



## Jubilee Celebrations

This week Tower House has truly started to feel the spirit of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The boys have been learning all about why a Platinum Jubilee is so rare and thought about how the Queen has been on the throne through several important events in history. Junior and senior boys designed commemorative stamps and made bunting as part of their art lessons, took part in a 'royal' themed quiz and enjoyed other activities with our teachers in class. Junior school especially enjoyed making crowns which we wore to our special lunch! The week culminated with a mufti day today (congratulations to Hugh Evers and Rufus Martini who won the best costume awards)! During this morning's assembly we were treated to a beautiful rendition of the national anthem, played by the recorder group, followed by informative and extremely entertaining performance by Year 8 who talked us through some of the Queen's most memorable moments. Many thanks to all the staff at THS who have been involved in the Jubilee activities, especially Mrs Macdonald and Mrs Maxwell for coordinating the fun! Huge thanks also to the parent reps for surprising us with delicious cakes. We wish everyone a joyful Jubilee long weekend.



## JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS





## HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION (JUNIOR)

The Junior School House Music Competition final took place on Monday 23rd May. I was amazed by the standard of the performers and how confidently they all played. We have a mixture of instruments and genres, and it was very difficult to choose a winner. Each finalist was given a prize and the winner a trophy! Thank you again to everyone who auditioned over the last two weeks, it has been wonderful to listen to you all. Keep performing and enjoying music!

Mrs Minter



### Special Mentions:

Seb Gardner: award for the performance that received the best audience reception

Alex Wouters: Most confident

Ashwin Chockalingam: Best performance from memory (didn't look at his music once!)

Max Lloyd Jones: Best performance by a newcomer (only been learning a few weeks)

### Results

**Winner: Charlie Wouters**

**2nd Place: Oscar Schmidt**

**3rd Place: Lucian Syrett**

**4th Place: Tristan Branch**



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## HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION (SENIOR)

Having not had a House Music Competition since 2019 (thanks to you know what) – we had two in one week! Hot on the heels of the Junior spectacular, the Senior boys performed for a most appreciative crowd yesterday morning.

The standards were incredibly high – and the pieces were eclectic as always (including our first three song 'mash up' from the newly formed Earl Brothers).

After no little debate, the judges awarded fourth place to Enzo Manuel, third place to Thomas Diringer, joint second place to Ed Clement and Joe Swan, with Thomas Wood stealing the headlines as winner!

All finalists earned points for their house and our hearty congratulations for entertaining us so royally.



Last Friday, Year 3 made a royal visit to Hampton Court Palace to enhance our learning about the Tudors. Despite abysmal weather, spirits were high as we were escorted around the kitchens by appropriately attired Tudor cooks to learn about what life was like during Henry VIII's reign. We visited the boiling room, the roasting room and fish alley. Did you know that the Tudors did not have potatoes, sweetcorn or chillies, and that they did have pasta? Afterwards, we toured Henry's apartments and other parts of the palace. The boys knew plenty about the infamous king and his many wives but a few rumours were dispelled too. For example, Henry VIII was a generous king who allocated the same daily 2-3kg ration of meat that he was entitled to all who worked for him, including the royal toilet cleaner. That amounts to 48 cheeseburgers per day! After lunch, the weather cleared and we toured around the palace grounds, updated by the famous Capability Brown, and visited the longest grape vine in the world before returning to THS.

Mrs Hogan



## Cricket

Another storming week for the senior boys saw 1st 2nd and 3rd teams all win at St Philips on Wednesday to maintain the unbeaten season at the top of the school. The U11s also had two wins against Falcons on Wednesday which was very well deserved after working so hard in a really tough fixture on Monday against The Mall.

Sadly the weather scuppered another U9 match which was such a shame.

All in all a great first half term of the cricket season. Only one round of matches left after half term but I am sure the boys will continue their fabulous season in the week after exam week.



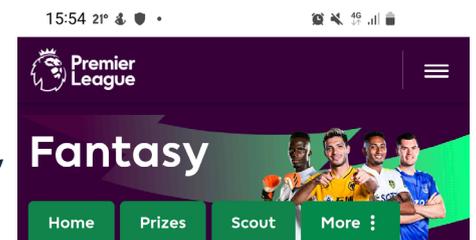
## Fantasy Football League - a new winner!

As many of us were glued to the thrilling end to the premiership season last Sunday the real excitement surrounded a hotly contested THS Fantasy Football League. Far bigger news than Man City pipping Liverpool to the title is in fact that the King of Fantasy Football (Mr Tsang, Jack Y4 & Charlie Y2) has been dethroned after two years at the top. A fantastic battle in the last couple of months between the Bryan family (William Y6 & Joe Y2) and Mr Gilbert (& George Y1 of course) was finally settled on the final day with the Gilberts taking the converted trophy. Many congratulations.



Well done to all 56 teams who entered this years league. Don't forget 2022-2023 season will be here before you know it and you too could be lifting the trophy this time next year! Watch out for the summer holiday email from Mr Evans with the league joining code as season starts super early on 6th August.

Mr Peyton



### THS

Select phase

Last updated: Sun 22 May 19:33 (local time)

Rank	Team & Manager	GW	TOT
1	<b>Romero</b> James Gilbert	88	2576
2	<b>Will's Wanderers</b> William, Joseph & Tom Bryan	65	2543
3	<b>Tower Villa</b> Jack Tsang	65	2424
4	<b>funkybunch</b> Mark Tsang	60	2419
5	<b>MrP's Super Blues</b> Ben Peyton	72	2412

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# CALLING ALL PARENT CRICKETERS...

## ...Three Opportunities to Play for the Legendary THS Parents' Team

Alongside a full fixture list for the boys, each year we try to pull together some cricket fixtures for THS parents (historically largely dads but mums very much welcome!). This year we have three in the offing, starting with the match against the staff on 10th June, followed by a fixture against the Old Vicarage School Dads on 25th June and then a match against Kings House School on 2nd July. Although the staff match is largely reserved for Year 8 parents, we are keen to get as many parents involved across the three fixtures as possible. It would be wonderful if any aspiring cricketers among the THS parent body could get in contact with [thomas.singlehurst@citi.com](mailto:thomas.singlehurst@citi.com)

## SCOOTER WORKSHOP

Last Friday, Year 2 attended a Scooter Safety Workshop run by Richmond borough. The boys learnt about emergency stops, how to maintain control of their equipment and about etiquette when sharing the pavement with pedestrians. The boys were split into two groups and played a variety of games to help them remember the 4 c's: Careful, Concentrate, Considerate and Controlled.

Jake: 'It was fun because we played games, like Grandma's footsteps but using our emergency braking.'

Joseph: 'I learnt so much, I felt like on the concrete when you scoot you go really far and now, I know how to stop.'



# JUNIOR SCHOOL DISCO

On Thursday afternoon the junior school boys enjoyed their annual disco - many thanks to the FOTH team for organising such an exciting event for the boys - as you can see from the photos they all had a blast!



## NOTICES

Reminder: the school gate opens at 8:15am unless boys are in a club before school. Thank you.

Please note that Mr Mullan's before school club on Monday 6th June will not run. The club will continue as normal from Monday 13th June. Thank you.

### We need your second hand uniform!

Donating uniform is easy. From the 6th June, for the rest of term, there will be two boxes at school - one by Tony's shed and the other by the scooters in the Junior School entrance.

Or you can drop items off at Jane Bhandal's home anytime: 33 Sheen Common Drive, TW10 5BW.

We already have lots of grey trousers and white shirts but would love any other items of uniform, in good condition, in particular larger sizes and blazers.

The next sale will be just before the autumn term starts, on the morning of Monday 5th September, at school.

Many thanks  
The FOTH Team

Congratulations to Caspar Moore in Year 6 who has won the senior school World Poetry Day competition with his beautiful poem, Polridmouth Beach. What a wonderful and atmospheric piece of writing, keep it up Caspar!

Look out for an anthology of the boys' poems which will be sent home today.

## Polridmouth Beach

By Caspar Moore in Year 6

I looked out to sea  
It looked back with glee  
The sun shined through the spray  
Forming rainbows on the bay  
I felt lucky to be me

I looked out to sea  
It looked angrily back at me  
Dark clouds loomed overhead  
Like sheets of darkened lead  
I felt a tremble in me

I looked out to sea  
It looked like a mirror to me  
An old mirror, not quite true  
But a beautiful blue  
I felt it calling to me

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**THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 6-8.30PM**



**FOOD  
DRINKS  
GAMES**

**HOG ROAST, BURGERS, HOT  
DOGS, SALADS, ICE CREAM,  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Common Entrance and senior school exam week

No senior school clubs this week

Junior school clubs as normal except:

NO Year 2/3 drama on Tuesday, NO Year 2/3 Yoga on Thursday, NO Year 3 multi-sport club on Thursday

Mon 6th	-	Normal timetable for all except Year 8 Year 8 boys go home after lunch	
Tue 7th	-	<b>Packed lunch required for all boys</b>	
	-	Junior school trip to Bocketts Farm	All day
Wed 8th	-	<b>Packed lunch required for all boys</b>	
	-	Junior school chess match at Thomson House	4:00pm
Thur 9th	-	<b>Packed lunch required for all boys</b>	
Fri 10th	-	Junior school sports day - Fife road, East Sheen Junior school boys to arrive from 8:15am at Sheen Common, in PE kit (white polo shirt, blue shorts and blue school cap) with a water bottle please. All can go home after sports day has finished	8:30am - 10:30am
	-	Senior school boys come to school in PE kit (white polo shirt, blue shorts, tracksuit top, blue cap with a water bottle please.	
	-	All senior staff and boys line up to walk to Sheen Common for sports day	10:15am
	-	Senior sports day. All can go home afterwards	10:45am - 1:30pm
	-	Staff v parents cricket match	2:00pm
Sat 12th	-	Family open morning for new Reception 2022 class	10:30am - 12:00pm

## Have a lovely half term!

Mr Gregory Evans, Headmaster