

THiS Week



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PREP SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

On Friday 16 June, pupils, staff and families gathered for an afternoon in the sunshine at our annual Prep School Sports Day.

Exactly one week previous, pupils enjoyed competing in their field events. We saw a fantastic display of grit and determination in events such as long jump, javelin, shot put, 1200m and much more. This created great excitement for the main event.

It was great to see so many THS families come along to support their child on a wonderful sunny day. We were very impressed with all of our pupils' hard work and sportsmanship, giving their everything to gain precious points for their House.

It was very close on points between Cleveland and Victoria, with our final relay race being the decider. Sophia, Indy, Freddie and Abigail stepped up and clinched the title for Victoria - well done!

A special mention goes to our record breakers: Issac, Ralph, Lola, Sienna, Jacob (two records), Sophia,



Abigail, Rahul, Eshaan and Eddie.

It is always a great atmosphere when we are rooting for a pupil to set a new record, you should be very proud of yourselves!

Miss Connor



WELCOME

Our summer term activities are in full swing and there are a lot more to come as we approach the end of the academic year.

As we hurdle towards the end of term, there is so much to update you on - from Sports Days, Music tours and pupil productions to LAMDA examinations, pastoral events and creative arts exhibitions - we have not stopped since our return from half term!

Last week gave us the chance to see our future year group cohorts come together, as our summer term Transition Days took place. Our Prep School pupils got the chance to experience a day in their new year groups ahead of September and had a great time making new friends and meeting their teachers. I saw pupils leaving school laden with pizza boxes, holding their paper rollercoasters and ready to take on the ultimate marble rolling challenge - and I think it's safe to say they enjoyed seeing what the year ahead will bring in Prep.

We also welcomed all of the new pupils who will be joining us in September from schools in the local community. From Nursery to Year 7, we were thrilled to see so many new faces enjoying their first taste of life at Teesside High School. A huge thank you to all of our current students who assisted as mentors on the day.

Last Friday, parents and grandparents joined our Prep School for an exciting Early Years Father's Day assembly. They sang their songs fantastically and told us all about why they loved their dads and grandads. Not a dry eye in the house!

It was also great to see so many of our Prep School families at Sports Day last Friday afternoon.

As you can see from our front page, it was a glorious day and I am very proud of all of our pupils for joining in and trying their best, as ever.

Yesterday, I spent my evening at Wynyard Golf Club for our Year 11 Prom. I cannot believe how grown up our students looked, and I was proud to see them stood before us, as the young adults they are today, ready to take on their next challenge.

It has been a very busy day so far for Pastoral Day. Senior School students have taken part in a range of activities including team building, social media awareness and talks with organisations such as Cleveland Fire Brigade and Brook Advisory. This day is an exemplary addition to our fantastic pastoral provision at THS and I hope students have enjoyed this aspect of their personal development.

I hope you enjoy reading the latest edition of THiS Week, have a lovely weekend!

Mrs K Mackenzie, Head



U13 Stockton Schools Rounders Tournament

It was a fantastic game for the Year 8 Girls' Rounders team at The Stockton School Games Tournament on Monday 5 June.

The girls were unbeaten against some strong competition from Red House School, St Michael's Academy and Northfield School.

The team played their best rounders to date, focusing throughout and fielding brilliantly to ensure their place in the next round.

The Tees Valley finals will take place on Tuesday 27 June.

Well done, girls!

Miss Turnbull



League Athletics vs Eggescliffe School

There were some very tight races at the first league athletics fixture last Monday.

This is a team competition; each event has two representatives from each school and points are awarded depending on finishing positions. Team scores are added together and final results given out.

Winning performances from THS and the full four points for their teams came from Martha, Ollie, Roman, Louis, Saul, Tendai, Bethea, Sona and Yasmine.

The final team results were super close but Eggescliffe came out on top for Junior and Senior boys and Senior girls, with THS winning the Junior girls.

Well done and the best of luck to our athletes for the next meeting against Conyers School.

Miss Turnbull



Year 9 and 10 Rounders vs Red House School

The Year 9 and Year 10 rounders teams played some really competitive games against strong Red House School teams at the start of term.

The girls are really coming on in terms of both their fielding and batting skills and starting to really work as a team on the pitch.

Mrs Chapman

U15 Boys Cricket vs Eggescliffe School

1st Inning - Teesside batted first

After getting into skill-based partners, we headed into the first over. It took us all a couple bowls to get warmed up but after that we found our stride and gained more runs.

Eggescliffe then batted

The first over for Eggescliffe ended with them having -4 runs after some quick reactions from THS fielders to catch the batters out. They ended the inning more positively but still ended up coming short of Teesside's score.

2nd Inning

Teesside started batting strongly in the first over gaining 14 runs. As the

inning continued we found our stride gaining us a further 40 runs to end our inning on 54 runs overall.

Eggescliffe had another poor start after gaining only 4 runs in the first over, however started to pick up the pace during the inning and even matched Teesside in runs in the 3rd over with 15 runs each.

Overall, I think we did really well. We got some good catches multiple times including an impressive one handed catch off the wall from Archie. We battled consistently well. I think to improve further we should work on communicating when batting so we know when to attempt to make a run or not. As a couple times, we made

poor decisions and it ended up with us getting caught out. However I am proud with our performance overall being our first cricket match against another school and I am excited for our next matches.

Armand, Year 10





The Very Hungry Caterpillar

The final half term of the academic year has been full of excitement for our Nursery children as they welcomed five little caterpillars to their class.

As part of their topic *Minibeasts*, the children have enjoyed watching the caterpillars grow each day and have been waiting for them to turn into butterflies.

They also shared the story of *The Very*

Hungry Caterpillar and worked hard to sequence the story.

This week, four butterflies emerged from their cocoons! The children were very excited.

Miss Hall



Football Achievement

We are very proud of Thomas in Pre-Prep, he brought two awards to school this week sharing his football success with his form.

Thomas won a shield for best tackler

and was also able to talk about his team winning the league trophy.

Great work, Thomas!

Mrs Hannah



Pre-Prep Reading

Garden

Pre-Prep children have had lots of fun creating a reading garden for all pupils to enjoy.

The children planted a variety of plants and have been busy taking care of them to ensure that they remain strong and healthy.

This has been very tricky with the hot weather recently!

We hope to enjoy some home grown tomatoes soon.

Mrs Hannah



Minibeasts

The *Minibeasts* theme continues in Nursery with the children enjoying learning about spiders.

The children enjoyed making their own hairy scary spiders and also painting pictures of spiders.

This was a great mathematics activity to ensure that all of the spiders all had

eight legs.

I was very impressed with the children's creativity and counting skills.

Miss Hall

IPC Investigations

Pre-Prep children visited the Reception class to share their IPC investigations. The children researched and carried out investigations in order to discover important information on the trees in our playground.

They then made the most amazing booklets. These fact file booklets helped the children teach their younger friends all about their current topic and research.

Reception class thoroughly enjoyed learning from their peers.

Mrs Clapton and Mrs Hannah



Observational Drawings

Following a shared session across Early Years and Pre-Prep, Reception children sat in our stunning grounds and carried out some amazing

observational drawings.

It was a lovely sunny day and it was great to see the children put so much

effort into their drawings.

Well done, Reception!

Mrs Clapton





Art Around the World

This term, Prep children stayed after school each Thursday evening to take part in Art Around the World Club.

They have explored and had a go at making their own versions of ancient Aboriginal rock paintings and pictures of the mysterious Wandjina, before exploring Mandalas, and taking a trip to the IT suite to make some electronic art.

Last week, the children moved to Japan, and studied Japanese cherry blossom paintings.

To create their own cherry blossom pictures, the children used diluted black paint and a straw to tease out the shape of the branches.

Then they used their careful observations and colour mixing skills to create the blossoms.

The end results were very striking and I was very impressed.

Miss Lockerbie



Senior Science Fun

Our Prep A,G&T Whizz Bang Science Club had a fantastic time exploring our Senior School Science laboratories with Mrs Kirk. Initially they were introduced to the Chemistry laboratories, where they met Mrs Davison. The children had great fun learning about the different equipment and were excited to see the bunsen burners lit.

Next they explored the Biology laboratory with Mrs Kirk, who showed them the live webcam footage of bears in Canada. She explained how this helps scientists to track how the bears live in the wild. The children then used microscopes to carefully look at some bees and were amazed at the incredible detail they could see; including the spikes on their legs to help capture pollen. They ended the tour with a quick introduction to the stick insects.

This was a fantastic cross-phase experience for the children and highlighted the benefits of having such wonderful facilities on site.

Mrs Leck



Prep School Council Beach Clean

The Prep School Council have recently completed their last community outreach activity of the year by completing a beach clean at Seaton Carew.

Back in September, when the children were asked about the activities that they would like to complete to help and outreach into the community, the first and most popular suggestion was a beach clean.

The children have patiently waited for the warmer weather and lighter nights of the summer term and eventually got the chance to take part in a litter pick on and around the beach at Seaton Carew. The children worked in pairs to collect as much rubbish as possible and worked incredibly well together throughout the trip.

No trip to the seaside would be complete without a fish and chip tea and so after their clean up efforts, we headed to the chip shop for refuelling! Some of the children also had time for a quick ice-cream before heading back to school.

I am really proud of all of the Prep School Council representatives for their efforts this year and their willingness to get involved and support our local community in a number of ways. They have always been excellent ambassadors for the school and a real pleasure to work with.

Mrs Kennedy



Lower Prep German lessons

In German, Lower Prep pupils have been reading the story of Die kleine Raupe nimmersatt (known to us as *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*).

Once they had learnt the days of the week, numbers and items of food, they also enjoyed learning about the life cycle of a butterfly (Das Lebenzyklus eines Schmetterlings).

They have made these beautiful caterpillars, retelling the story in German.

Great work, Lower Prep!

Frau Butterfield

Refugee Week

This year, the theme of Refugee Week was 'Compassion' - displaying kindness towards one another and a desire to help those in need.

Refugee Week has been a fantastic opportunity to highlight that compassion underpins everything we do at Teesside High School, whilst raising awareness of the plight of people who have had to flee their country in order to seek safety.

To commemorate the event, the Prep School participated in an assembly

in which they explored the reasons people may become refugees.

A great deal of empathy was expressed as the children imagined what it would be like to have to leave their homes.

To spread positivity and hope to newly arrived families in the local area, children have been decorating folding paper sunflowers and including their own message of welcome inside.

All sunflowers will be delivered to Open Door North East, a charity

supporting asylum seekers, refugees and other migrants in the Tees Valley.

Miss Simpson



Year 7 Beamish Trip

We hope you enjoy reading this student recount following their trip to the world famous Beamish Museum.

After an hour-long bus ride, we arrived at The Living Museum Of The North at 10 o'clock. Firstly, we walked down to a small village where the miners had worked. We were allowed to look around for a while and got to see the colliery and a house with working machines in it. Once we were all together again, we were told we were going to have a tour around the mine, which was a bit nerve wracking but in the end it was a very fun experience although some of us had to duck to avoid the low-ceilings more than others.

We then walked from the village to a farm set in the 1950s next to it. Here we got to look around a few houses and see the animals living on the farm, which included geese, chickens, horses and pigs. There was a remnant of the war that had happened a decade earlier, though - a small Andersen shelter that we all crammed into, making it very

stuffy! We then made the long walk to the field next to the fairground, where we ate our lunch sitting on the grass - it was very sunny. Later, we made our way to the fairground, where we all loved the rides! Most of us went a few times on the swing carousel, which swung us high into the air and was incredibly exciting! Soon, we left the fairground and moved onto the 1900s town.

We spent around 45 minutes in the shops and explored the sweets and souvenirs. The sweet shop was surrounded by confectionery so that everywhere you turned there was something that you wanted to buy.

We all really enjoyed our day at Beamish but eventually it was time to head back to school, exhausted but with great memories of our day at The Living Museum Of The North.

Anu, Izzy and Emilia, Year 7



Year 10 Business

Whilst the GCSE and A-level classes need to wait until August for their results, Year 10 Business students have already received their Senior School examination grades.

Congratulations go to Beatrice Austin, Ewan Cooke, Ella McCarthy, Emily Milne, Veronica Snaith, Amelia Storey, Ruby Chadwick, Joshua Collingwood,

Siri Musunuru, Isobel Pumphrey, Neel Rathi and Holly Williams who all exceeded their target grades. A special mention goes to Siri Musunuru, Joshua Collingwood, Emily Milne and Ella McCarthy who all achieved grade 9. Well done and keep up the hard work!

Mrs Boothroyd

Healthy Eating Week

The British Nutrition Foundation's Healthy Eating Week took place from Monday 12 June-Friday 16 June. The purpose of healthy eating week is to highlight what we can do to have a healthier and more sustainable diet and lifestyle, in an affordable way. Mr Duncalfe launched the week with an assembly and inter-form quiz. Each day of the week we focused on a different theme to help students consider making positive changes. The themes were:

- Focus on fibre
- 5 a day
- Vary your protein
- Stay hydrated
- Reduce food waste.

There were various activities in school throughout the week with Thursday's theme of 'stay hydrated' being particularly prevalent during the warm weather we have been having. Mrs Clarke and I set up a 'Hydration Station' during breaktime, where students enjoyed the opportunity to infuse their water with fruits, herbs and ice cubes.

Mrs Howard



Paris Pre-Tour Concert

On Saturday 17 June, our musicians performed a special pre-tour concert to family and friends at St Peter's Church, Stockton.

This included much of the repertoire that we will perform in our two concerts in Paris next week. Students looked super smart in their tour t-shirts and played and sang beautifully. There were some very special highlights throughout the concert which was warmly received by a large audience that packed out the church.

It was great to practise our pieces in the resonant acoustic and the choir even tried out the choir stalls

like a professional ensemble, what a wonderful sound they made. An enormous well done to everyone who performed, we are all so very proud of you. Thank you to St Peter's for welcoming us to their church; I am sure we will be back in the future.

We look forward to our trip as we count down the days and will keep you up to date with everything that's going on in the French capital!

Mrs Shevels



30 Days of Wild

Each year, the Wildlife Trust runs a national 30 Days of Wild campaign. Our Biology Department and Forest School love to be involved.

So far this month, they have meditated under a tree, watched a wild webcam,

surveyed like a scientist, drawn a feather, hugged a tree, and so much more.

Sixth Form students have been caring for the seeds they planted a few months ago.

It is easy in our beautiful grounds to connect with nature in a wide range of ways!

Mrs Kirk



Year 7 Transition Day

As part of our Year 7 Transition Day, during a Food and Nutrition co-curricular lesson, students enjoyed making some emoji cookies.

Students were tasked with decorating the cookies in a way which represented how they are feeling about their move to Senior School.

I was very impressed with their decoating skills!

Mrs Howard

LAMDA Examinations

We were very excited to welcome back Mr Ed Brierley to Teesside High School last Wednesday. Mr Brierley was one of our LAMDA examiners this time last year.

The students taking Speech and Drama lessons with Mr Coates and Ms Jackson in both the Prep and Senior Schools had been very busy preparing for their exams. Some of them had taken an exam before and for some, it was their first time.

Many were very confident and a few were a nervous, as expected, but as they say, a bit of nervousness helps the adrenaline flow!

All of the students came out of their exam smiling and proud that they had done their absolute best. Comments such as, "yes I was very happy with the way it went," "he was very kind and kept laughing at the funny bits!" And one said "he never let me finish answering my questions but said it was amazing!"

We were very pleased to hear that Mr Brierley said he had really enjoyed his day with us and said all of the examinees were incredibly polite, lovely students who were very well prepared.

One of the last exams of the day was a

piece by three Senior School students. It was a Devising Drama exam and Mr Brierley said it was the best Devising Drama he had ever seen!

So all in all, the students had a great experience and are now already choosing new pieces ready for their next exam, next year!

We are both extremely proud of each and every one of our 25 students and fingers crossed you have all done as well as you hope. Results will be out during the summer break, so watch this space...

Ms Jackson and Mr Coates



Science Lessons

Year 10 Biology students are enjoying using quadrats to carry out random sampling techniques as part of the practical element of their iGCSE Biology course. By putting into practice the techniques they have covered in class, they were able to estimate the number of daisies and buttercups in an area of our beautiful school grounds.

Year 7 Physics students have been investigating magnetism and magnetic fields. They have carried out experiments to investigate which materials block magnetism using the floating paper clip experiment. They have also used iron filings to discover the pattern of a magnetic field.

Mrs Jackson



Teacake Challenge Winners

Thank you to all of the entries for the Tunnock's Teacake challenge 2022/23.

The judging panel consisted of Mrs Mackenzie, Miss Stephens and our catering team. They were extremely impressed with the stunning pieces of culinary art that our students have created for this competition and, after much consideration, they decided the winners for the following categories, who will all receive House points, are:

Esther Anderson, Year 7

George Smart, Year 8

Ivy Rennison, Year 9

Anya Hewett, Year 10

Mr Duncalfe, Staff

Mrs Howard



Science achievements

We are pleased to share some amazing Science achievements on behalf of our pupils.

Students have taken part in the National Scientific Thinking Challenge, organised by the University of Warwick. In the challenge, they had to analyse data from a variety of sources, including tables, graphs and charts, then draw conclusions. Out of the 15 students that entered, seven achieved a gold award, which puts them in the

top 10% of all entrants!

The Biology Challenge competition stimulates curiosity for the natural world and encourages students to take an interest in Biology outside of school. Over 43,685 students from 621 schools worldwide took part in this year's competition. We are very proud of our Year 9 and 10 students who achieved Commended - Gold awards.



House Photography

Congratulations to this year's House Photography Competition winner, Esme Rowett in Year 10. Esme has taken a beautiful photograph of a RAF aircraft to capture our theme, 'What makes Britain great?'

We had almost 200 entries to our annual competition, so huge thanks to our pupils and families for once again taking part.

Miss Stephens

Last month, students from 10T took part in the British Physics Olympiad Junior Physics Challenge. This encourages students to engage in an assortment of Physics problems and ideas. We are very pleased to share that all students achieved certification, with seven Gold, three Silver and five Bronze awards!

Mrs Walton, Mrs Jackson and Ms Goodman



Thank you!

I just wanted to write a quick note and thank all parents for your support in purchasing tickets for our summer term raffle, which will be drawn on the final day of term.

The proceeds from the raffle will go towards the PTA, and ultimately the refurbishment of the Main Hall, which

begins this summer. Tickets are still available via ParentPay.

Keep updated with the renovation works on social media - we look forward to sharing the Hall's new look with you in September!

Mrs Mackenzie



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