



Cross country from Mr P

31st March 2023

It was a truly fantastic afternoon on Monday where we were treated to glorious weather and some magnificent running from all the boys. Some incredible individual performances both in the senior school races and the whole school efforts to complete as many laps as possible. But the most important thing was that we were all together, in the park, for the first time in 4 years. The smiles on the boys', slightly red, faces and the effort that they gave was enough to make us all incredibly proud. This allied to the outstanding parental cheer squads, a truly memorable event for the whole community. Thank you all and also for your generous contributions to all 6 of our class/Junior School charities.

The individual Senior School class race winners were;

Year 4: Georgiy Shabunin

Year 5: Edward Townsend

Year 6: Rafi Berry

Year 7: George Gill

Year 8: James Earl

And when an incredible and record breaking 575 total laps across the whole school were accredited to their rightful houses the cross country house champions this year were..... Barnes! Well done.





Cross country photos





A Day out in Town

Year 6 and Year 7 arrived in South Kensington with an enthusiasm that can only be found when visiting two of London's premier museums (the beauty of course being that they're right next to each other!) and the promise of House Points and Ice Cream hanging heavily in the air. Mr Wolf, Mr Satt and Mrs Patel were able to provide a snapshot tour of the treasures inside the V&A Museum. The V&A, with its archives, covers 12 acres of land, over a 1/3 of a mile in circumference and almost 2.4 million artefacts - so we wouldn't be able to spend ages analysing all the artefacts (as much as the boys wanted to!) therefore, the decision was made to focus on Islamic Art, consolidating the work done in History/RS in Year 5 but also providing scope for future projects in Art.

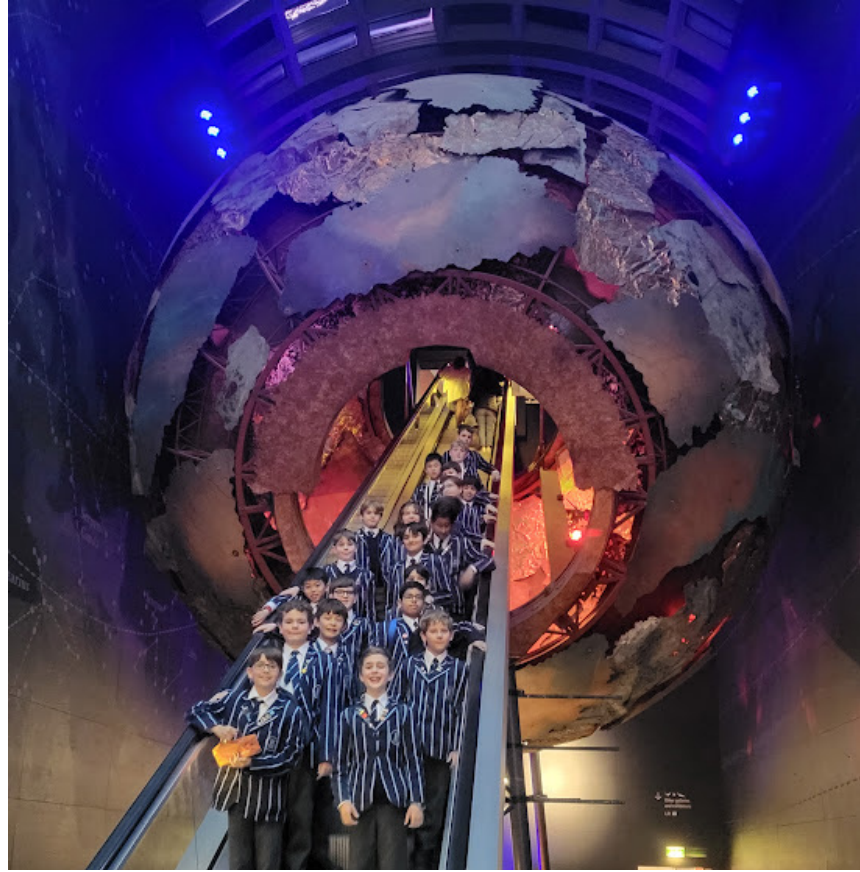
We gave the boys the task of interpreting the use of the artefacts but also assessing the artefacts for key qualities e.g. colour, weight, size etc and then drawing them as well. The boys all really enjoyed the activities and were able to enthuse about their favourites at the end of the day. The boys won plaudits from the helpful staff at the V&A for their curiosity, diligence, but crucially their politeness as well.





And then.....

Mr Morris and Mr Orme marshalled the boys round the second location of the day - The Natural History Museum. Making their way to the ever-popular Earthquakes & Volcanoes exhibit, the boys had various questions to complete which centred around plate tectonics, the structure of the earth, supervolcanoes and the impacts of earthquakes. In addition to that, they undertook a scavenger hunt where they had to find items including the friendliest of rocks (the boys will happily tell you why!), rescue dog mitts, a melted bottle, an sea life fossil that was found on top of a mountain and Pele's hair! The boys worked wonderfully, earning their reward of ice cream, which they happily devoured in the brisk winds of early Spring.





The Buzz from Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about plants in Science. As part of their topic, they have been learning about pollination. They made bees from lolly sticks and paper and coloured flowers, added some glittery 'pollen' then took their bees on a flight around the classroom to 'pollinate' the flowers. They inspected how traces of 'pollen' were carried to other flowers around the class, and then enjoyed some honey tasting!



Tweet tweet

The Y3 potters have been busy again. This time they have created a beautiful display of ceramic bird whistles. With all the holes in the right places, apparently one can play a tune on these avian artworks - but, we think they look just splendid as a static exhibit.



More Great News!



We are delighted to announce that Lucius Branch has been awarded a Music Scholarship by London Oratory, where he will be attending from September. As with all awards, this is a culmination of many years hard work and is thoroughly well deserved. Congratulations Lucius!

Wet Bobs

Many would have seen the story of brothers Jasper and Ollie Parish being in the same winning boat for Cambridge in last Sunday's Boat Race. What most will not realise is that Jasper and Ollie are THS alumni! Huge congratulations to them!

The photo of the Cambridge crew shows Jasper kissing the trophy and Ollie 4th from the right - just to keep their feet on the ground, we thought we would add a couple of photos from the 2011 archive





Rackets Cubed

Wow! What an amazing collection of Easter eggs plus other essential items donated by our ever generous community. The Community Box project run by local charity Rackets Cubed were absolutely thrilled to take these gifts and be able to pass them on to families in need.

Thank you to everyone!



Car club

Mr Churches will be running one E-Kart club session next term for all those that missed out on the final step of driving the car. This will be the first Wednesday back the 26th. Usual times 4:05 to 5PM





Octavia Lamb - Flute and Recorder Teacher starting at THS at the start of the summer term. A bit about Octavia:

I'm thrilled to be teaching Flute and Recorder at Tower House from the Summer. I'm a graduate of the Royal College of Music, where I was a scholar, and I have played with some of the world's leading conductors and orchestras. My performances have ranged from Beethoven's 9th Symphony at the BBC Proms to a beatboxing performance live on television. Having been principal of the prestigious National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain, I've benefited from some of the best musical education whilst at school and I am passionate about bringing the same joy and inspiration into my own teaching.

If your son already learns the recorder or flute at THS then Miss Octavia Lamb will be in touch directly following a hand over by Mrs Gibbs. However, if you would like your son to start recorder or flute lessons then please do email her directly at octavia.a.lamb@icloud.com

Mrs Minter

Other news: A suitable oboe teacher will be replacing Mrs Gibbs at THS following a round of interviews at the start of next term. If you have any questions about oboe tuition please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Minter: minter@thsboys.org.uk



This Terms House Points Winners Are Kew!





NOTICES from Mr P

Rugby from Mr P

It has been another packed season of rugby and while we felt like the weather had far too big an impact at times, there were still 38 matches played across the school. As ever the biggest positive is the fact that very nearly every single boy from year 4-8 managed to play in fixtures this term and they all did brilliantly. We never take for granted how well our boys do to compete, often with much bigger schools, and to play the Tower House 'keep the ball alive' brand of flowing rugby. Well done one and all.

In final assembly, as always, there were lots of boys receiving half colours but the following boys were awarded full colours for rugby this term, very well done;

Year 4: Wilf Pitchford & Hugo Savas

Year 5: Seoras Hector, Alex Noguera & Billy Warrillow

Year 6: Ed Cowley, Harry Lloyd, Brodie Oates & Wilson Yang

1st Team: Jeevan Bhandal, Henry Boddy, James Earl, Ernie Hampshire, Oscar Leonard & Oscar Suddock.

Cricket Next term from Mr P

For cricket next term we will be returning to our summer home of Sheen Cricket Club, just up the road, and we are looking forward to being back. These facilities have been upgraded over the winter and we are delighted to be able to be again using the grounds but also have access to the new toilets and changing rooms too!

All boys in the senior school will have games on their usual games days at Sheen cricket from the first day back, Tuesday 25th April. Collection from Sheen cricket (just off Fife road) will be 3.45 or 4.05 from school.

KIT: Please note that boys are welcome to wear PE kit for cricket, particularly in the younger years. However, we do have very smart school cricket shirts, jumpers and cricket white trousers for those that wish to purchase them from our usual suppliers. For all boys in U11 A, 1st & 2nd teams, whites are compulsory please. We ask please that boys do not wear cricket whites with emblems from other cricket clubs on them and we also importantly ask that all boys wear Predominantly White trainers if wearing cricket whites.

Boys do not need to have their own cricket safety equipment (pads, gloves etc.) as the school provides this however, in the senior teams again they are welcome to bring their own if they wish. We ask all boys in U11 A team and 1st/2nd to have their own cricket box. If boys from other teams require these you will be informed in good time.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 24th April
INSET DAY

Tuesday 25th

Please note, no PE for Year 6. please come in school uniform

- 10.40: Whole school beginning of term assembly

Wednesday 26th

Junior and Senior Clubs start

- 8am: FOTH 2nd hand uniform sale - Lunch hall

Thursday 27th

- 3.30: Y7 Calshot parent briefing

Saturday 29th

- Restless Triathlon - Charterhouse

And finally

We are acutely aware that lining up on the pavement at pick up is 'not very us'. So, we have adapted our JS pick up times to allow a more convivial pick up experience - and we encourage parents and carers to wait in the Junior School garden. From the start of the summer term, Reception should be picked up at 15.20, Y1 at 15.30, Y2 at 15.40 and Y3 at 15.50.

Have a lovely holiday!

Mr Gregory Evans, Headmaster