

Dear Parents and carers,

Once again our History Makers have been having an industrious and action packed week, despite it being a short week. Many of our pupils took the opportunity to cycle to school on Wednesday and almost all pupils participated in our very own London Mayoral Election vote - democracy is alive and well at TKA with the results of the vote as follows:

Candidate	Votes
Zac Goldsmith (Conservative)	51
Sadiq Khan (Labour)	33
Sian Berry (Green Party))	18
Caroline Pidgeon (Liberal Democrats)	5
Peter Whittle (UKIP)	4



*Friends of
TKA*

Lottery

*winner this
week is:*

*Helen Leach
who has kindly
donated her
winnings to
the school !*

I'm sure you will agree that we have a healthy expression of opinion here which makes for a rich foundation for further discussion and debate.

It has come to my attention in recent weeks that a number of Chromebooks have been damaged beyond repair which should not be happening given their design and the case provided to protect them. Chromebooks are essential items for learning at TKA and pupils must take good care of these devices. Whilst we provided these initially at no cost for our History Makers, it is not financially viable for the school to replace these. I will be writing again in the coming days to explain how we will address this emerging issue.

Next week we will be immersing ourselves in Spanish culture. Pupils, and staff, will be indulging in singing, guitar playing, vocalisation, hand clapping and finger snapping. Yes, Flamenco comes to TKA on Thursday with no mention of BREXIT in sight, for next week at least.

We seem to be enjoying an unusual spell of glorious sunshine and long may that continue. Pupils must still wear their blazers to and from school and will be advised as to when they may take them off throughout the school day. Please ensure your child has sunscreen and a fully topped up water bottle.

Enjoy the weekend and the forecast sunny days whilst they last.

Kind regards,

Sophie Cavanagh.

SCHOOL CAMP REMINDER: The first payment is due Monday 16th May along with consent form.



Spotlight on STEM

Science Club

This week in Science

Club we explored 'Mission

Starlight' which is a programme to

investigate which types of materials block UV (ultra violet) light. We watched part of the film 'The Martian' and later started some experiments using special beads which change colour when exposed to light.

Dr Keaney would like the pupils to work towards the Crest award which is run by the British Science Association.

Ambassadors from Kingston University Kash (who is studying Pharmaceutical science) and Jess, (also studying Pharmacy) helped out.



Maths Challenge

Last Thursday 60

TKA pupils took

part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. UKMT's aim is to advance the education of children and young people in mathematics. The challenge is part of a range of national maths competitions which involve tackling a range of tricky problems, from the mildly awkward to the fiendishly difficult. The results will be sent to Mr Deveson in approximately 3 weeks and he is looking forward to seeing how the pupils fared.



Bike to school day on

Wednesday saw 10% of our

History Makers and staff use sustainable modes of transport. **Let's see more in the weeks to come,** especially as the weather is improving.

Art trip to National Gallery

Last Wednesday, 14 enthusiastic TKA artists set off for a trip to London with Mrs Linch and Mrs Williams. A fun day was had by all, filled with new experiences, London transport and much drawing and discussion.

The group were met at the National Portrait Gallery (NPG) by artist Isabelle, who spent the morning with the group thinking about self-portraits. The pupils brought their own self-portraits to show Isabelle and then she led them on a tour of the Gallery to find examples of self-portraiture from the Collection. A lot of questions were asked and ideas collected to take back to the Education Studio. Having been inspired by other portraits in the Gallery, we put our new ideas into practice and made large drawings of ourselves using mirrors - not an easy task!

Once the session was over, Mrs Linch took the group to see some contemporary artworks that had been studied last term. They were all excited to see the real thing! We did some drawing in our sketchbooks and took time to talk about the portraits hanging around us.

Finally, on the way back to catch the train, we stopped off at Trafalgar Square to look at the Fourth Plinth. It was great to see the most recent commission in the flesh, having learnt about it at school. Some had never been to that part of London before and enjoyed soaking up the atmosphere outside the Gallery, amongst the hustle and bustle of street performers and tourists.



Pupils who attended (pictured from left to right): Jack, Reuben, Owain, Lukas, Rowan, Damion, Fia, Archie, Maia, Jasper, Gabriel, Oliver, Jai and James.



Languages Week!



(Monday 9th—Friday 13th May)

Pupils will be sharing their knowledge of other languages and cultures next week. It will be launched in assembly on Monday and on Thursday 12th May there will be a flamenco dancing workshop in whole school assembly and in Spanish classes. On Friday 13th May we are holding an International Food Sale at break time in the Hall. Please sign up with Ms Pavitt to specify the food you would like to bring.

Important Dates for Summer Term 2

Wednesday 18th May—PSHE day (Personal, Social, Health, Economic)

Thursday 19th May—Staff training 1-5pm—no afternoon lessons or clubs; pupils leave at 12 noon.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY: Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June

Thursday 9th June—TKA Spelling Bee at 3.45-5pm in School Hall. Parents welcome.

Saturday 11th June—New TKA pupil testing (Year 6).

Monday 20th June—Staff training 1-5pm—no afternoon lessons or clubs. Pupils leave at 12.

Saturday 25th June—Fun Run and Picnic.

Thursday 30th June, Friday 1st July and Saturday 2nd July—Art exhibition

5th-8th July—Summer Camp

Wednesday 13th July—Summer soiree

Friday 15th July—Last day of term