

Dear Parents and carers,

I would like to begin my weekly update by congratulating the four pupils who represented TKA at the Salters Festival of Chemistry at Imperial College. Our team pitched their wits against the might of some 15 other prestigious schools. Sophie, Layan, Jake and Georgia kept their cool (literally in one of the rounds!) and beat the likes of our neighbours Tiffin Girls' to secure third place. A very respectable achievement that reinforces the importance we place on our pupils, each being a young expert in their chosen subject areas.

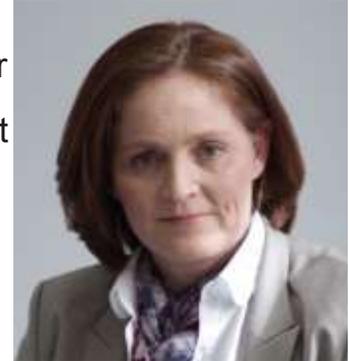
We welcomed The Globe Players back this week. The 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death was marked in spectacular fashion on Thursday with the Globe Players performing a special production of 'What you Will' in the school hall featuring a taste of 'Richard III', 'Twelfth Night' and 'The Tempest'. I'm delighted that our pupils are having these experiences as it's moments like these that really imbibe a love for a subject and spark possible career aspirations.

At TKA we want to ensure our pupils know and understand the political landscape, how this interplays in the global political landscape and what implications this has on their lives. We want pupils to be knowledgeable about domestic and international affairs and we want them to value their right to vote and have their voice heard. Over the coming weeks we will be exploring the hot topics of the London Mayor election and the European Union referendum. All TKA pupils and staff will attend a debating event so that our pupils are able to respond to a range of views and formulate their own views ahead of being invited to vote in our own internal election process. We will publish the results in The TKA Times. It will be intriguing to see the TKA outcomes of these very important elections.

On Wednesday we had yet another history making moment when the first ever TKA whole school photo was taken. It was an extremely proud moment for me to take my seat amongst the pupils and staff, all of whom inspire and impress me every day with their boundless energy, unstinting kindness and relentless desire to go beyond the ordinary. It really is a privilege to be the Headteacher of TKA.

I look forward to hearing all about how our pupils fare in the Maths Challenge next week and about the Art trip to the National Portrait Gallery. How fortunate we are to have such opportunities on our doorstep, Until then, do have an active and enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,  
Sophie Cavanagh



Congratulations to Sydney (7 Co) who was examined in her Grade 1 Cello exam and passed with distinction.



# Maths Masterclasses

Every Monday Mr Deveson runs a Maths Masterclass with the help of Kingston University ambassadors acting as personal tutors. The sessions are aimed at consolidating and mastering the fundamentals of Maths and the pupils are learning strategies to apply in their assessments. One pupil said she was taught a way of working out areas and was able to use it in her test. As Mr Deveson has said, depth rather than breadth, is the key message in Maths and these sessions are supporting this principle.



## *FRIENDS of TKA – School Lottery*

Join today ! This half term we're offering an iPad Mini to one lucky supporter.

### **SALTERS'** Festivals of Chemistry

We are delighted that TKA took part in the Salters' Festival of Chemistry competition at Imperial College, London on Thursday. They came 3rd out of 16 schools. A truly impressive result! Imperial College works in partnership with the Royal Society of Chemistry to support chemistry teaching and encourage young people to pursue careers in the UK chemical industries, and the promotion of chemical education.



***Pictured left with Dr Keaney are the team: Jake, Georgia, Layan and Sophia L.***

# Spotlight on STEM

Last Friday we were lucky enough to visit the building that we will be moving into in September. Before we were allowed in we had a safety briefing where we were told about the importance of safety and how we should point out if there are any risks that could harm us or others. We all received our very own hard hats, protective glasses, fluorescent hi-viz jackets and grey gloves. As we entered the building, from one of the side doors, we were all stunned by the amount of space in each room, from toilets to classrooms. After walking straight down the long corridor, we arrived at the school entrance where we were greeted by four large pillars, and we were able to get a good view of our new quad which is in the middle of the already existing building. The builders were seen removing the glass panes in the windows to get new ones fitted, they were also varnishing the floors so that they aren't worn down. In one room there was a large vacuum that sucked up all the rubble and all the dust from the demolished walls. The classes are nearly twice as big as the temporary classrooms. We are looking forward to moving in in September.

By Raph (7 Co) and John (7 Zn)



*Our Construction captains are: Maria N, Henrietta, Mariam, Alys, John, Zach F, Raph and Ben (not pictured)*



To support the Spelling Bee, we would like to share some spelling websites:

How to spell website: <https://howtospell.co.uk/>

Word Lists: [https://www.spellzone.com/word\\_lists/index.cfm](https://www.spellzone.com/word_lists/index.cfm)

<http://grammar.yourdictionary.com/spelling-and-word-lists/misspelled.html>

How to prepare for a Spelling Bee: <http://goo.gl/7WZVm>

Spelling game 1: <http://goo.gl/OR682>

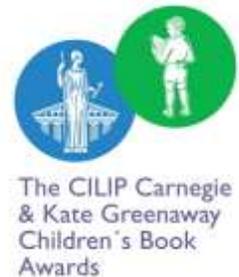
Spelling game 2: <https://www.visualthesaurus.com/bee/play>

Spelling game 3: <https://www.gamestolearnenglish.com/spelling-bee/>

Spelling game 4: <http://goo.gl/o1Ori3>

All TKA pupils will sit qualifying quizzes in the next couple of weeks in order to go through to the Spelling Bee final on Thursday 9th June at 4pm.

# Chatterbooks!



The Carnegie book shadowing club was launched on Monday. This is a 10 week reading project where pupils read all the books that have been nominated for the Carnegie medal. The pupils will be setting up their own Shadowing site where other book groups can share their reviews, post reviews and vote for their favourite book. The club will be visiting Tudor Drive Library in the coming weeks where Kate Priestley, Children's Librarian at Kingston Libraries, will be supporting our reading.





*The 2016 Carnegie book award shortlist are pictured left.*

### **Important Dates for Summer Term 2**

**Monday 2nd May**—Bank holiday—**SCHOOL CLOSED**

**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 in Quad

**Friday 15th July**—Last day of term