



Life's Ups and Downs

16 September 2022

Our first full week of term has, of course, been tinged with sadness. With a national period of mourning being declared – THS has tried to keep business as normal, whilst maintaining a respectful reverence. Assemblies and conversations have prompted some very interesting questions from the boys and, as a staff, we have done our very best to help each other navigate the emotions as well as the plethora of new terms and phrases. There will be an element of closure next Monday with The Queen's funeral. For the avoidance of doubt, since Monday has been declared a Bank Holiday, school will not be open in line with DFE guidelines.

Meanwhile, the aforementioned 'business as normal' included the start of co-curricular clubs. Activities beyond the traditional academic curriculum are indicative of a thriving school – boys at THS enjoy a wide range of opportunities ranging from early morning cross-country running (I wonder if this will be as popular when the mercury plummets) to more sedate pursuits such as sewing and chess. The common theme is the enthusiasm of the boys and the supervising teachers – many thanks to the latter for giving up their time so generously.



Originally scheduled to be on Monday - but now moved to Thursday.

This year we are supporting the Roehampton Community Box.

The Roehampton Community Box in association with Rackets Cubed was set up in March 2020 in response to Covid, with the idea of helping local families in primary schools in Roehampton where they were already delivering a core educational programme.

The food boxes proved to be essential to help families in need.

This is still a vital resource and we are proud to help. Please can we ask for non-perishable food appropriate for young families (no baby food thanks). No need to put the food in individual boxes (carrier bags are fine) as the RCB now has a food hub set up like a shop with shelving so that families can choose what products they would like instead of being given a pre-packed box to take home.

In particular we need:

Rice, Noodles, Spaghetti,
Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Corned
Beef, Tinned Tuna/ Sweetcorn/
Fruit

Oil, Baked Beans, Soup,
Breakfast Cereal, Squash,
Tomato Ketchup

Please send any donations into
school next Thursday.





Prehistoric Pottery by Mrs Hogan

On Wednesday, Y3 learned about the Beaker people. These prehistoric groups arrived to the UK from Spain and Portugal, replacing 90% of Britons' ancestry. The name 'Beaker People' comes from the distinctive clay beakers that were so treasured, they were included in the graves of their dead which is where archaeologists have uncovered them. Year 3 looked at a variety of photographed examples of the intricately decorated vessels and learned how scientists believe the decorations were created. They then made their own replica versions out of clay and the end results will be on display in the Junior School soon.





Our youngest class have developed remarkable stamina in a short space of time. The week started with them staying on for lunch and by Wednesday they were with us for the full school day.

Lunch has been a hit, but it must be said the full days have been testing some eyelids later in the afternoons





Year 1 News from Mrs Rasch

Year 1 have been learning about how to use adjectives in our writing. We read a story called 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne to help us with our learning. We enjoyed using our senses to explore the fruits from the story; we thought of some amazing words to describe the fruits and wrote them in our English books!



Also, Year 1 Construction Club started on a Wednesday. This week, we enjoyed working together constructing objects using Lego and larger construction toys. We loved being back in the Reception playground! Next week, Mrs Coles and Mrs Rasch will be setting us a construction challenge. We can't wait!



House Captains



House Captain Elections

As with every year the House Captain elections are fought with a great deal of good humour but with the gravitas that they also warrant and deserve. This year was no exception with the boys' campaign posters emblazoned over the walls and doors throughout the week and then their carefully considered speeches delivered with passion in today's House Assemblies.

Well done to all who put themselves forward for these coveted roles. To those that didn't quite manage enough votes to win the badge rest assured your input and influence on house speeches and house point assemblies will still be of great support to the House Captains and Vice House Captains.

Congratulations to our newly elected House and Vice House Captains;

Barnes:

C: Oscar Suddock

VC: William Spears

Chiswick:

C: Tom Wilkins

VC: Wilf Singlehurst

Kew:

C: Diesel Riad

VC: Sam Burgess

Putney:

C: Louis Warrillow

VC: Lucius Branch



SPORTS' NOTICES

Sports Fixtures Start

We are really looking forward to starting this year's fixtures off next week and giving the boys lots of opportunities to play in matches against other schools.

Just a couple of reminders:

1. Team sheets will be emailed to parents at least the day before a fixture and sooner if possible.
2. Parents are very welcome to come to watch fixtures and we are always looking for help with transport to away games so do please volunteer ; it's the only way we can keep up such an extensive fixture card.
3. HOME GAMES: please note that to gain access to our grounds to watch home fixtures, parents will need to know the password for entry at the security gates. This will be written on the team sheets when sent out. Parents must not drive onto the grounds please and need to find parking in surrounding roads.
4. All boys must all have shin pads, boots and proper games socks for all fixtures please. Rugby shirts are worn on the light blue side for fixtures.



Meanwhile, it has been fabulous to be back at the All England Lawn Tennis Club (AELTC) grounds for our Games sessions. We are so very lucky to have access to such beautifully manicured pitches – and this term we are delighted to have the benefit of the indoor Sports' Hall once again!



Sporting Achievements

Cameron Diwan is celebrating this week. Last Sunday he participated in the U12 singles tennis final at his tennis club (Pensford Tennis Club in Kew) and won in straight sets 6-4, 6-2 making him the 2022 Club Champion. Well done Cameron!





Sheen Gate Choir

Originally started with parents at THS ...

CALLING NEW SINGERS TO JOIN!

PLEASE COME AND TRY US OUT - YOU DON'T NEED TO BE ABLE TO READ MUSIC OR HAVE PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN A CHOIR TO JOIN US

REHEARSALS ARE ON TUESDAY 7.45PM – 9.30PM
(FOLLOWED BY DRINKS AT THE PLOUGH)

TUESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER IS OUR FIRST FULL CHOIR REHEARSAL THIS TERM -
CHRISTCHURCH, CHRISTCHURCH ROAD

WE HAVE BEEN SINGING TOGETHER FOR 12 YEARS AND HAVE BUILT UP AN EXTENSIVE REPERTOIRE OF MUSIC INCLUDING MANY OF THE LARGE CHORAL WORKS AND SEVERAL HUNDRED SMALLER PIECES. WE RANGE IN AGE FROM YOUNG TO 'MATURE' AND THOSE WHO DON'T QUITE READ MUSIC, TO SOME WHO ARE PROFESSIONAL MUSICIANS.

PLEASE COME AND TRY US OUT ...

www.sheengatechoir.co.uk

PLEASE EMAIL info@sheengatechoir.co.uk FOR MORE INFORMATION

Message from Mrs Maxwell

We would love to see photos of your boys reading their favourite books to add to our display. Please could you take a photo and send it to Mrs Maxwell. maxwell@thsboys.org.uk



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 19th

- Bank Holiday - School closed

Tuesday 20th

- 2.45: U9 A/B/C v Willington (H)

Wednesday 21st

- 8.40: Class photos - Whole School
- 2.45pm: 1st/2nd/3rd/4th v Falcons (H)
- 2.45: U11 A/B/C v Willington(A)

Thursday 22nd

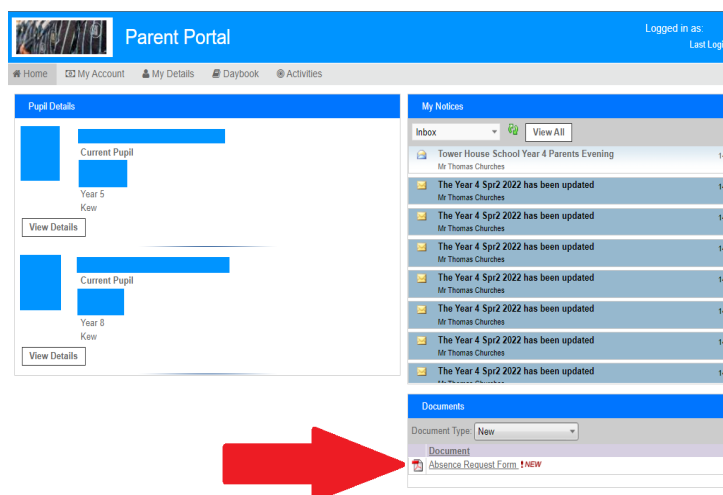
- 8.15: Prefects/Y8 boys receiving harvest festival donations in the hall. Boys bring gifts to hall on arrival at school. No boxes, bags only please. Please only items listed.
- 10.30: Harvest festival assembly, whole school.

Friday 23rd

- 9am: Open Morning for prospective parents
- 2.45: U10 A/B/C v The Mall (H)
- 2.45: U9 A/B/C v Northcote (A)

And finally

We know that circumstance sometimes present when pupils need to be absent from school during term time. We thank everyone for filling in the Authorised Absence request form - which we need for our records. Historically this has been printed off - but, we would prefer to move to a paperless model. An editable pdf can be found on the parent portal of Engage (see below) - once details are added please email this to secretary@thsboys.org.uk - many thanks in advance.



Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Gregory Evans, Headmaster