

THiS Week



Teesside High School
Education as it should be

NUREMBERG TRIP

On Wednesday 21 February, nine students and two members of staff travelled to Nuremberg for an exciting exchange.

You may remember that in the last academic year, Magdalena Stemplinger visited Teesside High from the Realschule am Fränkischen Dünenweg in Nuremberg, Bavaria, and she and her colleagues were keen to explore further links with THS. We were delighted to be invited to visit Ms Stemplinger's school, where our students would be given the chance to experience life in a German educational setting.

The first 24 hours of the trip were non-stop, our students barely had a chance to catch their breath! The group arrived in rainy Nuremberg on Thursday morning to a very warm welcome from their hosts. The students from both schools quickly found things they had in common, and took a train to the nearby historic market town of Lauf, with new friendships blossoming. Lauf was beautiful, even in the drizzle. Students were treated to a guided tour of the medieval church, castle and ancient underground beer cellars before a trip to a bakery to sample some Bavarian specialities before games time at Lauf's newly refurbished youth centre.

On the following day the groups met at 7.45am and headed straight into lessons. A wider variety of lessons were enjoyed by all, from learning about how to use the passive voice in English to a Science experiment with magnesium. Students then took part in different wellbeing workshops and watched a film to roundup their day.

On Sunday, students took the train to Bamberg with Herr Kuhn from our partner school. After a Stadtrallye (treasure hunt) around the medieval city, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, they had a tour of the main sights and city's cathedral followed by a traditional German meal at the Schenkerla, Bamberg's oldest brewery.

Students enjoyed experiencing more lessons the next day, even learning the names of some chemical



elements in German! Once the school day ended at 1.00pm, they made their way into Nuremberg with their partners and appreciated a bottle of Apfelschorle and an amazing view over the city in the Sky Bar, before moving on to a tour of the Loch Gefängnis (Dungeon), where they found out about prison life in the Middle Ages.

On their final day, the group spent the morning in lessons and completed their final wellbeing workshop. Pupils spent time reflecting on their week and considering how they can continue their partnership in the future. At the end of the day, parents of partners, staff and students came together to celebrate a successful visit. They danced into the night to English and German songs and finally it was time to say goodbye.

This trip has been supported by a grant from UK-German Connection <https://ukgermanconnection.org>

Frau Butterfield

WELCOME

With only two weeks remaining in the spring term, the build up to Easter is well under way!

As you can see from the front page, some of our pupils travelled to Nuremberg for an exciting exchange trip during the half term break. I loved seeing the daily updates on our social media channels and watching our students create multi-lingual friendships. This trip definitely served as a valuable learning experience for all and we hope to continue our relationship with our partner school in the future.

The return to school saw us celebrating World Book Day with both a Book Fair and fancy dress day in Prep, and a House competition during assembly and a book swap in the Senior School. It is great to see all of our students so engaged in their reading.

Last week saw our older pupils presenting their bid for Head Boy and Head Girl at the Senior School Hustings. This was then followed by a pupil and staff vote and an interview with myself and Mr Hannah, Head of Sixth Form. All candidates presented themselves well, had some interesting ideas for improving the pupil experience at THS and I look forward to working with the team next year and seeing some of those ideas develop further.

It has been lovely to see some

blue skies this week which has made me excited for the summer term ahead. 2024 is a huge year for our Former Students' Association as they mark 125 years since their inception in 1899. We look forward to celebrating the school's rich history and bright future with the FSA in a number of fantastic events in June, including our own Summer Fair!

With live music, entertainment, food and drink, inflatables, funfair stalls and hopefully lots of sunshine, we hope you can come along on Saturday 15 June and help us make 2024 a year to remember for our wonderful school family. This event is free and open to everyone in our local community so please do bring along your friends and family.

I hope you enjoy reading our latest school newsletter.

Mrs K Mackenzie, Head



U14 Girls Netball vs Yarm School

The A team played against Yarm C, winning 10-2, and the B team came away with a score of 6-2 against Yarm D. The A team struggled to find the net in the first quarter but after a slow start pulled together and played some excellent, fast, attacking netball. They were once again defensively strong and Tendai deservedly received Player of the Match for her tremendous marking and interceptions.

The B team also started slowly and went into the third quarter with a narrow one goal lead. With some positional changes the girls grew in confidence and, after some lovely interceptions in defence, went on to play with greater consistency. Player of the Match went to Ellie who shot with great accuracy. Well done, girls!

Mrs Rodgers



U12 Netball League Champions

The Year 7 A netball team were crowned League Champions yesterday after beating Conyers School 20-4 in their final match of the season.

Conyers started strongly and the THS girls took a narrow four goal lead into the first quarter. In the second quarter, the girls overcame any nerves and had a strong 6 goals to 2 winning quarter. From here the girls pushed on and the defence of Felicity, Betsy, Sophia and Abigail was impenetrable with our girls preventing Conyers from scoring again throughout the whole of the second half!

The attacking play became more fluid and the combination of Evie and Tinashe in centre court worked brilliantly to feed Amelie and Flo whose shooting was outstanding. A fantastic scoreline reflected the wonderful team

effort. Player of the Match was awarded to Tinashe. Hugh congratulations to this remarkable group of girls who have continuously worked hard to keep improving and growing as a team!

Mrs Rodgers



U11 Boys Hockey

The U11 boys had another tough fixture against Yarm before half term and again put in a strong performance. Despite illness in the team, the boys were 2-2 leading into the last five minutes with strong performances from Zinedine and Freddie in defence, Gabriel, Issac and Indiana in midfield, and Jacob leading the attack.

Isaac had another top performance in goal making some crucial saves, keeping us in the game. However, having to lose a player to illness meant the task was just too great. A final score of 4-2 but another great performance!

Mr Thomas

U14 Girls Netball vs Red House School

The U14 girls had a fantastic night of netball against Red House School last week. Both matches were very competitive and played in fantastic spirit.

The B team played RHS B first and it was an exciting game with end-to-end netball. RHS took an early lead and our girls had to settle into their game and not panic at the score line. The team worked hard to reduce the deficit and with both Ellie's shooting accurately they scored what proved to be two essential goals in the last minute of the first half. THS went into halftime just one goal behind with a score of 4-5. During the second half our defensive play was much better with Shreya tightly marking the GS and Phoebe and Lucy

managing to turn over much more ball in mid court. The girls demonstrated amazing determination to come back from being three goals down in the early minutes of the match to achieve a draw, the final score was 8-8. Player of the Match went to Megan.



The A team won 10-7 after a very close game with both teams displaying some lovely fluid play. The attack of Amelia, Anisa, Lexi and Poppy ultimately proved too strong for the RHS defence to stop. Player of the Match went to Tendai who was outstanding in defence.

Mrs Rodgers



EYFS Mother's Day Celebration

EYFS children thoroughly enjoyed their special World Book Day themed Mother's Day Celebration this week.

Pupils have been hard at work over recent weeks creating some incredibly special books all about their families which they shared at the event before enjoying refreshments and crafts with their loved ones.

The event finished with all the children

sharing, in their own words, why they love their Mummy so much and some wonderful singing.

EYFS would like to wish all THS families a very happy Mother's Day this weekend!

Miss Hall and Miss Graham



Leeds Knights Puck Drop

William in Pre-Prep had an amazing time at the Leeds Knights Ice Hockey game.

He was very excited to show his friends

the puck he received after completing the puck drop during the game!

What an amazing experience.

Mrs Hannah



Signs of Spring in Forest School

Nursery had a wonderful morning out and about exploring looking for signs of spring last week.

The children managed to find some daffodils, snowdrops and crocuses around our wonderful grounds and have been hard at work in the mud kitchen creating a range of delicious dishes.

The children particularly enjoyed making a tasty snack for George!

Miss Hall



Locomotion Trip

Pre-Prep children had a great trip to Locomotion at Shildon last Friday.

The children had a fantastic time exploring the trains and thinking about how they have changed over time.

They talked about the design of the train becoming more aerodynamic and the effect this has on the speed of the train.

The children were also fascinated by

the royal carriages on display and think that comfy beds and armchairs are the way forward in train design!

This was a wonderful start to their new IPC unit, *Push Me, Pull You*.

We would like to thank Dr Jameson for accompanying us on the trip.

Mrs Hannah



Out of This World

Nursery are thoroughly enjoying their new topic, *Out of This World*.

They have been hard at work making rockets using the letters in their names, using 2D and 3D shapes to

make their own space rockets and have created some wonderful art work of themselves as an astronaut surrounded by the planets of the solar system.

In just a couple of weeks, the children have learnt the names of the planets and a little about each one. They are rapidly turning into space experts!

Miss Hall



Meet Miss Graham, Reception Teacher

I have loved my first two weeks at Teesside High School and wanted to thank you all for the warm welcome.

I join THS from a local primary school in Stockton, where I worked for a number of years. I graduated from the University of Salford and taught Performing Arts at stage schools across Manchester prior to moving to Teesside. I look forward to helping the children learn and watching their confidence grow! It makes me very happy to see children reaching their goals and flourishing both academically and socially.

Miss Graham

Art Sculptures

Upper Prep children have been looking at sculptures as part of their Art tasks from the IPC unit, *Being Human*.

Firstly, the children have been considering proportion and how certain body parts can be exaggerated for effect in pieces of art. They completed a number of sketches to practise applying their knowledge of proportion as well as showing their figures in different moving positions such as running, dancing, skating, pirouetting and more.

The children then looked at a range of pieces of art, each showing examples of the human body in motion. Some pieces were more abstract than others and the children were able to share and discuss their preferences. The children were also able to consider which of the seven elements of art they could identify in each of the pieces.

The challenge then came when they were asked to create a clay sculpture of their friend. Having taken photographs of each other in motion, the children then created their own sculptures, quickly realising that this was not as easy as first thought. They also had to be mindful of what they had learnt about proportion, also applying this to their sculpture. The children had to show their resilience on a number of occasions to overcome the problems they faced along the way.

All of the children made a super effort, however the sculpture by Indy is especially impressive and clearly shows the movement of the footballer.

Mrs Kennedy



Going for Gold!

We are so proud of Benjamin in Year 5 who won a gold medal at the Cleveland Coastal Jiu Jitsu Championships.

Benj has been working very hard in his

classes so he is very pleased that all of his efforts have paid off.

What an impressive achievement!

Miss Connor



Pre-Prep Movie Night

Last week, the children from Nursery to Year 2 enjoyed a movie night. This event had been organised by the Prep School Council in order to raise money for a children's mental health charity.

The children enjoyed watching the movie, *Two Tails*, along with their popcorn and juice which was served to them by Vivi, Grayson and some of our older members of the council.

We were delighted to raise almost £100.00 for this very worthy cause.

Thank you to all of the children who supported this event.

Mrs Kennedy



World Book Day

Prep School children have thoroughly enjoyed marking World Book Day this week.

The children have been beavering away at home over the past few weeks creating the most incredible book dioramas for our World Book Day competition. Mrs Williams had the tricky job of selecting the winning entries. Congratulations to Abigail, Leena, Thomas, Lottie and Laura who were crowned the winners.

Our celebrations came to a climax on Thursday when the children enjoyed

dressing up in our 'I Spy' costume day and they all had a lot of fun guessing the different characters and books on show. The librarians were wonderful ambassadors for the school when they hosted their book sale with all proceeds going to the World Book Day charity.

Thank you to everyone who very generously donated so many books which enabled this to be such a success.

Miss Hall



Science Buddies Engineering Challenge

Our young engineers have been extremely busy planning and designing their rubber band cars. Their completed cars will be entered in the Science Buddies Engineering Challenge 2024, which is a worldwide competition.

The rules of the competition are extremely strict, and the children are given a very limited materials list. Each car needs to be propelled by a rubber band and travel the longest distance possible. However, each

material used is given a point value and these are deducted from the total distance travelled.

The children need to give careful consideration to their car design and decide whether using more materials will help their car travel a greater distance or use fewer materials to avoid point penalties.

The closing date for the competition is Monday 18 March, so the children will be busy perfecting their cars. We wish

ScratchJr Success

Over the last few weeks, Pre-Prep children have been mastering using ScratchJr in their Computing lessons. They continue to demonstrate their amazing programming skills to make their characters move, grow, shrink and even travel at different speeds.

The children are even able to incorporate their own recorded sounds which has caused no end of excitement! They are also not content to use the standard characters and backgrounds, but instead prefer to create their own.

Pupils will continue to build upon their learning over the next couple of weeks by creating longer sequences of more complex instructions.

Mrs Leck



them every success and hope they win one of the exciting prizes on offer.

Mrs Leck



Magistrates Mock Trial

Newcastle Crown Court set the stage for a thrilling mock trial competition on Saturday 2 March, drawing legal aficionados from schools across the region.

Departing from their respective schools as early as 7.30am, eager participants converged at the court, primed for a day of legal battles and strategic manoeuvring.

The event witnessed a debate as teams from Teesside High, Abbey Gate, and Bradford Grammar squared off in a series of mock trials. With reputations on the line, competitors spared no effort in their quest for victory, making every argument count in the courtroom arena. Meticulous preparation paved the way for the day's showdown. Teams engaged in rigorous training sessions, refining their cases and fine-tuning their strategies. Prior to the trials, participants had the opportunity to glean insights from seasoned solicitors, arming themselves with invaluable knowledge and advice.

The courtroom buzzed with anticipation as the first trial commenced at 9.45am, setting the stage for a day of intense legal duels. Teams engaged in spirited debates, dissecting evidence and challenging witness testimonies with precision. With each trial, the stakes grew higher, culminating in a crescendo of legal drama. In a display of skill and tenacity, our team emerged triumphant in two out of three trials, earning accolades for their exceptional performance. Notably, the team's barristers demonstrated astute courtroom tactics, deftly

questioning opposing witnesses and presenting compelling arguments. Witnesses, too, delivered standout performances, captivating audiences with their unwavering composure and credibility.

"As a witness in a challenging case, I faced the daunting task of presenting testimony crucial to the team's success. The trial proved to be a battleground of intellect and persuasion, with the defence's witnesses offering formidable opposition. However, through unwavering determination and meticulous preparation, we stood resolute, delivering testimony that bolstered the team's case and contributed to their eventual triumph." - Sam, Year 11.

"I was an usher in the mock trial competition, and I'll admit, nerves got the better of me initially. However, as the proceedings unfolded, I found myself immersed in the excitement of the event. It was undeniably challenging to grasp the intricacies of the procedural order, but the experience was incredibly rewarding, despite the initial jitters." - Esme, Year 11.

We all really enjoyed this experience and we hope to do it again next year!

David, Ben, Dylan, Inaaya, Sam, Amelia, Siri, Annabel, Emily, Esme, Evelyn and Matthew.

amazing shows, including Johannes Radebe's upcoming tour, *House of JoJo*, *Police Cops: The Musical* and *The Cher Show*.

Mrs Furness

Drama Beyond THS

Drama students experienced a further fantastic 'Drama beyond THS', this time from Ryan Jacques.

Ryan talked in detail about his work behind the scenes at the company ROYO and how he has helped produce other



LAMDA Showcase Evening

Students across Key Stage 3, 4 and 5 performed one out of their two LAMDA monologues for parents and other students at a well-attended and wholesome evening.

This was the final chance for some parents to see their children perform as their LAMDA journeys are about to come to an end, and an opportunity for new LAMDA students to showcase their talents to their parents as well!

A great evening was had by all and Ms Jackson and I could not have been prouder of our students' performances - now roll on the LAMDA examinations...!

Mrs Furness



World Book Day House Challenge

On Monday, Senior and Sixth Form students completed a fun-filled and competitive House assembly led by Ms Duffy.

Each House was based in a separate room and received a live stream from the Main Hall.

The Houses nominated students to complete several challenges which



were World Book Day themed and sent from different subject departments.

Congratulations to our winners, Cleveland.

Miss Connor



Eaglescliffe Golf Club Junior Coaching

Eaglescliffe Golf Club is pleased to announce that their next Junior Coaching programme will run from Saturday 23 March until Sunday 29 March.

The coaching programme will include two 60 minute group sessions, one 30 minute individual golf lesson and four playing events plus four practice events every month. Timing of the sessions will be every Saturday and Sunday between 4.30pm-5.30pm or 5.00pm-6.00pm.

The cost per month is £50.00 for a Junior member of Eaglescliffe Golf Club and £65.00 for a non-member, all are welcome!

For those Junior club members who may only wish to join in Operation36 events, the cost will be just £15.00 per event. This will include access to the app which monitors improvement and much more.

If you would like to sign up for the above coaching programme or



Tea-Time Talk with Dr Stacey Emmonds

A final reminder: we will welcome Dr Stacey Emmonds into school for a Tea-Time Talk on Wednesday 13 March.

Dr Emmonds is an Associate Professor in Sports Performance at Leeds Beckett University and physical conditioning and performance coach for England Rugby and England Football, travelling the world with the teams.

We invite all students from Years 5-13 and their families to join us in the Dining Hall for this exciting event.

Miss Hockney

have any questions, please email donaldsonacademy@icloud.com

Miss Connor



Tutor2u Grade Booster Workshop

On Monday, several different Year 13 courses grouped together to journey to the Metrocentre in Gateshead to attend the Tutor2U Grade Booster workshops.

This is the first time since before Covid that these sessions have been held in the North East, so we keenly took the opportunity given to us.

Students from our Psychology, Business and Economics A-level groups travelled by minibus to the Metrocentre to go to the event hosted at the Odeon Cinema. Each course was in a dedicated workshop aimed at providing students with information that should help them boost their grades in the exam in the coming months.

Within Economics, there were sessions on how to improve your language in the examination, just a few specific words can increase the quality of your answer, to looking at diagrams (a key component of the course) to finally looking at how to improve the dreaded topic of evaluation.

Our students enjoyed the sessions, including having the opportunity

for lunch at one of the numerous venues at the Metrocentre, and have developed several new areas to aid in increasing their grades, if they apply them. Students were so active, several members returned with free merchandise given as prizes for the quality of their answers, especially Matthew who scooped pens and a beanie, for answering several different questions.

Overall, an enjoyable day for all!

Mr Aberdeen



Cancer Research Easter Egg Raffle

We are working hard this half term to raise money for Cancer Research, a cause close to all of our hearts.

We will be holding an Easter egg raffle on Friday 22 March and all money raised will go to this brilliant charity so that it can continue to make a significant difference to those that rely

on its breakthrough treatments. A strip of five raffle tickets can be purchased via ParentPay for £5.00 before Wednesday 20 March or single tickets can be purchased for £1.00 on the day. Thank you in advance for your support!

Mrs Bell

Senior School Tenner Challenge

Since the start of spring term, Senior School tutor groups have been using their entrepreneurial skills to create businesses which can turn a £10.00 donation from the Head into the biggest possible profit during a two week trading period.

This competition is the initiative of our School Council with the aim of raising funds for facility developments. This week saw the start of the trading window with a range of products and services on offer from doggy treats to car washing; ice creams to tuck shops; Mother's Day gifts to VR fun; the list goes on.

Please remind Senior students to bring along their spare change to take part over the next week. If parents are interested in any of the products or services, do not hesitate to contact me for more information.

Miss Stephens



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