



DISTRICT ATHLETICS

It was another excellent day at the District Athletics Championships, where over 40 pupils travelled to Middlesbrough Sports Village to represent Teesside High School.

Facing tough team competitions against more than 16 schools across the district, our pupils showed real determination and resilience throughout the day, achieving some excellent PBs and scoring valuable points for the team competitions.

In the field events, standout performances came from Annie and Olivia in the High Jump, Betsy in the Discus, Amelie in the Shot and Oliver in the Javelin.

On the track, Oliver also impressed with a fantastic 2nd place finish in a highly competitive 100m final. Lewis put in a strong performance to finish 2nd in the Intermediate Boys' 400m final, while Lucie produced an impressive 1st place in the 800m. Annie added to her High Jump success with an outstanding victory in the 300m and another personal best.

A special shout-out must go to our Junior Girls' Captain, Tinashe, who dominated the sprint events with what can only be described as jaw-dropping victories in both the 100m and 200m. In both races, she was so far ahead that she was able to cruise across the line - an incredible athlete and performance.

Also, a huge well done to Rosie and Skyler who stepped in to run the 1500m - not their first-choice event - but they ensured points were fought for in every race. A fantastic attitude and team spirit shown by both athletes.

Overall team results were as follows:

Junior Girls – District Champions, winning by over 20 points

Intermediate Girls – 3rd place

Overall Girls Team – Runners-up

A hugely impressive achievement considering the



number and standard of schools competing.

We now wait for confirmation of which athletes will go forward to represent Stockton on Thursday 4 June.

Miss Turnbull

WELCOME

It has been an emotional two weeks as we have said a fond farewell to Year 13 and a huge 'good luck' to Year 11, as examination season commences across the school.

The start of examinations represents the closing stages of the academic year, but we still have an awful lot to fit in to the final five weeks in school.

Indeed, the final week of this half term provides some incredible opportunities for students to enhance their learning through a number of notable day trips - Year 8 visiting Housesteads Roman Fort with Latin and Classical Studies, Year 10 Business students touring the inner workings of Nissan's factory in Sunderland, and Year 7 pupils enjoying an excursion to Beamish as they bring their History studies to life.

As well as experiences out of school, we have been delighted to provide a number of memorable co-curricular occasions in school, too. Not least was the visit of Team GB athlete and Olympic sprinter and silver medallist Bianca Williams, who visited last Friday and worked with pupils from Years 3-11. Bianca demonstrated just what it takes to be a successful athlete - a positive attitude, incredible resilience and an unbreakable spirit. We know our students benefitted enormously from Bianca's advice - their relay times pre- and post-training proved this, but we hope the quiet words of encouragement and chance to see an Olympic medal up-close stays with them for a long time, too.

Our Senior students

demonstrated their athletic prowess at the District Athletics Championships on Tuesday and you can read all about their achievements in Miss Turnbull's report overleaf. I am sure you will be impressed by the many notable accomplishments - not least the story of Skyler and Rosie taking on the 1500m; two students who were willing to forego a much-deserved rest to race in an event they would both admit is far from their favourite, simply to earn points for their team. These are the qualities we are so proud to instil in our pupils. We could not be prouder of Team THS.

I must say a huge thank you to everyone who attended the Spring Ball last Friday. Wynyard Hall was the perfect backdrop for our third event. The night was a lovely celebration with good food, lots of dancing and an incredible level of generosity throughout. I am so pleased to announce our fundrasing total from the event stands at over £4500. The proceeds from the auction will also enable us to make a fantastic donation to our charity partner, Parkinson's UK. We are grateful to headline sponsors Toll Bar Garage for providing their support for the third year running.

Thanks again to everyone who came along, we hope you had a lovely evening - and can make it again next year!

Mrs Mackenzie, Head



U15 Cricket vs Red House

Our Year 10 cricket team, supported by several players from Years 8 and 9, delivered an impressive performance against a similarly mixed Red House side.

After winning the toss, Red House elected to field, sending Teesside in to bat first. Openers Arlo and Oliver made a confident start, building momentum early in the innings and finishing as the highest-scoring pair with 16 runs. Harry and William continued the strong batting display, adding a valuable 12 runs, with William particularly standing out for his attacking play, striking several excellent fours and a six. By the close of the innings, Teesside had posted a solid total of 46 runs.

In the second innings, Teesside's bowlers rose to the challenge and kept tight control over Red House's chase. Henry, Manveer, and Oliver delivered especially effective spells, consistently restricting scoring opportunities and applying pressure throughout.

It was a well-rounded team effort, combining disciplined bowling with confident batting. Teesside secured a deserved 10-run victory, finishing 46-36 in a strong all-round performance.

Mr Williamson



PREP CRICKET VS RED HOUSE

Last Friday afternoon, our Year 5 and 6 girls played their first ever cricket match against Red House School.

The team were excited to put their newly acquired batting and bowling skills into action. Although the girls were understandably nervous before the start, they all performed brilliantly and should be extremely proud of themselves.

Emma and Angelina opened the batting confidently, scoring an impressive number of runs and giving the team a strong start. Phyllis and Millie added to the score brilliantly with two boundaries and a couple of quick runs, while Georgina and Felicity communicated really well between the wickets and added a fantastic 15 runs to the total.

We then moved into the field, which was a new experience for everyone. Lucy, Asta and Camille worked hard to stop the ball crossing the boundaries, and Emma took two excellent wickets. The girls improved throughout the innings, showing great teamwork and determination to limit Red House's runs.

It was a lovely game played in great spirit by both teams and a fantastic experience for all involved.

Player of the Match was awarded to Emma, and the team was captained by Angelina.

Miss Turnbull



Year 7 Cricket vs Egglecliffe

The Year 7 cricket team delivered an impressive performance in their indoor fixture, playing a batting-in-pairs format. The team made a strong start with the bat, as Issac and Isaac set the tone early, scoring runs confidently and keeping the scoreboard ticking.

They were well supported by Arran and Sehej, who contributed valuable runs and maintained the team's momentum throughout the innings.

In the field, the team showed great discipline and teamwork. Casey, Freddie, Noah, and Ethan bowled with excellent control, keeping their deliveries straight and applying consistent pressure on the opposition. Their efforts were backed up by sharp and committed fielding across the team.

Overall, it was a well-deserved win - a fantastic team performance.

Mr Thomas

Fancy Dress Rounders

As is now Teesside High School tradition, Year 11 students enjoyed a game of fancy dress rounders during their last ever Senior School PE lesson!





Pirates and Princesses

Nursery and Reception children have been fully immersed in their exciting topic of Pirates and Princesses, and their enthusiasm has been wonderful to see.

The children have loved getting creative, making amazing pirates, princesses and even colourful parrots, which are now proudly displayed for everyone to admire. Their curiosity has shone through, especially when discovering fascinating facts about parrots - including their special zygodactyl feet!

When Monday came around, the children looked wonderful as they arrived dressed as pirates and princesses and proudly performed an amazing assembly in front of their

families. They sang their favourite pirate and princess songs with great enthusiasm and confidently shared the important message that we can be anything we want to be if we use our imaginations. The excitement continued throughout the day as the children took part in a range of fun activities, including counting pirate treasure, designing and building princess castles using 3D shapes and enjoying imaginative role play in their costumes.

Miss Hall and Miss Graham



Shape Hunt

Nursery pupils had great fun heading out on a shape hunt around the school grounds last week.

Armed with clipboards, they eagerly searched high and low for squares, triangles, circles, rectangles and even hexagons.

They spotted circles in wheels and drains, rectangles in doors and benches and triangles in roof edges and signs.

The challenge grew more exciting as they tried to find hexagons, quickly discovering that these were the hardest shapes to spot!

The activity sparked lots of discussion, teamwork and excitement as the children compared their findings and celebrated each new shape they discovered.

Miss Hall



We Are What We Eat

The children in Pre-Prep have had great fun exploring their sense of taste as part of their IPC learning.

The children discovered that humans have around 10,000 taste buds and that these help us identify five different tastes: salty, sweet, sour, bitter and savoury.

To put their taste buds to the test, the children sampled a variety of flavoured waters and tried to identify each taste. It was much trickier than they expected! While everyone confidently recognised the sweet and salty flavours,

it was far more challenging to tell the difference between bitter and sour tastes.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the investigation and were fascinated to learn more about how our senses work.

It was a wonderful hands-on activity that encouraged curiosity, discussion and plenty of laughter and smiles along the way.

Mrs Hannah

Pre-Prep Learning Outdoors

Year 1 children made the most of the glorious spring weather last week by taking their mathematics learning outdoors.

As part of their new unit on fractions, the children have begun to explore the concept of halves. Using chalk they created a variety of shapes on the playground before working

collaboratively to find half of each one.

Some shapes proved to be trickier than others, encouraging thoughtful discussion and team work. It was a wonderful way to combine active learning with problem solving in the sunshine.

Mrs Hannah



CREST Awards

Our EYFS children proudly achieved the CREST Star Award following their fantastic efforts during STEM Week.

Throughout the week, they immersed themselves in a range of hands-on, engaging activities that brought science, technology, engineering and maths to life.

These exciting experiences not only sparked their curiosity but also helped to build confidence and deepen their understanding of the world around them, truly reflecting the spirit of CREST in connecting young learners with real-world STEM.

Miss Hall



Lower Prep Residential

Last week, the children in Lower Prep set off excitedly for their residential trip.

Our first stop was Herd Farm Activity Centre where the children completed a 'Walk through Time' workshop. This allowed the children to travel back to the Stone Age, learning what life was like in the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic time periods.

At each stage, the children completed practical activities to help them gain an appreciation of how hard life was and how each day the primary target was just to survive.

The children tried their hands at hunting deer as a team with spears, building simple shelters with tree branches and animal hides, creating a fence by weaving willow branches, cave paintings using charcoal and looking at a range of Stone Age, Iron Age and Copper tools. The children also enjoyed going inside the replica Stone Age roundhouses to see how basic the accommodation was at this time.

From Herd Farm we headed to the Industrial Museum in Leeds where the children took part in a Lego workshop. The children considered how the current museum was powered compared to the past, learning about the benefits and drawbacks of each energy source. The children were then challenged to choose a specific issue and invent a solution which had to be communicated through Lego. The children had some amazing ideas from robot hoovers that sucked up litter to a machine that separated opposing

sides in wars to help promote conflict resolution and ultimate peace.

We then set off on our journey to York Youth Hostel. Excitement was running high as we checked in and showed the children their rooms for the night. After a much needed refuel at tea time, we embarked on a games night to end our busy day.

On our second day, York Minster was our first stop where the children were able to appreciate the splendour of this imposing building. The children completed a signs and symbols tour around the key areas of the Minster to learn more about the secrets and messages that this building holds.

Our final stop, after a quick visit to the fudge shop, was the Dig. Here the children were able to consider the role of archaeologists in more detail. The children were able to complete their own archaeological digs in four areas, uncovering many clues about what life was like in times gone by. Our session finished with a 'Tracks to the Past' workshop which helped the children to consolidate some of their learning.

We were all exhausted when we got back to school from a busy trip but returned with a wealth of new knowledge to support our current IPC unit, *Scavengers and Settlers*.

Mrs Kennedy



Police Visit

Earlier this half term, the children in Prep School welcomed a Matrix Police Vehicle and Medicar for a special visit.

Listening carefully to the staff accompanying the visit, the children learned all about life in the police force, exploring both medical and police equipment up close.

They also had the chance to step inside the Matrix Vehicle and discover its impressive features, making the experience even more thrilling. To top it all off, the children were even allowed to switch on the sirens - an unforgettable highlight of the day!

Mrs Carson



Bianca Williams

Last Friday, we were thrilled to welcome professional GB sprinter Bianca Williams to our school for an inspiring day with both Prep and Senior School students.

Bianca is a key member of the GB Women's 4x100m relay team and also competes in the 200m. At the 2024 Paris Olympics, she reached the semi-finals of the 200m and proudly earned a silver medal as part of the relay team.

Bianca began the day in the Prep School, where pupils watched footage of her races and learned about life as a professional athlete, including what a typical training week looks like. The children were captivated by her stories, eagerly asked questions and even had the unforgettable opportunity to hold her Olympic silver medal.

In the afternoon, Bianca led sprinting and relay training sessions with the AG&T PE students in the Senior School. She provided invaluable coaching and expert advice, which had an immediate impact, with relay times showing significant improvement throughout the session. Following the practical training, Bianca delivered a

fascinating theory workshop covering training methods, injury prevention, sponsorship and the role of technology in modern sport. The session was particularly beneficial for students preparing for their exams, giving them real-life insight into the topics they are studying.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Bianca for spending the day with us, sharing her experiences and inspiring our students with her advice, dedication and achievements.

Mrs Carson and Mr Williamson



Fun with Fossils!

In Lower Prep, pupils have been thinking about what we can use and look at to find out more about the past, learning the difference between primary and secondary evidence.

They have been learning about how historians study artefacts within their historical contexts to help uncover what life was like in the past.

In our IPC lessons, the children have been exploring what fossils can tell us and even enjoyed making their own fossils to help consolidate their learning! I am sure you will be as impressed as I was with the children's efforts.

This task came at a perfect time as the children in Year 3 were learning about scales and measures in maths, so this activity gave a little cross-curricular practice to apply their maths knowledge further.

Mrs Kennedy



Tea-Time Concert

Our May Tea Time Concert was a heartwarming celebration of musical talent, featuring students from Pre-Prep through to Sixth Form.

The audience were treated to an afternoon of delightful performances filled with smiles, applause and moments that even brought a few to tears.

Eli's trombone and Ozzy's guitar set a lively tone for the concert, while our cellists - Jocelyn, Freddie, Faith and Joseph - captivated listeners with their rich, harmonious sound.

The Year 10 GCSE music group played another specially arranged piano trio piece with Emilia on cello, Libby on violin and Miela on piano, treating us to Harry Styles' *Matilda*. Miela also showcased her versatility with a beautiful rendition of Bach's *Prelude* in C major.

Our violinists, Niamh and Eli, added elegance to the programme and showcased their developing technique while Laura, Lucy, and Willoughby enchanted the audience with their vocal performances. Each piece highlighted the incredible skill, dedication and musicality of our students.

The warmth and appreciation of the audience were evident, with huge rounds of applause following every performance. This concert was a shining example of the extraordinary talent present across all year groups. Our students' hard work and passion for music truly shone through, making it an afternoon to remember.

Mrs Shevels

Artist of the Month

We are delighted to say that our Artist of the Month for May has been achieved by Ewan in Year 8.

All Year 8 pupils have worked hard to understand the work of Modernist artist Georgia O'Keeffe and master the skill of mixing and blending acrylic paint as well as creating macro photography.

The quality of work was extremely high but Ewan's stood out for its abstraction and use of contrast.



Well done Ewan!

Mrs Machan



Minecraft

It has been an incredible start to term in the Computing department as our students have taken their programming skills to the next level within the blocky world of Minecraft Education.

Far from just building houses, students have been diving into complex programming projects. I have been impressed with the technical skills on display, from automating structures to designing intricate logical solutions.

Perhaps more impressive than the code itself has been the resilience shown by our programmers. Coding is rarely a straight path, it involves trial, error and meticulous debugging. Watching students tackle a 'broken' script, troubleshoot the logic and try again until their creation comes to life has been a highlight of the project.

The momentum does not stop at the end of the school day! Minecraft is now a staple of our weekly enrichment sessions. These sessions provide a collaborative space for students to mentor peers on advanced coding techniques, collaborate on large-scale engineering builds and experiment with Python and Block-based coding in a low-stakes, high-creativity environment. Watch this space for future builds and projects!

Mr Marshall



ABRSM Success

We are delighted to congratulate our talented students on their recent successes in ABRSM music examinations.

ABRSM exams are recognised internationally for their rigorous standards, and achieving a Pass, Merit or Distinction is a wonderful reflection of dedication, skill and hard work.

In April, our students achieved an impressive range of results across instruments and singing:

Distinction: Elise Lee (Piano)

Merits: Lucy Thomas (Singing for Musical Theatre), Albie (pictured - Trombone), Elise Lee (Singing), Trinity Obot (Singing), Alexander Relph (Clarinet), Hannah Thomas (Singing

for Musical Theatre), Rosie Greenhalgh (Singing for Musical Theatre).

Passes: Niamh Meehan (Violin), Eli Bell (Violin), Sienna Sharma (Piano), Lillia Hickson (Singing), Yasmin Pallister (Piano), Bethea WaMoyo (Piano)

We are so proud of all our students for their dedication and hard work and appreciative of our team of Visiting Music Teachers.

Well done to everyone - you have done yourselves and the school proud!

Mrs Shevels

Year 10 Drama

Year 10 Drama students showed off their acting prowess in their recent Devising exam. All students had the task of creating a piece of theatre from scratch using a specific stimulus. Students have shown that they are not only talented on stage, but showed that offstage in the planning stages they are resilient, adaptable and

excellent at negotiating to ensure their devised piece was stage ready.

This part of the course forms 40% of students' final marks and all students have done themselves (and me) proud!

Mrs Furness



Linguists of the Month

On Friday, our Linguists of the Month for April, enjoyed pains au chocolat at breaktime, as they celebrated their achievements in French and German lessons.

Well done to Lola, Noah, Faith, Jacob, Kemisola and Rosie for their excellent contributions to the Department and for their continued commitment to hard work in their MFL lessons.

Frau Butterfield



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