



Speech Day

7th July 2023

Despite my best efforts to reclassify our end of term event, the first to be held in our new hall, as 'The Summer Concert and Prizegiving' yesterday evening's event had more than its fair share of speeches.

The concert was fantastic! Ensembles mixed with solo artists plus an original poem from Wilf produced a joyous atmosphere that will live long in the memory. Mr Myles took over the orchestration reins from Mrs Minter at half term and together with fellow adult accompanists Mr Wolf, Mr Hare and Mrs Patel produced a seamless and rip-roaring show. Our congratulations and thanks go to all performers!





Speech Day

Giving out prizes is always an honour. This year the honour was mine and I was delighted and proud to see the delight with which cups and books were received; but also, the genuine warmth that any recipient was met with, by his peers. A true example of collective encouragement.

Then it was time for yours truly to be properly humbled - as Mr P, Mrs Hogg, Mr Slack and James Earl said some lovely things about my time at the school. My tear ducts were given a good work out as I was reminded of so many happy times over the last 14 years. Memories I will cherish whilst looking back with pride - thank you to everyone!



Of course, matters in the hall were only half the story. The now traditional open-top bus tour for Year 8 boys was arranged whilst their parents and teachers had a party.

Discretion, thankfully, prevents me from reporting on this part of the evening / early morning



Activities Day!

Once a phrase that would bring a shudder to Mr P's spine – not anymore. Mr P orchestrated his troops to produce a day like no other and perhaps uniquely Tower House!

The House system is at the core of everything we do – so what better than to suspend the timetable for a day and introduce a selection of varied activities into the mix.

Boys in Years 2-8 resplendent in their house colours took on a number of challenges throughout the day. These included orienteering, sports relays, producing a colour appropriate London mural and of course circus skills in our new hall.

The life affirming sight of seeing older and younger boys cooperating towards a common goal is very special indeed – and I am sure Mr P is keen to repeat it again next year!





Activities Day!





Teddy Bears' Picnic

Meanwhile, our youngest cohorts took their favourite cuddly toys up to Richmond Park for a picnic and a scavenger hunt!

Miss Clark, Mrs Bolton and Mrs Rasch thoroughly enjoyed taking the boys to the magical resource on our doorstep - we are so lucky!

Of course, Mr P found time, amidst all the other activities, to pop along to provide an outdoor version of his famous Storytime!





School Officers

Away from the glare of Prize Giving, our Final Assembly gives us a more private opportunity to thank outgoing officers and welcome in a new tranche of prefects plus other recipients of special responsibilities. We always make it clear to the boys that the prefects list is not a closed list – and we look forward to others in Year 8 showing us they are made of the right stuff, during the autumn term.

Meanwhile, congratulations go to the following – who I know will wear their 'special' badges with pride.

Head Boy

Deputy Head Boy

School Ambassador

Poet Laureate

Music Captain

Con Brandreth

Rory Wouters

George Gill

Cameron Diwan

Hugo Hogarth

Prefect

Prefect

Prefect

Drama Captain

Oli McPhie

William Tattley

Freddie Taylor

Noah Esson





Aquathlon News

For the uninitiated, an aquathlon involves the swimming and running elements of a triathlon and some of our boys were very busy last weekend.

On Saturday, brothers Ethan and Rafi Berry together with Rory Wouters competed in an open water Aquathlon at Merchant Taylor School. Their aim was to gain a place at the prestigious IRC (Inter Regional Competition), where some of the best girls and boys across different age groups from each of the 10 triathlon regions in England, Scotland, Wales, and Jersey race against each other.

Both Rory and Rafi qualified finishing in the top 3 London boys in the TriStar 2 category and will compete at the U20s British Triathlon Championship which takes place in Mallory Park, Leicestershire - later this year.

Ethan and Rory together with George Gill also competed at the London Youth Games on Sunday having been selected to represent Richmond Borough in Aquathlon. They tell me that they were incredibly excited to be able to swim in the 50m London Aquatic Centre, the London Olympics 2012 swimming venue - before slipping into their shoes for the 1.27km run

We are delighted to report, that on this occasion, it was George who earned a podium finish.

Very well done to all!





Cricket this term

Once again it has been a fantastic season on the cricket field and our boys have done us proud. From a convincingly unbeaten 1st XI captained brilliantly by Jeevan Bhandal (a future star if ever there was one) through to our U9 boys who lost just one game, all year groups have really shone, and the boys been magnificent.

Once again, all boys in the senior school have played in cricket fixtures and all given heart and soul to THS. There have been victories in all year groups against some very strong opposition as ever.

In final assembly cricket half colours were awarded to a number of boys and the following boys received full colours;

Year 4: Ashwin Chockalingam & Wilf Pitchford

Year 5: Seoras Hector & Henry Wang

Year 6: Rohan Bhandal, Bertie Danos, Ethan Diwan & Wilson Yang

1st Team: Jeevan Bhandal, Ed Clement & Oscar Leonard

2nd Chance to Donate Old Kit

After the brilliant donation we made to the local MIND charity earlier this year with the THS old rugby shirts there will be a second opportunity to drop shirts off for donation at the start of term in September (at the 2nd hand sale on 5th September or 1st few days of term) so please do hang onto them. If you wish to donate the old PE polos too the these can also be collected. However, these could be useful winter additions to wear under rugby shirts. Thanks again to Charlotte Cowley for leading on this for us and for finding a much needed and deserving home for the old kit.

Football Next term

A reminder that for the football season starting next term all boys in Year 4-8 must have shin pads and football boots for games. We ask boys to bring boots in a boot bag not plastic bag please and they should all also have trainers in their kit bag for walking to and from games, as well as in case we need to stay inside. They should also have the fantastic new games tops which are reversable for matches. As these are short sleeved, I would strongly recommend purchasing the THS skin that goes underneath and will help when things cool down later in the Autumn.

A reminder that from September we will be back to the Wimbledon Community sports centre on Bank Lane (formally the BofE) for our Autumn and winter games lessons.



House Competition

Amidst a fever-pitch atmosphere in final assembly the house point results for the whole year were announced. A closely fought contest was won by Barnes !!

House Captains, William and Oscar, proudly held the trophy up for the raucous crowd to applaud - knowing that it meant you know what for all members of the winning house!





Next 2nd Hand Uniform Sale

Tue 5th Sept (just before term starts)

10am - 11.30am

At school

Donations needed

We'd be very grateful for donations of all items especially in bigger sizes. Please email jane.costain@gmail.com to arrange drop off near school/collection over summer. Thank you!



DRAMA LESSONS in SEPTEMBER

Spaces are now available for September if your son would like to start drama lessons in groups of 3 or 4 during the school day. Drama lessons last for 40 minutes,

There are two ways that your son can get involved:

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

Lessons are open to boys that (in September) will be in Year 3 through to Year 8.

If you would like more information please email Mr Geary at geary@thsboys.org.uk



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 4th September

- Staff INSET

Tuesday 5th

- Staff INSET
- 10am: FOTH 2nd hand uniform sale, Evans Hall.

Wednesday 6th

- Term starts
- AM: Extended Form periods
No PE kit needed for Y4, please come in uniform.
- 9am: Reception arrive, JS door
- 10.40: Whole school assembly
- 12pm: Reception finish; parents collecting JS door

Thursday 7th

- 9am: Reception arrive, JS door
- 12pm: Reception finish; parents collecting JS door

Friday 8th

- 9am: Reception arrive JS door
- 12pm: Reception finish; parents collecting JS door

**For one last time
Have a lovely Summer!**

Mr Gregory Evans, Headmaster
Over and out!