



TALLIS 2014 2015 Newsletter

Week 19 – 30 January 2015

CALENDAR:

2 February – 6 February

Week B

Monday 2 February

- Year 8 Trip to Imperial War Museum
- Year 7 Trip to National Gallery
- Year 12 Trip to The National Theatre

Tuesday 3 February

- AM Reg – Year 12 Assembly
- PM Reg – Year 13 Assembly
- PARENT FORUMS WITH THE HEADTEACHER 6.00 pm

Wednesday 4 February

- AM Reg – Year 9 Assembly
- PM Reg – Year 7 Assembly
- YEAR 8 OPTIONS EVENING 4.30 PM – 6.30 pm

Thursday 5 February

AM Reg – Year 10 Assembly

Friday 6 February

- AM Reg – Year 11 Assembly
- PM Reg – Year 8 Assembly
- Year 11 Trip – TV News GCSE Unit Study Day

Sadly we heard of the death of a former colleague last week. Stuart Turpie has died at the age of 68. He left Tallis 9 years' ago in 2006, after working here for 35 years, from June 1971 when the school opened.

Former colleagues tell me that Stuart was a giant of a man in every way. As well as being 6'5, he was a real presence around the school and a lot of the current staff learnt a lot from him, as a teacher, and an aspiring pastoral leader. He was a Geography teacher, head of year and a senior teacher (what Assistant Heads used to be called). His assemblies were legendary and he loved Tallis from his Geography drawings on the whiteboards (that teachers were not allowed to rub off) to the hanging baskets around the old concourse. Anyone who accompanied him to Inverliever in Scotland for the school journeys could not fail to learn from the experience. People here remember him whistling whilst watering the hanging baskets, walking around school with a basketball under his arm, sketching people during staff meetings and then handing the unknowing subject the picture at the end, his mumbling voice and the twinkle in his eye.

Stuart retired from teaching after 35 years at Tallis and moved to France with his wife Carole. He integrated himself into the village, playing boules and learning the language. He spent a lot of time riding his bike through the local countryside. Unfortunately he then had a long battle with prostate cancer. He leaves behind Carole, his wife, his children and his grandchildren. Our thoughts are with them.

We had a wonderful 'A' level Drama evening this week with three magnificent pieces. Do keep an eye out for events such as this which are open to anyone. We also have lots of interesting things about to happen. Keep an eye out for more information about the PTFA Support Your Teen Evening coming up soon. This week we have the Year 8 Transition Evening where they find out more about options for GCSE – a very exciting time for them. There is also a Parent Forum meeting this week which will be a chance for us to share our draft new assessment proposals after the levels have gone: Tuesday at 6.00 pm, details on the website. We're thinking about LGBT month for February and are proud to have become Stonewall Champion School: more to follow on that. Sixth form will get their mock results too! Nick Raynsford MP is visiting on Friday.

Thank you for your support with uniform. Please may I reiterate my request about making sure children have school jumpers to keep them warm? Talking of the weather, in the very unlikely event of snow disruption: check the website for information!

We are advertising for another Deputy Head Teacher and will make an appointment before Easter. This is very exciting for us all.

Carolyn Roberts, Headteacher



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VMA Collaborating with South Rise Primary School

It was an amazingly creative week at South Rise. With the support of VMA staff to develop the Art week, the children investigated 'Pop Art' and its artists. Many of the children are now able to tell you about Roy Lichtenstein and Andy Warhol. Early years painted hands and faces in the style of Andy Warhol's paintings whilst some year groups investigated comics and graphic novels as part of their learning about Roy Lichtenstein.

Year 6 more able students completed a Lino printing workshop with Ms. Phillips from the Thomas Tallis art department.



The children had lots to say about their learning:

"Working with different tools, not just painting and drawing but exploring other techniques of art has built my confidence. I'm using a gouger for lino printing. We had to draw an outline of a can first in pencil and then in biro. We had to carve out the outlines and then we had to pick out the pieces of the picture that we wanted to keep or print out in a different colour. It was inspired by Andy Warhol's 'The 32 cans'."

Sophie, Year 6

"I gave Year 6 a real challenge when I asked them to cut out lettering for their pop art lino prints. I was very impressed with the level of accuracy and effort that they demonstrated. I was also impressed by the collaborative and efficient way that they cleared up after a hard session printing."

Sarah Phillips, Visual and Media Arts



Camps International Ecuador 2016



Students are well underway in preparation for their trip to Ecuador in 2016. Please can all students who are participating in the trip come to a fundraising meeting at lunchtime on Tuesday 3 February.

Events to look out for are:

Thursday 12 February 2015 - Valentines Disco Year 7 and Year 8 (TBC)

Friday 13 February 2015 - DIY pancake topping sale in the canteen!

Grace Galvin, PE

Debate Mate Success!

On Thursday 21 January, eight students from Thomas Tallis competed in the first round of the Urban Debate League (UDL) at City Heights Academy, Tulse Hill. The teams had to take part in two debates - one prepared and one unprepared - against other teams from the area. It was the first proper debate our students have taken part in since the beginning of Debate Mate club, but they all remained calm and confident. Both teams did incredibly well and scored highly, although a special mention must go to Thomas Tallis A, who won both of their rounds.

Well Done to

Thomas Tallis A

Ahmed Mohamed, Adem Kilic, Rebecca Omojafo and Johnel Simpson

Thomas Tallis B

Jacques Holford, Joseph Thomas, Kwesi Ameyaw and Sam Steele

There are still spaces in Debate Mate for those keen to come along. The club runs every Thursday from 3.30 pm until 4.30 pm in Room 2128.

Lizzie Church and Michelle Springer



How do you Talk to your Children?

Psychologist Professor Tanya Byron and Michael Rosen discuss the language parents use to talk to their children. Do parents over-praise, and is it ok to say no? How is the way that parents talk to children changing and what effect might that have?

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b05077ks>

The Duke of Edinburgh

The Duke of Edinburgh for Year 10 is fully underway. All students who are taking part need to attend **weekly** meetings within their groups held in 0401 after school on Friday. The dates of the expeditions are now finalised and in the school calendar.

The practice weekend will be:

Saturday 25 April 2015

Sunday 26 April 2015

The assessment weekend will be:

Saturday 20 June 2015

Sunday 21 June 2015

Letters for students will be sent out shortly with dates and route details.

Grace Galvin, DofE Coordinator



ITV Studios

On Tuesday eight Year 13 BTEC Media students went on a trip to the ITV studios on the South Bank to interview employees there as a fact-finding exercise about job roles in the Broadcast television industry. They were lucky enough to carry out the interview in the 'This Morning' studio and experienced working as a professional TV crew in front of, and behind, the cameras. It was an excellent and very useful educational task, and all the students benefitted from the professional experience needless to say the sofa and the kitchen appeared to have left some of the students a little star struck. The day was kindly organised by Ben Corbett, a Tallis parent and employee of ITV; he commented that the students were "really well behaved, attentive and polite" and that the "students are a credit to your school".



Peter Hodges, Visual and Media Arts

Active Kids Vouchers

The PE department at Thomas Tallis would like to ask for your support in collecting Active Kids vouchers from your local Sainsbury's store. Active Kids vouchers started on Wednesday 28 January and finishes on Tuesday 5 May in all Sainsbury's stores and are ready to collect after every shopping trip. By collecting Active kids' vouchers it allows the PE department to purchase new products to use within lessons.

Please could you hand them into front reception or the **PE Office**.

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Grace Galvin, PE

Literacy Across the Curriculum

Applying a wider range of connectives in specific writing tasks, can help students improve their grades. We have a section in the pupil planners, which can help students to apply a wider range of connectives for a specific audience and purpose. In addition to the pupil planner, you may find the grid below useful. Please encourage your child to utilise use of the pupil planner to access a wider range of connectives. **Alison Vitte Literacy Coordinator**

TIME CONNECTIVE:
Shows the order of your points.

first, then, after, later, secondly, thirdly, finally, to begin with, next, in sum, to conclude, in a nutshell

OPPOSING CONNECTIVE:

Introduces an opposite argument.
however, although, nevertheless, on the other hand, in contrast, though, alternatively, anyway, yet, in fact, even so, whereas

ADDING CONNECTIVE:

Adds a further point.
also, too, similarly, in addition, indeed, let alone, furthermore, moreover, likewise

RESULT CONNECTIVE:

Introduces a result or solution.
therefore, consequently, as a result, so, then, because, since, as, for,

★ SHOWCASE ★

Year 9 GCSE Media students are currently creating celebrity pop art images and film posters in order to experiment with and learn how to use Photoshop in preparation for controlled assessment tasks later this year.

Deb Lemmer, Visual and Media Arts

