



## DISTRICT ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS!

What a day at the District Schools Athletics Competition; where 12 schools from across Stockton arrived at Middlesbrough Sports Village to compete across a range of track and field events on Monday.

Firstly, our Preliminary Girls (Year 7) Tinashe, Flo, Betsy, Amelie and Evie were unbelievable. Out of 8 events, they won five and finished second in a further two.

Tinashe won the 200m and long jump comfortably and Amelie smashed her PB to cross the line well ahead in the 800m (2 mins 47 seconds). The Preliminary Boys, a team of just four, Archer, Jacob, Gideon and Oliver, worked incredibly hard to cover all of the events and gained points across the board.

The Junior teams were made up of pupils from Years 8 and 9. The boys, captained by Kyle, had a number of great performances. Kyle led by example, winning the 800m and placing 2nd in the 1500m. Spencer won both the shot and discus, with the others collecting valuable points, too.

The Junior girls, captained by Annabel and Martha, finished in the top three in an impressive 10 out of 11 events. There were great performances from Annabel, 2nd in the 1500m and 1st in the high jump, and Tendai, not to be outdone by her sister, who won the shot put round with a superb throw of 8m 40.

Our Intermediate competitors (Year 10 and 11) worked hard and contributed to the overall totals, which were now mounting in our favour. Luca won the 100m with ease, Yasmin held on to win the 800m with a new PB and Matthew and Joel won both discus and high jump respectively.



Each event is point scoring, with 6 points for 1st down to 1 point for 6th. The results were as follows for THS:

- Overall Boys Team – 1st
- Overall Girls Team – 1st
- Preliminary Girls – 1st
- Preliminary Boys – 3rd
- Junior Girls – 2nd
- Intermediate Girls – 2nd
- Intermediate Boys – 3rd

### Overall Champions: Teesside High School

14 pupils will now go forward to represent the District Athletics Team. Huge congratulations to all of our athletes; these are the best results we have ever had at this competition and this reflects your hard work and commitment in both PE lessons and enrichment.

**Miss Turnbull**

# WELCOME

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

As you can see from the front page, our Senior School students performed incredibly at the District Schools Athletics Competition. I am unbelievably proud of you all - this is a huge achievement for our school. Well done to our PE department, too, for their continuous dedication and efforts.

Over the past three weeks we have also seen some wonderful individual achievements for many of our students. 39 students from Years 4, 6, 7 and 8 took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge with nine pupils earning Bronze, six earning Silver and two earning Gold awards. Anu in Year 8 showed impressive mathematical skills in the Newcastle University Maths Challenge and Ed in Year 11 shone brightly at the Maclaurin Mathematical Challenge. Annabel in Year 9 competed as part of the Northern England Tetrathlon team, which came away in first place. Holly in Year 10 raised £430.00 with a Eurovision Sweepstake for Dementia UK. Finally, Kyle in Year 9 achieved remarkable success at the North Eastern Counties Athletic Association (NECAA) Track and Field Championships. These are just some of the many accomplishments our students present to us on a daily basis, from both in and out of school.

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.

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 Showcase and Staff vs Parents Cricket Match. Don't forget your picnic!

We are super excited for our Summer Stay and Play in Nursery. Join us on Thursday 13 June with your little one (aged 2+) for crafts, play and lots of summer fun. You can register via the Stay and Play blog on the school website.

**Mrs K Mackenzie, Head**



## U11 Boys Cricket

### Fixtures

The U11 boys have been busy this half term with a number of cricket fixtures.

The boys have put their training into practice and have developed their skills game-by-game with good performances against a number of strong teams.

Thank you to Red House, Yarm and Whinney Banks Primary for some great games.

**Mr Thomas**



# U11 Girls Rounders vs Queen Mary's School

The U11 girls enjoyed a fixture in lovely sunshine against Queen Mary's School last Friday.

It was super close from start to finish, with THS losing by just 1 rounder (16-15).

The girls have been working hard on their understanding of the rules so they can try and score both half and full rounders, as well as their catching and throwing skills for their fielding.

A great team effort and a special mention goes to Eleora and Darcey who secured a number of rounders for the

team and to Emily who achieved a great catch in deep field. Well done, girls!

**Miss Turnbull**



## U14 Girls Rounders vs Yarm School

Year 9A and B teams achieved two exciting victories in their rounders games against Yarm School last week.

The A game was super competitive with some strong batting from both sides. THS were behind after the first innings and had to rethink their tactics for the second innings, moving the majority of fielders off the posts and into deep field. This worked well and some super catches from Megan and fielding from the whole team enabled them to get the big hitters out early in the second half. Final score: THS 14 - Yarm 10.

The B team won convincingly with some excellent fielding, limiting the opposition's score to just 4 1/2 rounders. The impressive combination of Martha at backstop and Coco at first post effectively



## Middlesbrough Athletics Club

If you are particularly enjoying your athletics at the moment, Middlesbrough AC (Mandale) are searching for the next generation of track and field champions.

They train at Middlesbrough Sports Village and are offering free trial sessions. If you are interested contact them [middlesbroughmandale.enquiry@outlook.com](mailto:middlesbroughmandale.enquiry@outlook.com) or visit [www.middlesbroughac.org.uk](http://www.middlesbroughac.org.uk) to learn more.

**Miss Turnbull**



got four batters out! Some great striking from the team took the THS batting total to 13 and 1/2 rounders. A successful all-round team performance!

**Miss Turnbull**

# Thematic Learning in Nursery

Our learning in Nursery is based on a thematic approach which ensures the children are always excited and motivated to learn.

Over recent weeks, the children have enjoyed sharing a number of different stories including *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* and *Rapunzel*. From sharing these stories, a whole host of high quality learning experiences then took place. For example, Snow White delivered a basket of special jewels from the mine and challenged the children to count these, use them to make repeating patterns and even tested their subitising skills by asking them to find groups of two and three jewels when she scattered them on our giant paper.

Activities based on the story of *Rapunzel* have included the children learning all about measurement when they worked together to see if they could build some tall towers just like Rapunzel's, and they practised their

name writing skills when making pictures of the tower using the letters of their name. Such activities are just some examples of the wonderful learning opportunities which our children in Nursery enjoy each and every day.

We are incredibly proud of our Nursery provision here and believe our children have the best possible start to their education in an environment which is nurturing, personal and a home away from home for the youngest members of our school community. We are looking forward to opening our Nursery doors at our forthcoming Stay and Play event and welcome children aged 2+ and their families for a morning of summer fun.

**Miss Hall**



## Busy Books

Reception children are always so excited to show each other their busy books and talk to the class about what they accomplished on the weekend.

Thank you to our wonderful parents for always supporting the children with their learning at home.

**Miss Graham**



## Future Tennis Stars!

### Stars!

Nursery children enjoy a dedicated PE lesson each week.

Over recent weeks they have been learning the basics of tennis, which in Nursery uses balloons!

The children have been working on their hand-eye coordination when using the tennis racquet to hit their balloon.

Watch out Wimbledon - we have some tennis stars of the future!

**Miss Hall**



# Pre-Prep Form Assembly

The children in Pre-Prep enjoyed sharing their learning with their parents and Prep School friends on Monday morning.

Through their Form Assembly they showcased the information they had learnt during IPC and PSHE lessons.

They explored the ways in which we stay healthy and shared a video of how we stay healthy in school. They also shared some of their favourite facts

such as 'a banana is actually a berry' and 'adults have 5,000 taste buds whilst children have around 10,000'.

Thank you to our Pre-Prep parents for coming along to support us.

**Mrs Hannah**



## Wonderful Writers in Reception

Reception children have been working so hard on their writing in recent weeks.

In Literacy, they have been doing lots of work on *The Paper Bag Princess*

by Robert Munsch. The children were challenged to retell the story by creating illustrations and writing.

They have also been discussing the important moral of the story which

is to always believe in yourself and to respect others how you would like to be respected. I was blown away by the brilliant work they all produced.

**Miss Graham**



## Did You Know?

The government extended its free childcare to eligible 2 year olds from April 2024, which means for working parents you can now receive 15 hours funding for your son or daughter in Nursery from the start of the term they turn three. For example, if your child turns three in November, they can join our Nursery from September and funding will apply throughout. Please note, for this first term you are required to provide a funding code from gov.uk

If you have any queries about the changes in funding rules and how this could help you, please do get in touch with me directly via [shockney@teessidehigh.co.uk](mailto:shockney@teessidehigh.co.uk)

**Miss Hockney**



## Great North Museum

Last week, children in Upper Prep took their IPC learning up to Newcastle to visit the Great North Museum (formerly the Hancock Museum).

One of the activities that was completed was a visit to the museum's planetarium to watch the *Earth to the Universe* show. This gave the children a huge amount of information ranging from the importance of telescope advancements to information about each of the planets, stars and nebulae. It was hard not to duck as the huge asteroids were coming straight towards us!

The children then took part in a science workshop, led by one of the museum staff. This workshop was entitled *Our Place in Space*. The children were able to consider the Earth's position in the solar system, recapping their classroom learning about the 'Goldilocks zone' as well as learning how the moon's impact on the tides can play an important role to life on Earth. The children were then able to hold some of the museum's

exhibits to take a closer look.

This trip was perfectly timed for our IPC topic *Space Scientists* as the museum are currently hosting a *Space Investigators* exhibition which was our first stop after lunch. This exhibition showcased many items linked to the history of space and space developments over time.

Once we had completed all of the space themed activities, the children had the opportunity to explore the rest of the galleries. They enjoyed taking part in a scavenger hunt which allowed them to take a closer look at some of the exhibits.

No trip is complete without a trip to the gift shop which we visited before heading back to school after a busy day.

**Mrs Kennedy**



## UKMT Junior Maths Challenge

In April, 39 students from Year 4, Year 6, Year 7 and Year 8 took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge.

The challenge has 25 multiple choice questions that encourage mathematical reasoning and require precision of thought.

We are excited to announce some great achievements in this competition. This year, out of 39 participants, our students earned nine Bronze, six Silver and two Gold awards.

Special mentions go to Sam and William in Year 8 who gained Gold awards and to Alexander in Year 4 for being our youngest entry and receiving a Bronze certificate!

Well done to all who took part.

**Mrs Turnbull and Miss Lockerbie**



## Bikeability

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed completing their Bikeability course this term.

Bikeability is the cycling proficiency test for the 21st century, designed to give the next generation of children the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads.

To achieve their Bikeability award, the children were trained by instructors from Stockton Borough Council on how to ride their bikes to the Government-



approved National Standard for cycle training, which sets out the training and skills essential for making cycling trips on today's road conditions.

Well done to you all!

**Mrs Williams**



## Mental Health Awareness Week

What matters to us most as we mark Mental Health Awareness Week...

That our students know where to turn when they need support; we are thankful for our incredible pastoral team; Mrs Williams, Mrs Connolly, Miss Stephens, Mrs Kennedy (Mental Health First Aider) and Miss Hardy (School Councillor).

That our pupils build time to promote positive mental health in every school day, with co-curricular activities across sporting, creative, skill-based and wellbeing themes.

That our school community has space to take a break. We are so fortunate in having 22 acres of beautiful open space, woodland and water - perfect for a stress-relieving walk at break or lunchtime.

That parents feel fully informed about how we promote positive mental health, and how they can bridge the gap between home and school. Our Mental Health Matters website is the perfect resource for additional advice, guidance, activities and reading recommendations - for every stage of the school. This is available via your Edulink account.



## Big Adventures Holiday Camp

Bookings are now open for our forthcoming Summer Big Adventures Holiday Camp.

The fun begins on Monday 22 July and finishes on Friday 9 August. Places are limited and filling up incredibly quickly. If you would like any further information please contact me via [rehall@teessidehigh.co.uk](mailto:rehall@teessidehigh.co.uk)

*"I just wanted to thank you for all of your efforts with Holiday Camp. As always, my daughter was super excited to attend. She loved every minute and had a blast."* - Parent

**Miss Hall**

That this programme of support trickles down to our youngest pupils, with the support of our wellbeing dog, George.



# Year 7 Trip to Beamish

During our exciting (and very wet) visit to Beamish Museum, Year 7 students explored various historical sites.

We began in the pit village, immersing ourselves in the life of early 1900s coal miners. The authentic cottages, cobbled streets, and costumed interpreters vividly brought the past to life. Next, we ventured to the colliery/mine, where students learned about the gruelling work underground and the vital role of coal in that era.

Our journey continued to the school, where pupils experienced a strict Victorian classroom. Wooden desks, inkwells, and slate boards transported them back in time, and they even had a

chance to play with the boollers in the school yard! Afterward, we explored the charming town, with its quaint shops and bustling streets and had Beamish's famous fish and chips for lunch.

Finally, we visited the lively funfair, where our students rode vintage carousels and tried their luck at traditional games. Overall, the trip provided an unforgettable glimpse into the past, fostering curiosity and appreciation for history!

**Miss O'Byrne**



## Fancy Dress Rounders

For their final PE lesson, Year 11 and 13 students enjoyed a game of fancy dress rounders in some fantastic costumes.

We saw Minions, superheroes, Oasis and even sumo wrestlers battle it out

on the school field for one final game.

It was great fun for the students before their examinations began.

**Miss Connor**



## Dissection in Biology

Year 11 and 12 Biologists consolidated their learning on exchange surfaces and eye structure through dissection this term.

Salmon heads allow students to appreciate the surface area of fish gills, and for A-level students the complex structure of the mouth. Year 11 had the chance to dissect the eyes in search of the lens and to admire the teeth of a predator.

Hands-on learning is such a vital part of the Science curriculum and it is always such a pleasure to see the enjoyment it brings to our students.

**Mrs Kirk**



# Outstanding LAMDA Results!

Our Prep and Senior students have just received their LAMDA results from their March examinations.

Students were examined from Introductory level all the way up to Grade 6 in either Acting or Verse and Prose, all achieving a Distinction or

Merit for their efforts.

We are all incredibly proud of their hard work and achievements!

**Mrs Furness and Ms Jackson**



## Year 11 and 13 Study Leave Celebrations

Earlier this month, we wished our Year 11 students good luck as they departed for study leave; a wonderful group of young people who are destined for great things!

We look forward to seeing many of them join us in September as they begin their Sixth Form journey.

The goodbyes continued as Year 13

students began their study leave the same week, too. It was an emotional day saying a fond farewell to the



## Buckingham Palace DofE Celebrations

Miss Stephens spent a day in Royal company this month.

She was invited to Buckingham Palace Garden to celebrate the achievements of the many young people who have achieved a Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

She was even able to catch up with former pupils Freya and Katherine. Two shining examples of outstanding DofE success at THS, a programme Miss Stephens has overseen for 11 years.

**Miss Hockney**



oldest pupils in the school, some of whom have been part of our school family for 15 years!

**Miss Connor**

# PHOTO GALLERY





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# NURSERY STAY AND PLAY

**JOIN US FOR LOTS OF SUMMER FUN!**

Thursday 13 June  
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