

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've come to the end of the first half term and can look back on an incredibly busy and successful time. Our Year 7 pupils have had an excellent transition and are enjoying life at TKA. Our Year 8 pupils have taken on the challenges and roles of pupil leaders with maturity and enthusiasm.

So our journey continues and Thursday saw an overwhelming number of prospective families come through TKA's doors to experience the school in all its glory. I was very pleased to see so many of our pupils acting as proud tour guides and hope you managed to see all curriculum areas as well as the 'Lab in a Lorry' from our partners Kingston University.

Next term we look forward to the Year 7 trips to the Imperial War Museum, Kew Gardens as well as the Globe Players performing 'A Christmas Carol' and our very first TKA Christmas fair.

A reminder about safe travel; we request that all pupils should exercise sensible caution.

We also welcome a parent drop in on Monday 31st October at 3pm.

Have a restful half term,

Sophie Cavanagh.



**A
reminder
to pupils
that the
school
nurse
is available
on
Thursdays
upstairs in
Q2 G from
1.05pm**



Spotlight on STEM

On Monday we hosted Year 6 pupils from Fern Hill Primary school to take part in Science activities and to have a tour of our school.

Co-ordinated by Ben Khan, Kingston University's Education Liaison officer, with the assistance of Kingston University student ambassadors, the Year 6 enjoyed learning about robots, chromatography and forensic studies.



Going Beyond



This term saw 8 Peta embark on Mr O'Brien's Going Beyond camping trip programme.

It involved: planning every aspect of a camping trip, researching climate, and cooking outdoors.

And last Friday saw the quad transformed into a camping site with pupils working in teams to pitch their tents.

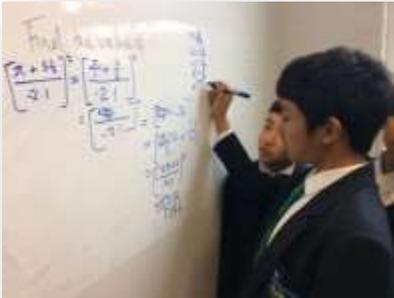
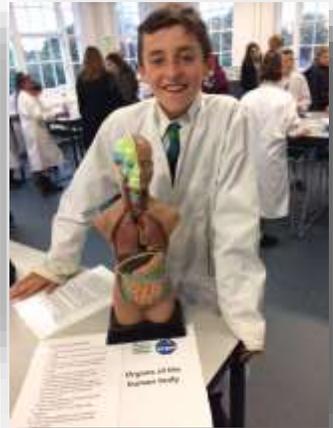


"It's been a really fun experience and different experience" Ben

"I've learnt how to put a tent up. Ours was up first." Damion

"I've enjoyed the team work because we needed to listen to each other" Matt

Open Evening 2016



Our thanks to all the TKA history makers, ambassadors and staff who helped make Open Evening such a success!



SPORTS NEWS



Congratulations to our Silver medalists Max, Leo, Archie and Frank who came second at the Kingston Table Tennis championships on Tuesday.

They beat teams from Southborough boys, Coombe and Canbury. Frank said, "It was great fun and competitive."

Monday's assembly was... out of this world!



In Monday's assembly Dr Keaney used the idea of Mr Smith's drone travelling above us to illustrate some mind-boggling statistics about our world. If we commandeered his drone and zoomed out from our school hall above Kingston we would see an area about 10km long or 10000m and then going higher we would see the rest of London and the whole of the UK - about 1000km in length. Then Europe and then the Earth at about 10000km across and then we would then see the planets in our solar system extending from our Sun to the Kuiper Belt beyond Neptune, a distance of 15 billion km (1.5×10^{13} m).

Dr Keaney said we have all of this to explore. But we are only going to be successful if we work together, as a team. He said he wanted every pupil to be like the crew of the Starship Enterprise, to embrace co-operation and kindness to others, curiosity about our amazing universe, and in doing so, reach for the stars.

Charity totals this term

This term we raised....

£173.93 for Genes for Jeans
and £271.14 for Breast cancer
awareness.



Friends of TKA: Thanks to everyone who helped with the FOTKA refreshments at the Open Evening last night and especially to Brenda, Angela and Anna who masterminded it!

IMPORTANT dates for 2016-2017

- Half term holiday: Fri 14th October 2016—Fri 28th October 2016**
- Tuesday 1st November—**Pumpkin carving competition
- Monday 14th / Wed 16th November—**Big Wrap charity assembly
- 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*