



Junior School Summer Celebration

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This afternoon we were treated to one of the 'bookends' of the Junior School. The Junior School Summer Celebration was The Bee Musical. It was a raucous affair with the Year 3 pupils taking the lead - informing and educating us all on the importance of bees!

All the boys performed brilliantly. Our thanks go to all their teachers for preparing them so well; especially Mrs Hogan for overall direction and Mrs Wright for taking the lead on musical elements. The bookend reference was further reinforced by our Year 3 pupils recounting their fondest memories of the Junior School before they move up to the new horizons of Year 4 - complete with a dictionary under their arm.





Tower House School

FOTH BBQ

The sounds of Rock Bands drifting through the airwaves of SW14 mixed with the heady aroma of Hog Roast can only mean one thing – the annual FOTH BBQ!

The extended FOTH team helped Mel, Julia and Cathy create a suitable swansong to their tenure (see below) – it was a joyous evening bathed in sunshine.

Sponges flew and inflatables were bounced on – as one parent remarked to me, 'it was very Tower House!'

Many thanks to organisers and attendees for making it such a unique and special affair.





Up, up and away

There are exciting post CE activities and then there is the flying experience day!

Pictures speak many words – so I will restrict myself to saying, 'yes, they really do get to fly an aeroplane and a helicopter!'

Many thanks to Mr Hare for organising.





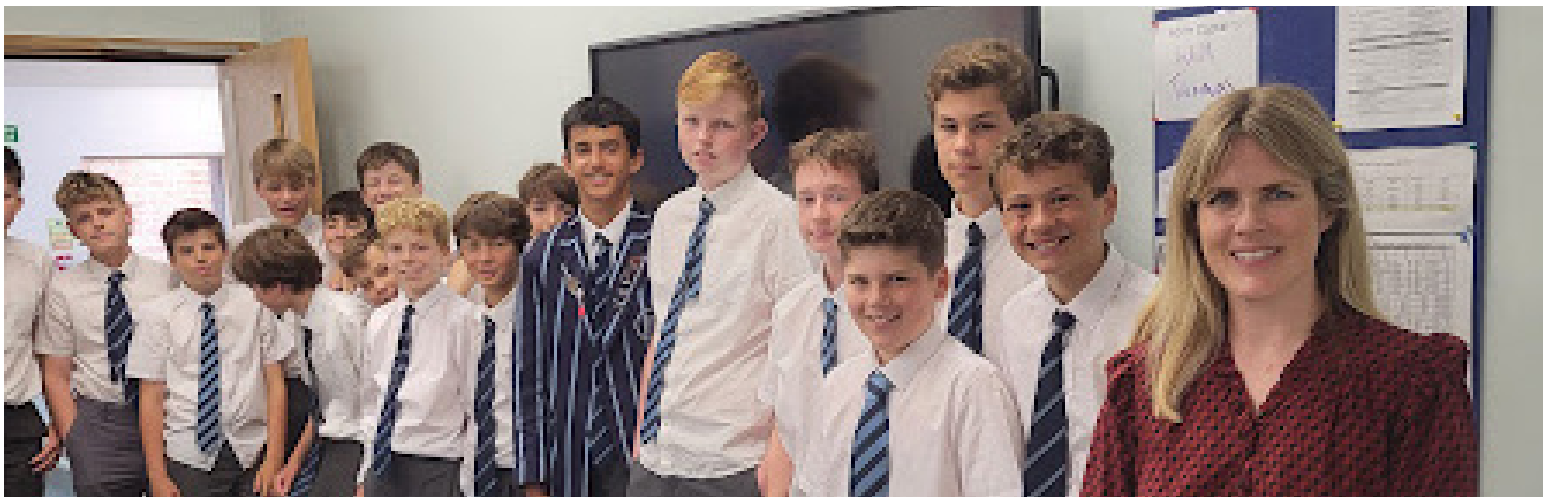
Possible Future Careers



When they weren't flying above the Home Counties, Year 8 continued with their jam-packed post CE programme back at base. Mixed in with activities such as Mr Geary's Escape Room (I didn't dare to ask) was the serious matter of future careers advice/pointers.

We were extremely fortunate and thankful to have two current THS parents pop in to share their wisdom; namely James Taylor (architect) and Hannah Walsh (journalist).

The boys were also lucky to receive a very informative talk on the merits of being a Fire Safety Engineer from ex THS pupil David Bostelmann.





Talk Consent

On Monday morning, boys in Year 7 & 8 attended a presentation by Talk Consent with the primary focus being the understanding & respecting of boundaries. Here is a report from Freddie (Y7):

During the workshop with talk consent, we discussed what consent is. We first had a brief chat about what it is. We learned that it was giving permission to someone towards personal things. We learned about legal and personal consent as well. The main thing we focused on was boundaries which is someone's limits. There are three different types, conversational, physical and emotional. We covered different scenarios dealing with the types of boundaries and how it affects some people more than others.

By Freddie Fildes-Heap





Pumping Iron

Year 6 were treated to a very special trip on Monday. The boys have been learning about the theory of Health Related Fitness with Mr Mullan; so to finish the scheme, they were taken to Locker 27 to put concepts into practice.





Community Heartbeat

In other Junior School news, we received this photo of the wonderful mosaic designed by the pupils to highlight their chosen charity this year, Community Heartbeat.

The mosaic will soon be hanging in the Barnes Community Centre for all visitors to see - it will, of course, be hanging next to the potentially lifesaving AED.





Arriba !

This time last week we were being treated to a Mexican Fiesta.

Chef Chris and his team worked incredibly hard to produce a fantastic array of Mexican fare. We are regularly treated to a culinary trip around the globe and we hope the boys come home telling tales of how they have been encouraged to try so many dishes.





Changes at the top of FOTH

As mentioned, yesterday evening's hugely successful BBQ was the culmination of two years incredible service from Mel Burgess, Cathy Sutton and Julia Earl at the helm of the FOTH committee.

Uncountable social events have happened in the last two years - all with a common theme of having fun, whilst raising some funds. Whilst extending our thanks to everyone who contributes their time and expertise, we especially acknowledge the contributions of these special ladies.



This photo shows them receiving some gifts (spa day/lunch voucher for the Harbour Hotel in Richmond) from the incoming team of Annie Shulman, Imogen Hill and Kim Algie. We warmly welcome this new trio and look forward to the traditions of THS events being in very good hands.

BBQ Raffle winners!

A Film Screening in the New Hall - King (Reception)

Escape Room Tickets - O'Donoghue (Y3)

Mixed Box of Six Wines - Townsend (Y5)

1 hour Consultation & 1 hour PT Session with Praxi-Performance and Wellbeing - Ticket 70 (AH735381)

Potted Plant from Blue Lavender (the seasonal florist in Barnes) - Ticket 36 (AH935338)

£40 voucher for Little Voices Summer Camps - McKinnell (y2&5)

Please collect your prizes from the office from Monday. For the film screening, contact Mr P, and for the PT session, email: chair@foth.org.uk

Football winners:

R- George Brady

Y1 - Tommy Coles

Y2 - Ivo Ellis

Y3 - Hjalmar Hallengren

Y4 - Wilf Pitchford

Y5 - Alex N

Y6 - Ed Cowley

Y7 - Stan Hughes

Y8 - Alex Pollock

Treasure map:

First place - Hugo Hogarth

Second - Ernie Hampshire

Third - Aiden Espin



Try Before you buy?

As highlighted in last week's newsletter our fantastic new Rugby shirts and polo shirts, modelled by Brodie Oates Year 6, are now on sale. Some parents have said they would like to check the sizing before purchasing so we have arranged a few 'try before you buy' slots for next week. We have some sample sizes so will be bringing the rail to either drop off or pick up for those that would like to quickly check the size for their son. Please see below.

Drop off Tuesday/Wednesday next week - Junior school at the Junior entrance.

Pick Up Tuesday - for Year 6/7 - At the senior entrance.

Pick up Wednesday - Year 4/5 - At the Junior entrance.

MrP





UPCOMING EVENTS

****No school clubs this week apart from those detailed below**

Monday 3rd July

- Activities day for Year 2-8
- Boys wear casual clothes in the colour of their house.
- 4 x activities:
 - Circus tricks performance and lessons
 - Art activities – House London mural creation
 - Orienteering
 - Team sports activities
- 8am: Swing band as normal.
- am: Reception and year 1 to Richmond park for teddy bear picnic
- 4.05pm: Year 4/5 drama club as usual.

Tuesday 4th

- 8am: Choir as normal.
- am: Year 8 play rehearsals
- 10am: JS charity assembly in lunch hall with guests from Community Heartbeat
- 2.30: Y6/7 boys to the hall to watch year 8 play and Skern video.
- 2.15: Year 8 parents attending please enter through senior gate.

Wednesday 5th

- 8-9am: Orchestra rehearsal
- 2pm: Speech day rehearsals – New hall, Collection from school as usual.

Thursday 6th

- 2pm: Speech Day rehearsals – New Hall, Collection from school as usual.
- 5.30: Senior gate opens for Speech Day, Please can boys be in by 5.45
- 6pm: Speech Day

Friday 7th

- 10am: Final assembly – whole school – hall.
- 11am: Ice creams for winning House.
- 11.50: Reception & Year 1 Collection
- 12pm: Year 2 & 3 Collection
- 12.15: SS collection from usual door.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Gregory Evans, Headmaster