

The Pre-Prep and Preparatory COURIER

17th January 2020

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YEAR 4 'SURVIVAL MORNING'



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On a crisp, sunny Friday morning, Year 4 ventured up to Forest School on Uppers for their 'Survival Morning' to kick-start their new topic for this term of 'Ice Worlds'. As part of the activities, the children were split into four groups (their houses), and took part in various team-building games/tasks, alongside discussing how to survive in hostile climates. The children had great fun learning in an outdoor context and having the opportunity to develop their leadership and teamwork skills in particular. To round off the morning's fun, we all sat around a campfire and ate toasted marshmallows! We hope that the children are excited about the learning ahead of them, this term.

Mrs Finch, Year 4 Teacher

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THE HEAD HAS HIS SAY...

by Andrew Edwards

It has been a real pleasure to see all of our pupils and families happily getting back into the swing of school after the Christmas holidays. A very warm welcome also to the new pupils and their families

who have started at TPS this term - we are delighted that you have come to join us!

It is our Spring Term Open Morning on Saturday 1st February and it is very good to report that we continue to experience a large level of interest in places. Looking towards next September, the two forms in our current Year 4 will become three forms, and the two forms in our current Year 5 will also become three forms. In our current Year 6, we are planning for our three forms to become four forms for the start of their Year 7. Such is the demand for places in one or two of our year groups that families approaching us now are having to go onto a waiting list, at least until September. If you have friends who are considering joining the school in any year group, please do encourage them to come along to the Open Morning or to make contact with our Admissions Manager, Mrs Harvey.

For parents in our current Year 6, please do not forget that you are very welcome to attend the information morning tomorrow morning regarding the years which our pupils spend in the Senior School (Year 9 upwards). Tours of the facilities and classrooms of the Senior School will be available and please do contact the School Office if you would like more information.

Our Year 8 pupils have been out today at Buckfast Abbey, enjoying one of their curriculum trips, and I am delighted that we have such an inspiring and engaging programme of trips for all of our year groups. Looking at last term, we had trips ranging from surfing on a beach in Devon (Year 7), visiting the Golden Hind

(Year 4) and seeing the Tutankhamun Exhibition (Year 6) to name just a few. I know that there are plenty of inspiring visits to look forward to during the rest of the year for all of our pupils.

On the subject of enriching experiences, our Saturday Morning Enrichment programme for pupils in Years 3 to 6 starts again tomorrow. Please do consider the terrific activities on offer if you have not already done so, and remember that pupils attending other schools are very welcome to join. For more information, please do contact Mr Rowse on tpsaturdayenrichment@tauntonschool.co.uk

Finally today, on the subject of sport, our boys from Years 5 to 8 enjoyed some tremendous tussles with another very good hockey school, Clifton College, last Wednesday with the spoils shared across the age groups. On the netball court, our Under 12 girls again showed how much they have developed over the last couple of years, finishing 3rd and 4th respectively in the A and B tournaments last Saturday. Then on Wednesday, we came out comprehensively on top against the netball teams from Queen's. We have an impressively large number of eleven boys and girls from Years 7 and 8 who qualified to run in tomorrow's County Cross-Country Championships at Yeovil and we wish them well.

Meanwhile, our Under 13 and Under 11 boys' table tennis teams will be playing in Plymouth as Somerset County champions in the regional finals of the National Schools' Table Tennis Championships. The standard is really high and I am sure it will be an exciting day!

I wish you all a very happy and rewarding Spring term.

Mr Andrew Edwards,
Headmaster

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Saturday 18th January - Friday 31st January 2020

Saturday	18/01/2020			Enrichment (Years 3 to 6)	
Saturday	18/01/2020	09:00	11:00	Year 6 Parent Information Morning*,	Theatre Foyer
Sunday	19/01/2020			Thone House Boarders: Breathe Splash	
Monday	20/01/2020	08:30	16:45	Year 6 Science trip to We The Curious @ Bristol	
Monday	20/01/2020	13:00	13:25	School Council Meeting,	Boarders' Lounge
Tuesday	21/01/2020	16:15	17:15	Performing Arts Café*,	Centenary Hall
Friday	24/01/2020	09:00	12:00	Year 1 Birdwatch Forest School,	Uppers
Saturday	25/01/2020			Exeat	
Sunday	26/01/2020			Exeat	
Sunday	26/01/2020	18:00	20:00	Boarders' Return	
Tuesday	28/01/2020	07:45	17:45	Year 2 visit to Cadbury World,	Birmingham
Tuesday	28/01/2020	16:15	17:15	Performing Arts Café*,	Centenary Hall

NEWS FROM NURSERY AND PRE-PREP



Welcome to 2020 to all our Pre-Prep families, we hope that you enjoyed some lovely time together and that this year is a very positive one for you.

As we near the end of the children's first full week back at school, there have been lots of 'wow moments' and imaginative learning taking place throughout -- with Reception being inspired by their instructions to design a new space rocket from Astronaut Williams. Year one found some giant eggs in the forest that needed looking after. Year 2 have also begun a new topic 'The wonderful world of chocolate' -- looking at where in the world Cocoa is grown and the climate and habitats of these countries. We are of course all counting our sleeps until the Year two visit to Cadbury World on the 28th January.

These 'wow starts' do really make the children's learning so much more exciting and give important

purpose to the tasks that they are asked to complete. As well as sparking the children's imaginations and creating great productivity throughout the classrooms.

Congratulations to all the Year two Dancers who recently successfully entered their Royal Academy of Dance Pre-Primary ballet exam. Madame Turner is eagerly awaiting the arrival of the children's certificates and medals for presentation in Assembly.

Finally, I must mention the exciting chance for N3 to have a trip on the school's brand new coach -- next week, as part of the Transport topic they are currently doing. Hopefully, the 24 children and the 6 staff will enjoy an elevated view of Taunton in the exciting new ... VERY smart coach.

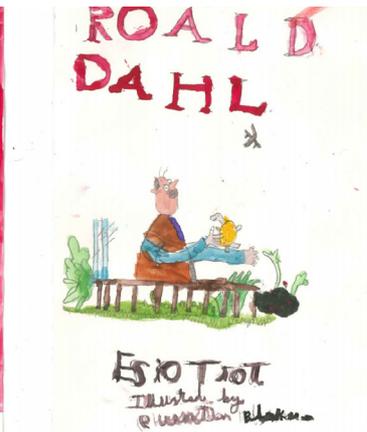
Have a good weekend.

Mrs Louise Leah,
Head of Nursery and Pre-Prep

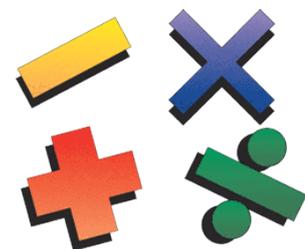
'THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF CHOCOLATE'

In Year 2 our topic this term is 'The Wonderful World of Chocolate' and we are enjoying reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. This week the children have drawn and painted the front cover of their favourite Roald Dahl book. They took their time to include as much detail as possible and painted carefully using watercolour paints.

Year 2



MATHS INFORMATION EVENING



Thank you Mr Hornsby for our informative Maths evening. An oversight of how we teach Maths as a whole school was valuable to all. Thank you to all the parents who came.

Ellie Skeen
TPPS

MUSIC AND DRAMA STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

MATILDA WHITE- YEAR 5

Has successfully been accepted into the National Children's Regional Orchestra in Bristol. This is an amazing and excellent achievement for our young violinist.



ZACHARY ROBERTS- YEAR 6

Performed in the Railway Children at the Brewhouse over the Christmas Period, alongside Senior School student Charlie Franks.



YEAR 4 SURVIVAL MORNING



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WEEKLY AWARDS



HOUSE POINTS

SILVER

Daisy Challacombe-6T
James Collins – 7W

BRONZE

Rory Lashbrook – 8T
Kylie Hepple – 8G
Gracie Howells – 7W
Gethin Jennings – 6T
Zach Pitman – 6T
Imogen Darvall – 5H
Santolo Notaro-Livingstone – 4P
Millie Church – 4P
James Pullen – 4F
Posy Phelps – 4F
Jacob Linden – 3R
William Kemmish – 4P
Theo Henderson – 4P
Freda Levin – 4F
Matilda Ruthven – 8T
Steven Cruttenden – 4F
Harrison Perrone – 6K
Luca Gregory – 6K

Citizen of the Week

Alisha Joseph and **Brogan Flitton** for showing fantastic leadership with their Junior Leader position and supporting the younger pupils at wet play times.

Jamie Abbott for always being helpful in the dining hall.

Zachary Roberts for being a fantastic and helpful buddy.

Sportswoman of the Week

Ivy Wreford for her effort, persistence, and progress in both P.E and Games lessons.

Learners of the Week

James Pullen for working hard in Maths, challenging himself and aiming high.

Sportsman of the Week

Theo Howard for an excellent performance and great persistence in the match against Queen's scoring the winning goal.

Musician of the Week

Matilda White for successfully gaining a place in the Regional Orchestra for Great Britain through her positivity, perseverance and pride.



**WELL DONE
TO ALL
AWARD WINNERS!**



THONE HOUSE MUSIC CLUB



Not even Storm Brendon was enough to deter some of our dedicated musicians in Thone from their music practice. We had our first session of the term this week. These informal practices run every Monday and Wednesday. All boarders with Music lessons should take the opportunity to practice, with support and supervision from me, Mr Baker, on one or both of these days. Many attend both sessions. There is as ever a busy calendar of musical events that your children are likely to be involved in and that parents are welcome to attend, including Simply the Best (Drama, Dance, and Music scholars only), Performing Arts Cafés on 21st January, 28th January, 25th February, Tuesday 10th March. These events and others are in the calendar. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs Hornsby if you have any queries.

Mr Baker, Music Teacher and School Organist

THIS WEEK AT THONE

It is hard to believe that the second weekend of term is almost upon us. January seems to be going by in a flash and Thone are once again keeping busy and making the most of each and every day. With the excitement of Christmas behind us, life in the house is extremely happy and surprisingly calm. Last weekend saw the children bouncing off the walls (quite literally) at Airhop and taking on Mr Mansfield and Mr Coleman at the assault course and joust. I am pleased to report that whilst the staff had the upper hand on the joust the children most certainly got revenge on the assault course! The first weekend is all about having fun whilst enjoying time as a boarding family. There is nothing quite like healthy rivalry within a family and the children demonstrated fantastic spirit throughout. It is wonderful to see them all clearly so thrilled to be back together again and we look forward to another action packed term ahead.

Mrs Wells, Head of Boarding and House Parent



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EQUESTRIAN TEAM QUALIFY FOR HICKSTEAD



Taunton School Equestrian Team competed at The KSEC Hickstead Qualifier on the 5th January.

Students, Fliss Gostling Emily Miller, Cecilia Fawden and Hetty Holden took part in the 70cm, 80cm and 90cm classes. The 3 person team for the 80cm class- Fliss, Emily and Cecilia won the class with Emily coming 1st and Fliss coming joint 2nd individually. The team winning this class has meant they have now qualified for Hickstead in May! The team will now be busily preparing and training for the event, to check in and keep up to date with the teams progress follow [@ts_equestrian](https://twitter.com/ts_equestrian) on Twitter.

Well done girls! A fantastic achievement.

NETBALL

MATCH REPORTS

U12A NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Our first Match out of 6 was against Blundell's. It was a tough start but we eventually caught up and ended it with a draw (2-2). We were straight on after our first match and we were against Queens. We started off strong but they fought back and it ended up as another draw (3-3). We had a match off after that and we all got a drink and wrapped up warm. When we got back on the courts we were up against West Buckland. We scored a quick goal but they kept fighting back but we ended it with a 2-0 win to us. Next we faced Wellington. They were a strong team and had very good defence. We eventually scored 2 quick goals ending the game with a score of 2-1. Our 5th match was against Kings Hall. We started off pretty well with 2 early goals and the final score was 2-0 to us. We had another 2 matches off so we did a couple of mini drills to get us going to play our last match of the day. Our last match was against Millfield, we knew it was going to be a tough game but we were going to try our best. They started off strong and kept on going. The final score was 4-0 to them but we kept going all day and didn't give up.

Play of the Tournament: Grace Kemble

Final results:

1st: Millfield

2nd: Queens

3rd: Taunton

Millie Trescothick (Year 7 Pupil)



U10B VS QUEEN'S COLLEGE

The U10B team made a great start to the season with a 6-2 win at Queen's College. Pre-season training and their netball lessons so far having paid off, the girls clearly knew their positions and roles on the court and demonstrated some excellent teamwork throughout. The girls defended well with quick movements and tall arms making some crucial interceptions. In attack, they made space on court and quick passing enabled us to move the ball quickly to our shooters whose calm approach resulted in our goals. A particular well done to Catherine Tau for being player of the match.

Mrs Hill

U12B NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Despite the cold and blustery weather conditions, the TPS U12B netball team gave their best last Saturday afternoon. Their debut performance this term, it was wonderful to see the girls embracing the opportunity and beginning the season in a positive manner. Playing five games throughout the afternoon the girls showed great adaptability, knowledge and determination. Much promise was shown in the way in which they passed the ball down the court, capitalising with some encouraging shots at goal. Well done, girls! An encouraging start.

Mrs Coleman

U11B VS QUEEN'S COLLEGE

An excellent start to the netball season with a comprehensive 7-0 victory. The team were focussed, energetic and persistent and listened well to advice at the changeovers.

We still need to ensure that we are making two movements towards the ball and taking advantage of free passes quickly, however, this result bodes well for the coming season!

Joanna Hall-Tomkin



IMPORTANT NOTE FOR PARENTS

INSURANCE



Are you aware that you can protect yourself against paying for school fees if your child has a period of sickness absence?

Please note that unless you have opted in to the policy below, you are not covered and you will be liable for payment of fees even if your child has an extended period of sickness absence. There is a charge for these insurances. Policy details can be found below.

FEES REFUND SCHEME 1.5% of day fee, 1.1% of boarding fee: [click here](#)

As a parent, you want to see your child equipped with everything they need to make school life a happy experience. However, what happens when items of clothing, a laptop, musical instrument or sports kit gets lost, damage or stolen? The good news is we have a group insurance policy in place to provide cover for all these eventualities.

PERSONAL EFFECTS INSURANCE SCHEME £10.20 per term: [click here](#)

Please read our **Privacy Policy** in conjunction with these insurances: [click here](#).

Should you wish to take out the above insurance, please complete the opt-in form [click here](#)) or contact the finance office on 01823 703140 or email fees@tauntonschool.co.uk

PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

All pupils are covered for £600,000 Personal Accident Insurance. The policy details can be found by [clicking here](#) and this cover is provided free of charge.

Please note: the insurance detailed in this section is correct for the academic year 2019/20



Join our Community Choir!

Where:
Taunton School Chapel

When:
Friday at 12:35 for students and staff, Thursday at 7:00pm for staff and parents.

What:
Relaxed opportunity for all to sing and perform John Rutter's *Magnificat* in concert on March 14th at 7pm accompanied by a professional orchestra.



Spring Term Performing Arts Cafes

Tuesday 21st January
 Tuesday 28th January
 Tuesday 4th February
 (Pre-Prep)
 Tuesday 25th February
 Tuesday 10th March
 Centenary Hall 4.15pm

Rehearsals for the Community Choir commence on Thursday 23rd Jan at 7pm in the Music School. Absolutely everyone is welcome regardless of age, ability or experience - rehearsals are fun and for all. This term we will be singing Rutter's wonderful *Magnificat* with a professional orchestra on 14th March, joining with the pupils to make a large choir. All members of the school community are welcome and we would be delighted to see a large number taking part as a school community.

Mark Cracknell, Director of Music

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Trembath & Miller girls do it again at The Devon & Somerset #pony triathlon @tauntonschool 🏆 Jess 1st in class & shoot, 2nd in her swim. Zoe 1st in her class, best shoot & equal best swim with Emily who was 4th overall, Laura 3rd best swim & a creditable 5th overall. 🏆🏆🏆

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TWEET OF THE WEEK!

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Simply
THE BEST!

Thursday 6th February
Centenary Hall – 6pm

An artistic poster for a performance. It features a grand piano on the left with musical notes floating around it. On the right is a silhouette of a ballerina in a dynamic pose, holding a long, flowing ribbon. The title 'Simply THE BEST!' is written in a large, stylized, golden font at the top. Below the title, the date and venue are listed in a decorative frame.

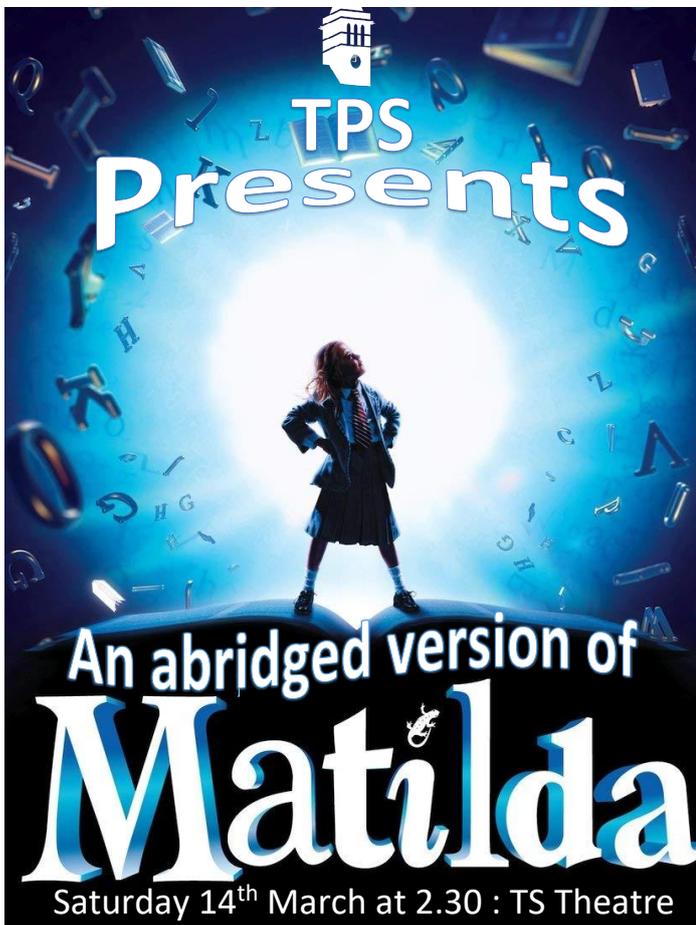


**Cantabile Choir sing at
Knightshayes Court**

Tuesday 17th March at 11:30am



A photograph of the Cantabile Choir members, consisting of boys and girls in school uniforms, posing in front of a large stone building. The photo is framed by a decorative arch of green leaves and flowers. Below the photo, the text 'Cantabile Choir sing at Knightshayes Court' is written in a bold, black font. Underneath that, the date and time 'Tuesday 17th March at 11:30am' are listed. At the bottom of the block is a photograph of Knightshayes Court, a large, historic stone building with a well-manicured lawn and a fountain in the foreground.

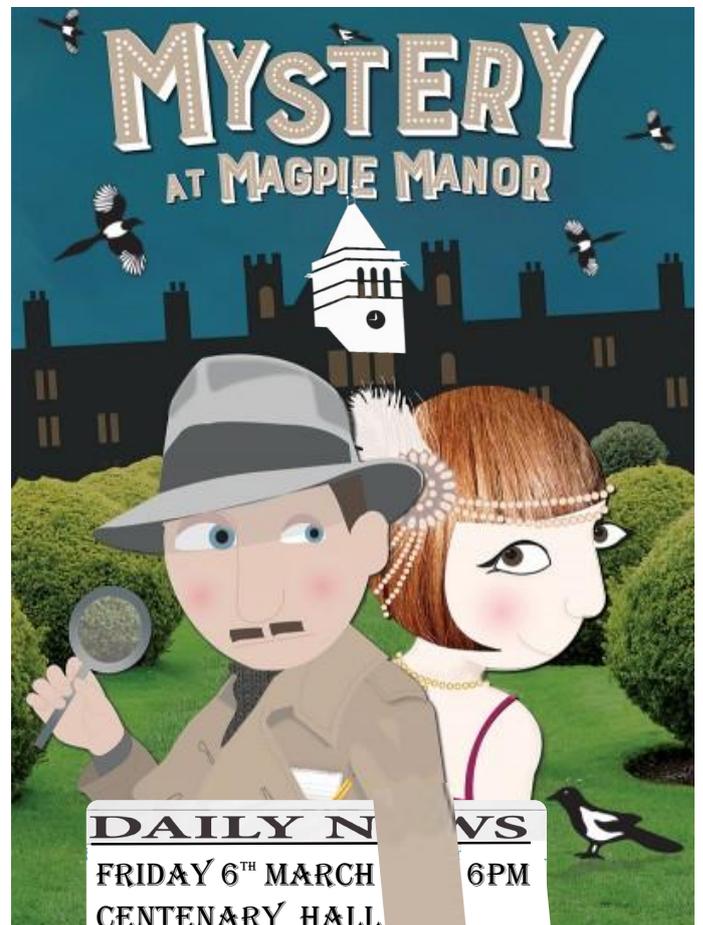


TPS
Presents

An abridged version of
Matilda

Saturday 14th March at 2.30 : TS Theatre

A poster for a theatrical production. It features a young girl in a blue coat standing on a globe. The background is a dark blue sky filled with floating letters and symbols. The text 'TPS Presents' is at the top, followed by 'An abridged version of Matilda' in a large, stylized font. At the bottom, the date and time are listed.



MYSTERY
AT MAGPIE MANOR

DAILY NEWS
FRIDAY 6th MARCH 6PM
CENTENARY HALL

A poster for a mystery play. It features a cartoon illustration of a man in a grey trench coat and hat holding a magnifying glass, and a woman with a pearl necklace. The background shows a large, dark building with a clock tower. The text 'MYSTERY AT MAGPIE MANOR' is at the top in a large, dotted font. Below the illustration, the title 'DAILY NEWS' is written in a box, followed by the date and time 'FRIDAY 6th MARCH 6PM' and the venue 'CENTENARY HALL'.