



Harvest!

23 September 2022

In a week when the word 'service' was on all our lips the THS community, once again, showed enormous generosity in helping others.

Our annual Harvest Festival acts as an opportunity to contribute something, namely food, to those less fortunate.

Old boy Dominic Oldroyd was pushed front and centre by his mother, Johanna, to explain the inspiring work they do on the Alton Estate. As described last week, the charity Racketscubed supports many families in the SW15 area with their newly opened 'food hub'. Dominic eloquently described the sad reality of food shortages for families less than one mile from the door of THS and the impact that the hub has on reducing food anxiety.

A huge thank you to everyone for the contributions – they were received very gratefully indeed.



Be Thankful
by Wilf Singlehurst
(read by Wilf at our Harvest Festival)

School gate opens,
Teachers and boys wait
Eager to receive,

The crackle of packets,
Stuffed into bags,
Heavy loads handed over,

Boxes, bottles, jars donated,
The hall fills up
With goods sorted,

Vertical tin columns
Carefully arranged,
Shadowed by rolling hills
Of pasta, cereal and rice,

Summer's end: an annual cycle,
To celebrate, be grateful,
And help those in need.



**Dominic Oldroyd addressing the
school at Harvest Festival**

Tower House School

Open Morning

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To conclude a busy, if slightly truncated week, we held our first Open Morning of this academic year.

Prospective pupils, many of which are babes in arms, were toured by members of Year 8 - who proved to be the perfect hosts.

It was also the first opportunity for James Earl (Head Boy) and Alex Pollock (School Ambassador) to speak publicly in their new roles. Both acquitted themselves superbly well - speaking with clarity and above all with an obvious pride in their school.





Football

Its been a really busy first full week of fixtures and great to see all the boys playing with, by close of play today, all age groups and all boys from Year 4-8 taking part in a fixture.

Firstly a huge well done to our U11 boys who went to the Surbiton tournament last week. Some great play in the group stages saw them top their group but then unfortunately they were knocked out in the quarter finals in a very close match against Ewell castle. A busy week for these boys with tough fixtures then also on Wednesday against Willington. Our U9 boys started their senior school sporting careers with some great results against Willington on Tuesday, 2 draws and a victory, a great start, well done boys. The 1st, 2nd 3rd and 4th teams were also all in action against Falcons on Wednesday. With only a couple of game lessons under their belts its fair to say we were



a little rusty, but I am sure all these teams will pick things up in the coming weeks. The 1st team was the pick of the results with an exciting 2-2 draw. Looking forward to our week of fixtures against Harrodian next week and our second Saturday tournament of the term next Saturday for the U10 and U11 squads. MrP



Year 1 News from Mrs Rasch

Y1 are learning about the 5 senses in science. They had great fun exploring their sense of taste last Friday. Working scientifically, they tasted and identified the main tastes we enjoy; salty, sweet, sour, bitter and umami!



Pottery Club

Amazing ceramics continue to fly out of the Y3 Pottery Club - under the expert guidance of our resident ceramicist Ms Whiting. These initials, created during the Summer Term, form a stunning display in the JS. You will notice, with the aid of zooming in, that the beautiful colours are the result of using coloured glass pieces. Not only do they look gorgeous - it's a great way to recycle too!





Reception Forest School

Forest School has been a hit with Reception





UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 26th

European Day of Languages celebrated through activities in class and assembly plus a European themed lunch.

- 8.40: Literacy morning for Reception & Year 1 parents; Parents please wait at the Junior School entrance whilst boys have registration.
- 2.45: 1st/2nd/3rd/4th v Harrodian (A)

Tuesday 27th

- 3pm: U10 A/B/C v Harrodian (A)

Wednesday 28th

- 3pm: U11 A/B/C v Harrodian (A)

Friday 30th

- 2.30: U9 A/B/C v Harrodian (A)

Saturday 1st

- 8.30: The Mall U11/U10 5 a-side tournament

Polite Notices

This week's notices centre mainly on pick up. Can we remind parents collecting from the swimming pool that boys should be picked up outside the club house - adults entering the changing rooms etc can cause undue disruption. Also a gentle reminder to all - please avoid parking across our neighbours' driveways no matter how short your intended stay. Thank you

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Gregory Evans, Headmaster