

Head Teacher's Update

Dear parents and carers,

What a terrific start all our History Makers have made at TKA! Thank you to all parents and carers for ensuring your children made such a positive start to their secondary education.

I do hope you all have an opportunity to relax as a family over this half term break and reflect on all the successes you have shared with us.

If you are looking for an activity for your child to take part in over half term, Albany Park and Sailing and canoeing club are running camps. Please contact them to book a place.

Regards,

Sophie Cavanagh

Head Teacher

Friends of TKA launched this week and appointed the committee members. The next meeting is Wednesday 11th November in the School Hall at 7pm.



Pumpkin carving competition

TKA pupils are invited to enter a carved pumpkin on Monday 2nd November.

All entries are to be left on the ramp to Reception from 8.15am on the first day back of school. House points available!



The hairiest month of the year is almost here! Staff at TKA will be growing and grooming their moustaches to raise money for charities that support men's health.

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My first weeks as a TKA History Maker...



Name: Ali.

I chose TKA because I knew it would be an adventure!

Clubs: Rowing & School council.

As a History Maker I'd like to help make the school outstanding.

Name: Annaliese

I chose TKA because I knew that it would be a good school.

Clubs: Dance & Rowing.

As a History Maker I'd like to play for the girls' football team and win lots of trophies.



Reading Corner

In November pupils will be reading War fiction.

Here are a few recommendations:



Introducing...Mr Stenning

Mr David Stenning is one of our Higher Level teaching assistants.

He has previously worked at Bedelsford special school in Kingston with children who had a range of specialist needs. He was excited at the prospect of developing a brand new school and has really enjoyed working with the new staff who he says are, "amazing". He is looking forward to building on the excellent start the Inclusion unit has made and establishing an even bigger profile for Inclusion in the new school building.



Football victory!



LEFT:

The Year 7 TKA football team celebrating their very first victory match.



FAR LEFT:

Brian, the first goal scorer.

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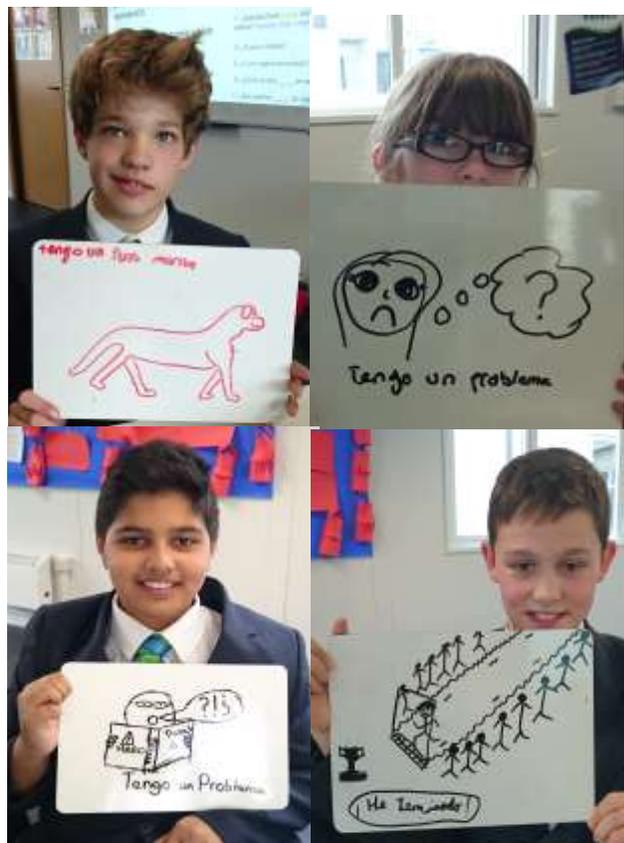
Zaccai, the Man of the Match.

On Monday 2nd October the TKA football team travelled to Coombe boys school in New Malden. The whole team were doubting themselves but once the whistle blew we were in our own match. We were breaking time and time again, when eventually Alex Bernasconi found a space where he darted into the box to set Brian Gentry in for the first goal for TKA! After this we pressed again and again and when we finally put in a shot it was deflected away outside the box to the feet of Connor Cross who hit the ball right over the keeper's range and into the back of the net. After a few substitutions it was half time and we were 2-0 up.

After our short briefing at half time, Coombe started well but thanks to our speedy pressure we won the ball and Connor Cross played a ball right over the defence where Alex cheekily chipped the keeper to put us 3-0 up. Unfortunately they pulled a goal back, but with Liam Calderia Marques's startling speed on the wing, he slotted the ball into the top corner finishing the match with a 4-1 victory!

By Connor Cross

Spotlight on... Spanish



In this first half term pupils have been learning how to introduce themselves in Spanish. They have covered the concept of vocabulary taking feminine and masculine forms and are becoming more confident in using Spanish dictionaries.

Their conversation topics explore their personalities, families, birthdays and pets.

Ms Pavitt has also been promoting confidence in expressing themselves with accurate pronunciation.

Important Dates for Term 1 (Autumn 2015)

- 19th October Half term begins
- 2nd November Return to school at 8:40am. Pumpkin Carving entries deadline.
- 2nd/3rd/4th November Trips to Imperial War Museum
- 5th November CATs (Cognitive Ability Tasks)
- 10th November 'The Big Sing' at Rose Theatre 7pm. Tickets from the theatre 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 update 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