



Bullying Awareness Week

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This week, bullying awareness week, we have been learning how we can reach out to help and support one another. Boys across the school have taken part in a range of workshops and activities around the theme of 'Reach Out!'

Year 8 presented the Senior School assembly on Monday, speaking clearly and authoritatively on what bullying is, how we can help prevent bullying and support those who are bullied. They finished with a piece of performance poetry, again on the theme of 'Reaching Out!' Thank you, Year 8 - you ARE amazing.

The week started with the arrival of Abbey from Open View Education, who took our Junior School boys on a journey and reinforced messages on how to 'Reach out in Action!' Abbey ran a brilliant assembly followed by some drama workshops. With the help of Millie and Phillip, her puppets, the boys looked at different scenarios on what they could do to help and support each other and even learnt a 'reaching out rap.'



Bullying Awareness Week (cont)

On Tuesday, Years 4, 5 and 6, had a visit from Karen and Vasily from Richmond MIND. There were useful discussions across the year groups about what constitutes bullying, who bullies and what consequences there can be for people who are bullied. Much was learnt about how we can reach out, make connections and use our voice to help those around us. Karen and Vasily were really impressed with the knowledge and enthusiasm of the boys and the maturity they showed when discussing some challenging topics.

On Thursday, our Safer Schools Officer from the Metropolitan police, known to us all as P.C. Mick, ran a workshop for Years 7 and 8. The theme for discussion was appropriate social media use. Discussions were wide ranging and questions numerous. P.C. Mick was impressed with how well informed our boys were and with the empathy and enthusiasm shown. We also had the opportunity to go into the new hall and try out the new, very comfy, banked seating. P.C. Mick is always available to pupils and parents alike. His email address is: Mirko.Mitridate@met.police.uk

Finally, a special mention goes to Mr Peyton who has once again been sharing a range of topical books with the Junior School boys. The favourite this time being the adventures of the patchwork elephant, Elmer.

Weeks like this don't happen without a great deal of effort from staff. We would like to thank Mr Peyton, Mrs Minter, Mrs Montague and Mrs Patel for their efforts in organising such a wide variety of activities and all those who helped supervise events too numerous to mention.





Feathers

On the topic of Reach Out, the Junior School have been working together this week on a collaborative art project. The boys worked on tinting and shading the primary and secondary colours during their art lessons to later create their own feathers. Each boy has designed their feather with various patterns and messages of kindness. This has been turned into a pair of giant wings to represent reaching out and supporting each other.

A big thank you to Mrs Rasch, Mrs Bolton, Miss Whiting and Miss James for putting this beautiful display together in the JS entrance.





Reception

Reception enjoyed having Sue the dentist from Century Dental Clinic to visit them this week (as part of their 'people who help us' topic).

She taught the children about the importance of brushing their teeth twice a day for two minutes after eating sweet foods and after their main meal. They learnt how much sugar is in certain foods and found out which foods help make our teeth strong.





The Big Move

Yesterday will always be known as The Big Move in THS folklore. Coordinated with military precision by Mr P, the boys in Years 5,6,7 & 8 excitedly carried their chairs, books, personal effects and the occasional desk across the playground into their new classrooms.

Finally, the boys were able to settle down in our amazing new facilities. Their teachers breezed in and gave our new technology a spin (here is a picture of Mr Satterthwaite working his magic with Year 5).

Many thanks, once again, for the patience shown by everybody – judging by the boys' reactions yesterday they think the wait was worth it!



Swimming Successes

George Gill, Hugo Hogarth and Rory Wouters form a core of excellent swimmers in Year 7 and they regularly train and compete outside school. Hugo swims for Wandsworth Swimming Club and Rory and George swim for Barnes Swimming Club. Both clubs have held their club championships over the last few weekends.

Here is how they did:

Hugo was awarded the gold medal in the 400m freestyle and the 800m freestyle. The silver in the 50m breaststroke, 100m breaststroke and 200m breaststroke and bronze in the 50m fly and 200m freestyle.

George was awarded gold in the 200m, 400m and 800m freestyle; silver in the 50m freestyle and 100m breaststroke; bronze in the 50m breaststroke, 100m individual medley and 50m Fly.

Rory was awarded the gold medal in 1500m freestyle (the youngest competitor in the 60-length event!), gold in the 800m freestyle, silver in the 100m individual medley and 200m freestyle; bronze in the 50m backstroke, 50m fly and 50m freestyle.

Eagled eyed viewers will wonder how George and Rory seem to have shared some medals – this is because they compete in different age groups because of when their birthdays fall.

These successes are just reward for many hours of dedicated training and our congratulations go out to our amazing Year 7 swimmers!

Football from Mr P

I think it's fair to say it's been one of those weeks where the weather is not our friend!

A number of games fell foul of the incessant rain, but our 1st and 2nd teams carried on their brilliant seasons with two good wins vs Ibstock. Special mention must go to Oscar Leonard for the 1st team who managed the rare feat of scoring four goals in a game! The U9s had the challenge of playing on the astro turf pitches for the first time against Ibstock and played some good football in defeat. Finally, the U11s managed to play their games against Hornsby House and while the A team found things tough against strong opposition the B/C team were convincing winners.

Final week of football fixtures next week and fingers crossed the rain stops!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 21st November

- 8.40-10: Y6 ISEB pre-tests - ICT room
- 10am: Year 1 Forest school
- 5.30: Year 5 parents evening

Wednesday 23rd

- 8.40-10: Y6 ISEB pre-tests - ICT room
- 10.30: School council meeting- theme 'Pupil Playground Rules'
- 2.45: 1st/2nd v Twickenham Prep (A)
- 2.45: U11 A/B/C v Surbiton (H)

Thursday 24th

- Break & Lunch: Year 8 class charity (Parkinson's UK) Tin Can Alley and Coin challenge - New Hall. Please bring small change for Coin Challenge and 50P for Tin Can Ally
- 2.30: U8 A/B/C/D v Eaton House (A)
- 7pm-9.30: Proxima screening 1 - New Hall

Friday 25th

- 10.40: SS assembly - Clarinet workshop with Neil McGovern
- 2.45: U9 A/B/C v Surbiton (A)

Saturday 26th

- 9-12pm: Year 6 practice pre-test exams - GE
- 7pm-9.30: Proxima screening 2 - New Hall

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Gregory Evans, Headmaster