



## The Staff Play(s)

03 February 2023

The THS staff are always game for a challenge – but, when I proposed we perform not one but two plays with the allowance for just three rehearsals – their derring-do was tested to the limit.

However, many of my colleagues rose to the challenge and yesterday tentatively stepped out into the lights to perform the first night of our versions of Fawlty Towers and Allo Allo.

Watching Mr Peyton metamorphosise into Basil Fawlty is one of the wonders of the stage and of course our very own thesp Mr Geary steals the show as René Artois – but these were just two of many highlights of a truly heart-warming evening.

Many thanks to the (self-titled) Guild of Master Set Builders for once again transforming our slice of SW14 and of course to FOTH for providing our refreshments.

We sincerely hope that the audience enjoyed themselves as much as the players – and we are raring to go and do it all again this evening.







## Year 7 Poetry Mrs MacDonald

On Tuesday, Year 7 began their pursuit for poetic excellence with a visit from rapper and performance artist, Kimba. Kimba spent the day with Year 7 ahead of the South London Slam Poetry Competition that the boys will be participating in this March. Under Kimba's expert tuition and guidance, our boys created two top secret poems for entry in this year's competition. The classroom was electric and I was so impressed with their dedication and focus throughout the day. We cannot wait to share these poems with you and the rest of the South!







## Clarinet and Saxophone Concert

Our Friday morning got off to a groovy start as we were entertained by an impressive number of woodwind musicians. There was a nod to the more classical genres (Elgar) but the theme was predominantly Jazz (Gershwin & Hancock among others) - the end result was a joyous concert where the boys performed some incredibly complex pieces as solos and well as in ensembles.

These high standards do not happen by accident, and we extend our thanks to Mr McGovern for providing the expert tutelage so that these performing heights are reached. Bravo!





This week Year 7 took part in their first model UN event at school. In the spirit of negotiation and debate, Year 7 were each given countries that they had to research, understand their aims and concerns. The week was spent discussing key issues like nuclear disarmament and climate change and while some countries tried to exercise their political might by forming underhand alliances in the playground, it is safe to say that Year 7 fully embodied the UN aims of international co-operation. Well done!



### **Safer Internet Day - From Ben Peyton**

Safer Internet Day will take place on the 7th of February 2023, with this year's theme being 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'. Co-ordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration sees thousands of organisations get involved to promote the safe, responsible, and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we seek to promote in school, and Safer Internet Day is a fantastic opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year. We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help with this, you may be interested in downloading the free Safer Internet Day Education Pack for Parents and Carers which is available at: Parents and carers - UK Safer Internet Centre  
We have also found the following parent guides useful and we would like to share them with you.

<https://www.openvieweducation.co.uk/social-media-age-ratings>

<https://www.openvieweducation.co.uk/tiktok-parent-guide>

<https://www.openvieweducation.co.uk/what-parents-need-to-know-about-loot-boxes>





## Rugby from Mr P

A super week of rugby action saw all age groups playing at least once. Our U10s got their campaign under way with a couple of great matches v St Philips last Friday. It was then the Year 4 boys turn on Tuesday to experience their first taste of rugby fixtures and these boys did brilliantly well against Willington. There is some great promise in these two younger year groups.

On Wednesday the U11s continued their excellent start to the season with a couple of really close fought battling games against Eaton House. The A team game in particular was a real bruising thriller with the THS boys scoring with a couple of minutes to go to level things up. Finally the 1st team went over to Newland house where they had a resounding victory against another traditional strong team. Mr Morris is delighted with the free running rugby that this team is beginning to develop.

Well done again to all boys who have played this week and apologies again to our 2nd team who have unfortunately had both their matches this term cancelled. Lots more to look forward to after half term on the rugby front however.





## UPCOMING EVENTS

**\*\*Children's Mental Health week-Assemblies on Monday and focus this week in PSHE. Theme- "Lets Connect"\*\*\***

### Monday 6th February

- 8.40: JS assembly – children's mental health week
- 10.40: SS assembly – children's mental health week
- o Economic Literacy & well being workshops
  - 9.20-10.00: Y5
  - 10.00-10.40: Y7
  - 12.00-13.20: Y8
- 5.30: Year 6 Parents Evening – New Hall

### Tuesday 7th

- o National internet safety day
- o Economic Literacy & well being workshops
  - 8.40-9.20: Year 4
  - 10.00-10.40: Y6

### Wednesday 8th

- 2pm: Creative arts concert rehearsals – New Hall
    - Please have music and instruments in school.
- No Y6/7/8 Games, collection from school 16:05

### Thursday 9th

- 2pm: Creative arts concert rehearsals – New Hall – Full run through.
  - Please have music and instruments in school.
- 5.30 Doors open for art exhibition & FOTH drinks (Lunch hall)
- 6pm: Creative Arts Concert - New Hall

### Friday 10th

- Lunch: Thai Lunch day
- \*\*\*\*Break up for half term\*\*\*\*

## Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Gregory Evans, Headmaster