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## CINDERS AND SHERLOCK



Pupils in Year 8 have had a fabulous week filming and bringing together two of literature's most-loved characters, 'Sherlock & Cinderella'.

Holmes and Watson answer the prince's summons and conduct their most challenging investigation yet - to find the foot that fits the glass slipper. But with a spiteful stepmother and two ugly sisters on the scene, as well as a father bemoaning the theft of his prize-pumpkin, locating Cinderella is not their only problem.

The children worked together

collaboratively, singing the songs with energy and enjoyment and delivering the story with conviction. It was an absolute delight to work with the children from Year 8 who were quite inspirational.

Bright Blue Media filmed the production and hopefully the film will be released soon.

Thank you to all the staff for their positivity and enthusiasm for the project. It was an amazing team effort.

Jayne Hornsby, Head of Music and Performing Arts

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## The Head has his say...

We have enjoyed a terrific two weeks since the half-term holiday and the warm weather has helped the school to look its best. The roses, hanging baskets, flower beds and the lawns are looking lovely thanks to the hard work and dedication of our excellent ground staff.

Just before the half-term break, it was wonderful to see the children enjoy Sports Day so much. Although we greatly missed having parents at the event, the weather was perfect for an athletics event, there was a great sense of community, and every pupil participated in a good number of events. There was a lot of very competitive and high quality athletics to enjoy with several school records falling during the day. There was also a lot of fun, and many congratulations to all those pupils in Cooper for playing their part in a famous win!

Staying with sport, our cricket teams continue to fly the Taunton School flag high. Our Year 7 boys have made it to the final of the Somerset County Cup (vs King's Hall) and our Year 8 boys are looking to book their passage to their final when they play Bishop Fox's School. Our girl cricketers are also playing to a very high standard, whilst, in tennis and athletics, our girls and boys have been performing exceptionally well in their school fixtures.

Since receiving their exam marks and feedback, our Year 8 pupils have embarked upon their programme of activities and enrichment spanning the final three weeks of term. I am very much looking forward to seeing the musical which Mrs Hornsby and her team have been filming this week, and well done also

to the work done by pupils who opted for the alternative film-making project under the guidance of Mr McCarthy and his team of staff. When I show parents around the school, they are without fail impressed to hear that we dedicate five days per year to rehearsing and performing a musical play in Years 4, 6 and 8. They are even more impressed when I add that any pupil can opt to join the Drama after school club for their age group, and that pupils at TPS enjoy one hour and twenty minutes of music and drama in their weekly timetable. We can certainly be proud of the broad, balanced and engaging curriculum enjoyed by our pupils

It is wonderful that we have been able to do school trips again, and I know how much the Year 3 children enjoyed their time at Quince Honey Farm, whilst the Year 7 pupils had a very rewarding (and hot!) day at Berkeley Castle.

Finally, thank you to the staff and pupils who organised our joint House Charity Day last Friday in aid of 'Denim for Dementia' and many thanks to Mrs Hall-Tomkin, Mrs Coleman and Mr Wells for speaking so well on the webinar for parents of pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 last Tuesday on the subject of peer relationships and keeping safe and happy. If you were not able to attend the event at the time, you are invited to access the recording at <https://vimeo.com/564133343>

I wish you all a very restful and enjoyable weekend.

**Andrew Edwards**  
TPS Headmaster



## News from Pre-Prep

Where is our summer disappearing to? Thank you for waiting patiently on news around our end of term arrangements. I hope you can understand the challenges placed on our usual events at this time. As much as we want to

communicate and wish to welcome our parents on to the school site, there are many sets of guidance for us to follow. Our main priority is to ensure that the children have the best possible experiences over the next two weeks. As soon as our plans have been agreed by the wider community, we will share these with you.

Thank you to the Reception team for all their work in providing such an eventful and exciting trip to the Noah's Ark Zoo Farm this week. It really was very emotional to see the children leave the site on one of our school coaches for a long-awaited, adventurous day out. We would like to say a big thank you to Sam, our wonderful coach driver, who had

to navigate some very challenging lanes on the way back to school.

There has been lots of productivity around the Nursery and Pre-Prep this week in preparation for Sunday. The children have been very busy making interesting gifts and writing and illustrating beautiful cards to send home.

The staff are also busy going through the process of report writing, in order to show your child's development over this past academic year. It is always good to share all the learning opportunities with you in more detail, although we know this year, that you have been enjoying these learning opportunities, too!

Have a lovely weekend.

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

# Year 8 Production "Cinders and Sherlock"



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## Microbial Zoo

The picture shows bacteria from a swab taken by Samia (Year 7) from Head of Maths, Mr Fayers, cultured over 24 hours – Yum!

That'll teach him to play with a ball of blue tac!

Simon Williams, Head of Science



## Reception visit Noah's Ark

What an exciting day Reception had on Tuesday! They went on their much anticipated school trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm on the most beautiful of sunny days.

The children started the day with a Mini-beast workshop, where they got to hold a giant African land snail and a hissing cockroach. After lunch, they went on a long walk to see all of the amazing animals. They saw lions, elephants, alpacas, zebras, a very tall giraffe and even a bear! A particular favourite of the children's were the meerkats and the prairie dogs. The children all stood fascinated watching the prairie dogs eat their snack and took much joy in seeing the meerkats dart around.

Despite the unexpectedly long journey home, the children were all amazing. Mrs Wallace and Mrs Jenner were very proud of them all. The children, and staff, will have lots of happy memories from the day. What a brilliant way to end their time in Reception!

Reception Team



## Zachary gains place on Theatre Advisory Board



Zachary Roberts, Year 7, was successful in gaining a place on the Brewhouse Youth Advisory Board. This is what he wrote:-

**Covid-19 has ruined many things. One of which has been live theatre. As a drama scholar it has been one of the hardest parts about lockdown for me.**

**I have not been able to take part in any performances in or outside of school and I know many others in school have missed performing too, and I'm not talking just about performing arts scholars.**

**Due to lockdown the Brewhouse, Taunton's local theatre, was not able to put on a Christmas play in 2020 which I was sad about as I love to go and watch them, and in 2019 I was lucky enough to be part of their last show to date, The Railway Children. Hopefully this year and next will be different.**

**Browsing the theatre's website looking for news, I saw the**

Brewhouse were planning to create a new youth advisory board and were looking for young people passionate about creativity and interested in being engaged in social and political issues. This sounded like me and all I needed to do was complete a form to apply for a position on the board.

There were three questions: 1. What interests you about theatre and performing arts?

2. What social/political issues concern you?

3. What books, films, plays have addressed your concerns about the world?

**I answered the questions with heart and honesty. A week later I received a reply, and I had been chosen as one of only 10 young people to be on the youth board.**

**We meet once a month to discuss what changes we would like to see in the Brewhouse. We have a decision-making influence on what theatre, film, art and workshops are going to be programmed at the Brewhouse. The board is made up of young people from 9-16 year olds.**

**In the first session we created a basic plan of action though discussion work and played theatre games to build trust within the group. We are planning to write our own show by next summer that will centre around the life of an ordinary person who has gone through an extraordinary journey.**

**I am delighted to be part of this experience and am looking forward to making a difference.**

Zachary Roberts , Year 7

## Ballet Exam Success

Pupils from Year 3 to Year 13 took their Royal Academy of Dance ballet exams in school at the weekend. For the youngest it was the excitement of their first steps into being graded, whilst the girls who were entered for Grade 8 have now completed the top level. Many congratulations to all on their hard work.

Diane Turner, Dance Teacher



# Ancient Egypt Comes to Forest School

Year 3 pupils spent a fabulous Egyptian themed morning at Forest School on Thursday. Inspired by our work on Ancient Egypt this term, we made papyrus paper, used twigs to draw hieroglyphics and threw javelins (a popular Egyptian sport). We look forward to writing on our papyrus next week once it has dried. It was

wonderful to be joined by our friends from TSIMs in preparation for their move to TPS in September. Much fun was had; we certainly love this topic!

Katie Hill, KS2 Teacher



# Year 7 visit Berkeley Castle and Edward Jenner Museum

To augment their studies of medieval Britain in History and of microbes and disease in Science, the Year 7 pupils went to Berkeley Castle and the Jenner Museum. The castle has been in existence since the 11th Century and has been owned by the same family throughout. Originally built as a motte and bailey, it has been changed and added to throughout its history, although it is still possible to see many of the original features.

After lunch we walked the short distance to the Jenner Museum. Here the children saw at first hand the house where Jenner worked as the local doctor back in the 18th Century and

the 'Temple of Vaccinia' in the garden where Jenner would treat the poor. They learned about his pioneering work on the discovery of vaccination and about the eventual eradication of smallpox as a result. Never was a school visit more pertinent than this bearing in mind the Coronavirus pandemic.

While there were some aspects of the trip that were slightly affected due to the lockdown restrictions, it was great to be able to take the children out on a trip for the first time in 15 months.

Simon Williams, Head of Science



# Performing Arts Café

The final Performing Arts Café for this academic year was held on Tuesday evening. We witnessed some amazing performances from the children. We had Speech and Drama performances as well as dancers, instrumentalists and singers. The children performed on stage with confidence and enjoyment. Well done and thank you.

1. Emily Vernon – Singing
2. Katie Sercombe, Gracie Brake, Sophia Heywood – Dance
3. Jake Maloney – Cello
4. Gethin Jennings – French Horn
5. Florence Legg & Genevieve Grundy – Speech & Drama
6. Ellie Onesti – Speech & Drama
7. Izzy Saunders & Arthur Wilkinson - Speech & Drama
8. Josh Green – Cello
9. Sophia Heywood – Piano

Jayne Hornsby, Head of Music and Performing Arts TPS



# Year 7 Maths Trading Challenge

Last week, the Year 7s undertook a challenge. They had to make the most money from constructing shapes and selling them back to their teachers. They all started with different implements, some had pencils, protractors and rulers whilst others had money or paper. They had to trade with each other to get things that they needed in order to accurately construct shapes. They then had to

sell these shapes to their teachers who would offer them money depending on how accurate. There were a lot of shapes, lots of bartering, some flattery used as well to win the teachers over. All in all a great experience.

**Toby Fayers, Head of Maths**



# Thone House - Beach Life



Embracing the most glorious sunshine afforded to us on Sunday, we all headed to Exmouth Beach for a fun-filled day out as a boarding family. With lots of buckets and spades flying around, it was a day spent digging holes, building sandcastles—adorned with shells and seaweed, playing beach games and cricket, sunbathing, and splashing on the shoreline.

trip were sandcastle-making and, of course, the ice cream! The children were very happy to feel the sand on their toes once more, and everyone certainly had a healthy dose of sea air. For some, this was their first opportunity to experience a trip to a British beach. Another fabulous day out!

Lucy Collings Pettit, Assistant Houseparent

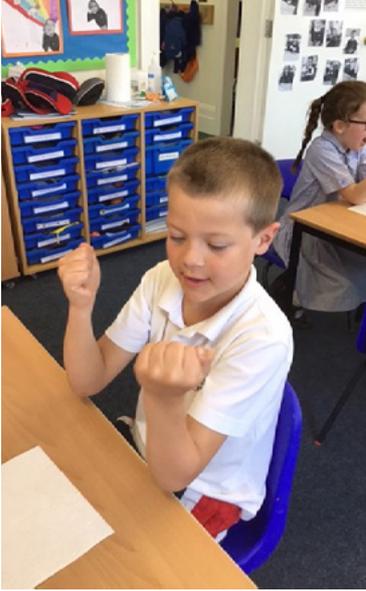
According to some of the younger girls, the best parts of the



# Year 2 learn about the Science of Chocolate

In Science Year 2 have been experimenting with chocolate. This week we set up an experiment to investigate which type of chocolate would melt first. Everyone made predictions and explained their thinking. We thought scientifically and tried to make our experiment a fair test. The results were sticky and delicious!

Hannah Brodie



## Denim for Dementia

On Friday 11th June, the TPS houses hosted their last Joint House Charity Day of this academic year raising money for the Alzheimer's Society: United against Dementia. All children were encouraged to wear an item of denim or blue to support this worthy cause. There were some great activities and the children enjoyed the opportunity of a dance party on Greenham Field and eating doughnuts for break. There was also a great Kahoot quiz for

all to enjoy. However, the highlight of the day was certainly being joined by some four legged friends: Otto, Maple and Larry. It was great to see them being cuddled and enjoying a delightful well-being walk. Thank you to everyone for raising money for this great charity.

TPS Heads of House



## Terrific Trees at Forest School

The Year 1 children have been learning about the importance of trees and flowers for our environment. They named the parts of a tree and learned that the roots, trunk, bark, branches and leaves all have valuable jobs. Last Wednesday, they set off to Forest School with their tree identification sheets to spot as many different varieties as they could. They had to look closely at the shape of the

leaves, match them to the correct tree on their sheet, and learn it's name.

The children know how to look after trees so that we can all have a healthy world.

The Year 1 Team



## Meet Katie Hill, Pastoral Head Year 3 & 4 and Year 3 Teacher



**What is your job role and which age groups do you work with?**  
I am Pastoral Head of Year for Years 3 and 4 and a Year 3 Teacher.

**When did you start at Taunton School and what did you do before?**

I first started at Taunton School in September in September 2016. Before that I worked at state primary schools in Bridgwater. Before I became a teacher I worked with young parents who needed support in looking after their young children and babies.

### Who inspires you?

I am inspired by my Grandmother who lived her life to the fullest. She went sky diving in her seventies and set up charities in South Africa.

### What do you enjoy most about your job?

I really enjoy the variety in my job, working with lots of different people and teaching a range of subjects as well as the proud smiles I see on the faces of children each day.

### What do you find most challenging?

Sitting still- I like to be busy and find it hard just to stop. I am always trying to start new DIY projects at home.

**How do you switch off from work at the end of the day?**  
After school, I enjoy spending time outside with my children and look forward to spending the weekends in the sea.

### Quick Fire Questions now...

#### Favourite film

The Lion King- such a great sound track (secret Elton John fan!)

#### Favourite book

The Salt Path by Raynor Winn. A fantastic story of strength, courage and determination filled with incredible descriptions of coastlines I know so well.

#### Hobbies

Surfing, camping, being near the sea, eating tapas and cooking homemade pizza.

#### Any pets?

Three cats- Milo, Leo and Pickle.

#### Favourite singers/bands

So many I can't name them all! I love acoustic music as well some oldies- Nina Simone, The Cranberries, Van Morrison.

#### Favourite TV programmes/series

I like a good crime series.... Unforgotten, The Fall and Line of Duty (except the last series!)

#### Any claims to fame

I was knocked out of the West of England Hockey Team where I played as Goalkeeper by Maddie Hinch (what an incredible GoalKeeper she is!)

## Junior Maths Challenge Results are in!

This term, most of Year 7 and 8 took part in a national maths challenge. The competition test the children's knowledge and understanding of maths through problem solving questions and there were some superb results across the board. Anyone who managed to achieve a Gold award managed to get through to the next round (the Kangaroo) and were roughly in the top 8% of children nationally taking part. These children were:

**Sami Hallett**  
**Namu Gurushankar**  
**Gabriel O'Mahony**  
**Parsa Khawaja**  
**Monty Wells**  
**Madeleine Berry**  
**Johnny Chiu**  
**Kristopher Maskell**

massive achievement placing the children in the top 2% of everyone taking part.

These children were:  
**Robbie Eckley**  
**Leo Gulliver**

A fantastic achievement!

We also managed to get two children through to the Olympiad round which is a

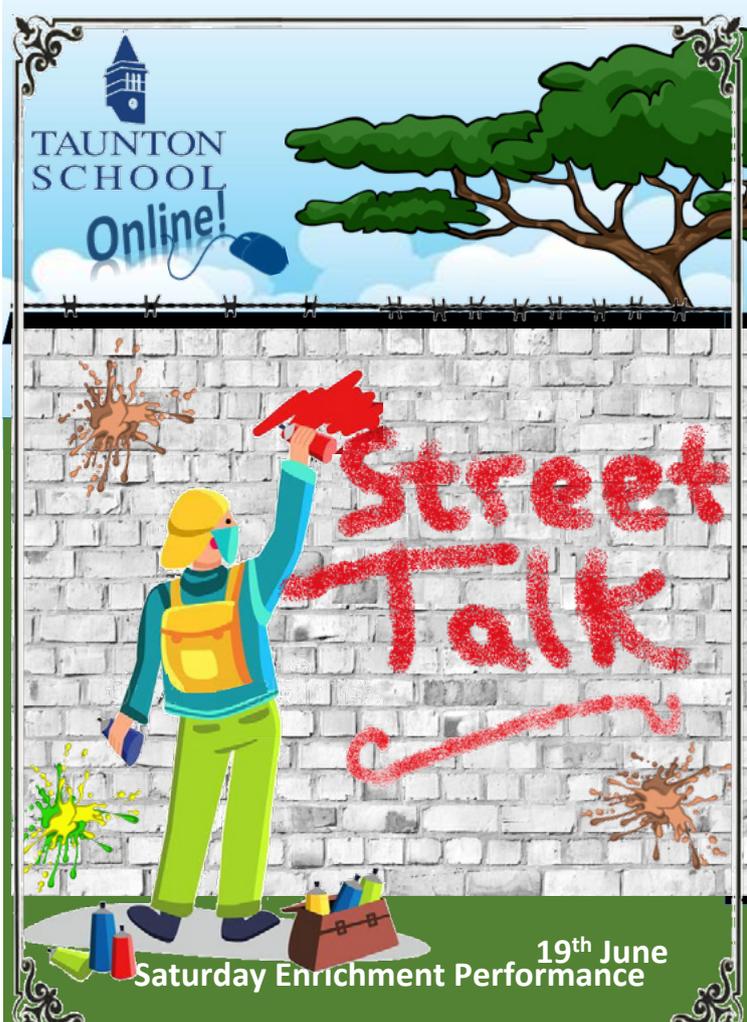
**Toby Fayers**  
Head of Maths



## Watersports Club

It has been so lovely for our intrepid Water Sports children to finally have some sunshine after such a wet start to the term even as our club draws to an end. The poor weather did not put them off from trying a range of different activities from kayaking to paddle boards to the massive cata-canoes. There have been plenty of excuses for jumping in especially with some 'Simon Says' games and all of the challenging games that the staff at COACH have set the children. We have had everything from horizontal rain, to spiders falling on canoes and children paddling into trees! This has proved to be a very popular club and our favourite activity by far has been the stand-up paddle boards. It was so popular that the children voted overwhelmingly to have it as their final activity next week. Let's hope the sun stays shining for our last session!

Caroline Thorpe



## Year 2 Happiness and Wellbeing Webinar

We recently delivered a webinar for parents of children Year 2 about "Keeping Your Children Safe & Happy". You can now watch this via the following link: [Year 2 - Keeping Your Children Safe & Happy Webinar](#)

### Key staff who will be involved in the Webinar and Q&A:

**Ed Burnett**  
Senior Deputy Head &  
Designated Safeguarding Lead



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



**Joanna Hall-Tomkin**  
Assistant Head Pastoral/Child  
Protection Lead



**Michelle Coleman**  
Head of PSHE



**Christian Wells**  
Head of ICT/Pastoral Head of  
Year 7



**Becky Cooper**  
Pre Prep PSHE Link



## Reminder for Parents

Just a reminder that we need notice for cancellation of lessons from Year 8 to Year 9 in Speech and Drama.

Thank you.

**Jayne Hornsby**  
Head of Music and Performing Arts

## Nursery 4 go to the "Big School"

As the pupils in Nursery 4 are learning about the different jobs that adults do, they visited the Senior School just before the half term break to find out more about being a teacher. After talking about what a teacher does every day, they asked a range of questions about numbers (they found the idea that numbers can look like letters quite funny) and then completed an activity where they helped me to find numbers that were hidden around the classroom and Densham Green. We finished the afternoon with a counting song, using the interactive whiteboard, and the children took a small souvenir of their visit. It was lovely to see them and I hope that they enjoyed their visit to "the big school."

Philip Edwards, Housemaster of Marshall / Teacher of Maths, Senior School



## School Uniform Shop

### During Term Time:

Monday 8am – 2pm

Tuesday 10am – 2pm

Wednesday 10am – 2pm

Thursday 10am – 2pm

Friday 10am – 2pm

1st Saturday of the month 8.30am –  
12.30pm

We are also very happy to take orders and payment over the telephone and deliver to a student's area of the school, if parents find visiting during these hours difficult.

**Nancy O'Carroll, School Shop Manager**

Nancy.OCarroll@tauntonschool.co.uk  
- 01823 703165

### Summer Opening Hours

**Wednesday 14 July - 10am - 2pm**  
**Wednesday 28th July - 10am - 2pm**

**Thursday 5th August - 10am - 2pm**  
**Friday 6th August - 10am - 2pm**  
**Tuesday 10th August - 10am - 2pm**  
**Wednesday 11th August - 1pm - 5pm**  
**Monday 16th August - 10am - 2pm**  
**Tuesday 17th August - 10am - 2pm**  
**Thursday 19th August - 1pm - 5pm**  
**Tuesday 24th August - 10am - 2pm**  
**Wednesday 25th August - 10am - 2pm**  
**Thursday 26th August - 10am - 2pm**

**Wednesday 1st September - 10am - 2pm**  
**Thursday 2nd September - 2pm - 6pm**  
**Friday 3rd September - 10am - 2pm**

**Monday 6th September - 10am - 5pm** (this day will be very busy with International boarders arriving, please try to visit sooner, if possible!)

**Normal shop hours resume from Tuesday 7th September**

Please contact us to make an appointment if you require a full kit out, we usually allow 30 mins per child. If the shop is closed, the main School Reception can book an appointment for you. Thank you.

# House Points

## GOLD

Jed Ben-Chabaane – 3H  
 Gregory Nicolaou – 3H  
 Adrien Moreau – 4F  
 Emma Mason – 5H  
 Genevieve Grundy – 5H  
 Emily Dempsey – 3H  
 Charlie Bull – 3H  
 William South – 4F  
 Liberty Moon – 5H  
 Sophia Powers – 4P

Zoe Trembath – 7B  
 Erin Whitelam – 7B  
 Tongfei Deng – 5P  
 Oscar Sanderson – 3R  
 Oliver Hill – 3R  
 Helena Goudswaard – 5H

## SILVER

Ella Burns – 8M  
 Brook Kirtland – 8M  
 Sami Hallett – 8M  
 Evie Ledger – 4F  
 Catherine Tau – 6T  
 Aidan Titchener – 7B  
 Millie Church – 5P

## BRONZE

Charlie Webber – 8M  
 Zak Prewett – 8M  
 Carlos Galindo Gonzalez – 6T  
 Eva Ardley – 5H



## Musical Activities



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.00 – 8.20 am	<b>Y7 Vocal Ensemble</b> CH	<b>Y8 Vocal Ensemble</b>	<b>Y8 Vocal Ensemble</b>	<b>Y5 Vocal Ensemble</b>	<b>Y6 Vocal Ensemble</b>
8.20 – 8.55am	<b>Cello Ensemble</b> Dance studio <b>Woodwind Ensemble</b> Sports Hall		<b>Wind Band</b> UMR/CH/Dance Studio	<b>String Orchestra</b> CH <b>New Kids on the Glock</b> Dance Studio	<b>Music Technology</b> UMR <b>Guitar Ensemble</b> CH <b>Grade 5 Theory</b>
12.35 – 1.05pm	<b>Y5-8 Boys Choir</b> 1pm – 1.30pm	<b>Brass Ensemble</b> CH <b>Saxophone Ensemble</b> UMR		<b>Gifted and Talented String Players</b> Dance Studio	<b>Music/Drama Scholars – Performance Masterclass</b> CH <b>Chimes Ensemble</b> UMR
4.05– 5.15pm	<b>Rock Band</b> UMR	<b>Y3-4 Recorders</b> UMR		<b>Horn Ensemble</b> CH	

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## Safeguarding Webinar

A full recording of the recent Safeguarding Webinar for parents of students in Years 6 to 13, is now available to view online.

Please visit the [Parent Portal](#) to get the link.



# Weekly Awards

## 7th June Awards

### Learners of the Week

Jacob Linden – for approaching all tests with a mature, ambitious attitude.

Oliver Hill - for a conscientious approach to his Maths test, aiming high and taking pride.

Daniella Hudson – for a conscientious approach to her recent tests.

Tommy Cavill – for aiming high and taking great pride in his writing.

Violet Legg – for showing fantastic confidence in her Maths all week.

Olive Tarr – for using a range of persuasive starters and the 'rule of 3' in her persuasive writing.

Caspar Martin - for using a range of persuasive starters and the 'rule of 3' in his persuasive writing.

### Citizen of the Week

aedyn Zuofa – for helping a friend learn their times tables during breaktime.

### Musician of the Week

James Sercombe – for showing pride in his musical skills and achieving excellent results.

### Actor/Actress of the Week

Jonathan Sibanda-Jenkins – for reading in Chapel with excellent confidence and clear diction, bringing the story to life.

### Dancer of the Week

Emily Dempsey – for taking pride in her dance skills, performing beautifully and presenting herself excellently.

### Sportsman/Sportswoman of the Week

Tanya Gurianova – for showing great resilience in sport.

## 14th June Awards

### Word Millionaire

**Elena Onesti**

### Learners of the Week

Adrien Moreau – for consistent hard work and great effort in Maths.

Eva Ardley – for excellent presentation on climate change for Science.

Juliette Machado – for excellent pronunciation of tricky English vocabulary.

Heryck Gallimore – for improved application and effort during PSHE lessons, readily contributing to class discussions with pertinent and mature comments.

Grace Barker-Moore – for fantastic improvement and effort in Maths.

Alex Duncan – for highly creative writing in English.

Elsbeth Craik – for highly creative writing in English.

Leila Imm - Leila showed dedication & determination to improve her reading comprehension skills and performed exceptionally well on this part of the paper.

### Citizens of the Week

Jacob Linden – for being a super buddy to a taster pupil.

JJ Wells – for being a super buddy to a taster pupil.

Poppy House – for always being kind and putting others first.

### Musicians of the Week

Gethin Jennings – for overcoming his nerves in a performance and showing confidence.

Jake Maloney – for performing challenging pieces of music confidently and effectively

### Actor/Actress of the Week

Arthur Wilkinson – for performing in a comic duologue with great confidence and characterisation.

Isabella Saunders - for performing in a comic duologue with great confidence and characterisation.

### Dancers of the Week

Sophia Heywood – for showing excellent confidence in dance and performing brilliantly in the Performing Arts Café.

Katie Sercombe - for showing excellent confidence in dance and performing brilliantly in the Performing Arts Café.

Grace Brake - for showing excellent confidence in dance and performing brilliantly in the Performing Arts Café.

### Sportswoman of the Week

Ava Leach – for excellent progress and improved confidence in cricket.

Alex Wiltshire - for consistently high effort and ambition throughout the Summer Term in both cricket and athletics.

James Collins - for always having a positive and respectful attitude in sport.

**Well Done!**

## SPORT NEWS

## National Shooting Finals

Congratulations to our shooting team who had recent success in the Nationals Pistol Shooting Championships finals. The team qualified for the Nationals by winning the Regionals back in the Spring term with 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The TPS team placed 1st. For the finals this year the targets were shot over a closed range session during the Easter Holidays. TPS came third overall in the team event. An absolutely brilliant result for the team who finished 4th last year and reflects the hard work they have put in over the year. Individual Results:

Zoe Trembath 5th (23rd last year)

Laura Trembath 16th (12th girl)

Rufus Holden 23rd (6th boy)



## County Golf

During the recent half term two of the TPS pupils made their debuts following their selection to the Somerset U14 Golf Team. Finley (Yr 6) and Peter (Yr 7) had their match against Dorset. To gain selection is a huge achievement, especially as they are both young players within the squad and have future years to look forward to.



## County Cricket

It was great to see so many pupils involved over recent weeks representing Somerset. In the U11's James Baker and Harvey Coleman, U12's Thomas Gendall, Peter McGivern, Jack Blackwell, Luca Gregory and Theo Winsor. U13's and U14's Oscar Coleman. The pupils played numerous games against Gloucestershire, Dorset, Wiltshire and Hampshire. To the best of our knowledge over the 9 fixtures played so far, Somerset have won them all. In the U12's special mention to Jack Blackwell for scoring 125 against Hampshire and Luca Gregory for 62 against Wiltshire. In the girls at U13 and U12 Lily Blackwell, Charlotte Webber, Emily Miller, Lola Tarr, Harper Oliver-Whittaker and Harriet Phillips have been equally busy with county games (Gloucestershire) and inter squad matches. We wish them all luck (and all the other cricketers involved in matches for their clubs) over the next few weeks.

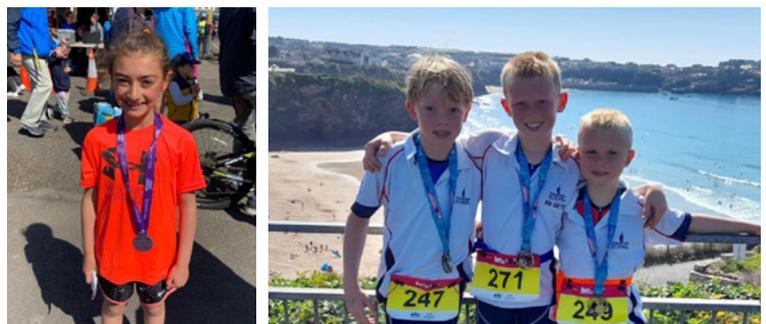


## Young Athletes

Congratulations to Cornelia in Year 2 who recently came first in the Torbay Triathlon in the 5-7 age group. She ran, cycled and swam her way to the top of the leaderboard.

Three Prep School athletes had huge success in the into TRI Newquay Duathlon last weekend. Year 4 students JJ and Will came 1st and 4th respectively in the 9-10 age group and Ben from Year 5 came 9th in the 11-12 age group. They competed as individuals and as a team.

We are so proud of these young athletes!



# TS Equestrian Team take Hickstead by Storm

After months of training and postponed events due to Covid-19, the TS Equestrian Team finally set off for the Championship Eventer's Challenge at the prestigious Hickstead, Home of British Showjumping. Having been scheduled for the Bank Holiday weekend during the first spot of warm, dry weather since restrictions were lifted, the team unfortunately started their weekend by sitting in traffic for many hours with their patient steeds getting warmer and warmer in the lorries. Their spirits were not to be dampened, however, and once they arrived, the team set about winning rosette after rosette, doing themselves and the school proud. The team, consisting of Jess Miller, Emily Miller, Poppy Treanor, Hetty Holden, Tilly Jacoby-Kelly, Julia Louw, Cecilia Fawden and Fliss Gostling, secured some fantastic results in an impressive arena. The highlights include:

## 70cm Show Jumping

Jess Miller 7th out of over 60 competitors (a fabulous result for one of our youngest riders and most certainly one of the youngest riders at this event)

## 80 cm Show Jumping (over 110 competitors!)

1st place for TS Team Red – Emily Miller, Julia Louw, Tilly Jacoby-Kelly

6th place for TS Blue Team – Emily Miller, Hetty Holden, Poppy Treanor

2nd and 3rd place as an individual to Emily Miller

16th place as an individual to Julia Louw

## 80cm Arena Eventing (over 170 competitors!)

2nd place for TS Team Red - Emily Miller, Julia Louw, Hetty Holden, Fliss Gostling

4th and 5th place as an individual to Emily Miller

9th place as an individual to Fliss Gostling

15th place as an individual to Julia Louw

16th place as an individual to Fliss Gostling

## 90cm Arena Eventing (over 150 competitors!)

1st place as an individual to Fliss Gostling

## 1m Arena Eventing

12th place as an individual to Fliss Gostling

13th place as an individual to Fliss Gostling

Given the sheer numbers of riders in each class, it is amazing to see so many placings for TS students. Combined with the huge courses, traffic issues, pressure of such a celebrated venue and the inevitable stress that horses cause on any given outing, our riders have proved, yet again, that the TS Equestrian Team is a force to be reckoned with. I am so proud of all our riders and look forward to the remaining events this term and our journey back to Hickstead next year!

*"After a seven hour journey, it was all well organised and such a nice environment to compete in." Julia Louw Year 11*

*"There was an amazing team spirit and a lot of support." Emily Miller Year 7*

*"Taunton proved their place at the championship this year by securing high placed results whilst embracing the experience and warm weather. The trip was certainly a successful experience, bringing home plenty to show for it" Cecilia Fawden*

*"Despite the 7 hour journey, we had loads of fun with all the team together and to come home with such wonderful results after it only being Leonard's first time at a big overnight competition! So grateful to be able to have these opportunities with the horses" Hetty Holden*

*"Definitely worth the long journey up! It was a really good experience for the ponies and I especially as Mary had never been before. After competing there last year, it was good to come back and have a second try, but to come out with a great team result and individual was just incredible!!" Fliss Gostling*

*"Despite a long journey, it was very enjoyable and a great experience" - Tilly Jacoby-Kelly*

Kate Walters, Head of Educational Progress



# Sports Day 2021

It was great to once again see so many happy and determined pupils at this year's event. Although missing parents the houses provided enough support and atmosphere to once again allow us to enjoy another successful day. After a small early morning shower the weather actually turned out perfect for the day's events. With Yr 6-8 starting with their field events it was the Yr 3-5 who started on the track. After a busy morning, a picnic lunch that was consumed as quickly as some of the races, followed by a choc ice the whole school then took part in a dance to celebrate the Chaplain's birthday. The afternoon was a switch with the Yr 3-5 on their field events and 6-8 on the track. In typical Taunton style all of the pupils gave their upmost for their houses. There were 100 individual event winners but all pupils should feel proud of their own individual performances.

## New Sportsday Records

In total there were 7 new school sportsday records set. The 800m witnessed 2 new records that had been set for many years. Nicolas DuToit broke the record that had stood since 1984 by over 2 seconds. Thomas Webb, also by 2 seconds, broke the record from 2001.

### All New Records:

N DuToit (Yr7) in the 800m  
 T Webb (Yr 8) in the 800m  
 L Blackwell (Yr7) in the 50m  
 JJ Wells (Yr4) in the 100m  
 L Peterson (Yr8) in the 100m  
 H Oliver-Whittaker (Yr7) in the Ball Throw  
 S Odedra (Yr4) in the 100m  
 D Simmons (Yr 3) Ball Throw

### House Winners:

Junior Cup – Loveday  
 Senior Cup – Cooper  
 Sportsday Overall House Winners - Cooper



## Sports Day 2021

## 2021 Junior Field

Event	Year	B/G	Winners
Long Jump	Yr 3	G	J Bruford
Long Jump	Yr 3	B	E Dempsey
Long Jump	Yr 4	G	I Read
Long Jump	Yr 4	B	M Dalbavie
Long Jump	Yr 5	G	M Tarr
Long Jump	Yr 5	B	Y Leroy
Turbo Javelin	Yr 5	B	L Baker
Turbo Javelin	Yr 5	G	M Tarr
Ball Throw	Yr 3	G	D Simmons New Record
Ball Throw	Yr 3	B	O Sanderson
Ball Throw	Yr 4	B	L walters
Ball Throw	Yr 4	G	A Davidson (New Record)
High Jump	Yr 5	B	L Baker
High Jump	Yr 5	G	E Lawrence
Ball Throw	Yr 5	B	W Kemmish
Ball Throw	Yr 5	G	E Mason

## 2021 Junior Track

Event	Year	B/G	Winners
800m	Yr 5	G	L Craik
800m	Yr 5	B	W Thomas
50m	Yr 3	G	O Brackstone
50m	Yr 3	B	E Wreford
50m	Yr 4	G	K Charles
50m	Yr 4	B	M Dalbavie
50m	Yr 5	G	J Grundy
50m	Yr 5	B	F Hogevoid
400m	Yr 3	G	O Brackstone
400m	Yr 4	G	A Davidson
400m	Yr 3	B	O Sanderson
400m	Yr 4	B	JJ Wells
200m	Yr 5	G	E Craik
200m	Yr 5	B	F Hogevoid
200m	Yr 3	G	O Brackstone
200m	Yr 3	B	O Sanderson
200m	Yr 4	G	S Odedra
200m	Yr 4	B	JJ Wells
100m	Yr 3	G	O Brackstone
100m	Yr 3	B	C Bull
100m	Yr 4	G	S Odedra (New Record)
100m	Yr 4	B	JJ Wells (New Record)
100m	Yr 5	G	B Vile
100m	Yr 5	B	L Baker
Hurdles	Yr 5	B	H Woodley
Hurdles	Yr 5	B	M Tarr



## Sports Day 2021

## 2021 Senior Field

Event	Year	B/G	Winners
Turbo Javelin	Yr 6	B	V Bala
Turbo Javelin	Yr 6	G	R Marsh
Javelin	Yr 7	G	C Webber
Javelin	Yr 7	B	N DuToit
Javelin	Yr 8	G	L Adams
Javelin	Yr 8	B	O Coleman
Shot Put	Yr 7	G	L Trembath
Shot Put	Yr 7	B	D Holberry
Shot Put	Yr 8	G	M Trescothick
Shot Put	Yr 8	B	J Collins
Ball throw	Yr 6	G	K Sercombe
Ball throw	Yr 6	B	H Coleman
Ball Throw	Yr 7	G	H Oliver-Whittaker (New Record)
Ball Throw	Yr 8	G	T DuPont
Discus	Yr 7	G	I Notaro-Livingstone
Discus	Yr 7	B	B Graddon
Discus	Yr 8	G	L Peterson
Discus	Yr 8	B	B Kirtland
Long Jump	Yr 6	G	S Heywood
Long Jump	Yr 6	B	S Lundehn
Long Jump	Yr 7	G	E Miller
Long Jump	Yr 7	B	P McGivern
Long Jump	Yr 8	B	B Kirtland
Long Jump	Yr 8	G	N Gurushankar
High Jump	Yr 6	B	H Coleman
High Jump	Yr 6	G	G Ardley
High Jump	Yr 7	B	N DuToit
High Jump	Yr 7	G	L Blackwell
High Jump	Yr 8	B	J Collins
High Jump	Yr 8	G	N Dzvanga
Triple Jump	Yr 7	B	T Winsor
Triple Jump	Yr 8	B	O Coleman

## 2021 Senior Track

Event	Year	B/G	Winner
100m	Yr 8	G	L Peterson (New Record)
100m	Yr 8	B	T Awofisayo
100m	Yr 7	G	L Blackwell
100m	Yr 7	B	T Winsor
100m	Yr 6	G	F Legg
100m	Yr 6	B	S Lendehn
Hurdles	Yr 6	G	G Ardley
Hurdles	Yr 6	B	H Adams
Hurdles	Yr 7	G	E Miller
Hurdles	Yr 7	B	N DuToit
Hurdles	Yr 8	G	N Gurushankai/M Trescothick
Hurdles	Yr 8	B	T Awofisayo
800m	Yr 6	G	K Sercombe
800m	Yr 7	G	E Miller
800m	Yr 8	G	F Hanson
800m	Yr 6	B	H Adams
800m	Yr 7	B	N DuToit (New Record)
800m	Yr 8	B	T Webb (New Record)
200m	Yr 6	B	H Adams
200m	Yr 6	G	S Heywood
200m	Yr 7	B	T Winsor
200m	Yr 7	G	S Day
200m	Yr 8	B	T Awofisayo
200m	Yr 8	G	K Mcallister
50m	Yr 6	G	S Heywood
50m	Yr 6	B	S Lundehn
50m	Yr 7	G	L Blackwell (New Record)
50m	Yr7	B	G Jennings
50m	Yr 8	G	N Dzvanga
50m	Yr 8	B	B Kirtland
300m	Yr 8	B	S Burton



# Sports Day Gallery





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# Taunton School Music Festival

21st-25th June 2021

## A series of Lunchtime Concerts (12:45 in Chapel)

**Monday 21st June**

Vocal Concert

Chamber Choir, Girls' Choir, Barbershop and soloists

**Tuesday 22nd June**

Soloists Concert

A mix of music scholars and others performing solo

**Wednesday 23rd June**

Strings Concert

String Chamber Orchestra, Quartets, Cellos and solos

**Thurs 24th June**

Chamber Concert

Perc ensemble, Brass ensembles, Clarinet ensemble, Flute Choir

**Fri 25th June**

Piano Concert

Solo pianists from all year groups

## BBQ and Drinks (6:30-8:30pm Densham Lawn outside Dining Hall)

**Friday 25th June**

BBQ and drinks

Music provided by Funk Band, Rock Band, Jazz Ensemble, Dance Band & vocalists.



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# SUMMER ACTIVITY CAMPS

You can book online via TeamUp  
Please contact our Sports Club Team for more information  
01823 703110

- A full schedule of exciting, supervised activities for 5-14 years old
- Camps run from 19th July to 22nd August
- Based in the Taunton School Prep School Sports Hall
- Drop off Monday to Friday 8.30 am and collect 5.30 pm
- £30.00 per child per day to include 2 snacks (please bring own packed lunch)