



Exam Fever

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The Senior School has been in the grip of the exam season for most of the week. Whilst Mr P and I always stress the importance of The Journey; the need to test pupils' skills and knowledge is a timeless constant. It has been reassuring and validatory to walk around the school this week. All the boys have approached their exams with energy and respect, whether it be Year 4 taking their first set of complete subject tests or Year 8 sitting their Common Entrance exams. Results to follow next week, and a well-earned rest is in order this weekend.

Meanwhile, the Junior School, en masse, managed to fit in an excursion - details below.





Junior School Outing

On Tuesday, the whole of the Junior School visited The Look Out Discovery Centre in Bracknell. <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/leisure-services/look-out-discovery-centre>

There was so much to see and do at the centre, that the boys were on the go all day! The centre is divided into different zones such as a construction zone, where the Y3s particularly liked working together to tile a roof, a light and sound room, where we explored shadows and an infinity mirror, a water area and a two story room packed full of activities for the boys to try. All year groups were also treated to a science show about mini beasts followed by a bug hunt. Some highlights from the boys included: hunting for mini beasts armed with nets and viewing pots; the vortex maker and water table complete with gates, dams, levers and boats. 'My favourite was using the counter weight to shoot a tennis ball as high as we could.' 'I liked putting all the organs in the human body.' The boys also thoroughly enjoyed themselves in the adventure playgrounds. Judging by the number of sleeping boys on the returning coaches, the day was a roaring success!





Grandmaster Flash

We were delighted to hear about Kairav's chess successes over the half term break - here is his report. Very well done Kairav!

I have been playing chess for a few years and after practice and studying, I played for Tower House in my first tournament and won 2nd place in my age group with a gold medal. The competition was called the 'Megafinals', a qualifier for the 'Gigafinals', which gives competitors a chance to enter the 'Terafinals' to find out the best junior chess players in the UK. These competitions are part of the Delancey UK Chess Challenge, one of the largest tournaments in the country.

I played in Oxford and won five out of six games. Because I won over 3.5 points and was second place, I qualified for the Gigafinals. I must thank my family for their support on that day and I'm looking forward to competing soon in the Gigafinals.

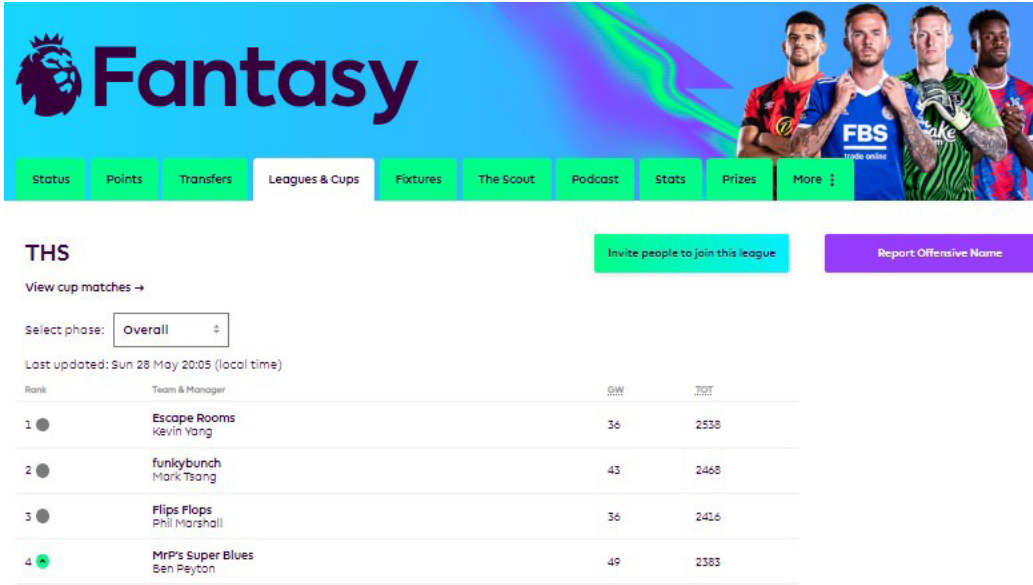
Kairav Schafermeyer, Year 7





Bragging Rights

As the wider football community looks towards the end of season finale tomorrow – the Yang family is celebrating having topped the THS Fantasy Football League. Here is Wilson and William honouring the season-long efforts of their father, Kevin. Many congratulations! (special mention to Mr P, who following a very slow start finished a very creditable 4th)



The screenshot shows the Fantasy Football League interface for the THS league. The top navigation bar includes links for Status, Points, Transfers, Leagues & Cups, Fixtures, The Scout, Podcast, Stats, Prizes, and More. The league table is displayed below, showing the top four teams and their managers. The table is titled 'THS' and includes a 'View cup matches' link. The 'Select phase' dropdown is set to 'Overall'. The 'Last updated' time is 'Sun 28 May 20:05 (local time)'. The table has columns for Rank, Team & Manager, GW, and TOT.

Rank	Team & Manager	GW	TOT
1	Escape Rooms Kevin Yang	36	2538
2	funkybunch Mark Tsang	43	2468
3	Flips Flops Phil Marshall	36	2416
4	MrP's Super Blues Ben Payton	49	2383





Staff News

On Monday, both Mrs Minter and Mrs Macdonald start their maternity leave (s). Lydia and Kim are looking forward to the (imminent) additions to their families – we will be monitoring the airwaves with a keen ear and will pass on any news as soon as received.

We are thrilled that Mrs Lizzy Ross will be providing English maternity cover from September. Lizzy's very impressive CV includes several years as Head of English at Thomas's Clapham.

Similarly, we are delighted that Mr Jasper Jacobs will be providing Music maternity cover, also from September. He brings a wealth of experience to the role having been Head of Music at St Catherine's, Twickenham, until very recently.

I am sure everyone will join me in wishing Lydia and Kim well; whilst I am equally assured that their covering teachers will receive a warm welcome in the autumn.





Doodle Champions

We are delighted to share that the following Doodle champions received their Spring Challenge Badges in both English and Maths: Noah Sampson (Y1), Zachary Ahmed-Rampling (Y2), Nathaniel Butler-Kovach (Y2), George Gilbert (Y2), Lucien Santi (Y2) and Hugh Evers (Y3). Everyone keep an eye out for their new shield badges. Well done, boys!

Mrs K. Macdonald







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.**



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 12th June

Year 8 Post CE Program Begins

- 9.45-10.45: 6/7/8 - French play workshop - Three Musketeers
- 2.30: U11 A/B v The Mall (A)

Tuesday 13th

- 9am: Year 8 Nutrition workshop
- 2.30: U10 A/B v Ibstock (A)
- 2.30: U9 A/B v The Mall (H)

Wednesday 14th

- 9am: Year 8 Twickenham Stadium tour & museum visit
- 1pm: Year 1 Windsor castle workshop - New Hall
- 2.15: 1st/2nd/3rd/4th (A) v Eaton House

Thursday 15th

- 8.40: Year 8 PE then 9am leave for Putt in the Park
- 2pm: Year 8 Art project
- 6pm: Parents drinks evening to meet Neill Lunnon

Friday 16th

- 10am: Year 8 Results morning
- 2.30: U9 A/B v Willington (H)

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Gregory Evans, Headmaster