



PREP SPORTS DAY

It was lovely to welcome parents back to watch our annual Prep School Sports Day last Friday.

The afternoon started with our EYFS and Pre-Prep children taking part in competitive running, sack races, space hopper bouncing, egg and spoon and relay races!

In true THS style, all of our pupils conducted themselves in an exemplary manner and they proved to be enthusiastic and competitive participants. A special mention goes out to Aaron Younger and Hansy Bhaker who were both awarded prizes for displaying outstanding manners and behaviour through the afternoon in addition to Florence Rennison, who showed impressive grit and perseverance in her races, and Isaac Graham for epitomising sportsmanship conduct.

After some close finishes and tight results, the scores on the doors at the end of the Pre-Prep event placed Victoria in first place, Woodside in second and Cleveland in third. Onto the Prep races!

Lower and Upper Prep pupils enjoyed competing in their track events, having completed their field activities the week before.

The first races started strong with Bethea breaking the record in the U11 Girls' Hurdles. Eddie set the new U9 Boys' 100m record and Evie set the respective girls' record, too. Martha in Year 6 also convincingly broke the U11 Girls' 200m record.

After a competitive afternoon, the overall results from the Pre-Prep and Prep events were as follows:

Victoria - 1st

Cleveland - 2nd

Woodside - 3rd.

Well done to all of the pupils involved and thank you to all of the parents who came along and supported us in



line with our Covid-19 guidance.

We now look forward to the Senior School Sports Day on Friday 2 July!

WELCOME

With just two weeks left until the summer break, we are packing as much fun and enrichment into the school day as we can!



Indeed, today, all of our Prep pupils are enjoying a fantastic trip to Lightwater Valley! We hope they have an amazing day celebrating the near end of the academic year. Senior and Sixth Form pupils have a week or so to wait until their Rewards Trip to Flamingo Land; we are sure they will have equally as much fun.

The three weeks after half term have provided an opportunity for elements of our provision not seen or experienced in the last 14 months to make a welcome return; trips and visits, House assemblies, House competitions, Choir, Orchestra, Drama Club and, a highlight for many I'm sure, visitor attendance at Prep School Sports Day. It was simply wonderful to have parents and grandparents back on site, cheering from the sidelines as our youngest pupils competed in this much-missed event. Your feedback over the weekend was heartwarming to receive:

I just wanted to pass my thanks onto all the wonderful teachers at THS that made today possible. It was lovely to see all the children competing and having fun. You make it look so easy, but I'm sure

it takes a lot of planning, effort, organisation and execution behind the scenes.

It was such a lovely feeling to be back part of the school community, and all of the hard work in organising the event was evident. Thank you very much again, memories like today are what it's all about!

Of course, there are logistical challenges to overcome as we continue to navigate Covid-19 restrictions and guidance but I am eternally grateful for your support with allocated seating and lateral flow testing. The Senior Sports Day is next on our calendar and we cannot wait!

As a final note, I want to add a polite reminder regarding parking following a complaint to school earlier this week. As we continue our seamless drop-off and collection procedures, I must ask parents to **park up and allow their children to leave their cars in a safe, designated space** - not in a queue of traffic or over a zebra crossing. Our school community's safety is paramount and I urge you to drive and park sensibly and safely at all times.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs K Mackenzie, Head



Duke of Edinburgh

During May half term, three Silver Duke of Edinburgh groups completed their practice expedition in Wensleydale.

All groups were blessed with beautiful weather; Group C were particularly thrilled as all of their training had been in the pouring rain!

On the first day, the groups walked varying routes Bainbridge to Stable Fell Campsite in Marsett. Group A had an excellent first day showing exceptional navigational skills and pace; Group B were steady away and made it to camp in good time and Group C powered through the walking so they could have a longer rest - good tactics!

On day two, the groups completed a circular route from the campsite. Group A had a steadier day; Group B showed brilliant navigational skills and were over the moon to be back in camp first! Group C again enjoyed the power-through approach and scheduled a timely rest stop at a nearby waterfall.

All groups did a fantastic job given the heat, and are now well prepared for their final expeditions in the coming weeks.

Miss Hopkins



YEAR 7 TRANSITION DAY

We were thrilled to welcome a bumper crop of Year 7 pupils to THS earlier this month for our Year 7 Transition Day.

After being forced to cancel January's Transition Day due to the second national lockdown, this was the first opportunity for the incoming Year 7 cohort to come together and enjoy a series of Senior School lessons. Indeed, for some, it was their first opportunity to visit the school entirely.

We planned a busy day of varied activities for the children, from practical lessons in Drama and enjoying a day in the life of a gladiator in Latin, to learning a new language in Japanese Club and

playing competitive rounders in PE! The children were rightfully worn out after such an action-packed day.

Feedback from parents has been lovely to receive, and we cannot wait to see the group again for their Induction Day on Friday 3 September.

Thank you THS - Rosie had a fantastic day!

Issy had a lovely day. She's so excited to be starting THS!

Miss Hockney



House Rounders

It has been great to see the THS House Competition series back in full swing!

This week has seen our Senior boys and girls take part in House Rounders. Junior (Years 7-9) results as follows:

1st Victoria; 2nd Cleveland; 3rd Woodside.

Senior results (Years 10-11): 1st Cleveland; 2nd Victoria; 3rd Woodside.

Well done to all involved.

Miss Turnbull

Forest School Enrichment

This half term has seen our Senior students engage in Forest School sessions as part of their enrichment programme.

So far, Year 7 and Year 9 cohorts have taken part in a den challenge; they split themselves into groups and were given a tarpaulin, 2 ropes, pegs and a 'how to tie knots' guide.

We had some very creative results, with dens complemented with paths, fireplaces, seating areas and even sign posts! It was great to see everyone getting involved so enthusiastically.

Miss Hopkins



Happy Father's Day

Our Early Years children loved taking part in activities to celebrate their wonderful dads and grandads for Father's Day.

Nursery children loved creating dinosaurs for their 'roarsome' cards. They enjoyed painting their fingers to make the dinosaur spike and worked hard to write their greetings and names.

Meanwhile, in Reception, the children had a busy week interviewing their dads via FaceTime. The dads answered lots of tricky questions from the children as they learnt all about their parents' interests and favourite things.

Reception class learnt that their dads are very healthy people with some interesting hobbies! We would like to thank all of the dads who took time out of their busy schedules to chat, your secrets are safe with us!

We hope that everyone enjoyed their cards and calls and had a lovely Father's Day.

Mrs Hannah and Mrs Clapton



Snails

The Nursery children have been learning about snails this week as they explored spiral patterns.

The children created their own snail

paintings, looking closely at the spirals patterns on their shells, and developing their fine motor skills at the same time.

Mrs Hannah

Butterflies

The THS caterpillars surprised us all after half term...we discovered butterflies instead! The children were so excited to watch them as they became strong enough to fly. We joined together and helped them to fly away.

Mrs Hannah

Construction Club

The children in Construction Club have enjoyed looking at different buildings and towers in their last few sessions, and this week they moved on to bridges.

The children explored the strength of beam bridges and suspension bridges, before creating their own. They then tested the bridge to make sure that it would be safe for cars to travel across.

Lots of fantastic discussion and team work, well done!

Mrs Hannah



MINIATURE GARDENS

Pre-Prep have been busy in class designing miniature gardens as part of their exploration of the IPC topic *Our World*.

The children have thought carefully about what they could include in their gardens and drawn maps to illustrate their ideas.

Today, the class headed out into the grounds to begin collecting some

natural resources before making a start on the final creations.

Watch this space for updates on how the children's gardens develop over the coming weeks.

Miss Hall

Forest School

To continue their IPC topic of *Our World*, Pre-Prep pupils used their Forest School session last week to learn about maps.

They walked around the woods and mapped out paths and zones. After

they had drawn their maps, the pupils then compared their version with the official Forest School map to see how similar they were.

Our best map was drawn by Sienna, who had managed to draw the routes

of the woodland paths accurately.

In our next Forest School session, the children are going to be introduced to a compass, and learn how it might be useful to them in the future.

Miss Hopkins



SPORTS DAY PHOTO GALLERY



SCIENCE STUDIES IN LOWER PREP

How does water move from the roots to the leaves of a plant? Just ask Lower Prep!

This week, the children have been looking carefully at how water moves through a plant. They completed an experiment to replicate the action, using water, food dye and kitchen roll. See the pictures above!

We also looked inside a plant to see

what the stem looked like. Lower Prep found that the water is 'sucked up' to the leaves through tubes in the stem called xylem. This is called 'capillary action'.

Miss Lockerbie

Prep Transition Day

The children who will form our new Upper Prep classes in September enjoyed completing an activity to explore their character strengths on Transition Day.

They spent some time answering a wide range of different questions. The

computer was then able to analyse the children's responses and identify their top five character strengths.

With this information, the children were able to complete some lovely artwork to showcase these strengths which we cannot wait to display in our



Primary Maths Challenge

Year 5/6 primary school teams from Junction Farm, Saltburn, Whinstone, Chandlers Ridge and The Links joined THS Prep pupils in the annual Teesside High School Primary Team Maths Challenge yesterday.

The pupils worked brilliantly together, achieving points which led to a very closely fought leaderboard! The winning team was Teesside High, very closely followed by joint second places for Junction Farm and Chandlers Ridge.

Mrs Turnbull

classrooms in September.

We are always amazed by how accurate these results are and how accurately they match our children.

Mrs Kennedy

Letters of Kindness

All Senior School students have been tasked with composing a letter of kindness to anybody they would like to say thank you to this year.

There are some beautiful letters ready to be sent on to NHS workers, police, the army and veterans, our senior citizen community, supermarket



workers and even our pupils' teachers expressing gratitude for fortitude through Covid.

Miss Stephens

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

We are delighted to announce that the Teesside High School Artist of the Month for June is Joe Good in Year 9.

Students in this year group have been trialling a new art textiles project which incorporates silk painting, applique, stitch and transfer print.

Students looked at the work of Austrian ecologist and artist Hundertwasser to create colourful compositions with an environmental message.

Joe has used the inspiration of the artist to produce a creative and thoughtful piece of work which highlights the



problem of pollution.

It is a fantastic piece of work and we are pleased to recognise Joe's outstanding efforts.

Mrs Machan



Key Stage 3 Drama Club

We were thrilled to recommence Drama Club enrichment this half term, following the slight easing of Covid-19 guidance. We recently asked some of our members, 'Why do you come to Drama Club?'

"Because I like acting and it is something fun."

"I love the way I can be myself and I love Drama as a subject, too."

"I like Drama, I find it fun and you can express emotions in different ways."

"I thought Drama Club would be a good way to raise my confidence."

"To work with fellow students that are passionate about Drama."

"I love Drama and I love that everyone is always happy and it's very fun."

Come along and join us! Tuesday lunchtime in the Main Hall.

Mr Coates

STUDENT COUNCIL

We are delighted to share the last of our Student Council profiles with you.

Annabelle, Year 8

How long have you been at THS? 3 and half years.

What are your favourite subjects at school? Biology is my favourite!

What are your hobbies and interests? I really enjoy playing games.

Who is the person you most admire and why? I really admire Tom Holland because he is a very talented actor.

Why is the school council important? The school council is important because it can be integral to the decision making processes of the school.

What would you hope you manage to achieve as a school councillor? I am looking forward to being able to talk about the choices for our school uniform.

Rosie, Year 8

How long have you been at THS? 2 years.

What are your favourite subjects at school? I like Chemistry, Biology, Art and History.

What are your hobbies and interests? In my free time, I enjoy climbing, animal biology, The Hunger Games, books/reading, wolves, trees, survival skills, music, being outside and arts and crafts.

Who is the person you most admire and why? I really admire James Herriot/Alf Wright because he is an amazing veterinarian and contributed a lot to the veterinary society.



Why is the school council important? School council is important because it gives students a chance to share their thoughts and opinions.

What would you hope you manage to achieve as a school councillor? I would like to be able to give everyone the chance to share their thoughts about the school and to make a small room for people to go to at break time to relax and have some time to themselves.

Scarlett, Year 7

How long have you been at THS? 1 year.

What are your favourite subjects at school? My favourite subjects at school are PE, Art and Drama.

What are your hobbies and interests? Outside of school, I enjoy football and ballet.

Who is the person you most admire and why? I really admire Patrick Bamford because he is a famous footballer and I look up to him.

Why is the school council important? I think school council is important because we help to make the school a better place to be.

What would you hope you manage to achieve as a school councillor? My priority as school councillor would be to look into establishing a girls' football team.



Stamp competition

We have a lovely vibrant display up in DT sharing our wonderful Royal Mail stamp competition entries.

These entries were produced by both Prep and Senior School students and are currently being judged by Royal Mail, ready for finalists to be announced at the end of September.

Well done to all of our entrants!

Miss Storey



BIG ADVENTURES HOLIDAY CAMP



October half term; Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays

Teesside High School runs an action-packed and fun-filled Holiday Camp for young children during the school holidays. Our Big Adventures Holiday Camp pupils love the wide range of activities we offer, led by qualified and experienced Teesside High School staff.

Based in the Prep School, using our full facilities and grounds, we offer: ■ Woodland School sessions ■ Sports Days ■ Cinema experiences ■ Party games ■ Super scooter races ■ Movie making ■ Trips and visits ■

We love seeing new faces join our exciting holiday programme.

Please contact us to enquire about availability for the next Holiday Camp; call **01642 782095** or email **INFO@TESSIDEHIGH.CO.UK**

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