



Soloists Tea Concert

02 December 2022

Christmas officially started yesterday when the festively bedecked old hall welcomed parents to sit down with a cup of tea (cake was optional) to see some fantastic performances from musical soloists.

The performing cast numbered twenty-five, and the range was years 1-8 inclusive. The variety of instruments and styles was joyous - each boy was enthusiastically applauded to the stage and deservedly praised after their performance. The common factor was the obvious delight they felt, having had the opportunity to play.

Our congratulations go to the boys; our thanks go to their peripatetic teachers and to Mrs Minter for organising such a heart-warming occasion.



School council meeting

The school council met this week with the focus of the meeting being pupils' rules for their fantastic new playground. It was one of the most productive council meetings we have had with passionate debate and incredibly well considered suggestions by the boys. The form captains represented their classes view superbly well and spoke articulately about a range of issues. Thank you to all the boys that attended and for your contributions.

Many of the current rules were re ratified by the council but some of the changes of these pupil led rules include:

- Restrictions on the number of balls used, 3 basketball and 3 foam footballs
- Respect for all types of playground games and space given to all to play, football, basketball, tag games and quiet area space
- More options of games such as cards and chess for wet break
- Use of foam balls for indoor break times in the new hall

by Mr P





Year 8 charity

Year 8 spent last Thursday morning fundraising for their chosen charity – Parkinsons UK. All boys in the school were encouraged to bring in a bit of change to have a go at Tin Can Alley and the coin race. The boys of Year 8's enthusiasm and energy in delivering a fantastic fundraising morning was mirrored only by the generosity of all the boys to contribute to this worthwhile cause. Well done everyone! Special thanks also go to Andrew Webb and Heidi Hampshire for coming to help out on the day. We couldn't have done it without you!

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Reception Class

The Reception boys were very lucky to visit Richmond Fire Station. They met real life firefighters who taught them all about fire safety and the important work they do. They practised calling 999, tried on the uniform (which was surprisingly heavy!) and even had a chance to look at the fire engine





House match football

After the past few weeks where we have seen far more rain than we would have liked we were treated to perfect autumn conditions for the house match football this week. As one parent commented at the conclusion of the senior tournaments "the boys seem to play even better football in house matches than they do in school fixtures!". The football was indeed fantastic, the tournaments all incredibly close and all boys involved and giving maximum effort for their house in every game.

At the time of writing we have no overall result as the Year 4 & 5 boys complete our house match week on Friday afternoon but I can reveal that Barnes were the champions of the senior A team tournament and Putney champs of the B team tournament.

Thank you as ever to all the support from parents, it really does make it even more special having you along.

By Mr P





The Christmas fair returns next week, from 3.15-6.30 on Thursday 8th December. Fun for the whole family! Donations needed (see attached) plus sweet and savoury donations from any you THS star bakers!!

Buy your raffle ticket to be in with a chance of winning prizes including a Fortnums hamper, dinner at the plough, or front row seats to your sons' THS performances!

Raffle tickets and tokens available to buy from www.FOTH.org.uk until EOP Tuesday 6th December.

All activities will be cash or tokens (Pre-paid tokens will be given to boys on the day of the fair). Cash/card payments accepted on all stalls.



CHRISTMAS FAIR DONATIONS

We would be very grateful for:

Toys and Books

(new/nearly new, suitable for THS age group)

Jam Jars

(empty, clean and odourless; decorated if you like!)

Little Toys, Sweets and anything else to fill the Jam Jars

(remember no nuts; wrapped sweets only)

Decorative Materials for the Jam Jars

(stickers, glitter, wrapping paper etc)

Bottles for the Tombola

(any bottles - shampoo, nail polish, wine, olive oil, spirits etc)

Donation boxes under stairs by the Office/Jnr School Entrance; Pls give any alcohol bottles to the Office

And Cakes and Bakes!

(Sweet or Savoury, no nuts; drop off at school on Thurs 8 Dec before 2pm)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 5th December

- Rugby starts in games - All boys from Y4-8 must bring mouthguards to school on games days

Wednesday 7th

- Year 7 mufti day - Please note this is Year 7 only (Gala dinner auction prize)
- 4pm: JS v SS chess match

Thursday 8th

NO CLUBS WHOLE SCHOOL

- 10.40: Nativity dress rehearsal with SS watching - New Hall
- From 3.15: FOTH Christmas fair

Please can JS parents accompany their sons, all boys will be allowed out to the fair at the following times. If you aren't accompanying your son please send them to school with a little money.

- o 3.15 - YR/1
- o 3.30 - Y2/3
- o 3.45 - Y4/5
- o 4.05 - Y6/7/8

Friday 9th

- 8.40: Y7/8 nasal flu vaccinations
- 3pm: JS Nativity - New Hall

Please enter through senior school gate from 2:45.

Boys will go home with parents after the nativity performance.

Junior School Notices

Can all parents please check their son's belongings. Several named coats have gone missing and we are wondering if they have made their way to a different home by mistake.

On the other side of the lost property coin - we have several unnamed cake tins/boxes left over from the cake sale before half term. These can be collected from the Junior School entrance.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Gregory Evans, Headmaster