

THiS Week



Teesside High School
Education as it should be

LEST WE FORGET

Today we welcomed pupils, teachers and guests from across the community for a special Remembrance Service in our Main Hall.

Commemorating the end of the First World War and marking the 40 year anniversary of the Falklands War, we paid respect to those who have fought and those who have lost their lives, fighting for our country throughout history.

It was a truly special event and we were honoured to be joined by Mr Mark White OBE; Deputy Lieutenant of County Durham and Rev Matt Levinsohn; All Saints Church.

As usual, our pupils did us proud with musical performances from Lower Prep performing *We Will Remember*, and our Senior School Choir who sang a beautiful and moving rendition of *Don't You Worry Child*.



Max Affleck, Florence Brion, Jocelyn Croslegh, Willoughby Croslegh and Sam Shovlin, did a wonderful job of reading throughout the service before the laying of the wreaths by Mrs Mackenzie, our cadets; Esme and Oliver and guests.

Head Girl, Emilie Wright read *The Ode* preceding the *Last Post* performed by Mr Ian Robinson. Deputy Head Girl, Kaavya Vankatesh concluded the service with the reading of our final prayers accompanied by Rev. Matt Levinsohn.

A huge thank you to all those who joined us for such a significant event as we remember those brave men and women who have served.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning; We will remember them.

Miss Whitehead



WELCOME

Our students have returned to school ready for an exciting half term as we count down the days until Christmas!

I hope that you all had a wonderful half term break! Although we have only been back for two weeks, a number of much-anticipated events have been able to make a welcome return to the school calendar.

Last Wednesday, our Year 11 students attended their Sixth Form Transition Day. They were able to find out more about subjects they are considering studying at A-level and live a day in the life of a THS Sixth Form student! I hope the day helped you in making those important decisions as you approach the half-way point of your final school year.

Our THS Family Fireworks Display was back with a bang and for the second year running, we were sold out! Family and friends of THS were able to witness a fantastic display whilst enjoying refreshments provided by our catering team. Our Pumpkin Competition entries were super and I would like to congratulate Pierre once again for being awarded first place. I would also like to thank one of our parents who made a generous donation to support the event, we are extremely grateful.

This morning we saw our school community gather for our Remembrance Service. It was lovely to see so many of our friends and neighbours join us. Thank you to Mark White, OBE Deputy Lieutenant of County Durham and Rev. Matt Levinsohn

from All Saints Church who attended.

With Christmas just around the corner, we have many exciting activities planned for the rest of the term. From Children in Need Day, Senior School Speech Day, Prep School Nativity and many more trips and visits, we look forward to seeing our students thrive throughout this busy term.

A group of our very talented students from Years 8 to 11 have been working very hard since September to bring the legend of *Jason and The Argonauts* to life.

Their performance of the Senior Play will be taking place on Tuesday 29 November at 5.00pm with tickets available soon. Please kindly support their performance if you are able to do so.

I hope you enjoy reading the latest edition of our school newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs K Mackenzie, Head



U15 Boys' Hockey

On a very wet and windy evening, our U15 boys' Hockey team faced Eggescliffe School in their first match of the year. Previous meetings between these two teams have always been tight, with few goals and this fixture was no different. The first half was dominated by a close battle in the middle of the pitch, with both midfields fighting hard to maintain possession. Oliver, Rohan and Rhys worked tirelessly to win the ball back but our forwards struggled to link up with them. The only clear-cut chance of the half came from a Teesside short corner which saw Rohan striking the ball low and hard into the bottom-left corner which was blocked on the line by an Eggescliffe defender.

The second half saw a change in the pattern of play as Eggescliffe had more possession, while Teesside looked dangerous on the counter-attack. Despite Eggescliffe's possession, Teesside's defence remained resolute, helped by some determined tackling from Rohan and an outstanding top-corner save from our goalkeeper, Armand. As the half progressed, Teesside started to create more and more chances, the closest of which coming from Ethan who hit the post. Eventually, the deadlock was broken after some direct passing saw the ball fall to Archie who accurately finished his shot into the bottom-corner. Final score: Teesside 1-0 Eggescliffe!

Mr Williamson

U11 Girls' Hockey vs Queen Mary's School



Our Year 5 and 6 girls Hockey team travelled to Queen Mary's School to play, what was for some, their first ever competitive Hockey match!

The girls were focused from the second they stepped onto the minibus with Evie and Florence ensuring everyone knew the positions they were playing.

Teesside started the match at a high tempo and with some excellent passing between Evie, Florence and Florence, found themselves 3-0 up within 10 minutes! As the match progressed the Teesside attackers continued to be

prolific and scored a further 3 goals, while Abigail and Sophia ensured nothing got past them in defence. The match finished 6-0 to Teesside High.

The girls demonstrated outstanding teamwork, communication and sportsmanship throughout the afternoon and they should be proud of their performance and attitude.

Mr Williamson

Year 7 Girls' County Hockey festival

A group of Year 7 students enjoyed the County Hockey festival on Friday.

Hockey coaches from Norton, Stokesley and Marton Furness worked through a variety of coaching drills to improve basic skills and then the afternoon finished with a number of small sided games.

It was a good experience for all involved and will hopefully encourage pupils to join local clubs.

Miss Turnbull



U12 and U13 Boys' Indoor Hockey

The U12 and U13 boys' Indoor Hockey teams took on Yarm School in what were two extremely good games of Indoor Hockey. The boys have been developing their skills in lessons and were keen to show what they could do. Both teams caused Yarm a number of problems.

The U12s were a little slow to start and conceded early. They grew into the game and Gideon was instrumental in the goal. In the outfield, Eddie and Ryan commanded the game and both created some great opportunities for the attackers. The U12 game finished 5-0.

The U13s played the best Hockey I have ever seen them play! They took an early lead with John scoring

from a short corner. Some great play between the other boys saw numerous attacks force good saves.

With a goal from George taking us to a 2-1 lead with 3 minutes left, the boys were getting excited and thinking about the end of the match

and celebrating. Unfortunately, Yarm scored late goals to win the game 3-2. For both teams the Player of the Match was the goalkeepers, Dan and Gideon for their respective teams. Well played, all!

Mr Thomas





Remembrance Day

Our Early Years Department have been thinking about Remembrance Day this week.

Nursery children created a beautiful display in their classroom about everything they had learnt.

They used different printing techniques to make pictures of poppy fields and used different materials such as wool and tissue paper to create different textured poppies.

The children have learnt about the significance of the poppy and were very grateful to Miss Hall who handmade each of them a poppy to wear on their blazer.

The learning continued in their mathematics activities with the children counting poppies and also identifying different numbered poppies.

They then went on to practise their fine motor control skills alongside their mathematics skills by clipping the correct number of pegs to the different poppies.

Reception children are very proud to remember the brave soldiers. They have been reflecting on the poppy fields and the meaning behind wearing poppies and poppy collections.

Whilst Year 1 children have learnt a Remembrance poem as part of their English work this week. They also made their own poppy pictures and discussed why Remembrance Day is important.

Miss Hall, Mrs Clapton and Mrs Hannah



Horse riding

success for

Georgina!

Georgina took part in a Halloween horse riding competition over the half term holidays and was excited to share that she came first!

Georgina told us all about the competition and how much she enjoyed the day.

She has a lovely trophy and ribbon as her prize.

Well done, Georgina!

Mrs Hannah



Number bonds

This week our Year 1 children have been working hard to recall their number bonds to ten.

They had lots of fun singing their number bonds song and then played a game finding their partner to make ten.

Mrs Hannah



Aarons dinosaur experience

Aaron shared his dinosaur experience with us all, talking about the different dinosaurs and rangers that he met and recalling lots of facts about dinosaurs.

He made a wonderful book with his Grandad full of photographs and information about the show he watched.

Mrs Hannah



Fireworks in Nursery

Nursery had a busy first week back after the half term break and learnt all about fireworks ahead of our Family Fireworks Display last Friday.

The children created some very impressive firework pictures using different techniques.

They were fascinated to watch water colour paint spread along salt to make different firework patterns and there were squeals of delight when they splattered different coloured paint to the sound of fireworks.

The firework theme continued in their mathematics activities as they counted the number of fireworks and found the correct numeral as well as using 2D and 3D shapes to make rockets.



Work has also focused on firework safety and the Nursery children were all prepared to enjoy the firework celebrations whilst still being able to have fun and keep safe.

Great work, Nursery!

Miss Hall



Prep School Council

On the Friday before half term, the Prep School Council ran a fundraiser for the charity Young Minds.

Young Minds is the UK's leading charity fighting for children and young people's mental health. Their website is full of advice and information on what to do if you are struggling with how you feel. They empower parents and adults who work with young people, to be the best support they can be to the young people in their lives.

In order to raise money as part of the charity's 'Hello Yellow' campaign, the School Council ran a raffle to help raise some vital funds.

The children were also invited to accessorise their uniforms with something yellow, a colour which is thought to raise happiness levels and subsequently a simple way to help improve people's mental health.

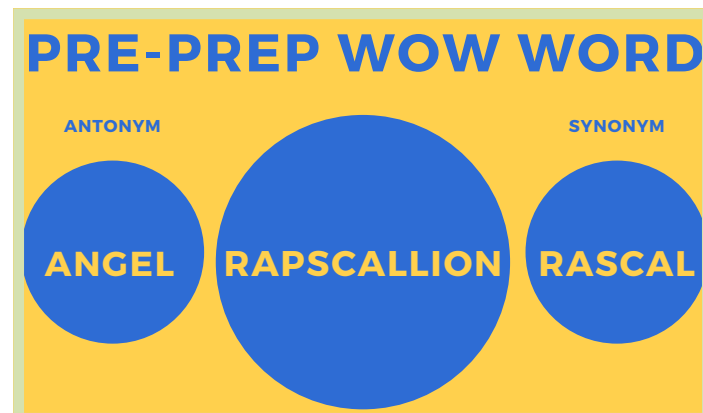
Seeing all of the children in yellow ties, socks, hair bands etc certainly made me smile!

I am delighted to announce that the children managed to raise £106.60 in total which will be sent to support the important work of Young Minds.

Darcey was the lucky winner of our raffle and will soon be enjoying her prize of a Jump 360 voucher.

Well done to all of the Prep School Council for their efforts and for the rest of the Prep School for entering into the spirit of the event.

Mrs Kennedy



International Trading in Upper Prep

Last week all of our Upper Prep children took part in an International Trading Game as Part of our new IPC Unit, *Going Global*.

The children were divided into six teams and amongst them traded eight different world commodities. Each group had to decide on a name for their country and design a flag to identify them. They then had to export and import a number of goods, however different restrictions were placed on each country which would influence their trading abilities.

The children had a fantastic time trading their different commodities with each other and they needed to utilise numerous personal goals such as communication, teamwork and thoughtfulness.

Each team received points for their trading prowess and the winning team

was Grissha. The children realised that this country won because they represented a developed country that was able to export and trade more commodities.

Mrs Leck and Mrs Kennedy



Nursery Stay and Play

If you are interested in joining a fantastic Nursery we would like to invite you to join the EYFS Department for a special Christmas Stay and Play event. This will take place in our Nursery on Wednesday 30 November, 8.45am - 10.00am.

To find out more information about this event please contact Mrs Shipley, our friendly Admissions Assistant, via nshipley@teessidehigh.co.uk.

Miss Connor

Bebras Challenge

Pupils from Year 1 all the way up to Year 13 have taken part in the Bebras Challenge this week.

The challenge introduces computational thinking skills to the students and aims to inspire an enthusiasm for computing in children all over the world.

Each question tackled requires the children to use computational and

logical thinking to find the answers.

This is a timed challenge, in which the children have 40 minutes to answer as many questions as possible.



If children score in the top 10% (from aged 11 and above) they will be invited to take part in the The Oxford University Computing Challenge in March, so watch this space!

Miss Lockerbie

Berlin Trip

Very early on Saturday 15 October, 30 THS students and four members of staff headed off to Manchester Airport for a joint History and German visit to Berlin.

After a wonderful flight and an exciting first trip on the U-bahn, they arrived exhausted at the Hotel Acama in the Kreuzberg area of the German capital.

Whilst in Berlin, students visited a wealth of historical sites, learning not only about World War 2 but also the Cold War and life after the “Wende” in 1989. They were able to see first hand where history happened and Mr. Meyerhoff recounted the various events that happened in those locations.

First on the agenda was a visit to the Bundestag (German parliament) and a quick lesson on the dative case from Frau Butterfield followed by learning about the Reichstag fire and the role of this historic building in the rise of National Socialist. They then moved onto the Brandenburg Gate, a respectful visit to the Holocaust memorial and down Unter den Linden to enjoy some retail therapy in the Ampelmann Shop. Frau Butterfield found the earrings that she had longed for for years!

After lunch we moved onto Bernauer Strasse for a look at life during the Cold War and events on and around the Berlin Wall. It was fascinating to see where East Berliner’s had attempted to escape to the West by digging tunnels. They were then able to enjoy a trip to the Berolina Bowling Lounge for an evening of strikes and spares. The second day in Berlin began with a visit to the Topography of Terror to

learn of the rise of National Socialism and its effects on Germany. We also saw the longest in-tact section of the Berlin Wall. Moving on they visited Checkpoint Charlie and enjoyed seeing Berlin from above with a visit to the famous Fernsehturm (TV Tower) at Alexanderplatz. The day continued with a visit to the Eastside Gallery, where sections of The Wall have been put together and graffiti artists from around the world have been invited to display their work. Students particularly enjoyed the famous Honecker / Brezhnev mural and the Trabi coming through the wall. In the evening students visited the dome and terrace of the Bundestag which was amazing.

The final day was a little damp to begin with however, spirits remained high as the group took the U-bahn out to the Olympic Stadium and found out about how Hitler used the 1936 Olympic Games to further the cause of the National Social Party. They also learned about the role the stadium plays nowadays in major international sporting events and as a music venue. Students topped the day off with some retail therapy at the Mall of Berlin, while staff enjoyed the biggest donuts they had even seen! It was wonderful to see the return of visits abroad and how they can really make language and History come alive!

Frau Butterfield



Sixth Form

Transition Day

Our Year 11 students had a fantastic Sixth Form Transition and Pastoral Day.

The day was a great opportunity to help them with their next steps after their GCSEs.

They were able to find out more about subjects they are considering studying at A-level and live a day in the life of a THS Sixth Form student!

Miss Connor



BBC Music Introducing debut

Max, GCSE Music student in Year 11, had one of his songs played on BBC Music Introducing on Saturday night!

This is his own composition and his songwriting is something he is very passionate about.

You can listen to Max’s full song through our Facebook page video and link.

We are so incredibly proud of you Max!

This is a fantastic achievement.

Mrs Shevels



Family Fireworks Display

Our THS Family Fireworks Display was a night to remember with food, drink and lots of family fun. Families and friends gathered to watch a beautiful display down beside the River Tees.

Thank you to all who came to support and who helped organise the event, we hope to see you again next year!

Miss Connor

Royal Northern Sinfonia Orchestra

On Wednesday 9 November students from across the school attended a concert performance given by the Royal Northern Sinfonia Orchestra with a variety of pieces under the theme of European Dances by Tchaikovsky, Mozart, Bartok and Brahms.

We were treated to stunning playing from the entire orchestra as well as a faultless performance of the Tchaikovksy violin concerto by Eldbjorg Hemsing – a violinist who’s been hailed for her “swashbuckling bravado” and she really needed to be brave with this ferociously difficult piece! The orchestra accompanied her sensitively and allowed her playing to really shine.

Italian-Turkish conductor Nil Venditti got the audience engaged immediately with her lively

descriptions and introductions of the pieces, and even let us choose our own encore!

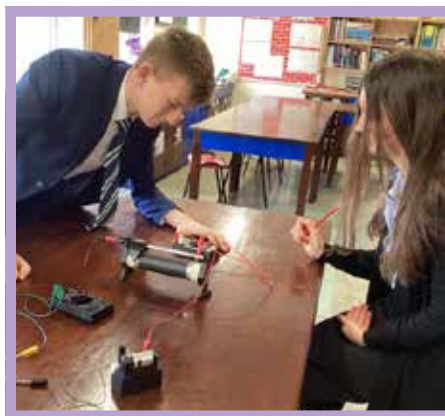
Students really enjoyed listening to the different pieces, each with their own distinct style and the lively, rhythmic syncopation and film-score nature of pieces composed in 2017 by Fazil Say got us all dancing in our seats.

Students were impeccably behaved throughout the concert and were excellent ambassadors for our school.

I look forward to further developing their knowledge of the orchestra in our lessons as we explore each family of instruments and form a whole class orchestra with each group.

Mrs Shevels





Globe Theatre Trip

On Monday 7 November, Year 13 music students went to the Globe Theatre in Stockton for a visit to help prepare for an upcoming examination on the music industry.

We learned about the history of the theatre and how it was transformed from being in ruin to attracting the biggest names in music and comedy, such as Jimmy Carr and Mcfly, in a matter of two years. The Globe is adjoined to a smaller venue, named The Link where we met Josh Elliot, Creative Learning Producer. We toured the backstage of the theatre and were shown the technical parts of the theatre that makes the performance look and sound the best that it can be.

We prepared some questions and had a Q&A session with industry professionals who were from the Ambassador Theatre Group, who have theatre complexes around the world, where we asked them about health and safety, legalities and licensing. We asked about artist riders - special requests or demands that are made prior to a show booking - and they had many examples over the years, the weirdest rider being a dozen pairs of clean white socks and ten live trees, however, we also learnt that a rider is a lot more complicated than that because it gives all the specific details an artist wants.

We had noticed that half of the theatre was underground which is unusual, but he explained that this means even the people at the very back and the very front of the venue can get to safety easily because there are only two flights of stairs between them and any evacuation point in the event of an emergency. The theatre still has all the period decor from when it was built in 1935. We also saw posters from the time, restoration plans and historical items such as Beatlemania posters from 1963.

Our 'access-all-areas' tour took us into every part of the theatre, such as one of the main dressing rooms, where they have an original door where the performers signed their autograph as proof that they performed at the Globe. These included comedians Rob Bryden and Harry Hill, World Champion Boxer Tyson Fury and Astronaut Tim Peake. We returned to school with a range of different notes which could be used to help us prepare for our Year 13 examination after a very interesting and informative visit.

Nick Sanderson and Yasmine Nugent

Year 12 Physics

On Tuesday, Year 12 Physics students performed an experiment for their practical accreditation.

These are called CPACs.

CPAC stands for common assessment criteria. These are the same assessment statements regardless of the science being studied.

This time they were using a multimeter to determine the internal resistance of a 1.5V cell (single battery).

Ms Goodman





Teesside High School

Education as it should be

A COLOSSUS OF ADVENTURE!



TEESSIDE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

JASON AND THE ARGONAUTS

TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER - 5.00PM

ADULTS £4.00, CHILDREN £2.00





TEESSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Christmas MARKET

Saturday 26 November 2022
10.00AM - 1.00PM

VISIT US FOR FESTIVE FOOD AND DRINK, BEAUTIFUL GIFT IDEAS, A
RANGE OF SEASONAL STALLS AND TO SEE SANTA IN HIS GROTTO.

CHILDREN £1, ADULTS £2
SENIOR SCHOOL BUILDING



Teesside High School The Avenue, Eaglescliffe, Stockton-On-Tees TS16 9AT
T: 01642 782095
E: info@teessidehigh.co.uk
W: www.teessidehigh.co.uk

