



Proxima has landed!

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There are special nights and then there are extra-special nights. The Proxima premiere, last Saturday, set new standards even for our multi-acclaimed drama department!

Any words I write here will not do the evening justice – those who were there will know exactly what I mean. The golden moments of seeing Mr Geary's latest vision realised on the silver screen, in the West End, will stay with those lucky boys for a lifetime.

An audience, predominantly consisting of cast members, assembled at the Curzon in Brunswick Square – all suitably dressed up in black tie attire.

Having stopped for photos on the red carpet we took our seats and were taken on a dystopian journey via celluloid (or its digital equivalent). I shall not spoil the plot (there are still screenings to come in our new hall) – but, the messages were of hope for the future and, very importantly, the responsibility we have being custodians of The Earth.

The boys' performances are stunning – within minutes you forget you are watching (amateur) school children. The production values and locations create a sense of immersion which feels very real indeed.

Weeks upon weeks, upon weeks of intensive effort went into the finished product. The spontaneous standing ovation at the end was (hopefully) some reward for so much sacrifice. (Cont.)



Tower House School

Proxima Cont.

As mentioned, the Proxima roadshow travelled to SW14 yesterday evening - with the inaugural invited guests sitting down, comfortably, in our new hall. It's not quite the West End - but our new facilities come pretty close!

The School's collective thanks go to, of course, Mr Geary for his superhuman endeavours - I have said it before, but it merits saying again - we are very lucky to have him!

Our thanks also go to his army of helpers. There are far too many to mention - but I must name check Vicky Singlehurst, Bronwyn Crockett, Gemma Warrillow and Andrew Webb. Without their input Proxima would still be a dream inside Mr Geary's head - everyone involved should feel very proud indeed!





History

Year 3 learned more about the archaeological site Star Carr in North Yorkshire. This was a settlement where Mesolithic people lived which we know because of all the artefacts that have been found there. We looked at some of the items that have been found including microliths, pendants, barbed spears made of antler, 11000-year-old wood and a collection of rare, mysterious deer antler headdresses found nowhere else in Britain. We considered what they were used for although no one knows. We then made our own headdresses and wore them the way we thought they would have been worn.



Ceramics

The aliens in Proxima were not the only ones to make an appearance at THS this week. These fantastic ceramic aliens were produced by the ever-prolific y3 pottery club - don't they look fantastic!





Grand Masters

This photo shows The Junior School Chess Club celebrating Dylan O'Donoghue's recent chess successes.

He has recently joined the Desert Penguins chess club in Barnes and competed in his first competition last weekend. Dylan finished in a top 10 position and won 4 out of 6 games. He has also qualified for the London Junior Chess Championships which will be held over the Christmas holidays.!



Year 1 Forest School

The atrocious weather on Monday didn't deter Year 1 from going to the woods. Fortunately, there was still enough leaf cover above to allow them to have a fantastic camp fire - marshmallow-tastic!





FOOTBALL

The final week of football fixtures and lots of teams in action. The U10's went over to St Philips on Friday where the A team came up against a very strong side who were just a little too strong on the day. However, the B team achieved a really hard fought 1-1 draw and the C's a fabulous 1-0 win to finish off their season really well.

On Wednesday despite being slightly depleted through illness, the 1st and 2nd teams both achieved convincing victories over Twickenham Prep and played some really outstanding football. All the boys in these teams have been fantastic this term but special mentions must go to Alex Pollock who has been magnificent for the 1st team all season and finished with a brilliant hat trick; and Stan Hughes who scored an incredible 4 goals for the 2nd team.



The U11s also played on Wednesday and again came up against some really strong opposition in Surbiton Prep. Mr Mullan was really pleased with the determination of the boys however and all 3 teams acquitted themselves very well. The U9s & U8s finish the season on Thursday and Friday respectively and their results will be in next weeks newsletter.



House Match football: Just a quick note to say please come along to support the house match football on Wednesday (Y6, 7 & 8) and Friday (Y4 & 5) next week. Its always a really fun end to the football season and the boys love having some support as well. I will send out the password for entry to the grounds as soon as I have it early next week.

MrP



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THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER

3.15PM- 6PM

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 28th November

- 9am: Doctor visiting reception - people who help us topic
- 10am: Year 1 Forest school
- 5.30: Year 7 parents evening

Wednesday 30th

- 2.30: Y6/7/8 House match football - Parents welcome to watch, password for entry sent next week

Thursday 1st December

- 4.15: Soloists concert - old hall,
Please enter though senior gate @ 4pm.
Boys performing need instruments and music to rehearse with in the afternoon.

Friday 2nd

- 2.45: Year 4 & 5 House match football - Parents welcome to watch, password for entry sent next week
- 3.30: Junior school charity, Community heartbeat trust, Christmas themed bake sale.

Travelling independently by bus? - A message from Mr P

Many of the older boys use public transport to travel to and from school independently and we as a school encourage this sustainable use of local transport networks as well as the growing independence of our young men. One or two incidents with pupils from other schools wearing school uniform have come to our attention over the past few weeks. I must reiterate this has not involved any of the boys from THS. However, so as not to draw attention to themselves we would recommend that boys wear a coat over their uniform and not their blazer while using public transport. Therefore, boys have permission to arrive and go home with their blazer either left at school or in their school bag if travelling independently on public transport.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Gregory Evans, Headmaster