

Dear Parents/Carers,

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming our doors to or prospective families on Thursday. It's going to be an fantastic opportunity to showcase all the wonderful talents of our History makers as well as all the subject areas with the specialist teachers. We are lucky to have 'Lab in a Lorry' from Kingston University who will be exhibiting some exciting experiments.

This will mean there won't be any clubs after school on a Thursday. Those pupils who will be tour guides or helping in a subject area have had an email and will be staying at school until the event starts.

Doors open at 5pm, the last Headteacher's speech is at 8pm and pupils will be dismissed at 8.30pm. On Friday 14th pupils must arrive by 9:50am for a prompt start to Period 2. My thanks to all TKA families for your generosity in supporting the school at this important event.

After half term we will be taking all the Year 7s to the Imperial War museum as part of a History and English project. Do ensure you have returned your consent form.

Have a relaxing weekend.

Kind regards

Sophie Cavanagh

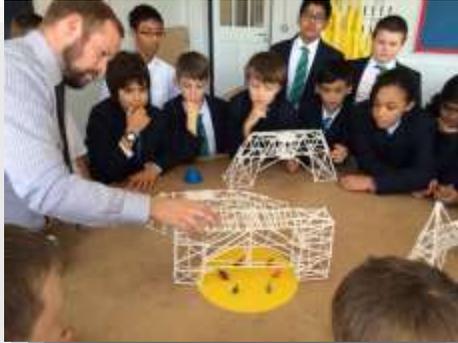


From after half term, lunches will be ordered a half term in advance.

Please look out for a separate email.



# Spotlight on STEM



Year 7 have been bridge building and exploring the best shapes for the strongest **constructions. Mr O'Brien is** pictured here testing the strength of the bridges.

## Victory over Southborough

On Tuesday we were lucky enough to go to Southborough and play our first league match. The team played really well and fought hard to win the match 3-0. Southborough were a physical team with lots of players with pace and skill.

In the first half we had a goal line clearance and performed well defensively, with Isaac, Laurence and myself making some fantastic tackles. Those strong tackles allowed TKA to go into the second half 1-0 up, thanks to Xander P's composed finish.

We went into the second half with the mind set of playing possession based football and within 10 minutes Callum combined well with Xander to finish off a well work TKA goal. Xander then had a moment of magic and lobbed the goalkeeper from just inside the Southborough half of the pitch.

Man of the Match: Xander (pictured above)

**Report by Jackson Peiker (Team Captain)**



# 'Day of the Dead'

## *Going Beyond Art Project*



Going Beyond is off to great start! I am really enjoying the project we are working on this term. I like to learn about different cultures and what they do. I think it is important we learn about these things because there are many different races in the world, and we need to learn about their traditions and celebrations. Our community is full of these cultures and it is important to explore them. I think in this project, one of the main core values we use is creativity, because we make our own "Day of the Dead" skulls and get to decorate them. I think this term's GB helped me understand why people celebrate 'Day of the Dead' and why it is important. Not many countries or religions celebrate death and we should learn about the countries that do to expand our knowledge. **By Maeve and Maria**



# *Friends of TKA news*

It was great to see some new faces at our meeting on Tuesday evening. We know many of you want to get involved but couldn't make the meeting so here are a couple of requests:

Please can we have volunteers for the refreshments stand at the Open Evening next Thursday 13th October between 5 and 8 pm. There is a rota in the school office (30 minute slots) so please email Kath Williams if you can help. We also need donations of biscuits to serve with the teas and coffee so please drop these off at Pupil Services. Last year there were 1800 visitors in one evening!

Please put the Christmas Fair date in your diary now - Thursday 8th December 4-8pm. We will need lots of help from 2pm that afternoon onwards. More details to follow.

There are just a few spaces left for stalls for the Christmas Fair - for more details please email [fotkachristmasfair@outlook.com](mailto:fotkachristmasfair@outlook.com)

We are urgently looking for major raffle prizes for our Christmas raffle as the tickets will be printed at the end of October. If you can or know anyone who can donate a prize please let us know ASAP.

The school is keen to find parents who are happy to listen to children reading from 8.40am to 9.05am. If this is something you could help with please let Mrs Dowling know.

*Thanks again for all your support for last  
Friday's coffee morning.*

*We raised £229.67!*

# Pink charity day



Thank you to all pupils and staff who contributed to our Pink charity day to support Breast Cancer Awareness.

We will inform you of our total next week.

## **IMPORTANT dates for 2016-2017**

**Thursday 13th October 5-8pm**—Year 6 Open Evening

**Friday 14th October**—Late start for Year 7 and 8 - 9.45 am for 10am registration.

**Half term holiday: Fri 14th October 2016—Fri 28th October 2016**

**Monday 5th December**—Year 7 watching Globe Players perform 'A Christmas Carol' at 9.30am in School Hall—Payment via Parent Portal.

**Thursday 8th December**—FoTKA Christmas Fair—4-8pm

**Thursday 15th December**—School Disco in School Hall

**Christmas holiday:** Fri 16th December 2016—Tuesday 3rd Jan 2017 *Pupils return to school on Wednesday 4th January 2017*