS
- TOY AND BOOK STALL
- WREATHS AND GIFTS
- MULLED WINE & MORE!



RAFFLE PRIZES

WIN 2 PAIRS OF FRONT ROW SEATS TO
THS PERFORMANCES AND A HAMPER!
TICKETS ON SALE FROM 15TH NOV AT
FOTH.ORG.UK





UPCOMING EVENTS

Bullying Awareness Week - One Kind Word

PSHE and form times dedicated to bullying awareness workshops and discussions

Mon 15th	-	Odd Socks Day - wear odd socks to school today to celebrate diversity	
	-	Junior school bullying awareness	8:40pm
	-	Senior school bullying awareness	10:40pm
	-	U11 A/B/C v Surbiton (A)	2:30pm
	-	1st/2nd Falcons (H)	2:45pm
Tue 16th-		Year 7 and 8 workshop with Richmond MIND team and police education officer	9:20-10:45am
	-	U10 A/B/C v Eaton House (H)	2:45pm
	-	U9 A/B/C v Eaton House (A)	2:45pm
Wed 17th	-	Assemblies with Nick Carter - adventurer/author - resilience talk 9:00 - 9:40am - Years 2 and 3 10:00 - 10:40am - Years 4, 5 and 6 10:40 - 11:20 - Years 7 and 8	
	-	1st/2nd/3rd/4th v Eaton House (A)	2:45pm
	-	U11 A/B/C v Eaton House (H)	2:45pm
Thur 18th	-	Year 2 trip to Holly Lodge	10:00am
	-	Year 4 charity drinks sale in playground (senior school)	1-1:20pm/ 1:20 - 1:40pm
	-	U8 A/B/C/D v Eaton House (A)	2:30pm

Congratulations to this week's house point winners who are ... **Barnes!**

Have a lovely weekend!