



## THE GLOBAL YOUNG JOURNALIST AWARDS

Two Year 6 pupils have claimed prizes in an international youth journalism competition!

Rahul has been named Climate Journalist of the Year in the Global Young Journalist Awards, whilst Abigail has been named Runner Up in the competition's Technology category.

The Global Young Journalist Awards receives entries from children across six continents around the world.

Rahul won the top award in his 11-18 age category, despite being one of the youngest entrants. His video report entry explored the effects of sargassum seaweed on communities in Barbados – his mother's home country.

Rahul's remarkable journey to learning about the effects of climate change in Barbados began in India, where Rahul grew up. Having recently moved to the UK and started school, Rahul was given the opportunity to share his new-found interest with the world.

Mr Griffiths said: "Rahul's video was one of the most impressive pieces of reporting I have seen in my time as a teacher.

"Having joined our school just seven months ago, Rahul has made a wonderful impression and is truly making the most of the opportunities and experiences on offer to him."

Rahul said: "I am so proud to have won this award for my video.

"Learning my lines was not easy and filming it was quite daunting but I am so pleased that my hard work has paid off."

Abigail was named Runner Up (aged 10 and under),



following her written submission on the topic of artificial intelligence (AI).

Abigail used her theme 'Who knows what the future holds for AI?' to discuss the pros and cons to the revolutionary technology, arguing that AI has great potential so long as it is not used for the wrong reasons.

Abigail said: "English is my favourite subject and AI is a topic which really interests me. I like learning about its impact on the world.

"I want to be a doctor when I grow up but I hope to have time to continue writing."

Both Abigail and Rahul are invited to attend a virtual awards ceremony on Thursday 15 June to receive their prizes. We are so proud of you both!

**Miss Hockney**

# WELCOME

As we head into the remaining half term of the school year, I am looking forward to what promises to be a busy few weeks.

Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done to all of our students who have spent the past couple of weeks completing their GCSE, AS and A-level examinations.

It has been wonderful to catch up with students as they come out of the Main Hall, relieved, happy, and confident that their hard work has paid off.

Whilst we are only half way through a busy examination timetable, you are now on the homestretch, so keep up the hard work.

Since our last edition, Year 5 and 6 pupils visited Cornwall for a very exciting trip to the Eden Project. After a super long bus ride, the trip enabled them to explore massive covered biomes, trek through the world's largest indoor rainforest and enjoy extensive outdoor gardens and impressive contemporary artworks. We received some lovely photographs from the trip (you can see these on the school's Facebook page) and all of the children had a truly memorable experience. Huge thanks to the staff who gave up their time to take the children along.

Elsewhere in the school, we are looking forward to some fantastic trips. Our Senior and Sixth Form students are heading to Paris at the end of June for a special Music tour. They will be able to see the sights and also perform at the Jardin de Luxembourg.

Senior students are also visiting Wimbledon, our now annual trip which always offers a wonderful live sporting experience for our pupils.

On the topic of sport, well done to all of our Senior School students who attended the Stockton Schools Athletics Championships on Wednesday. I have heard how amazingly you all performed; good luck in the next round!

As we approach the final five weeks of the academic year, we have lots of events planned for the THS community. I look forward to seeing you at our forthcoming Sports Days, Creative Arts Evening and Staff vs Parents cricket match. Do not forget your picnic!

Wishing you all a restful and relaxing half term break.

I hope you enjoy reading the latest edition of THS Week.

**Mrs K Mackenzie, Head**



## Summer Sports Captains

Well done to the following students for being named our Summer Sports Captains.

### Rounders:

U11 - Abigail Egbo

Year 7A - Isabelle Stokes

Year 8A - Anisa Ditta

Year 8B - Lucy Macdonald and Emily Leck

Year 9 - Ivy Rennison

Year 10 - Lucy Mulcrone

### Athletics:

U11 - Eddie Shakesheff

Year 7 Boys - Lewis Orton

Year 8 Boys- Angus Dunbar

Year 9 Boys - Willoughby Croslegh

Year 10 Boys - Saul Bainbridge

U11 - Sophia Egbo

Year 7 Girls - Anais Moseley

Year 8 Girls - Martha Shakesheff and Megan Bates

Year 9 Girls - Yasmin De-Roche

Year 10 Girls - Katie Clarke

### Cricket:

U11 - Rahul Krishnan

U12 - Oliver Relph

U13 - George Smart

U14 - Zach McCluskey

U15 - Rohan Vagadia

**Miss Turnbull**

## U11 Girls Rounders vs Durham School

Our U11 Girls' Rounders team travelled to Durham School last Friday afternoon and enjoyed a very exciting match.

This was their first game of the season and I was delighted to see them putting into practice everything we have been working on in lessons.

They fielded well and their batting improved across the afternoon, giving them the edge over Durham to take a 10-6 victory.

Well done to all involved.

**Miss Turnbull**



## U11 Boys Cricket

Our U11 Boys' Cricket team had a really successful afternoon playing away at Durham School.

It was great to see the boys in action; they worked really well together which resulted in success. Great work, boys!

**Mr Thomas**

## Stockton Schools Athletics Championships

It was a lovely sunny day at the District Athletics Competition on Wednesday. 40 pupils travelled to Middlesbrough Sports Village to compete in a variety of track and field events against 13 local schools.

The standard of competition was extremely high and pupils worked incredibly hard to qualify for finals and get the best times and distances they could. Unfortunately, early injuries following the relay heats put us on a backfoot, but everyone rallied round and ensured THS was represented in every event. The

behaviour and attitude from our squad was first class.

Special mention must go to the pupils who finished in the top 2 in the finals to qualify for the next round;

100m - Luca, 1st place

200m - Yasmin, 2nd place

800m - Martha, 1st place

800m - Oliver, 2nd place

1500m - Martha, 1st place

Javelin - Ewan, 1st place

Shot Put - Ewan, 2nd place

Shot Put - Katie, 2nd place

Long Jump - Sona, 1st place

We now wait for the official results to see how each team finished. We have many pupils showing real potential in athletics. If anybody wishes to join a local club, Mandale Athletics Club trains at Middlesbrough Sports Village. Please visit their website for more information and contact details.

**Miss Turnbull**



# Prep Sports Day Preparations

The start of the summer term brings with it the excitement of our forthcoming Prep Sports Day.

The event includes all children from Nursery to Year 6 and is always a very special event in the THS calendar.

With this in mind, the Nursery children have started to practise ready for the big day.

They have been hard at work putting their physical development skills to the test to see how long they can keep an egg balanced on a spoon and also seeing how fast they can run.

The Nursery children are fully included

in all school events and are very much part of the THS family.

They also have a friendly group of Year 6 children who take on the role of Nursery Monitors each year and are always there with a friendly smile and a helping hand should they need it.

This makes the transition to Reception seamless and ensures the children have the very best start to their educational journey.

**Miss Hall**



## Gymnastic Achievements

Reception children are proud to celebrate Amelia's further achievements in gymnastics.

Amelia is delighted to show her medal for fantastic 'beam' work.

We think the balancing opportunities on the log beam at Forest School has been good preparation for this award!

Great work, Amelia.

**Mrs Clapton**



## Pre-Prep

## Assembly

We are super proud of our wonderful Pre-Prep children, who presented a fantastic assembly last Friday.

They confidently shared the information they had learnt during their IPC lessons about growing plants, evergreen and deciduous trees and animal habitats.

Thank you to all of the parents who were able to come along.

**Mrs Hannah**



# The Gruffalo

Nursery pupils had a wonderful time learning all about *The Gruffalo*.

The children identified rhyming words within the book, explored measures



when making owl ice cream and stomped through our beautiful grounds when completing their own Gruffalo hunt.

Children's literature provides a perfect starting point for learning in Nursery and *The Gruffalo* did exactly that!

**Miss Hall**

## Stay and Play

If you are interested in finding out more about our wonderful Nursery, we warmly invite you to join us for a special Very Hungry Caterpillar themed Stay and Play event. This will take place in our Nursery classroom on Thursday 15 June, 9.15am-10.15am. Stay and Play will give you the chance to explore a range of engaging educational activities with your child and participate in some fun crafts.

Please contact [admissions@teessidehigh.co.uk](mailto:admissions@teessidehigh.co.uk) to book a place for your child.

**Miss Hockney**



## Teddy Bears Picnic

After sharing the story *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, Early Years children had a wonderful trip out of school to enjoy a teddy bears picnic in the park.

The children arrived at school full of smiles clutching their favourite teddy bears from home.

They just had time to make name tags

for their bears before heading off in the minibus for the picnic!

**Miss Hall and Mrs Clapton**





# The Eden Project

The trip to Eden was ten hours, it was really tiring, but it was so worth it!

Eden is a brilliant place to go to, there are 3 biomes: the rainforest, the Mediterranean and the outdoor biome. The shape of the biomes were hexagons, the reason for that is because they are strong and stable like the hexagons in a beehive.

The Eden Project was built on top of a china clay pit, in 1998 the building started and in 2001 it was completed. It also holds a Guinness World Record for the largest amount of scaffolding - 230 miles! The first biome we visited was the outdoor one. It was a zig-zag descending path filled with

different types of plants such as olives, lemon trees and grape vines.

There were also sculptures in the shape of bees and spiders made of metals like copper. One day we all went down an elevator and we had to make silly faces all the way down to see if someone would spot us! On our last evening in Cornwall we visited the beach. On the beach we played cricket and stuck in the mud. It was a fun way to end off our amazing trip.

**Mr Griffiths**



## Transition Day

On Thursday 15 June, our exciting Prep School Transition Day will take place.

On this day, pupils currently in Reception through to Year 5 will spend the day with their new Form Teacher in preparation for their return in September; and those moving into Reception class from Nursery

will spend the morning in their new learning environment.

I very much hope that our boys and girls enjoy all of the exciting opportunities that teachers have in store for them!

**Mrs Williams**



# Whizz Bang Scientists!

Our Prep AG&T Whizz Bang Scientists have been carrying out a wide range of wondrous experiments during their lunchtime club.

As part of Able, Gifted and Talented provision, the children have been invited to attend a special science club where they take the lead in which experiments we undertake on a weekly basis. Invariably their choices have involved some instant reactions and a great deal of mess.

We aimed big in our first week by making elephant's toothpaste, this was

very exciting and set the bar high for our future sessions.

The children have continued to amaze me with their ideas and enthusiasm and further experiments have included tornados in a jar, lava lamps and the extremely exciting mentos and coke geysers!

**Mrs Leck**

## Childnet Film Competition

During this half term, Upper Prep children have been working hard to create a short, two minute film, all about e-safety with the intention

of entering the Childnet Film Competition 2023.

The competition is in its 14th year and this year the theme is: *Time to talk! How can people support each other online?*

Children worked either independently or in groups to plan, script, film and edit their films in order to be competition ready.

Lyla, Sidney and Lalulah worked incredibly hard in their small group to create a superb video all about how to deal with online trolls when gaming.



## Plant Dissection

This week in IPC, the children have been continuing with their *Roots, Shoots and Fruits* unit. We have turned our attention to the parts of the plant and, so that the children could take a closer look, we have completed a dissection of a flower. The children were really interested to learn about the male and female parts of the flower and also to be able to hold and feel each of the parts, considering how the pollinators rub against them to continue the plant's life cycle.

Following this dissection work, we have moved on to consider how flowers attract bees and butterflies and are looking forward to some more dry weather so we can put our predictions to the test.

**Mrs Kennedy**



They carefully considered how to utilise dialogue, camera angles and special effects (including screen in screen, split screen, text and animations). The effect created was both informative and hilarious!

**Miss Lockerbie**

# Year 9 Visit to the Holocaust Centre North

On Thursday 11 May, our Year 9 students travelled down to Huddersfield University to visit the Holocaust Centre North and take part in two interactive workshops.

The morning session ‘Indoctrinating a Nation: Nazi Propaganda’ inspired students to think about the different types of propaganda used by the Nazis and how it ultimately led to persecution and murder.

Students were also encouraged to think about how propaganda is used in the media today and how to spot the differences between fact and opinion!

In the afternoon, in ‘Humanising the Holocaust’, students debated the reasons why some people helped victims of the Holocaust while others joined the Nazis. There were some lively discussions and debates about the

roles of key individuals such as Coco Chanel, Hugo Boss and Oskar Schindler. Overall, the day was informative, thought provoking and an excellent way to round off our Holocaust topic in History!

Well done to all!  
**Miss O’Byrne**



## Year 7 Transition

### Day

September’s incoming Year 7 cohort will experience their final Transition Day into the Senior School on Thursday 15 June.

Our Year 7 Transition Day provides the perfect opportunity for new Senior School students to experience life at THS and throw away those first day nerves!

We have a very busy day planned, with lessons in Music, DT, PE and German.

**Miss Connor**

## Astronomy Evenings

THS Physics department has started to offer two options to develop students’ understanding of Astronomy. These are GCSE Astronomy (as part of our A,G&T provision) and Astronomy enrichment. We want to share our interest and learning with you at Astronomy evenings during the next academic year, however, we don’t have any telescopes or binoculars yet! Donations - If you happen to have an viewing equipment gathering dust in a long-forgotten corner of your attic, we

would be delighted give it a home where it will be used and loved. Fundraising - We will be running Astronomy Quiz Evenings with a space-themed Beetle Drive and a multi-round pub-style quiz for teams. These will be suitable for the whole family, so look out for details on our socials and in upcoming newsletters. **Ms Goodman**

# Tunnock’s Teacake Challenge

Senior Food and Nutrition students have been creating some stunning pieces of culinary art by taking part in the ‘Teacake Challenge’ this term.

Using their artistic creativity and food preparation skills, students have been challenged to style a plate of food using one chocolate teacake as the centre-piece and base their design on the theme of ‘shape and pattern’.

In addition to this being a fun inter-House competition, students have learnt some useful presentation and finishing skills, that they will be able to transfer to the presentation element of their practical assessments going forward.

Some of the winning creations will be entered into a national school competition organised by The Food Teachers Centre in association with Tunnock’s, where there is a chance to win prizes for our school.

We have been blown away by the thought and effort the students have put into this so far.

Entries will be judged by Mrs Mackenzie, Miss Stephens and our School Catering Team, with winners to be announced in early June.

**Mrs Howard**



## Break a leg!

‘Break a leg’ to our GCSE and A-level Drama Classes of 2023. We send our very best wishes to these wonderful students as their courses come to a conclusion. **Mr Coates**



## Year 12 Heart Dissection

This term, Year 12 Biology students have been practising their dissection skills for the practical skills component of AS level Biology.

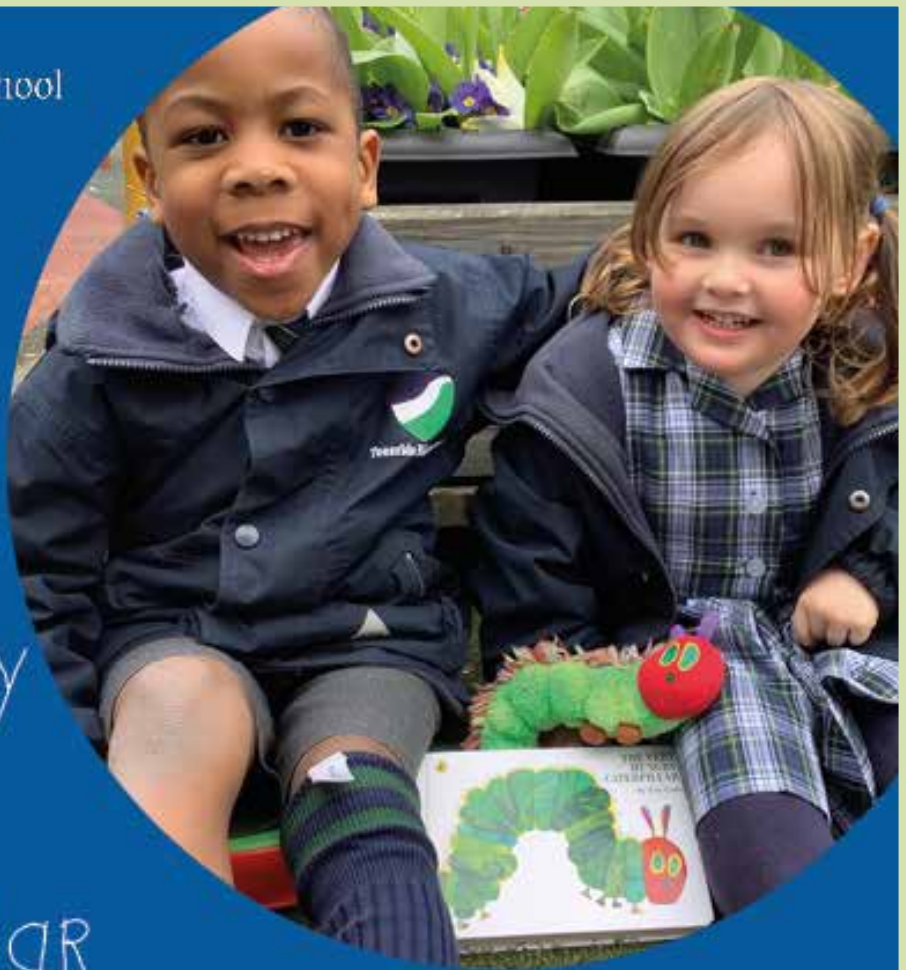
We are very grateful to Hutchinson Hobbs Farm Shop and Butchers in Yarm who very kindly supplied the hearts for this week’s practical lesson

free of charge. **Mrs Jackson**





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The Very  
Hungry  
Caterpillar

# Stay and Play!

**Thursday 15 June, 9.15am-10.15am**  
Ages 2-4, limited spaces available

Join us for a fun-filled morning exploring the classic children's story, and find out what makes the Nursery department at Teesside High School so special.

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