

THiS Week



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PARIS MUSIC TOUR

There is never a quiet time in the Music Department, and this year was certainly no exception.

In addition to the many concerts and formal events, and the production of *Into the Woods*, this year was even more exciting as we had our very first Music Tour to look forward to.

We set off at the crack of dawn, literally, and began our journey down to Calais. After a smooth sailing, and an easy drive to Paris with the best bus driver ever, Alan, we checked into our Disney hotel.



On Tuesday, we explored some of central Paris. We used our French skills to order everything from crêpes to French onion soup.

We performed two concerts whilst we were away. These were in very different settings, but were both fantastic experiences and we enjoyed the warm welcome and appreciation from the audiences. A chance to relax on the river cruise also meant more photo opportunities and the weather was excellent.

Our day at Disneyland Paris was a highlight for many of us! We explored as much of the park as we could,



enjoyed the rides, watched the parade, went shopping and ate a variety of Mickey-shaped foods. The drone and fireworks shows at the end of the day were the icing on the cake.

We all had a brilliant time, and are so grateful for opportunities like this to make wonderful lifelong memories with our friends and teachers. We are already looking forward to the next one!

Mrs Shevels



WELCOME

Wishing all of our THS family a fun-filled and restful summer break.

I cannot believe we have reached the end of the 2022-23 academic year, and what a year it has been! From our Family Fireworks Display to school productions, the Christmas Market to our Spring Masquerade Ball, we have had so many occasions where the THS spirit has shone through.

The end of this term has seen many exciting school trips for our pupils. Last week, our talented music students travelled to the French capital for our Paris Music Tour. Students performed at two different locations, visited Disneyland and put their French language skills to the test. Later in the week, Lower Prep pupils travelled to Alnwick for their first residential trip, and Year 9-11 students visited London with the Art Department. Each adventure looked superb; trips like these really help to broaden our students' horizons and contextualise their learning.

The last few weeks of the summer term is the perfect time to make those extra special school memories. We were delighted to organise a celebration for two wonderful year groups at our Year 11 Prom and Year 13 Leavers' Ball. Photographs from the evenings can be seen at the end of this edition and our social media channels.

On Monday, we had a fantastic day marking the end of the

academic year at the whole school rewards trip to Flamingo Land. The day was filled with rides, animals and a few screams from staff and students as they braved the attractions!

I was very impressed with our Prep School Musical on Wednesday evening. All pupils performed with confidence and expression. Thank you to all staff involved for all of your hard work and time.

It has been great to see you all at our Celebration of Achievement events. The 2022-23 academic year has given us so many notable pupil achievements, and it is fitting that we recognise both incredible attainment and fantastic progress in these presentations.

I would like to say a huge thank you for another wonderful term and I wish you a very fun and relaxing summer break.

Mrs K Mackenzie, Head



Tees Valley Rounders Champions!

Huge congratulations to our U13 girls who were crowned Tees Valley Rounders Champions last week.

The girls qualified to represent Stockton in the event and travelled to Northfield School to play against schools representing Middlesbrough (Acklam Grange School), Hartlepool (High Tunstall College of Science) and Darlington (Carmel College).

It was a fantastic afternoon and two of the three games were super close. In addition to the usual rounders rules, points were also awarded for success in the field so the girls' outstanding fielding was well-rewarded, gaining the team valuable points. In one particular game, the girls got 14 people out with their fielding skills. Their catching was of a very high standard and all students contributed to the three out of three victories.

As a school, we are incredibly proud to have been so successful in this tournament given how many teams entered from schools across the Tees Valley region.

We are also so proud of this group of girls for a very successful year in a range of sports.

Miss Turnbull



League Athletics Finals

It was an exciting morning at the League Athletics Finals on Thursday, with some outstanding individual and team performances.

THS came away with two second place finishes for the Senior Boys and the Senior Girls teams, and a fantastic relay win from the Junior girls secured a joint team win with Yarm School.

There were so many performances to be proud of, but a special mention goes to Martha who won the 800m, 1200m,

long jump and ran alongside Tendai, Megan and Amelia to take the relay win.

This rounds up a very successful athletics season. Finally, thank you to Malcolm, for helping throughout the term at practices and competitions.

Miss Turnbull

Year 10 Rounders vs Egglecliffe School

Last week our Year 10 Rounders team came up against a strong Egglecliffe side. After a difficult start batting and fielding on astro turf, they performed much better in their second innings, scoring higher than their opponents. Unfortunately this was not quite enough for a win overall. As this was my last rounders game with the girls, I just had to get in the photo!

Mrs Chapman



Senior School Sports Day

Our annual Senior School Sports Day took place on Tuesday 4 July, and what a competition it was!

Students started the day competing in a series of field events including discuss, high jump, shot put and more.

Standards were very high which created strong expectations for the track events.

THS families joined us to spectate the rivalry of our three Houses in the afternoon. The sun eventually came out which made for a very enjoyable

atmosphere.

With some amazing displays of athletic ability, our overall champions were Cleveland House! Well done to all of you.

Miss Connor



Nursery Memories

As we come to the end of the academic year, Nursery children have been looking back at all the wonderful things they have enjoyed doing.

They have also been thinking ahead about how much fun they are going to have in Reception.

"In Nursery I have enjoyed playing in the sand. When I am in Reception I will miss playing with the sand but I am looking forward to playing with the animals." - Isla

"In Nursery I have enjoyed playing with Miss Hall. When I am in reception I will miss playing in the water but I am looking forward to playing with my friends in Reception." - Ibraheem

"I have enjoyed colouring in in Nursery and playing with the playdough. When I am in Reception I will miss playing in the Nursery house but I am looking forward to playing in the fairy tent." - Abigail

"In Nursery I have enjoyed colouring pictures. When I am in Reception I will miss the Nursery puppets but I am looking forward to playing with the dolls house." - Ava

"In Nursery I have enjoyed dressing up in the Elsa cape. When I am in reception I will miss the Nursery cutting table but I am looking forward to playing in the fairy house." - Eva

"In Nursery I have enjoyed playing in the house. When I am in Reception I will miss my friends who are staying in Nursery but I am looking forward to playing with my friends who are moving to Reception with me." - Niamh

"I have enjoyed painting in Nursery. When I am in Reception I will miss playing with my Nursery friends but I am looking forward to playing with the dinosaurs." - Rire

"I have enjoyed crafting in Nursery. I liked crafting the magic worms. When I am in Reception I will miss playing with the playdough but I am looking forward to playing in the fairy house." - Olivia

"I am going to miss Miss Hall when she does the register. I am looking forward to playing with the dolls house in Reception and doing counting." - Verity

"I have enjoyed colouring and playing with the dolls in Nursery. I am looking forward to seeing Miss Hall and Miss Nicholls again and making new friends." - Tara

Miss Hall



Prep Summer Reading Challenge

All children in the Prep School are invited to take part in our Summer Reading Challenge to see which House can read the most number of books during the break.

At Teesside High School we work hard to develop a rich learning experience where reading is at the core of our

curriculum.

Completed entry forms should be returned upon our return to school in September. Watch this space to discover our champion reading House for Summer 2023!

Miss Hall



Outside of the Classroom

In Pre-Prep, we love sharing our pupils' achievements - whether they are made in school or outside of the classroom.

This week, we are celebrating Jola and Francesca's success!

Jola has been working hard during her swimming lessons and has completed her Stage 1 qualification.

Francesca has shared her gymnastic success, achieving Stage 1 in trampolining.

Well done, we are all proud of you both!

Mrs Hannah



Resilience

Through their early years, the THS Reception class has been strengthening their independence and resilience.

Developing independence and the ability to accomplish things for oneself is a vital component of growing up. We take pleasure in giving chances to develop resilience and independence at Teesside High School.

Resilience is the ability to deal with and recover from stress, obstacles, trauma, or adversity in life. We think that when

our children are resilient, they will be more confident, curious, and adaptive to their surroundings. Our resilience exercises this year have included setting clear goals, cultivating a good attitude, putting things in perspective, teaching self-care, building connections, and many others.

Mrs Clapton



Early Years Graduation

We had the most wonderful afternoon watching our Early Years Graduation last Thursday.

It was great to see so many families join us in the occasion and we are so proud of how much the children have achieved this year.

We look forward to seeing our Early Years superstars progress in Pre-Prep and beyond.

Mrs Clapton



Our World

Pre-Prep have enjoyed developing their art skills as part of their IPC unit, *Our World*.

They have looked at a variety of artwork and took inspiration from the willow pattern design.

Linking this with their Geography work, they created their own willow pattern designs using local landmarks.

The children were very proud of the plates they created.

Mrs Hannah



Lower Prep Alnwick Residential Trip

Lower Prep visited the Alnwick Garden, Alnwick Castle and Gibside during their two-day residential last week.

Their behaviour was impeccable and they were excellent ambassadors for our school, with many members of the public commenting on their impressive conduct. Below are snippets from the trip reports compiled by Year 4:

Day 1 - Sienna:

On Thursday 25 June, we went on a Residential trip to Alnwick for our IPC topic, *Let's Plant It*. We drove to Alnwick Garden (it was one and a half hour drive) to see the poison garden which was very fascinating, we learnt that dock leaves aren't actually good for nettle stings, toothpaste is!

In the garden, we saw a very beautiful fountain. Some of us got wet when we had to walk across the bridge to cross the fountain to get to the top. The view was really pretty. After that, we went to Alnwick Castle where bits of *Harry Potter* were filmed. We learnt about Alchemy, the Wizard Earl and we made lovely smelling Tussy Mussys. We also played a few wizard games and I played the lucky pig game.

The Alnwick Garden - Florence:

When we got to Alnwick Garden we

went in and saw the beautiful fountain. We saw lots of water fountains and waterfalls. Then we went into the poison garden and saw some plants that could heal, harm or kill. There was a plant in the poison garden that was called giant hogweed and it could give you blisters for seven years!

I recommend going to the poison garden as it was really interesting. There was a tree which if you got the bark off the medicine is called salicin and it is quite dangerous. I learnt lots of things from the poison garden and Alnwick Garden.

Day 2 - Laura:

The next day we went to Gibside. The first thing we did was a pond dip where we found water boatmen, pond skaters and newts. Did you know that newts are endangered?

Next we went to the den building. We all had a lot of fun. We got to choose our group.

Before we knew it, we were heading home and we really enjoyed our trip.

Miss Lockerbie

Level 2 Bikeability

Almost all of the Year 6 pupils took part in the Level 2 Bikeability qualification last month and all passed with flying colours.

They now know how to safely ride their bikes on residential roads, whether that be doing a U-turn, knowing the right of way at a T-junction and how to turn from a minor to a major road.

On our last day we ended our lesson with a bike ride to Preston Park and, of course, ice creams to cool us down!

Mrs Williams



Roots, Shoots and Fruits

Before the Easter holidays, all of the children in Upper Prep were given a potato to grow and look after as part of their learning in the IPC unit, *Roots, Shoots and Fruits*.

The potatoes had already gone through the chitting process and the children were given instructions on how they had to look after them. They had already looked at some pictures of fully grown potato plants so that they knew what they were aiming for.

Over the last few weeks, the children have spent time watching their potatoes grow and the exciting time has eventually come to harvest their crops. Evie, Harriet, Sophia and Abigail, have all proudly shown of their produce.



Some younger siblings have also helped in the harvesting process. The children have now been able to complete the most important part of the process to enjoy them as part of their tea. Feedback from parents has been that the potatoes have been delicious!

Well done to the children for using this task to apply their learning of growing plants and for reaping the reward of the final produce.

Mrs Kennedy



Treachery at Traitors' Quay

Our Prep School pupils performed brilliantly in their rendition of *Treachery at Traitors' Quay* on Wednesday evening.

The production is set in World War II, when the five Dawson children are evacuated and discover there is a spy in their midst. The children sang and executed their lines with great confidence and gusto!

A huge thank you goes to our staff for all of their hard work.

We hope you enjoyed the show!

Miss Connor

Deforestation

As part of the IPC curriculum, the children in Upper Prep 1 have been considering the issue of deforestation and its impact on the global community.

The children were tasked to research what deforestation is and to consider why it is such an important issue. They were then asked to work in groups to present this information to try and raise awareness of this issue and to encourage people to take

action. The personal learning goals of cooperation, communication, enquiry, morality, thoughtfulness and respect were certainly at work during this task as the children worked together to research, consider and present their findings.

This QR code will lead you to the work of one of the groups, who worked particularly well together, utilising technology to aid the overall presentation and delivery of this

important message.

Mrs Kennedy



Art Trip to London

Nine students and two teachers had an early start on Thursday morning, meeting at Eaglescliffe Station excited for the two and a half hour trip to London.

After inspecting our YHA digs on Oxford Street, not as salubrious as some would like but clean and comfortable, we set off for The Royal Academy Summer Show, an exhibition of thousands of art works, and an annual event celebrating art and artists which has run every year since 1769. Students couldn't help but be inspired by something in the vast array of different pieces.

After resisting students' plea that we use our funds to buy a piece of art, we left for lunch in the park followed by some essential retail therapy in Covent Garden. Refreshed after our break, The Photographers' Gallery was next. Students had the opportunity to view three floors of documentary style photography which was happy only five minutes walk from the YHA. A visit

to Bella Italia and a performance of *Six* polished off the day. The highlight of the trip for me and many of the students occurred Friday morning with a journey to Shoreditch to meet John, a street artist, who gave a fantastic talk and tour of some of the famous street art, including two original Banksy pieces. I know I learnt a lot and hope the students did, too. Lunch at Wagamama's went down well with all. The trip culminated with a visit to The Tate Modern, where despite their exhaustion by this point students had a good look around the modern art.

Hopefully students have lots to put into their projects and will be further inspired to create even more amazing work.

Mrs Machan



Electromagnets

This week in Physics, Year 7 students have made electromagnets by passing a current through a wire.

They then investigated how increasing the number of coils of wire wrapped

around an iron core affected the strength of the electromagnet by counting the number of paperclips attracted to the electromagnet.

Mrs Jackson



Seniors to Seniors Enrichment

Throughout the academic year, a group of Senior School students have visited residents and neighbours at Timothy Hackworth Court on a Wednesday afternoon for crafts and chat as part of their enrichment activity, Senior to Senior.

For the group's final session this week, our pupils invited the residents to our very own Coffee Bar to enjoy tea and cake, and to showcase their beautiful craft projects.

Some of the residents even enjoyed a tour of the school and grounds.

Mrs Howard



Cooking on a budget

Year 12 students enjoyed taking part in a cookery lesson with the theme of 'cooking on a budget'.

Students were presented with a range of ingredients that you might typically find in a store cupboard or left-overs in a fridge.

They were set the challenge to design a tasty pasta sauce. I was very impressed with how creative their ideas were.

The lesson gave our students an



insight into what it might be like to be at university and to be cooking for themselves.

They were also given a little keepsake of recipe recommendations from the staff at Teesside High School that may inspire their future culinary adventures.

Mrs Howard

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

At Celebration of Achievement, we were delighted to award 43 students with their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh awards.

Each student has worked very hard and shown great resilience to complete this award. They have undertaken a two day expedition in hot weather and have shown excellent perseverance when they were finding

it tough. In addition to this, for either three or six months they have shown commitment to their chosen skill, physical and volunteering activity.

We have had a wider range of physical activities undertaken including swimming, horse riding, dance, climbing, kickboxing and karate, to name a few. The students have developed their skills in a range of

Year 12 Biology

Year 12 Biology students have been designing and carrying out an investigation into the effect of an environmental factor of their choice on the distribution of plants in the school grounds.

It has involved the students researching a method, carrying out a risk assessment, citing sources of information, analysing data and carrying out statistical tests in order to draw conclusions.

Mrs Jackson



cooking, photography, art, chess, Speech and Drama, piano and Astronomy. Further to this they have volunteered their time to help coach cricket, help teach horse riding, assist at a domestic abuse charity, pick litter and walk dogs. A huge will done to all of the pupils involved.

Miss Hopkins



YEAR 11 PROM



YEAR 13 LEAVERS' BALL



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