



Nativity

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Nothing says Christmas like a small boy with a tea-towel on his head – it must be time for the Nativity! It was fantastic to host parents and grandparents at this joyous event – performed, for the first time in our new hall. The boys rose to the occasion – displaying acting talent beyond their tender years and singing their hearts out. The greatest story ever told had a twist this year – aliens of course – but the message was the same: peace and goodwill to all.

Shows never happen without a team behind the scenes, and the Junior School teachers and assistants worked tirelessly to ensure the boys developed the aforementioned confidence.

Special thanks go to Mrs Hogan for directing affairs with such panache – the sea of smiles that greeted the final cord were testament to the show's success – bravo!



Tower House School

Nativity Photos





Chess from Mr Satt

It's that time of the year again. The Boat Race, England v Australia and now the infamous Junior School vs Senior School Chess Competition in the pantheon of great sporting fixtures. The Junior School arrived to the new building with trepidation, mainly because they weren't sure where to go, but also with revenge in their minds after the defeat in '21. The Senior School entered soon after into the Lion's Den (or Year 6 Classroom as I sometimes like to call it). What the Senior School lacked in numbers, they made up for in heart, bravery, and the chess sets. After 3 rounds and an insatiable to and fro between the teams, the score was even with one round to go, providing a script that neither Miss James or I could have written. With 5 minutes permitted for the round, everything was all to play for. Eventually after what could only be described as an agonising wait, the scores were announced as JS 32-30 SS. A victory for the Junior School.

Well done to both Chess Clubs for their commitment and dedication to Chess this term and a huge thanks to Miss James for facilitating the event.



E-Kart Club

Our new extended playground area provided the perfect venue to road test the THS E-Kart this Wednesday. This weekly, after school, club is a special opportunity for boys to get a hands-on experience of construction - with a tangible end result. The E-Kart, as the name suggests, is powered by batteries and acts as a 'vehicle' to explain the energy changes involved in such modes of transport.

Many thanks to Mr Churches for guiding our future engineers and instilling good habits in the boys such as putting the tools away when they are finished with!



FOTH Christmas Fair

Huge congratulations to Mel Burgess, Cathy Sutton and their team of helpers (not forgetting the Big Man in his grotto) – for organising and hosting our annual Christmas Fair.

Having had some curbed affairs for the last couple of years – we were able to ‘spread our wings’ into some new spaces – thus, creating a calmer event than normal.

The new hall became a Christmas Market with many seasonal wares on sale and the venue for a guest set from Mr Hare’s woodwind ensemble. Meanwhile, the old hall became the centre of active games. A rather noisy ‘tin can alley’, the famous ‘snowtornado’, reindeer racing and a light slapping table game (on which Mr Satterthwaite reigned supreme). The reception class hosted some more gentler pursuits including decorating gingerbreadpeople. And did I mention the Big Man was in town? The expectant queue waiting to enter the grotto was wide eyed and excited as ever. The weather was cold but dry – providing a perfect atmosphere for a very special occasion.





Christmas Fair Raffle Winners



Raffle prizes - PLEASE PICK UP FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

FORTNUM & MASON CHRISTMAS HAMPER	Townsend (y5)
DINNER FOR 2 AT THE PLOUGH	Gardner (y6)
CRUMB SOURDOUGH STARTER KIT	Samson (y2)
HANDMADE CHRISTMAS CAKE	Branch (y8)
MPIRA HANDMADE CRACKERS	Espin Rojo (y3)
YOONEEYAK PHONE POCKET & YOONEEYAK OUCH POUCH	Pasumarty (y4)
£20 SHEEN BOOKSTORE VOUCHER	Berry (y7)
£15 SHEEN SPORTS VOUCHER	Mckinnell (y5)
2 FRONT ROW SEATS FOR YOUR SONS' THS PERFORMANCES!	Copus (y2)
2 FRONT ROW SEATS FOR YOUR SONS' THS PERFORMANCES!	Hall (y3)

Snownado winners (Prizes will be given out in school)

R: George 25
Y1: Nicholas 38
Y2: Zach 22
Y3: Alex 68
Y4: Nathan 46
Y5: Joe 72
Y6: Ed 101
Y7: Freddie 45
Y8: Jeevan 93

Find the Santa winner (Prize will be given out in school)

Y1 Ruairi Talbot



Football & Notices

House Football Overall results

As I said in last week's newsletter, house match football is always fun and there is always some fantastic football played. The Year 4/5 and the year 2 and 3 tournaments were no exception at the end of last week and it's been so good to see the boys enjoying their football so much.

When all the final tournament scores were combined, counted (and verified!) the results were:

1st : BARNES 2nd : Putney 3rd: Chiswick 4th: Kew

Well done to Barns this year's house football champions. MrP



2nd hand uniform donations

Please drop under the stairs in senior building and at junior entrance next week. Or 33 Sheen Common Drive, TW10 5BW over the holidays. Everything needed except for white shirts and grey trousers. Thank you!

Next sale is Thursday 12th January from 8.15am.

Message from Mrs Maxwell in the Library

Could all library books at home be returned before the end of term. I would also love some more photos of your boys reading their favourite book. Please send to maxwell@thsboys.org.uk





Hounslow and Richmond
Community Healthcare
NHS Trust

Did your child miss their nasal flu vaccination?

Community Catch up clinics are available. No appointment needed.
For children in years reception to year 9 attending schools in Kingston and
Richmond or home schooled.

Monday 19th December- 09:30- 13:00

Sheen Lane Centre- Main Hall, 74 Sheen Lane, East Sheen, SW14 8LP

Tuesday 20th December- 09:30- 13:00

St. Mark's Church Hall, Church Hill Road, Surbiton, KT6 4LS

Friday 6th January 14.30 -16.00 and Friday 13th January 14.30 -16.00

Teddington Health and Social Care, Queens Road, Teddington TW11 0LR

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For any queries, please call us on 020-3691-1027 or 020-3691-1042



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CHRISTMAS SPORTS CAMP



4TH- 6TH
JANUARY

9.00AM -
2.00PM

@TOWER
HOUSE
SCHOOL

Join us for three days of fun!

The sports camp is for children in school years 1-6.
The cost is £135 for the week. Single days available.

What to expect?

- Team building
- Invasion & evasion games
- Football, rugby, dodgeball & many more
- Challenges & tournaments
- Prizes

What to bring?

Trainers, shin pads, waterproofs, a bottle of water and a packed lunch (no nuts please).

How to book your child's place?

Please visit

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/code/q8qby>

There are limited places so please book early to avoid disappointment. Payment details will be provided once your child's place is confirmed.



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WORLD CUP TOURNAMENT DAY



**MONDAY 19TH
DECEMBER**

**9.00AM -
2.00PM**

**@PALEWELL
PARK**

Join us for one day of fun!

The sports camp is for children in school years 1-6.
The cost for the day is £45.

What to expect?

- Team building games
- Invasion & evasion games
- World cup themed challenges & tournaments
- Prizes for world cup winners

What to bring?

boots, shin pads, waterproofs, a bottle of water bottle
and a packed lunch (no nuts please).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

No Clubs this week

Monday 12th December

- 8.40-10am: Orchestra rehearsal - Please can boys have music and instruments at school

Tuesday 13th

- PM: Carol Service rehearsals pm - Christchurch. - Please can Orchestra boys have music and instruments at school
- PM: No Y4/5 Games
- 4.05: Dismissals at school as usual

Wednesday 14th

- am: Collect academic and football badges from last year - Please can boys have blazers with badges at school.
- 9am: JS pantomime - New Hall
- PM: Carol Service rehearsals - Christchurch. - Please can Orchestra boys have music and instruments at school
- PM: No Games Y6/7/8
- 4.05: Dismissals at school as usual.
- 6pm: Carol Service - Please can Boys be in their seats at 5.45

Thursday 15th

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY-boys should wear blazers on top of jumpers.

£2 or a donation In aid of JS charity & SS class charities.

- Lunch Time - Christmas Lunch

Friday 16th

- 10am: Final assembly - whole school - New Hall.
Y7 no PE / Reception no forest school, both please come in uniform.
- End of term collection arrangements & times;
- 11.45: Reception & Year 1 - JS door
 - 12pm: Year 2 & 3 - JS door
 - 12.15: Year 4 & 5 - JS door. Year 6, 7 & 8 - SS door

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Gregory Evans, Headmaster