

Head Teacher's Update

Dear Parents/Carers

I want to begin this week's newsletter by congratulating pupils on their many entries to our TKA Summer Challenge. We had some super self-portraits, colourful ice-lolly recipes and intriguing magic tricks to name a few creative ways in which pupils responded to the challenge. All our winners are listed below..

As I'm sure you will agree it has been a rather wet week, plagued with road works that have affected travel to school. We appreciate your continued support in getting pupils in on time, by 8:35am. During this period of disruption locally I ask that pupils leave home earlier to offset any future delays experienced on route. We will be completing a census on Thursday 1st October so it is imperative that all pupils arrive on site in good time.

We will be launching our Parent Governor applications process in the next week so please do look for the email with details on how a parent can enter a nomination.

Regards,

Sophie Cavanagh

Our Jeans for Genes charity day raised £106.63. A big thank you to all who wore jeans and contributed to this charity.

October half term camps

October half term runs from Monday 19th October until Friday 30th October. School starts again on Monday 2nd November.

More information to follow regarding Half term activities

Contact Kath Williams on 0208465 6200



Friends of TKA have had a successful event by raising £225.32 for Macmillan Cancer and a special thanks to Mrs Patel for the amazing mug cake!

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Beyond lessons....

Pupils have been taking advantage of the many after school clubs on offer at TKA.

Netball, fencing and karate club are helping to develop new skills and forging friendships.

This week's whole school assembly celebrated the impressive achievements from the TKA Summer Challenge.

WINNERS:

Pi-Challenge - Ayah (7Ni)

Ice Lolly Challenge - Layan (7Hg)

Art Challenge - Jai (7Hg)

Sports Bingo Challenge - Brian (7Ti)

Tie Challenge - Connor (7Re)

Magic Challenge - Connor (7Mn)

Music Challenge - Jin Hyeong (Allen) (7Co)

Culture Challenge - Morgan (7Zn)

TKA Reading Challenge - Mollie (7Re)

360 Challenge - Johanna (7Ti)



Reading Challenge

September is nearly over and we are busy trying to finish our autobiographies.

October then sees the award winning novel month.

Pupils can choose from the list or decide on a book in consultation with Ms Wade or Mrs Dowling.

“We read to know that we are not alone”

C.S. Lewis



War of the Roses—a star is born!

Ben Greenwood of 7 Pd will be starring in a Rose Theatre production of 'War of the Roses'. It is an adaptation of Shakespeare's Henry VI, Parts I, II and III and Richard III, directed by Trevor Nunn. He will be playing the parts of Prince Edward and York.

He's excited to be working with Joely Richardson and says, "I really like being on stage as it's a way to express myself."

Spotlight on... **Science**



TKA students have been having fun at the weekly Science Club and exploring the properties of acids and alkalis by using red cabbage, lemon juice and vinegar.

Dr Keaney has also been demonstrating some exciting experiments with icing sugar resulting in some impressive explosions!

Advance Notice Open Evening is on Tuesday 6th October from 5-8pm. This is the same date as the Tiffin test. Parking restrictions will be in place from 7am—8pm. School will finish at 2:40pm on 6th October. School will open on Wednesday 7th October at 10:50am. Gates open for pupils at 9:30am.

Important Dates for Term 1 (Autumn 2015)

5th October	Pink Day for Breast Cancer	Pupils may wear one pink item, such as a pink tie, shirt or hair tie
6th October	Open Evening	School closes at 2:40pm. Open Evening from 5—8pm Most pupils will be required to return to school for a 4:45pm start
7th October	Late start	School starts at 10:50am. Gates open from 9:30am
19th October	Half term begins	Thames Young Mariner Camp available to book for TKA week 1
2nd November	Return to school	Pupils start back at 8:40am. Pumpkin Carving entries
5th November	CATs	Cognitive Ability Tasks
10th November	The Big Sing	The Rose Theatre 7pm. Tickets from the Box Office
27th November	PSHE Day	Pupils off timetable focusing on personal wellbeing
10th December	Progress Meeting	Parents and carers to meet Tutors for progress up date 5—8pm
18th December	Last day of term	School closes at 12 midday
4th January 2016	INSED	School closed
5th January 2016	Term begins for pupils	School starts at 8:40am