

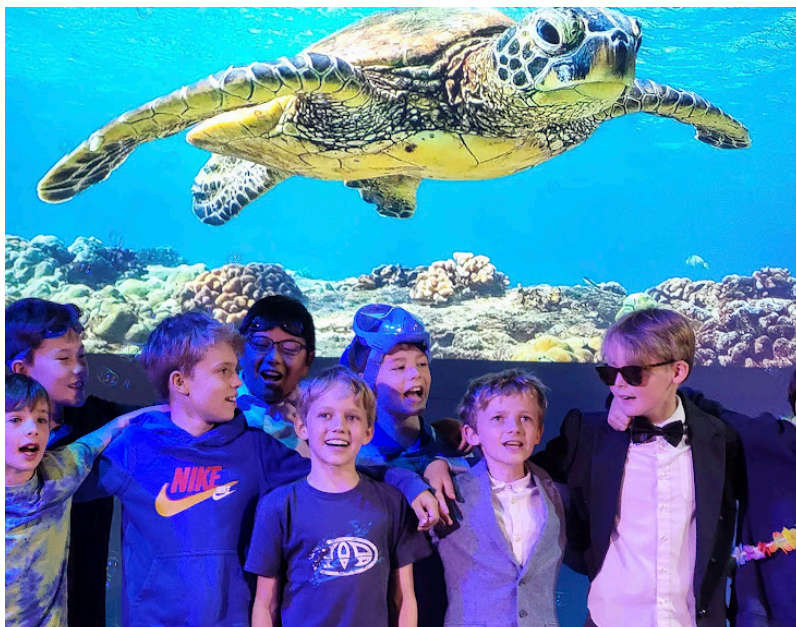


## Year 5's Got Talent

26th May 2023

Ways of promoting fundraising for class charities have taken on many guises over the years – but few have been as entertaining as the Year 5 talent show yesterday evening. Aiming to highlight the very important and serious work performed by the Sealife Trust, the boys took to the stage for a full hour! The variety of genres would have graced The Palladium – comedy, songs, poems, magic and speed-cubing were just a few of the acts. The beauty being that the show was exclusively produced by the pupils.

Mlle Prior has taken this engaging group to her heart, and she directed affairs with a creative and encouraging hand. Thank you to all in attendance – it was one of the highlights of the year!







## Events last Friday

As promised, here are some lovely photos from the Year 1 trip to The Science Museum and the Junior School Disco!

Year 1 had a blast learning about rockets and planets etc, then hotfooted back to SW14 to throw some shapes with their JS soul brothers.

DJ Alex worked the crowd into a simmering frenzy. There was barely time for hotdogs such was the craving for dancing - the end result was a group of sweaty, happy boys heading home for the weekend.







## Hai Karate!

No, not an advert for the famous 70s aftershave (showing my vintage there); but a seriously energetic start to the week! We were visited by two senseis, both called Alex, who woke us all up by demonstrating the positive values of Karate. Alex and Alex took us on a journey explaining why practising the kata is key to being a good student, with the overall message being, 'don't play karate, come and learn how to do it properly'.

Many THS pupils already enjoy the fine tutelage from [www.londonkarate.co.uk](http://www.londonkarate.co.uk) on Friday evenings in our new hall - but, they would welcome some new recruits!







## Triathlons

For those not in the know, triathlon is one of the fastest growing sporting activities in modern society. There is a clue in the name, the Greek origins treis (three) and athlos (competition) tells you this is an endurance sport consisting of swimming, cycling and running – it also tells you, this is not for the faint hearted!

Last weekend many THS pupils competed in triathlons at various venues across the country.

The IAPS (Independent Association of Prep Schools) event at Monkton saw some superb performances. Whilst congratulating all who took part – special mentions to Arthur Gill and Rory Wouters who finished 4th and 5th respectively in the u12 division and Rafi Berry who finished 2nd overall in the u11 class. All participants have our ultimate respect.

Meanwhile, at Cranleigh, many younger THS lads took on this test of stamina in aid of Restless Development. Under sunny skies boys and parents had a wonderful time. Whilst this occasion was very much more about raising funds, rather than competition, a special mention goes to the Feisty Lions who achieved a top ten place!







### Junior House Music Competition from Mrs Minter

On Wednesday the Junior School House Music competition took place. The eight finalists all delivered confident performances on behalf of their school houses. I was very impressed with the level of instrumental technique shown to create lyrical and dynamic performances. First place was awarded to Monty Riddell. Well done to all the performers - you should be very proud of yourselves.



### Old Boys Sporting Success !

We were delighted to receive news of a recent THS graduate, Alex Akinluyi, being part of a national championship winning team. He was part of the Harrow Colts side who won the U16 Rosslyn Park 7s competition - beating Bromsgrove 12-0 in the final.



### DRAMA LESSONS

Spaces are now available if your son would like to start drama lessons during the school day. There are two ways that your son can get involved:

- 1) Join a group that is already formed
- 2) Create your own group

Groups sizes are three or four children per group and last for 40 minutes. Drama lessons are open to boys from the current Year 2 through to the current Year 7.

If you would like more information, please email Mr Geary at [geary@thsboys.org.uk](mailto:geary@thsboys.org.uk)





## Sensational Cricket - 11 matches – 9 Wins!

An unbelievable week of cricket has seen 11 matches played in total from year 4-8 with 9 of these resulting in victories for the THS team. Very well done, one and all, for these brilliant results.

Last Friday our U9 boys continued their excellent start to cricket with 2 wins against Twickenham Prep while the U10 B team won well against St Philips and the A team fell to a narrow loss. The U11 A and B teams both put in great performances on Wednesday to come out on top again Kingswood House in a couple of very exciting games. Finally, both 1st and 2nd teams produced outstanding performances to beat St Philips; meanwhile, the 3rd team were narrow losers.

A great first half of term on the cricket pitch, we have once again seen all Senior School boys play and achieve wins in every year group. Unbeaten teams at both the top age and bottom age spectrum as well is something to be very proud of. Well done gentlemen!

Mr P







## Sports Day

We finished this half term in the best possible manner – exercising outdoors, basking in sunshine – with a healthy competitive edge to proceedings.

Pictures tell a better story than words; so, I will keep my musings short. However, I cannot wish everyone a happy half term without congratulating the respective House winners: Kew for the Junior School and Barnes for the Senior School. It is a 'beautiful thing' that every participant contributed to their particular house total – well done boys!

Of course, wonderous days like this do not happen by accident. Many thanks to Mr Mullan and Mr Peyton for first of all arranging the weather – then ensuring proceedings flowed seamlessly, creating a day for the ages! Lastly, many thanks to Mrs Earl for taking on the duties of handing out the many, many trophies to Seniors School recipients.

Meanwhile, copy deadlines prevent me from reporting on the Staff vs Parents cricket match.

Regular readers will know the significance of this annual 'Clash of the Titans' – just imagine The Ashes on steroids! Weeks of intensive training will be given a chance to be realised this afternoon, and no doubt, any victory will be hard earned! Watch this space for updates when the bruises (the physical ones anyway) have started to fade.







# Tower House School

## Sports Day







# FOTH BBQ

**THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 6-8.30PM  
AT BARNES HOME GUARD**

**FOOD  
DRINKS  
GAMES**

**HOG ROAST, BURGERS, HOT  
DOGS, SALADS, ICE CREAM,  
RAFFLE, INFLATABLES & PRIZES.**

**PURCHASE TICKETS ON FOTH.ORG.UK  
CASH/CARD PAYMENTS AND TOKENS ACCEPTED**







## UPCOMING EVENTS

Common Entrance exam week and Senior School exam week.

Please see separate timetables.

No SS clubs this week.

JS clubs as normal, except Tuesday and no Touch Typing club Thursday

Monday 5th

- Normal timetable for all except Year 8. Y8 Revision day
- 2pm: Year 8 Classical civilisation exam

Tuesday 6th

- JS Lookout Discovery Centre Trip, Please wear summer games kit and bring a packed lunch and water bottle.

Friday 9th

- CE TPR and Latin exams
  - Y4-7 normal timetable
- 12pm: Year 8 Go-karting

Saturday 10th

10.30-12pm: Family Open Morning for new Reception class.

**Wishing everyone a lovely half term!**

Mr Gregory Evans, Headmaster