THiS Week



DRAGON DAYS PREP PRODUCTION

As the overture commenced, the audience was transported to the alpine village of Stumbledorf, where the overdramatic villagers shared their fears over the mythical creature whose presence overshadowed their otherwise idyllic home.

Luckily, and much to the delight of the girls in the village, Tommy Rumble (Gabriel) and his mother (Mabel) arrived just in the nick of time. Tommy trained hard and, despite the best efforts of the jealous boys, faced the mountain where the villagers believed the monstrous beast was hiding.

Whilst Tommy lay unconscious on the mountain following a fall, Gawaine the friendly dragon (Iliana) left his cave and met Gilda the Goatherd (Isabelle). When Tommy awoke, he was led to understand that Gawaine wouldn't hurt them but would in fact save him and the villagers from a severe storm and subsequent avalanche.

The villagers were delighted to hear of Gawaine's friendly temperament, and everyone soon became friends. The villagers found out the true meaning





behind the ancient prophecy and the fear and dread of 'Dragon Day' soon became a thing of the past, being replaced by times of celebration and yodelling.

The children have worked tirelessly over the last few months to prepare for their performance this week. Through their acting and phenomenal singing, the children transported their audience to Stumbledorf, performing with confidence and commitment. We could not be prouder of each and every one of the children, many who have overcome personal challenges and nerves but who took to the stage with their friends demonstrating real team spirit.

Thank you to all of the parents for supporting the children and for providing such fabulous costumes. We hope that you enjoyed the show!

Mrs Kennedy and Miss Lockerbie

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WELCOME

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

We have reached the end of the 2023-24 academic year, and what a year it has been! From our Family Fireworks Display, countless school productions and PTA Christmas Market to our 125th anniversary Summer Fair, Speech Day, termly concerts, LAMDA showcases and everything in between - we have had so many occasions where the THS community has come together to celebrate.

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' Meal in recent weeks. We would like to wish these year groups the very best of luck in their next steps; we look forward to seeing you again on your respective results day in August.

I was beyond impressed with our Prep School pupils during the performance of their musical *Dragon Days* on Monday evening. All pupils performed with confidence and great expression, and I thought that the show itself was hilarious. Thank you to all staff and parents involved for all of your hard work and time spent on costumes, the set and I imagine lots and lots of line learning!

On Wednesday, 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 alike as they braved the attractions!

It has been wonderful to see you all at our Celebration of Achievement events in the last couple of days. The 2023-24 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. Overleaf you will find our 2023-24 Senior Sports Award winners; it seems fitting to share these with the entire school community in what has been an incredible year for our PE Department. Here's hoping for even more success in the years to come.

A reminder that the autumn term begins on Thursday 5 September. With best wishes for a memorable summer break.

Mrs K Mackenzie, Head





U13 Boys' Cricket

Tournament

Our U13 Cricket team travelled to Norton Cricket Club to play in the Stockton Schools Cricket Tournament earlier this half term.

The boys finished with three wins and two losses, securing third place overall.

It was great to see the boys competing against schools with a number of club and county players and having good success.

Well done, boys!

Mr Thomas



Prep and Senior Sports Days

We have had two lovely afternoons for the much-anticipated track events at the Prep and Senior School Sports Days.

All pupils were actively involved, working hard to score points for their respective houses. The spirit of the days was all about everyone contributing, giving their best and supporting and encouraging their peers.

We saw a number of remarkable record-breaking performances. Congratulations to the following pupils in Prep: Constance, Chana, Jacob, Ozzy, Thomas and Erin. Well done to the following Senior and Sixth Form students: Lewis, Archer, Amelie, Kyle, Yasmin, Dylan, Spencer, Betsy, Annabel,

Louis M, Joel, George S, Tendai, George H and Gideon. Cleveland House were the winners for both the Prep and Senior Competitions, whilst Victoria House came away with the trophy in Pre-Prep.

The events were a wonderful display of athleticism, camaraderie and sportsmanship, making them memorable days for everyone involved. Thank you to all of the families who came along to support us at both events.

Miss Turnbull







District League Athletics Girls Champions!

Nine Stockton schools entered the Athletics League at the beginning of the season. The schools were drawn into pools of three. Teams competed, and the winners of each group in each pool advanced to the League finals. We were in a pool with Yarm and OLSB. Both our Junior and Senior girls won their sections and represented THS in the finals last Friday morning.

The Junior girls team, consisting of Betsy, Tinashe, Amelie, Evie, Rosie, Flo, Felicity and Niamh, performed brilliantly in both track and field events: Amelie secured 2nd place in javelin, Tinashe won the 100m with a time of 14 seconds, Amelie and Niamh took 2nd and 3rd in the shot put, Felicity and Flo finished 2nd and 3rd in the 1200m, Tinashe and Betsy impressively secured 1st and 2nd in the 200m with times of 29.3 and 30.3

seconds respectively, Tinashe and Evie took 1st and 2nd in the long jump, Betsy and Niamh finished 1st and 2nd in the discus, with Betsy throwing close to 20 metres, and Amelie and Evie placed 2nd and 3rd in a very competitive 800m.

The team also delivered an excellent performance in the relay, crossing the finish line first for double points. Once all the Junior scores were calculated, THS won by over 25 points.

The Senior girls team included Megan, Tendai, Martha, Elodie, Amelia, Yasmin, Annabel, Zara, Ivy, Bethea, Poppy, Scarlett, Anisa and Ellie. Some notable performances: Tendai and Megan secured 2nd and 3rd in the discus, Tendai and Ivy achieved 1st and 2nd in the shot put, with Tendai throwing over 9 metres, Annabel and Zara took 1st and 3rd in the 1500m

and Yasmin and Annabel had fantastic runs in the 800m, taking 1st and 2nd and both finishing in under 2m 45s.

The Senior girls delivered a super team performance, finishing the competition in first place. We are super proud of all the girls for their dedication and efforts.

Miss Turnbull



SPORTS AWARDS WINNERS

Huge congratulations to our Sports Awards winners for the 2023-24 academic year.

Kyle - Rising Star

Kyle began his running journey at Darlington South Parkrun in August 2023. He quickly fell in love with the sport, drawing inspiration from Sir Mo Farah. Currently training with Darlington Harriers & Athletics Club, Kyle dedicates himself to rigorous training sessions three times a week. His commitment and hard work have led to numerous achievements; Kyle won the Junior Boys 1500m and

finished second in the 800m event at the Cleveland County Schools Championship. He also secured the U15 Silver Medal in the 3000m event at the North Eastern Counties Athletics Association Championship with an impressive time of 9 minutes and 23 seconds, qualifying for the prestigious England Athletics U15/U17 Championship.



Luca - Senior Sportsman

Luca has displayed exceptional talent and commitment in the field of sport throughout this academic year. He is a naturally gifted sportsman, excelling in various activities with great versatility. His enthusiasm and dedication serve as a shining example to his peers, making him a valuable asset to our school sports teams. As a member of our athletics and rugby teams, Luca has proven himself to be an outstanding athlete, particularly excelling in explosive events such as sprinting and long jump. His leadership skills were evident when

he took on the role of U15 athletics captain and when representing Stockton District in the 100m at the County Championships. In rugby, Luca's impressive speed and agility make him a formidable player on the wing, contributing significantly to the success of both our U15 and U16 teams. Beyond school competitions, Luca continues to showcase his talent by playing football for Stockton Town U15s. This season, Luca has embarked on a new challenge by joining Thornaby FC men's team, demonstrating his ambition and

passion for the sport.



excels in a number of sports. Her main passion lies within netball and she has achieved many accolades with her teams this season. Yasmin plays for Grangetown Netball Club U15s and as part of this team she has won the U15 Leeds Rhinos Challenge Weekender tournament. Her dedication to the sport is demonstrated by the hours she

commits to court training, strength

and conditioning and matches. She

Yasmin is a talented athlete who

Yasmin - Senior Sportswoman

competes in numerous leagues including the U21 Bury League in Manchester, arguably the strongest in the country, the Cleveland Netball Senior League as well as numerous other national competitions. This year Yasmin has been selected onto the England Netball Pathway and has represented the North East against other netball franchises from across the UK. Yasmin is also a talented runner and is currently representing Cleveland County in the 800m.



Spencer - Junior Sportsman

Spencer first started playing football for Riverside Whites as a goalkeeper when he was 9. He then played for Leven until he was in Year 7. Spencer then found a love for Rugby and also was chosen to play County Hockey in goal. Spencer played Rugby for his school and joined Yarm Rugby Club, which he loved. Spencer focused on his rugby for two years. He regularly went to the gym and started Boxing

and Jiu Jitsu with his brother and Dad in his spare time so his strength grew quickly, as did his confidence. Unfortunately Spencer had an injury to his ankle earlier this year, but when recovered, he played one tournament at Guisborough Rugby Club before the season ended. Since then he has taken a keen interest in his shot put and discus, having great success in the 2023-24 athletics competitions.



Anisa and Tendai - Junior Sportswomen

Anisa displays exceptional commitment, enthusiasm, and focus in her engagement with sports. Her passion and tenacity are evident in her role as an integral member of all school teams, where she excels as co-captain with Tendai for the highly successful U14 Netball team. Anisa's dedication extends beyond school grounds, as she represents County Durham in Hockey. Her skills as a rounders player are exemplary, especially in her role as backstop, where her throws to first post are both fast and accurate. Anisa is well-respected by her peers for her sportsmanship and leadership qualities. She continues to be a shining example of sportsmanship and

skill within the school community.

Tendai is a dedicated and talented sports performer. She is an exceptionally hard working, competitive and focused individual who excels in both netball and hockey. Tendai consistently demonstrates her commitment to all school teams and has proven to be an integral member in each and every one. Not only does she serve as the U14 netball co-captain alongside Anisa, but Tendai also shines outside of school as a key player for Darlington's U15s Football team. Her involvement in rigorous training sessions twice a week, coupled with weekend matches, showcases her exceptional passion

and drive for sport. Furthermore, Tendai's exemplary sportsmanship and leadership qualities make her a fantastic role model for younger pupils.



Ewan - Sports Personality

Ewan is someone who is potentially not as 'natural' as others in various sports, however what Ewan has managed to achieve by working hard, developing his skills and understanding of the games, with effort, commitment and a real desire to improve, he has been a key player in rugby, hockey and athletics teams. On the rugby pitch in recent years he has developed his game awareness and has been able to lead our school team to a number of impressive

results, including finishing 2nd in the County Tournament last year. Ewan has been a member of Middlesbrough Rugby Club since 2016. Ewan has also developed his athletics, representing Cleveland County, with his strengths being in the javelin, discus and shot. Ewan has never been one for excuses. His sheer determination was epitomised in the summer term when in the athletics season he managed to win several competitions despite throwing with a broken hand.



Nursery Memories

As we come to the end of a wonderful academic year, Nursery children and parents have been looking back and sharing their special memories from the last year.

"In Nursery I have enjoyed playing in the playdough area making pizza for Miss Hall. I'll miss Miss Hall when I'm in Reception." - Louis

"In Nursery this year I have enjoyed building castles. When I am in Reception I will help Miss Graham at tidy up time." - Sarah

"In Nursery this year I have enjoyed playing in the construction area. When I'm in Reception I'll miss the magnets and the lego but I'm looking forward to playing with the lego in Reception and painting too." - Oscar

"In Nursery this year I have enjoyed playing with my friends and sharing the toys. When I'm in Reception I'm looking forward to playing with my friends." - Charlie

"In Nursery this year I have enjoyed playing with my friends and Miss Hall. When I'm in Reception I'll miss all the dressing up clothes but I'm looking forward to playing with Miss Graham's toys." - Tara

"It has been an unforgettable start to her schooling, giving her a thirst to learn." -

"In Nursery this year I have enjoyed sharing the toys with all my friends. I'm going to look after my new friends in September." - Lyra

"In Nursery this year I have enjoyed drawing pictures for Miss Hall. I'm looking forward to playing in the sand and with the washing machine in the house." - Albus

"In Nursery this year I have enjoyed playing with my friends. We play police officers and Mummys and Daddys. When we come back to Nursery I'm looking forward to seeing all my friends again." - Eleanor

"In Nursery this year I have enjoyed playing with my friends and drawing pictures for Miss Hall. I'm looking forward to Reception with my friends." - Isabella

"In Nursery this year I have enjoyed playing with my friends and playing camping. When we come back to Nursery I'm looking forward to playing with all the toys and my friends again." - Josephine

"In Nursery this year I have enjoyed playing with my friends in the house and we dress up as policemen. I'm looking forward to playing with my friends when we are in Reception." - Elijah

"Overall we are blown away by how much he has grown in confidence." -Parent



Swimming Achievement

We are delighted to share that Verity in Reception achieved her 20 metre front crawl certificate. What a super swimmer you are Verity, well done!

Miss Graham



Fairy Visit in

Reception

A mysterious fairy has been watching our every move in Reception class. The children have been leaving her notes for the past few weeks, hoping that she might visit us soon.

Last week, the children were so excited to discover that the fairy had delivered a letter and some treats!

The children were keen to show their gratitude and wrote the fairy some lovely letters to say thank you.

Miss Graham



EYFS Graduation

Our EYFS children were most definitely stars of the show at their end of year celebration last week.

Wearing handmade superstar crowns they sang their hearts out to a packed hall of proud parents and grandparents.

They were all presented with end of year certificates and gifts in recognition of their hard work and many happy tears were shed when we settled capturing some of the highlights of the last year.

down to watch a photograph montage

It's safe to say we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

Miss Hall and Miss Graham



Oliver's Vegetables

Nursery children have been sharing the story *Oliver's Vegetables* and have thoroughly enjoyed a wide variety of hands-on learning experiences linked to the text.

There was great excitement when there was a knock on the nursery door with a special delivery from Oliver and his Grandpa. Upon closer inspection, the children discovered a box bursting with fresh vegetables from their allotment and a letter challenging the children to write with the carrots!

Miss Hall

Olympic Medals

Pre-Prep children have had a fantastic time discovering facts about the Olympics as part of their IPC topic.

Pupils designed and created their own medal last week. The children thought carefully about the symbols they wished to use on their medals



and took inspiration from medals awarded at previous Olympic games as well as discovering the design of the medals in the upcoming Olympics in Paris.

The children used clay and imprinted their designs using tools, they then painted their medals to represent the colours of the metals they would use.

Fantastic design skills, Pre-Prep, well

Mrs Hannah

done!





Year 6 Transition Assembly

On Monday, the children in Year 6 took the Prep School pupils and their parents on a trip down memory lane.

As they begin their last week in the Prep School, the children shared their memories and the accomplishments that they were particularly proud of.

They awarded some certificates to the staff which included 'the best teacher face' and 'the lifetime achievement award for making sure that shirts are tucked in', to name just a couple!

The Prep Band and Gabriel delighted their audience with some musical items



before we looked at some photographs from years gone by. For some children this meant looking at photos from EYFS and Pre-Prep.

The children finished by singing *Count* on Me, reminding everyone that they would always be there for their friends.

Well done to the Year 6 children for delivering a lovely assembly.

Mrs Kennedy and Mr List





Sing Up Day 2024

Last week, schools from all over the world joined together to sing the Sing Up Day 2024 song I Belong.

Prep School students recorded their performance, adding British Sign Language to the chorus and bridge

I am so proud of all the pupils' efforts and dedication towards

Music this academic year.

Mr Wing

sections.





First Maths Challenge

Year 3 and 4, along with some of our Able, Gifted and Talented Year 2 Mathematicians, took part in the First Maths Challenge two weeks ago.

The scores are in, and while we are incredibly proud of all of the children who took part, a special mention must go to Joseph, scoring highly and

achieving a Gold Certificate, as well as Ozzy and Tom, our two silver certificate holders.

Miss Lockerbie



Year 2 Mathematics Lessons

The children in Year 2 have been working hard in their Mathematics lessons.

The children have been and exploring the language of position and direction.

They were very happy to use the BeeBots when applying their understanding!

Miss Lockerbie

Forest School Highlights

In assembly this week, pupils celebrated the incredible achievements in Forest School over the past year. It has been lovely to see all the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm pupils have shown in embracing the outdoors and developing essential life skills.

Our young explorers in Reception achieved the Nature Observer award at Sapling Level, their curiosity and love for nature is truly brilliant. Moving on to Year 1, I am thrilled to announce that pupils have accomplished not one, but three awards at Sapling Level: Nature Observer, Fire Skills, and Environmental Skills. Continuing with Year 2, pupils have also excelled by achieving Nature Observer, Cooking Skills and Environmental Skills at Sapling Level. Their achievements in both observing nature and honing practical skills are impressive,

especially when it came to cooking pancakes over the fire to gain their cooking badge.

Lower Prep students' hard work has paid off as they have earned Den Building and Environmental Skills at Growing Level. Additionally, a special mention goes to Connie, Camille, Phyllis and Francesca for achieving their Fire Skills at Growing Level.

Year 5 demonstrated exceptional progress by achieving Nature Observer at Growing Level. Their efforts in understanding and appreciating the environment has been lovely to see.

Finally, Year 6 pupils have achieved Den Building at Growing Level. Their ability to construct and create in the outdoors is incredible. Furthermore, a huge congratulations to Lola, Sienna, Harriet, Sidney and Isabelle D for earning Fire Skills at Mature

Level. Their expertise and safety in managing fire skills showcases their maturity and responsibility.

I am incredibly impressed with each and every one of the pupils, their passion for learning and growing in the natural environment is great to see. I am looking forward to working with you all again next year.

Miss Hopkins



Wellbeing Champions

Our Wellbeing Champions have put a video together to promote different breathing techniques.

Being mindful of your breathing can

help you to calm down and relax so all of these techniques could be useful to our school community.

Mrs Kennedy

Sommerfest der Deutschen Sprache

On Monday, Frau Butterfield was privileged to be invited by the UK-German Connection to attend the Sommerfest der Deutschen Sprache in recognition of her commitment to UK-German language and cultural links.

This is an event held each year by the German Ambassador to the UK, currently Miguel Berger. This was a wonderful event that took place at the Goethe-Institut in London and was a really special celebration of everything German.

Special guests, who spoke passionately about the need to be able to speak another language, in particular German, at the current time were the Dean of Windsor the Right Reverend Dr Christopher Cocksworth, who is a strong advocate for German particularly since his time as Bishop of Coventry, and Axel Scheffler, best known as the illustrator of The Gruffalo.



Mr Scheffler was there to launch an exciting new project with the Goethe-Institut called 'Wuschel auf der Erde', a story about an alien who comes to earth, which is aimed at the ever growing number of younger learners of German.

It was a wonderful experience where Frau Butterfield was able to celebrate including these who share her passion and China and the UK's second largest trading partner, after the USA.



the German language and meet with other German-speaking educators, for the country with the largest economy in Europe, the third-largest economy in the world after the USA



F1 in Schools

In our F1 in Schools enrichment, our team, the Stockton Speedsters, have been working together to create a new car on Fusion 360.

We have recently secured two sponsors, Mustoe Engineering Ltd and XI Precision Technologies. We have gone through a variety of designs and colour schemes before finally landing on green, white and black to represent our mascot trico green, the triceratops.

If you would like to be a sponsor of our team, please email us via stocktonspeedsters@amail.com

Henry, George, Monty, William, **Angus and Daniel**



Made in Dagenham

After a successful audition, Mrs Furness will be playing the lead role of Lisa Hopkins in the Darlington OS production of Made In Dagenham.

We are so pleased for you!

Tickets are available via the link below.

You do not want to miss this!

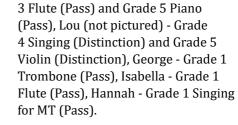
https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ darlingtonos

Music Achievements

Students have again impressed our external examiner in their musical studies, both in Prep and Senior School.

We congratulate everyone on their success, especially those who did two examinations in different disciplines on the same day! This is highly impressive, as are your results. An enormous well done!

Prep: Lola - Grade 1 Violin (Pass), Sienna - Grade 1 Piano (Merit) and Grade 3 Singing (Pass), Thomas - Grade 1 Violin (Pass), Lottie - Grade 2 Singing (Merit), Georgina and Ethan (not



Senior: Bethea (not pictured) - Grade

pictured) - Prep beginners tests.

Mrs Shevels





Year 10 Biology Ecology

Year 10 students have been enjoying the Ecology topic in GCSE Biology.

As part of their studies they have been investigating the abundance and distribution of daisies and buttercups in the school grounds using quadrats.

Our grounds provide the perfect area for students to find a range of plants and species to investigate in their Biology studies.

Mrs Jackson

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Achievements

We are delighted to celebrate the achievements of our Bronze Cohort of 2023-24! A total of 32 pupils have successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards, demonstrating immense hard work, commitment and determination.

All pupils participated in a variety of volunteering activities, including reading with Prep pupils, helping at an animal rescue centre, litter picking, coaching, serving as young rangers, assisting in libraries, working with the Salvation Army and volunteering at local park runs.

They also dedicated themselves to physical activities, with many choosing football, hockey, netball and rugby, while others engaged in horse riding, walking, tennis, climbing or weightlifting.

The third section required the development of a new skill. Some pupils explored interior design, while others delved into crafts, Speech and Drama, engineering and chess. Additionally, some chose to learn entirely new skills such as cooking or sign language.

The final challenge was an overnight expedition in the Cleveland Hills. Carrying heavy rucksacks, our pupils worked exceptionally well as a team to navigate approximately 15 km per day to their campsite. Upon arrival, they quickly set up their tents and cooked a

hearty meal.

We are incredibly proud of all the participants and their outstanding achievements.

Miss Hopkins



Year 7 Trip to **Dukeshouse Wood**

Year 7 pupils enjoyed a fantastic team building weekend at Dukeshouse Wood Activity Centre in Hexham as part of their Pastoral Day provision on Friday 21 June to Sunday 23 June.

Pupils enjoyed a range of challenging, fun activities to develop their team spirit, problem solving skills and resilience.

They loved bushcraft fire lighting, archery, buggy building, den making, high ropes challenges, mini-Olympics and of course the 3G swing, all topped off with hot chocolate around the campfire.

Sharing dormitories with each other, for some the first time away from home, this was a terrific weekend and students showed real character and had such fun.

With thanks to Mrs Rodgers and Miss Hopkins for their help making the trip possible.

Miss Stephens



coloured food and drinks in the



Window

Our Year 12 Drama students performed their Brecht devising piece, The Liar, the Snitch and the Window, and they wowed their audience with their comedic skills, multi-rolling and explicit political message.

The students independently written, directed and performed their own Brechtian devised piece of theatre, influenced by the stimulus of The Overton Window.

A huge well done to Benji, Joe and Henry.

Mrs Furness





Intermediate Biology **Olympiad Competition**

Year 12 Biologists have recently taken part in the Intermediate Biology Olympiad Competition.

The competition involved 15,000 students from 722 schools and questions were based around topics studied in the AS Biology course.

The challenge also involved problem solving skills, rewarding students for knowledge of their natural environment.

Two of our students have done very well; Emily achieved a Silver award and David a Highly Commended award.

We are very proud of you both!

Mrs Jackson





Open Day

Our next Open Day will take place on Saturday 21 September. Open Days are relaxed and informal events which give you a real taste of life at Teesside High School. You will be invited to tour our programme of interactive and exciting activities with a student guide, meeting teachers and support staff along the way. You will find out about our small class sizes, high quality teaching and learning, outstanding pastoral care and exceptional co-curricular activities. Most importantly, you will experience the warm, welcoming and nurturing atmosphere our parents and pupils value so highly.

Register today via our website.

THS Mock General Election

Mr Meyerhoff led a THS Mock General Election last week, culminating on Friday with every pupil across all Senior year groups taking to the polls to vote.

Pupils contemplated which party would be the best party to lead the UK for the next five years, and explored the First Past The Post voting system.

It was a great Theme of the Week and a chance for our students to broaden their political knowledge with the

support of a very passionate A-level



Politics teacher!





Pride Picnic

Miss Aunger led a Pride Picnic with the

help of her enrichment group last week. sunshine to celebrate Pride Month.

Students enjoyed an array of rainbow

Miss Connor

THIS WEEK PHOTO GALLERY





































SUMMER READING CHALLENGE









