

# The Pre-Prep and Preparatory COURIER

6th March 2020

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## WORLD BOOK DAY 2020



We have had a very busy time celebrating World Book Day in the Prep School. It has been very exciting seeing everyone dressed up as book characters. We have also enjoyed an inspiring talk from local author, Claire Barker, and a book signing. There were 'Drop Everything and Read' sessions at unexpected points during the day...

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## THE HEAD HAS HIS SAY....

by Andrew Edwards

It is another exciting day in the life of Taunton Prep School with our Year 8 boys competing in the hockey Prep School National Finals in Cheltenham, and our Year 6 pupils enjoying their final rehearsals before their performance

this evening of 'The Mystery at Magpie Manor'. Also in sport, we are extremely proud of our Year 8 netballers who last Thursday became regional netball champions, coming out winners in a very strong field containing several top schools such as Millfield and Dean Close. Meanwhile, in the performing arts, it was excellent to see some of our Prep School talented pianists benefitting from the visit last week by the amazing 'Harry the Piano'. Sport and the performing arts play such important parts in the life of our school, and it is excellent to see these areas thriving.

Yesterday was a special day as well, and thank you to Mrs Burton for inspiring our school community to make such a success of World Book Day. I have much enjoyed seeing all of the photos, and it was a delight to see the creativity and effort which went into so many wonderful costumes. If you have not already seen the film clip on our Facebook page of Daisy the Cow arriving for school in the morning, it is well worth a look! The pupils who met the author Claire Barker were fascinated as she spoke about her books and her life as a writer, and it was terrific for the whole school to focus on stories, authors, illustrators and, most importantly, reading. Very well done to all parents, pupils and staff who helped make it such a magical day!

I hope that those of you who attended the parent/teacher consultations for Years 3 to 6 last Monday found the evening both informative and useful, and please do send any feedback regarding the new format to Mrs Hall-Tomkin (or the TPS Office). I have received very positive comments from parents who appreciated the chance to sit down and look at all of their child's books in Centenary Hall. I took the opportunity to peruse a range of books and was very impressed with the high levels of effort and progress on display.

Alongside striving to ensure excellent academic progress for each child, we are totally committed to giving our pupils a broad educational experience. Our Academic Scholars in Year 8 had a fabulous day at the Saatchi Gallery in London seeing the Tutankhamun exhibition, whilst Year 5 headed to the coast for a Geography trip to Blue Anchor. Trips during the school holidays are also such an important part of the educational experience at a school such as ours, and you will all have hopefully seen the recent letter from Mr Coleman setting out plans for trips during the whole of 2021-22. This will allow families to see the bigger picture and to plot the correct way forward as these trips are advertised during the coming months.

Good luck to the Year 6 pupils for this evening's performance and I wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

**Mr Andrew Edwards,  
Headmaster**

## NEWS FROM NURSERY AND PRE-PREP



Another very busy week, starting with our colourful 'German Karneval'. Our Karneval took place a week later than the traditional German celebration, as this is normally an opportunity for residents in the Rhineland to celebrate, before Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent.

Ein großes Dankeschön an Frau Ashmore for this exciting and unusual way to start our day on Monday. We must also thank all our good sports who joined us for the tie cutting, including Mr Edwards, Mr Cruttenden, Mr Tarr, Mr Henderson and Miss Hill for your assistance. I would also like to thank all our parents for your efforts in supporting World Book Day. The children love the day and there is always much discussion about authors, stories, books and characters. Year two had author -- Claire Barker's visit, sharing how she writes from her shepherds hut at home in Devon and Year one were intrigued by their fossil workshop. We all enjoyed some particularly imaginative costumes on display throughout the Pre-Prep, with a great deal of thought

put into them. A special mention to Nursery three who had everyone dressed up with their favourite books to share with their friends.

Reminders about next week:

Pre- Prep parent consultations are taking place for Reception to Year two on both Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th March from 4.00 – 6.00 pm, with sign-up sheets available in classrooms, if you haven't already been able to do this.

Year two, Football and Netball festival at St Peters Lymstone from 2pm on Tuesday 10th March.

Reception Sharing Assembly at 8.30 am on Thursday 12th March – refreshments available in the Pre-Prep hall beforehand.

Special Mufti, 'Wake Up Shake Up' in aid of Sports Relief on Friday 13th March 2020.

Have a lovely weekend

**Mrs Louise Leah,  
Head of Nursery and Pre-Prep**



# CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

## COVID-19 statement from Lee Glaser

We want to reassure you that our primary concern is the protection and wellbeing of everyone here – pupils and staff.

The spread of coronavirus, and how best to tackle it, is of worldwide concern. We are closely following medical advice – all of our procedures are in line with the specific guidance issued by Public Health England.

We continue to keep the situation under review. As far as possible, we aim to ensure continuity of education and pastoral care for our pupils, and will keep you updated on any further developments.

We have set out a number of frequently asked questions below, together with our responses to them, but if you still have any specific concerns please let us know and we will do our best to address them.

## CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



## BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



## KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.



### Helpline

The Department of Education has launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: [coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

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MOST UP TO DATE  
INFORMATION AND  
OUR FAQs

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

## Saturday 7th March - Friday 20th March 2020

Saturday	07/03/2020			Enrichment (Years 3 to 6)	
Sunday	08/03/2020			Thone House Boarders: Taunton Town	
Sunday	08/03/2020			Ballet Exams,	Pre-Prep Hall
Monday	09/03/2020			Taunton Festival of the Arts Drama Classes*,	Temple Methodist Church, Taunton
Monday	09/03/2020	13:00	13:25	School Council Meeting,	Boarders' Lounge
Monday	09/03/2020			Nursery Parent Consultation Evenings*,	Nursery Rooms
Tuesday	10/03/2020			Taunton Festival of the Arts Drama Classes	Temple Methodist Church, Taunton
Tuesday	10/03/2020	16:00	18:00	Pre-Prep Child-Led Consultations*,	Pre-Prep Classrooms
Tuesday	10/03/2020	16:15	17:15	Performing Arts Café*,	Centenary Hall
Tuesday	10/03/2020			Nursery Parent Consultation Evenings*,	Nursery Rooms
Wednesday	11/03/2020			Taunton Festival of the Arts Drama Classes	Temple Methodist Church, Taunton
Wednesday	11/03/2020	09:00	16:00	Trinity Rock and Pop Exams	
Wednesday	11/03/2020	09:00	15:30	Nursery 4 visit to The Wild Place @ Bristol	
Wednesday	11/03/2020			Nursery Parent Consultation Evenings*,	Nursery Rooms
Thursday	12/03/2020			Taunton Festival of the Arts Drama Classes	Temple Methodist Church, Taunton
Thursday	12/03/2020	08:30	09:00	Reception Sharing Assembly*,	Pre-Prep Hall
Thursday	12/03/2020	16:00	18:00	Pre-Prep Child-Led Consultations*,	Pre-Prep Classrooms
Thursday	12/03/2020			Nursery Parent Consultation Evenings*,	Nursery Rooms
Monday	09/03/2020	17:30	20:30	Years 7&8 Parent Consultation Evening (Pastoral)*,	Weirfield & Centenary Hall
Friday	13/03/2020			Taunton Festival of the Arts Drama Classes	Temple Methodist Church, Taunton
Friday	13/03/2020			Nursery, Pre-Prep and TPS Charity Day in aid of Sport Relief (Cooper) (Mufti)	
Friday	13/03/2020	08:30		Wake Up Shake Up for Sport Relief*,	Pre-Prep Playground
Friday	13/03/2020			Nursery Parent Consultation Evenings*,	Nursery Rooms

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Saturday	14/03/2020			Thone House Boarders: 'Easter Eggstravanganza'	
Saturday	14/03/2020			Enrichment (Years 3 to 6)	
Saturday	14/03/2020	12:00	14:00	PA Enrichment Programme 'Matilda' Rehearsal,	TS Theatre
Saturday	14/03/2020	14:30	15:30	PA Enrichment Programme 'Matilda' Performance*,	TS Theatre
Saturday	14/03/2020	19:00		Choral and Concerto Competition Winners Concert*,	Chapel
Sunday	15/03/2020			Thone House Boarders: Jungle Rumble Adventure Golf	
Monday	16/03/2020	09:00	15:30	ABRSM Exam Week,	TS Music School
Monday	16/03/2020			Thone House : Final Night of Flexi-Boarding	
Monday	16/03/2020			Pi Day - Maths Department	
Tuesday	17/03/2020	08:45	11:45	Year 2 Forest School*,	Uppers
Tuesday	17/03/2020	09:40	15:15	Cantabile Choir perform at Knighthayes Court, Tiverton	
Wednesday	18/03/2020	08:30	09:00	Year 1 Sharing Assembly*,	Pre-Prep Hall
Wednesday	18/03/2020	10:30	18:30	Year 6 English trip to Theatre Royal, Plymouth	
Friday	20/03/2020			TPS Ski Trip Departs	
Friday	20/03/2020	08:00	08:20	Reception Mother's Day Tea Party*,	Reception Classrooms
Friday	20/03/2020	13:30	14:30	Easter Service,	Chapel
Friday	20/03/2020			Term Ends (end of day timings, Prep and Clubs as normal)	

# PLAYGROUND FUN

Pupils in Nursery 4 enjoyed a moment of sunshine in the Pre Prep playground.



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# TRACTOR VISIT



Our Nursery 3 class had the chance to climb inside and look around a fabulous John Deere tractor. They got even more of a taste for farming life when two lovely lambs came to visit all of the Nursery and Pre-Prep children.



# LAMBS



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# THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF CHOCOLATE



This term, Year 2 have been enjoying their new topic, 'The Wonderful World of Chocolate'. On Thursday the children enthusiastically shared their new found knowledge with Pre-Prep and parents. Mrs Leah happily volunteered with our chocolate holding experiment and got rather sticky hands!

Well done Year 2.

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Brodie,  
Year 2 Teachers

# GERMAN KARNEVAL

On a cold but dry Monday morning, Pre-Prep celebrated, what has become, our annual German Karneval. We kicked off our celebration by dancing to popular Karneval songs, which Mrs Lawson had taught the children in "Wake up, shake up" last week. Year 2 children then paraded around the playground, wearing their brightly coloured masks. Karneval music rang out, whistles blew and Pre-Prep children, teachers and parents cheered and clapped the Year 2s in their parade. The highlight of Karneval is always the traditional tie-cutting ceremony and this year Mrs Louise Leah (Head of Pre-Prep) and Mrs Katie Hill (TPS Yr 3 and Year 4 Pastoral Head and Year 3 teacher), with scissors in hand, cut off the ties of Mr Edwards (TPS Headmaster), Mr Henderson (Deputy Head Taunton School) and colleagues from Taunton School – Mr Chalkley, Mr Cruttenden, Mr Roberts and Mr Tarr. Finally, German "Haribo" sweets were handed out to all. Thank you to all Pre-Prep staff and colleagues from the Senior School, who make Karneval such a fantastic and memorable event for the children.

Louise Ashmore, TPPS and TPS MFL Teacher



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# SNUGGLE UP WITH A BOOK



The Pre-Prep children have been enjoying their new literacy area in the TPPS playground. At break time, the children eagerly await their turn to collect the baskets of books, cushions, blankets and writing resources before taking them to the new shelter. We would like to thank our maintenance team for giving this area of the playground a new lease of life.

# BUDDING STRING PLAYERS



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## EXPLORER DOME VISIT TPPS & TPS

On Thursday 27th February, the company Explorer Dome came into Taunton School to speak to Reception about Space, Year 1&2 with a Bubble Show and Year 7's on the states of matter.

The students enjoyed testing their knowledge learnt in lessons and learning more on the effects of dry ice, shapes and light effects of bubbles, star constellations and much more!



## DINOSAUR AND FOSSIL WORKSHOP

The Year One children were visited by a dinosaur and fossil expert from the South West Heritage Trust to support their Out of Eggs topic. Sharon told them all about the different dinosaurs that roamed Somerset millions of years ago and how fossils were formed. The children enjoyed handling different fossils, making fossil imprints and painting their own ammonites. They learned that huge plesiosaurs swam in Somerset waters and coloured and cut out their own plesiosaur pictures. We are looking forward to learning more about the famous palaeontologist, Mary Anning and her pioneering discoveries in Lyme Regis.

Lucy Hebditch  
Year one Teacher



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...‘Look for a Book’ event and classes engaged in World Book Day activities such as Year 4’s A-Z of book titles and Book Day scavenger hunt in the library. Myla Tarr (4F) was the winner of the A-Z Book challenge with 58 book titles. Pupils have been given a voucher to exchange for a special £1 World Book Day book of their choice at Waterstones, WHSmiths and some supermarkets.

Jane Burton,  
Head of English

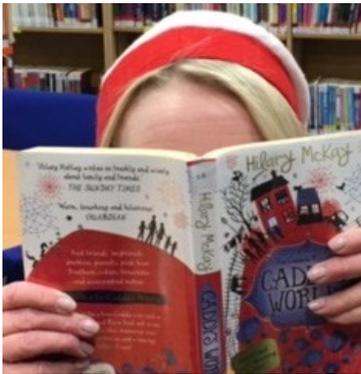


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# WHERE'S WALLY?



## HOUSE POINTS



### GOLD

Elena Onesti – 4P

### SILVER

Thomas Dutton – 6T

Xavier Flay – 6T

Katie Sercombe – 5H

Tongfei Deng – 4P

Helena Goudswaard – 4F

Charlie Weatherill – 7B

Freddie Verge – 7B

Leo Gulliver – 7B

Oska Charles – 7B

Lilly Clews – 7B

Takara Dupont – 7V

Sophie Evans – 4P

Arthur Wilkinson – 6S

William Cooper – 6T

Zachary Roberts – 6T

Edward Hudson – 8T

Siddu Chaganti – 3H

Grace Barker-Moore – 7B

Catherine Kemmish – 7B

Freddie Wood – 7B

Madeline Berry – 6S

Laura Trembath – 6S

Quinn Stott – 3H

Tommy Greenhalgh – 4F

Bobby Saunders – 4F

Tegan Lake – 4P

Emily Rank – 5H

Holly Cleverly – 8M

Louis Maloney – 8G

James Sercombe – 3H

Myla Tarr – 4F

Ben Leahy – 5S

Freya Simpson – 6T

### BRONZE

Christan Onwubiko – 5S

Tom White – 7W

Jasmine Lemm – 8G

Sienna Mitchell – 8M

Elliott Darvall – 8M

Allyssa Vitug – 8M

Olivia Brown – 8M

Lizzie Houghton-King – 8M

Yusuf Ismail – 8M

Elizabeth Kemmish – 8M

Eloic Bell – 8M

Alfie Howells – 8G

Jack Pool – 8G

Ben Mason – 8G

Will Harvey – 8G

Alisha Joseph – 8G

Jasmine Porter – 8G

Cara Cunningham – 8G

Adam Griffiths – 8T

Harry Simpson – 7V

Emily Vernon – 7V

Destiny Zhemu

Tom Webb – 7V

Keira Hughes – 7V

Grace Barker-Moore – 7B

Catherine Kemmish – 7B

Freddie Wood – 7B

Madeline Berry – 6S

Laura Trembath – 6S



# WEEKLY AWARDS



2ND MARCH 2020



## Learners of the Week

**Archie Linnell** for determination and perseverance in saying his sounds clearly.

**Leo Gulliver** for amazing work in ICT completing some programming work at GCSE level.

**William Cooper** for excellent progress and dedication to reading.

**Thomas Dutton** and **Zach Pitman** for excellent effort in French speaking producing lovely extended answers with great detail.

**Quinn Stott** for curiosity and enthusiasm in his Science lessons this term.

**James Sercombe** for showing curiosity throughout his Swords and Scandals topic this term.

**Louis Maloney** for some profound and mature work on 'Who am I?'

**Matilda Ruthven** for excellent work on identity in Philosophy.

**Eva Di Capua** for a superb effort on the 'Island Project' in PRE.

## Musician of the Week

**Safa Boraei** for showing tremendous confidence and persistence in the Performing Arts Café and taking great pride in the ensembles and music lessons she attends

## Sportsman of the Week

**Oska Charles** for great persistence and team work, scoring a hat-trick in Wednesday's game

## Sportswoman of the Week

**Sophie Evans** for great effort and positivity in all her Games lessons



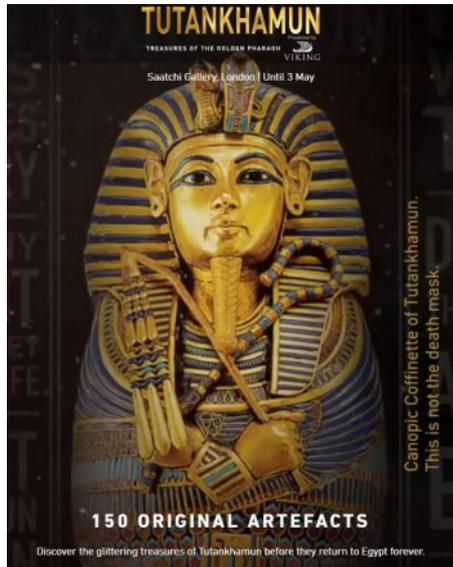
**WELL DONE TO ALL AWARD WINNERS!**



# TUTANKHAMUN

On the early morning of Tuesday the 3rd of March, the Year 8 TPS Academic Scholars prepared to board a train taking us to London so we could visit the Tutankhamun exhibition being held in the Saatchi Gallery. At 7:30am we met Mrs Burnett and Mrs Coleman outside Centenary Hall where a minibus was waiting for us, whisking us off to Taunton train station. Here, we had a moment where our tickets didn't work, which caused a bit of teacher (and pupil) panic! However, we soon engaged our academic brains and, after a short wait, our train arrived and we were allowed to board. A game of cards, reading a book and talking were the most popular activities to do on the train journey. A few hours passed and we had arrived in Paddington station, where we got off to get on a different type of locomotive - the Tube, which took us to South Kensington.

When we arrived at the South Kensington stop, we expeditiously got off and headed up to ground level. It was only a five-minute walk to the Saatchi Gallery from the tube stop which meant we had time to kill. We looked round some shops and got a bite to eat, and before we knew it was time to go in. As we were a school group, we skipped the whole queue and when it was our time to go in, we were greeted by a short video to inform us about the exhibition. Once it was finished, we viewed Exhibition 1 which showed us about what Tutankhamun did when he was alive. We then moved on to the next room which held many of the amazing artefacts found in Tutankhamun's tomb, including vessels that held his internal organs, musical instruments and weapons for the afterlife. The last exhibition on the ground floor showed part of the tomb and there was also some precious jewelry which was also found in the tomb. We then headed upstairs...



Upstairs there was only one exhibition, Exhibition, and the shop. Exhibition 4 was the best display room because we got to see Tutankhamun, himself, wearing his death mask through a glass chamber. This was the highlight of our trip. The shop now awaited us! Tom and I bought ridiculous paper masks of Tutankhamun, which we wore for the rest of the trip, much to Mrs Burnett's delight.

We got out side at around 1:45 and our train was at 4:00 so we headed back to the South Kensington tube station and decided to use the rest of our time wisely and academically with an impromptu visit to the superb Natural History Museum. As certain parts of the museum are free entry, it was a

perfect place to go, so we headed in. As we went in, we were greeted by an enormous whale skeleton suspended from the roof, as well as a security guard who asked us to remove our Tutankhamun masks! All around us there were fantastic skeletons and a very excited Jack and Alan.

After we had been through the dinosaur area there was a sign saying human biology so we explored this exhibit. There were lots of fun activities to do in here, including one where you had to keep a human alive by hitting certain buttons at the right time. When we came to the end of this area it was time to get back to the tube station and onwards to Paddington for the return journey to Taunton. After a long, busy day it was good to have a rest on the train. It was an amazing day and we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

**Frey Lant,  
Year 8 Pupil**



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# BLUE ANCHOR BAY

On Tuesday 3rd March, Year 5 ventured to Blue Anchor Bay. With their warm coats and fluffy hats ready, they explored the coastal area with Mr McCarthy explaining the effects of coastal erosion to the area. They also explored the different sea defences such as sea walls and revetments and how they are effective. The morning was finished off with an ice-cream from the local café. A very informative morning was had by all.

The Y5 Team



# PARTICLE THEORY CAN BE FUN

Our Year 7 pupils, along with 6 from TSIMS, were treated to a fast moving, interactive Science show from the Explore Dome. There were lots of interactive experiments in which solids changed into liquids, liquids changed into gases, and vice versa. These involved the use of dry ice (solid carbon dioxide at minus 78 degrees Celcius) and liquid nitrogen at a staggering minus 195.6 degrees Celcius. This generated a huge amount of excitement and, unsurprisingly, there was never a shortage of volunteers from the audience. The dry ice fog generator and popping film canisters went down particularly well. The finale was a spectacular demonstration of how much energy is in 2 spoons of Coco Pops, by burning them in liquid oxygen. Above all though, this proved a truly memorable way of understanding some of the new concepts introduced recently in class.

Simon Williams  
Head of Science



# PERFORMANCE POETRY



During the half term I was lucky enough to attend the Performance Poetry class at the Brewhouse Theatre. The day was spent doing lots of activities around poetry and we even got to write our own poems. Then at the end of the day we were able to perform our poems in front of an audience of parents. I learnt a lot from the day and would definitely recommend it to anyone who is a budding poet in the making or just would like to do something different in the holidays.

Lilly Clews,  
Year 7

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# PERFORMING ARTS CAFE

25 FEBRUARY 2020

**Jayden Mills**

Drums – Straight 8th Groove

**Millie Church**

Guitar – Chim Chim Cher-ee

**Jake Maloney**

Cello – Rigadoon

**Quinn Stott**

Speech & Drama – Inside My Fridge

**Safa Boraei**

Piano – The Lonely Road

**Lily Blackwell**

Saxophone – Skye Boat Song

**William Davidson**

Piano – Train Ride

**William Kemmish**

Guitar – Song of the Mountains

**Daisy Challacombe**

Piano – Lazy Bear

**Bobby Saunders**

Singing – Do-Re-Mi

**Ben Leahy**

Speech & Drama – School Trip

**Catherine Kemmish**

Cello – Same Day

**Leila Imm**

Piano – Echo

**Jack Blackwell**

Saxophone – Sandmannchen Brahms

**Jack Van Looy**

Speech & Drama – ‘Weather’ by Meish Goldish

**Emelia Cooke**

Piano – Lancer

**Daisy Greenhalgh**

Speech & Drama – Sherbet Lemon

**Matilda White**

Violin – 7 Wicked Reels

**Tongfei Deng**

Piano – Bransle de la Torche

**Evie Linden**

Harp - Pasacaille



# SIR ROBERT FALCON SCOTT- YEAR 4 REMEMBER

As part of their Ice Worlds topic, Y4 pupils have been studying the 1912 race to the South Pole, involving the teams of Robert Scott and Roald Amundsen. Sadly, Scott and his team perished on the return journey, after displaying many of the TPS Mission wheel attributes, including; Leadership, Persistence, Ambition and Curiosity, in the face of overwhelming odds.

Y4 have produced commemorative plates to remind us of Scott and his team's amazing achievements.

Joanna Hall Tomkin  
Head of History



# YOUNG ROBOTEERS

The young roboteers from years 3&4 getting to grips with Dash and Dot the robots in their lunchtime club. These chaps have been learning basic coding using Blockly to get the robots to follow instructions from the iPads then Bluetooth the program to Dash and Dot who carry out the various tasks.

Simon Ashmore,  
Head of DT



## JOBS AT TAUNTON SCHOOL

We are recruiting for the following roles, amongst others. Follow the links to find out more:

[Teacher of English](#)

[Prep School GRA](#)

[School Keeper](#)

[Level 2 Swimming Teacher](#)



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# THIS FORTNIGHT AT THONE

Throughout the past two weeks the children in Thone have continued to enjoy all that school life has to offer, from the delights of Pancake Day to the more recent World Book Day celebrations. Whilst it may just be a short half of term the boarders are ensuring that they make the most of each and every opportunity and live life to the full. With our annual Thone House assembly fast approaching we have also been busily preparing!

Our first weekend back after the half-term break was an action packed affair. A joint venture with TSIMS saw us undertake to two different activities – trampolining for our younger boarders and bouldering for the Year 7 and 8's. The children very much enjoyed spending time with their friends from TSIMS and entered into both activities with enthusiasm and determination. The bouldering was undoubtedly a challenge for some but the children very much embraced it demonstrating great positivity, effort and persistence. A thoroughly enjoyable day for all and a great start to the second half of the term.

**Katherine Wells**  
Head of Boarding



**CLICK HERE**  
**TO SEE OUR**  
**DELICIOUS MENU**  
**FOR NEXT WEEK!**

## HAVE A STORY?

Let the Courier teams know!

Email the Senior Courier:

[senior.courier@tauntonschool.co.uk](mailto:senior.courier@tauntonschool.co.uk)

Email the Prep Courier:

[tpscourier@tauntonschool.co.uk](mailto:tpscourier@tauntonschool.co.uk)



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## YEAR 6 MFL TASTER

Year 6 pupils have been working very hard over the past term and a half learning how to describe what they like and don't like about where they live and their subjects at school. However, they spent the last two French lessons before half-term experiencing some new European languages. They enjoyed taster lessons in both Spanish and German, provided by TS teachers Mrs Paul and Mr Chalkley, giving the pupils an idea of the fun challenges and rewarding experiences in the near future and the benefits of studying foreign languages later in life.

Caroline Thorpe, Head of MFL



## TIP TOP TABLE TOP

Joshua Smith was crowned U11 County Champion at the recent Somerset Table Tennis Championships, with fellow student Jake Maloney claiming 2nd place.

13-year-old Prep School student Sam Billings entered the same competition in the under 15s category reaching the quarter finals. He was up against some stiff competition including the current UK U15 no.5.

Following this success Jake Maloney, Joshua Smith, and Brodie Davidson entered the English Schools under 11s Championships for Taunton Prep School, claiming 1st 2nd and 3rd place respectively. Leon Perdikaris, aged 11, entered the Under 13 category claiming an impressive 2nd place despite his young age.

Ian Hooper who runs the Table Tennis Club at Taunton School's Saturday morning enrichment club said: "The standard of play in the finals was rated by the competition organisers as far above their actual age. 2020 is shaping up to be a GREAT year for Table Tennis at the Taunton Prep School and I'm delighted to be able to coach such talented young players."



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# "PERFORM ON THE BIGGEST STAGE OF YOUR LIFE"



## 2020 ROLEX BRITISH F1 GRAND PRIX DANCE & PERFORMING ARTS PROJECT

· Performance date: SATURDAY 18TH JULY 2020

A unique opportunity for Taunton School to be Showcased at one of the biggest international mass-movement dance productions in world sport on Saturday 18th July 2020 at Silverstone Race Circuit.

**30 spaces available**

Rehearsal dates: Tuesday 26th May, Wednesday 27th May, and Thursday 28th May

The project costs £199 - WHAT IS INCLUDED...

A 3-day dance workshop with our industry elite choreographic Pro-Excel team who come along to your school to teach the students the choreography for the show.

Our team design all choreography and music for your show.

A bespoke T-Shirt is designed for your students to perform in and then keep as a memento of the occasion.

Every student receives a general admission pass/ticket to the event they will be performing at. This ticket is valued at £95 and is included in your project cost.

Transport from Taunton School to Silverstone and back on the event day.

To name a few...

Please contact Lucy Hartland-Mann or [lucy.hartlandmann@tauntonschool.co.uk](mailto:lucy.hartlandmann@tauntonschool.co.uk)

for further details and to book a place.

# HOCKEY

## U12 GIRLS COUNTY HOCKEY SUCCESS



Millie Trescothick, Takara DuPont and Lola Tarr represented Taunton Vale in the U12 County Hockey Tournament on Sunday 23rd February. The team won every game and Taunton Vale will now go on to represent Somerset in the regionals at Clifton College on 26th April.

Well done girls!

## U10 BOYS HOCKEY

On Wednesday 26th February all the Year 5 boys travelled to Kings Hall for another fantastic local derby against our good friends. The U10A team have played some tough matches recently with mixed results and it was clear that Kings Hall had the quality to challenge the boys once again. However, the boys were most definitely up for the challenge and produced a performance they should be extremely proud of.

There were some fine skills on display across the team but a special mention for Stig Lundehn who was simply outstanding in goal and deserved all the praise on offer. It was the manner in which the boys played as a team that was particularly impressive and encouraging - at last they unleashed their full potential in front of an incredibly dedicated group of parents. And the reward for this amazing teamwork was a hat full of goals - five in total to Kings Hall's two.

The U10B team continued their incredible run of form with another fine win. This team continues to dominate whoever they play against and many boys are knocking on the door of the A team, making selection more and more difficult - a very encouraging position all round. Well done to every player and keep up the good work.

Mr Wells and Mr Pettit



## U12 TAUNTON CIVIL SERVICE HOCKEY CLUB

Congratulations to Brodie Davidson, Jack Blackwell, Ben Goddard and Oscar Coleman for their success as part of the Taunton Civil Service Hockey Club, U12 squad. The team was undefeated in 6 out of 6 games in the U12's Somerset County Championships which took place at King's Bruton School. As a result they progress to the regional finals which take place at Clifton on Sunday, April 26th.

Well done, boys!



# NETBALL

## U12D V HAZLEGROVE

An excellent game of netball, where TPS dominated throughout, moving the ball forward well. Shooting was accurate and we defended strongly; however, we do need to ensure we move into space.

**Attacker of the match:** Sami

**Defender of the match:** Milana

Mrs Hall-Tomkin

## U13 IAPS REGIONAL NETBALL TOURNAMENT

A fantastic day of netball for this talented and hardworking bunch. Despite some less than favourable weather, the girls took to the court in great spirits, topping their group with a total of 42 goals scored and just 8 conceded. A win in the quarter final against The Downs, Malvern set them up for a semi-final against Dean Close. Knowing this was going to be a tough game added to the pressure and resulted in some uncharacteristic mistakes. With nothing to split the two teams at half-time the girls dug deep and rediscovered their form in order to secure an 11-9 win. The final saw them take on a well drilled Danes Hill team, who were equally as determined to take the title. With their composure regained the girls demonstrated just how capable they are, winning by 8 goals.

Miss Manley and I could not be more proud of all that the girls achieved and were delighted to see them awarded their gold medals. Two weeks of hard work awaits in the run up to the National Finals but there is no doubt that these girls are up for the challenge.

Mrs Wells



## U10A NETBALL- KINGS BRUTON TOURNAMENT

The U10 Netball team remained in high spirits throughout a tough day in the rain at King's Bruton. The girls played 6 games and showed increasing determination throughout the day, learning from each game to improve their performance.

Players of the Tournament: Catherine Tau and Tanya Gurianova, for their strength and excellent interceptions in defence.

Miss Aston



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# PONY CLUB TRIATHLON

Fantastic Pony Club triathlon at TPS in February, despite Storm Dennis!  
 Jess Miller winning her class with Bella Vile 6th. Zoe Trembath 1st in her class with Laura 2nd and Emily Miller 3rd.

Some top running, swimming and shooting girls, well done.



# KSEC ARENA EVENTING HICKSTEAD QUALIFIER

Well done to the Equestrian team for great results at the KSEC Arena Eventing Hickstead Qualifier.

Class 1 – TPS & TS team came 3rd: Emily Miller, Tilly Jacoby-Kelly, Zoe Trembath & Laura Trembath

Class 2 – TPS & TS team came 1st: Hetty Holden, Fliss Gostling, Emily Miller, Till Jacoby-Kelly (Emily Miller 5th as individual)

Class 3 – Fliss Gostling 4th as individual

Class 4 – Fliss Gostling 5th as individual



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# Music from the Movies



TAUNTON SCHOOL

**Summer Concert**  
 Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May  
 Chapel : 6pm

# Music at Lunchtime

*A Celebration for the 75th Anniversary of VE Day*

*Solo Vocalists. Instrumental and Chamber Musicians from Taunton School*

Friday 8th May  
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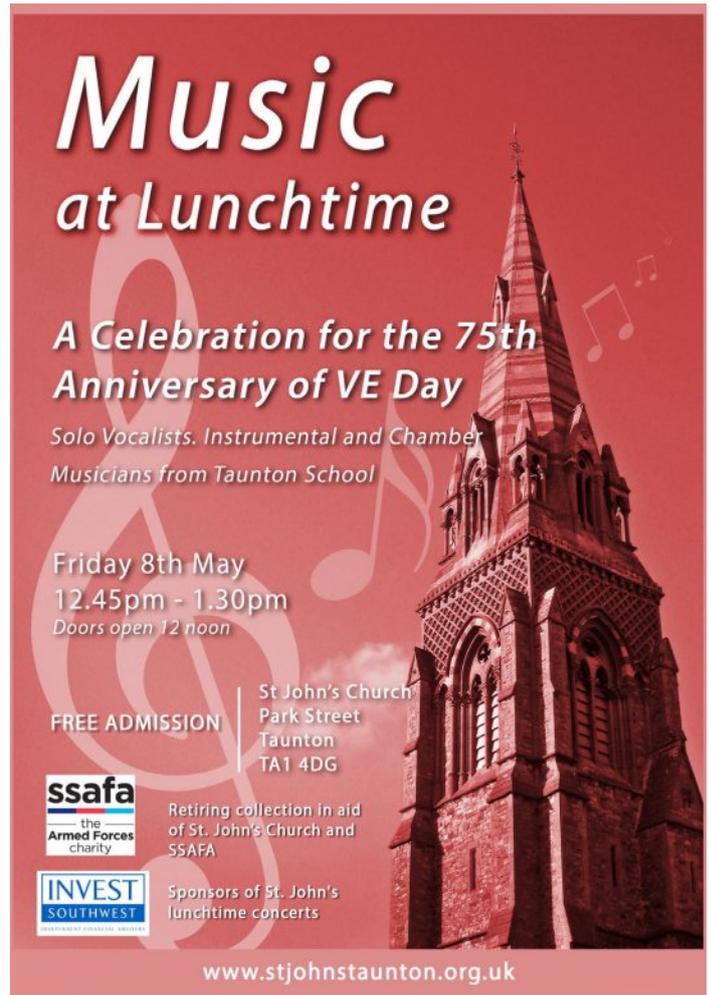
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# Spring Term

## Performing Arts Cafes

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January  
 Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January  
 Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February  
 (Pre-Prep)  
 Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February  
 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Centenary Hall 4.15pm

### Cantabile Choir sing at Knightshayes Court

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 11:30am

TPS  
**Presents**

An abridged version of  
**Matilda**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30 : TS Theatre

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 PROUDLY PRESENTS

# Choral CONCERT

John Rutter *Magnificat*  
 John Williams *Viktor's Tale*  
 Ralph Vaughan Williams *Oboe Concerto*

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00pm  
 Taunton School Chapel

Taunton School Community Choir, accompanied by a professional orchestra, perform John Rutter's *Magnificat*, alongside performances by the winners of the Concerto Competition, Daisy Hickson and Daniel Lloyd-Jones.