



## Junior Citizens Day

17th march 2023

On Thursday, Year 6 had Junior Citizens Day. It was a day where Year 6 learnt to be responsible and how to be junior citizens. They were faced with a number of scenarios and challenges and met a variety of public representatives from the community and 'safe strangers'. For example they met the Metropolitan Police, the London Fire Brigade, paramedics, TFL and the Maritime Volunteer Service. They learnt responsibility, who to speak to in an emergency and also what to do in an emergency e.g DR ABC - Danger, Response, Airways, Breathing, Call 999 or stay low in a fire.

"It was really well set-up, for example the role-plays" (Areez)

"It helped us understand how we might feel in situations for example we even got to do our own 999 calls" (Rex)

"It was very helpful because it will help us in situations that are tough e.g fires" (Ayansh)







## Poetry Slam from Mrs Macdonald

Rhyming rivals from around the South of London gathered at The Polka Theatre on Wednesday evening to partake in the ultimate head-to-head competition to be Crowned Slam Champion of the South, and Year 7 were in the thick of it. This year's theme was 'Green' and the interpretations all seemed to focus on nature and man's response to the ever-present threat of global warming. "The theme was very powerful considering the crisis we are in now. It seems like the perfect time to say something about it." (Rory Wouters) We were ready.



Hosted by poet Kimba Bush Ramsey, with a judging panel including Australian slam champion Philip Wilcox, Caterpillar prize winner Coral Rumble and poetry king Spoz, the night promised to be brimming with entertainment. "Spoz was so cool. He was interesting and poetry seemed to come naturally to him. Even if he can't rap!" (Caspar Moore)

Year 7 had experienced the expert training of Kimba himself with a crash course to Slam in January. Two poems were to be entered, and knowing they were also competing against their classmates meant Year 7 needed to be outstanding.

Their adversaries were noble, but they were ready for the challenge. Tower House had drawn the straws of performance slots two and three, with King's House up first. Excellent. It was time to set the bar, and they had intentions of setting it high. "It was nice to see the first group go, and it





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gave us confidence not having to be the very first. It was nerve-wracking because we had never performed in front of a live audience, but we felt confident once we got on stage." (Con Brandreth)

Year 7 knocked it for six. Seamless and measured, they breathed life into their words and expressed themselves with clarity and emotion. They were positively brilliant. And their hard work certainly paid off when they took home the second-place trophy for the South London competition. Year 7 had a fantastic evening celebrating not only their personal achievements, but the achievements of local young people as they expressed themselves through verse. "Poetry can be a lot more fun than I realised. I like getting involved in these sorts of competitions because it allowed me to interact with other people in my community and not just my classmates." (Freddy Golding)



Year 7 would like to extend a special thank you to Mr Morris and Mr Satterthwaite for volunteering their evening to help make sure they were able to showcase their talents. I am immensely proud of everything that the boys achieved at the Slam. Their work ethic and focus has been unparalleled, and I am delighted with the outcome! "Free, fun, fantastic. Three things that poetry can be, and everybody can and should get involved." (William Tattley)







## Recorder and Oboe Concert

Twenty eight THS boys, in year groups ranging from reception to Year 7, entertained a packed Townsend Hall this Wednesday. Such a long concert could probably have done with an interval, so congratulations to all performers not only for playing so beautifully, but also for being so attentive and supportive of each other.

We thanked Mrs Gibbs after what was her last recital at THS – the 'strength in depth' shows that she leaves a solid legacy and that THS woodwind is in rude health!



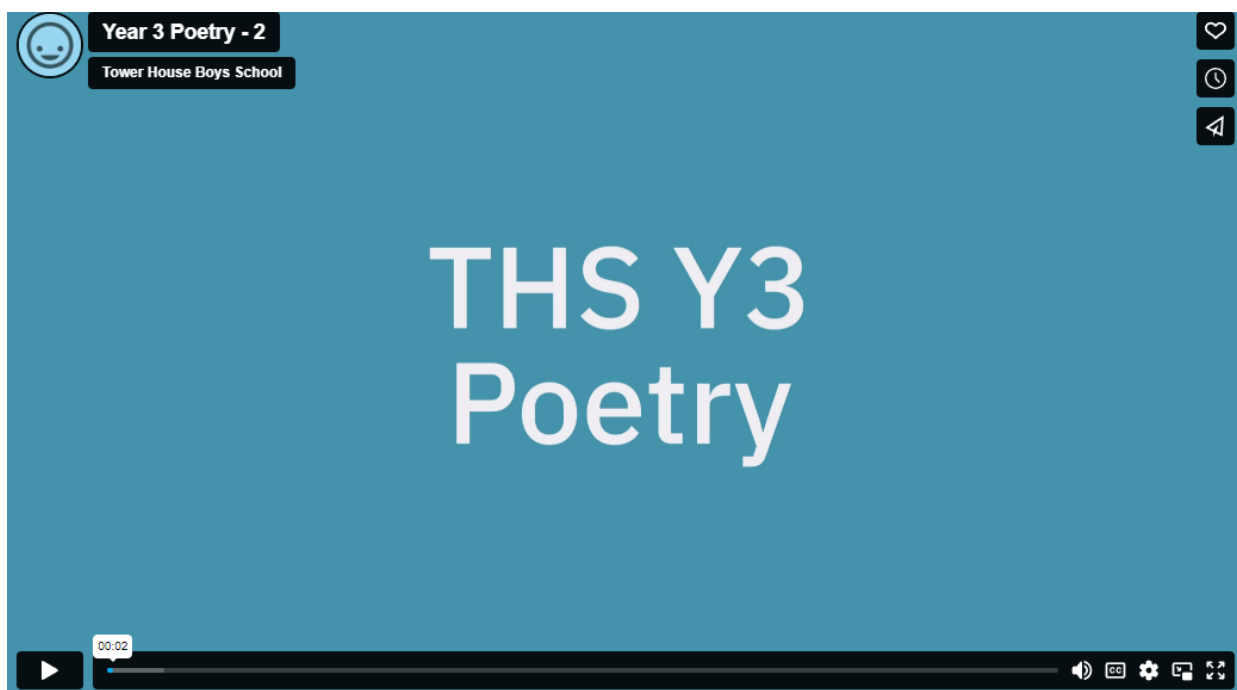


## More Poets – this time from Year 3 !

Year 3 learned about figurative language, rhythm and rhyme and then applied their learning to plan, write, edit and perform amazing poems. Below is a link to the recording of their creative endeavours. Enjoy our young bards' efforts!



Part 1 <https://vimeo.com/808391902/e33eef3cdc>



Part 2 <https://vimeo.com/809003389/6d299e9497>





## Restless Development

Monday saw a regular visitor return to THS, namely Lewis, from Restless Development. Tower House pupils have a longstanding tradition of raising funds, through sponsored triathlons, for this amazing charity who specialise in helping disadvantaged school children in the underdeveloped corners of the globe (ranging from Nepal to Tanzania). It is important that the boys realise how their efforts directly affect others in a positive way and Lewis recounted the heart-warming story of Serah from Sierra Leone who was contemplating leaving school and caring for the home aged 10 (common place in certain regions of Africa), before Restless stepped in and enabled her to further her education.

NB: Please note the triathlon scheduled to take place at Charterhouse is rescheduled to Sunday 30th April because of a clash with the coronation.



### Another Scholarship!

We are delighted to announce that Jeevan Bhandal has been awarded a Sports' Scholarship by Reed's School. We have known for some time that Jeevan is a very gifted sportsman – with Cricket being his game of choice – it is fantastic that this talent has been recognised by the senior school he will be attending in September!



## A Personal Eulogy

In a week where poetry has been front and center we would like to share a personal message from Ethan Berry; which he recited at his Grandfather's funeral last Thursday. Beautiful words, which we know would have meant a lot to the whole family.

Dear Lolo

I know you can no longer be with us and I know you fought so long. You made so many people smile with your silly stories and songs.

I know you found it hard to deal with us, when we were little babies and cried. But I know your love grew stronger and stronger as time and years went by.

I loved sitting in your room listening to your stories about the war. While you were watching your football and Rafi asked the score.

Just before you died we laughed more than ever before. It will be our long lasting memory of you and forever more.

We love you Lolo and we'll miss you. We promise to look after Lola for you. Love always

Ethan & Rafi



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### At Tower House

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— Where to train —

### Tower House School Friday afternoons

Join our Karate classes at Tower House School  
in East Sheen from Friday 21 April 2023 for  
children aged between 4 and 16 years old.

Classes run between 4.45pm and 7pm  
depending on age / belt colour.

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## The Scots are Coming!

There have been sightings of kilted braves marauding across Wimbledon Common. This can mean only one thing - THS are filming for next week's Senior Drama Production! In case you haven't heard we are re-enacting the story of William Wallace, along with his clan, battling the combined armies of King Edward I of England. These photos show our young actors from both sides of the quarrel. Mel Gibson did a passable version of Braveheart - Mr Geary is undoubtedly raising the bar.

The shows are taking place next Wed, Thurs, and Friday - get your tickets now via

<https://www.foth.org.uk/>

I understand Friday's performance is already sold out - but spaces is still available for the other shows. Also suitable for pupils in Year 2 and above.



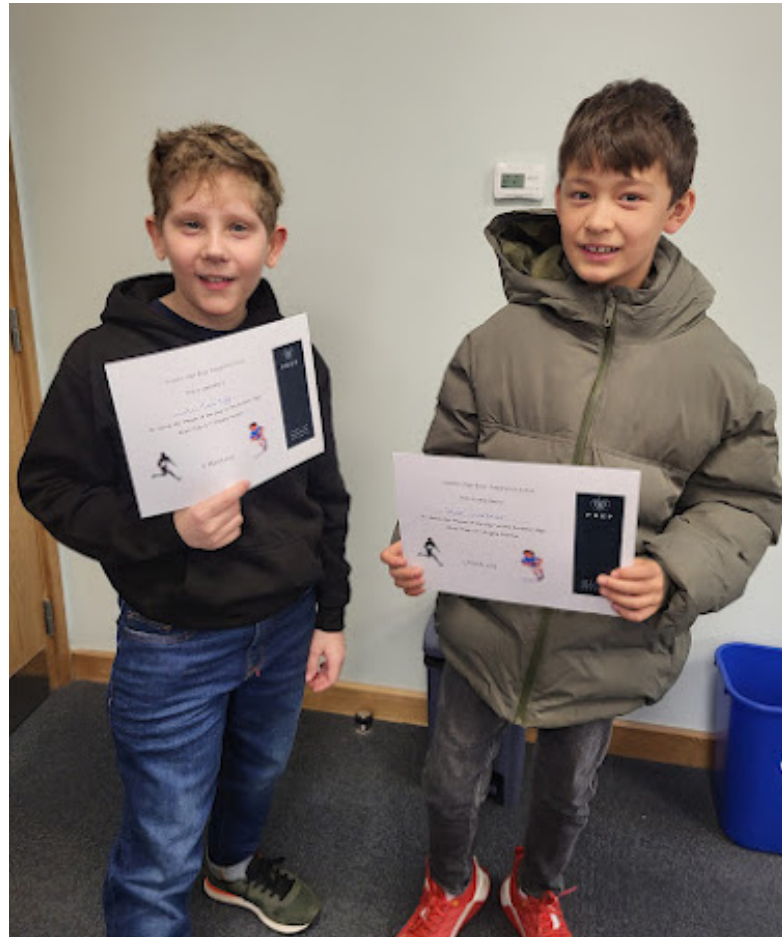




### Rugby

Well done to all of the boys across the school who have finished off the rugby season on a real high this week. Some super fixtures and some great matches too and once again every available player for year 4-8 managing to finish their rugby season with fixtures. Special mention to our U11 B team that played in the Surbiton festival and demonstrated when given opportunities how well boys step up to the mark and how proud they are to do so. Luke Haarhoff and Theo Gardner were nominated for player of the tournament.

Full report in the end of term newsletter but well done to all the boys who have played so well this term.



### Early warning - Easter egg donations - Thursday 30th March

As we did last year we will once again be support our local foodbank, Rackets Cubed, with their amazing work in helping families most in need in the local community. Our harvest festival gifts this year were a huge success and many families were helped as a result of your generosity.

On Thursday 30th March (the penultimate day of term) we would like to ask for donations of Easter eggs and a couple of other specific items that are much in need. We have been asked for donations of vegetable oil and washing detergent. The THS community is always so generous and we do not take this for granted. But if anyone can donate any of these items please send them to school, with your son on 30th (more reminders nearer the time) where we can collect them in the New Hall and make sure they find their way to Rackets Cubed for their big Easter push.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Please note no homework for SS this week
- Please note no clubs for SS Wednesday/Thursday (except touch typing which is optional for boys signed up)/Friday.

### Wednesday 22nd

- pm: Y6/7/8 games – cross country recce in Richmond park, collection from school not sports ground
- pm: JS charity art project; design a defibrillator kiosk, with visiting speaker.
- 6.30pm: Performance 1 – Braveheart – new hall

### Thursday 23rd

- 6.30pm: Performance 2 – Braveheart – new hall

### Friday 24th

- pm: Y4/5 games – cross country recce in Richmond park, collection from school not sports ground
- 6.30pm: Performance 3 – Braveheart – new hall

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Gregory Evans, Headmaster