THOMAS TALLIS SCHOOL

TALLIS 2014 2015 Newsletter

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Calendar

15 June - 19 June

Autism Awareness Week

Week A

Monday 15 June

Tuesday 16 June

- AM Reg - Year 12 Assembly
- PM Reg - Year 13 Assembly

Wednesday 17 June

- AM Reg - Year 9 Assembly
- PM Reg - Year 7 Assembly
- School Council Meeting

Thursday 18 June

- AM Reg - Year 10 Assembly
- Art AS Moderation
- Wingfield Primary Sports Day
- Band Night 6.30 pm

Friday 19 June

- PM Reg - Year 8 Assembly

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a mega week with trips and visits, exams and sports days. Life's rich tapestry got particularly colourful, I think, which is great for the children. You will understand that such activity requires use of cover or supply teachers. There's no other way of doing it!

After being delighted to be asked to do a small session at the Inspiring Leaders conference in Birmingham, I went to hear Nick Gibb (Schools Minister) last night, which was interesting. It is hard to know exactly what the awaited Ebacc announcement will be. To ministers, the soundbite effect of saying 'No outstanding for schools which refuse to teach the Ebacc' is valuable, but to schools it is meaningless, raising more questions than it answers. It is interesting just how much of the political running is being made at the moment by a small group of very small and perhaps unproven schools.

I am musing on what encourages young people entering teaching to choose this path. I assume it is because of the perceived ease of small and growing schools, as they talk eloquently about the equality issues which underpin all of our work. It's not real life, though. What do we need to do to make the ordinary sector – one might almost say the bog-standard sector – the prevailing voice?

Something to think about in the sun!

Carolyn Roberts, Headteacher

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AWARENESS RAISING WEEK

Thomas Tallis School will be celebrating the Autism Awareness Raising Week from Monday 15 June to Friday 19 June 2015.

Please drop in for coffee or tea and a slice of cake in room 1220 on Friday 19 June from 1.10 pm – 3.00 pm if you would like to find out more about the condition and talk to a range of professionals who support children with Autism on a daily basis in the mainstream classes and at the Support Centre for Autism and Language Impairment (SCALI).

Understanding . . . leads to acceptance!

Diary of a Business Student

For our business course we travelled to the Canary Wharf offices of international law firm, Clifford Chance. We went there to carry out a series of role play job interviews in order to meet one of the assessment criteria for the 'Recruitment and Selection in Business' unit on our Level 3 BTEC Business course.

In order to pass the assignment we had to work in small groups to interview each other, each of us acting as both interviewer and interviewee. We had to firstly practise and act like it was a real interview. Individually, we all got interviewed by two people. I can admit even though it was my friends interviewing me it didn't stop the feeling of it being a real interview. I feel I have learned a lot from this experience because it felt like a real interview and it was very tense also because we were in a professional environment. I feel like it was a very good idea to do it this way as I gained experience of what a real interview will be and how you deal with the situation. Also at the end of each interview we were given feedback forms to provide an analysis of what the interviewer/interviewee was good at and what they need to improve on. This gave each of us constructive criticism which will help us to improve in future interviews.

So next time I have a real interview I will be prepared mentality and know how to show myself at my best, so I feel this will help me a lot.

I feel like going to Clifford Chance was better than doing this in school because in school I would feel more comfortable and more at ease and I wouldn't take it as seriously and it wouldn't benefit me as much. Therefore participating in interviews at Clifford Chance was much better because you're in a professional environment, we had to dress suitable to the occasion and it helped us all take the interviews very seriously.

Tyrone Palmer Year 12

The Old Operating Theatre

As part of History GCSE curriculum, Years 9 and 10 visited The Old Operating Theatre. It was fascinating; if a touch stomach churning, as the speaker talked about and demonstrated on Ethan Johnson, surgery in 19th century Britain. This was before Anaesthetics had been invented. The patient would be awake as they cut his skin, peeled it back and sawed through the bone! According to the speaker, the patient still had a greater chance of living after such a horrific operation, as they probably would have died from the infection.

Alison Vitte, Literacy Co-ordinator

School Cluster

Judo has continued to be offered to the cluster of primary schools, with some coming as part of their sports week. As usual, children have experienced the thrill of learning to rollerblade leading up to street hockey (see insert). Also, congratulations to those schools in the cluster who took part in the girls' cricket tournament at Charlton Park on Thursday 11 June. Next week, on Thursday 18 June, we look forward to hosting Wingfield primary school sports day, which will be a fun day promoting the Olympic legacy. It will be a great experience for all the children at Wingfield to be active on our athletics track and for our sports leaders who are running some of the events. We just need lovely weather now . Thank you to all staff supporting me with these events.

Sue Whiting, Primary Schools Liaison Co-ordinator

British Bake Off

Year 8 are doing the British Bake Off this week! Each tutor group will be given the chance to enter one cake into the final next week. As you can see from the pictures, some very creative baking has taken place. The contestants are judged on three criteria:

Taste
Presentation
Imaginative (last habit of the half-term)

Ten marks to be awarded for each section. Who will be the Champion Baker from Year 8? Watch this space!

Victoria Hodgson

Band Night - Thursday 18 June 2015

6.30 pm - 9.00 pm in the Main Hall Thomas Tallis School

Here's your chance to see your children rocking out for all they're worth in the Thomas Tallis annual Rock and Pop music celebration!
They have all worked incredibly hard to achieve the very high standards they set themselves - all they need now is an enthusiastic audience!

Tickets as follows: [Available from the Music Department or on the Door]

£1.50 Under 18s

£3.00 Adults

£7.50 Family Ticket (2 Adults & 2 Children)

Under 11's FREE!

London Branch

Women in Construction

Date: 23 June 2015

Time: 17:30 for 18:00 start

Venue: University of Greenwich

Cost: Free

Address:

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Details:

A jointly hosted event by the CIOB London Branch and the University of Greenwich to mark Women in Engineering Day on 23 June 2015. The event will be an informal and relaxed evening, celebrating the achievements of women working in construction.

On the night, Christine Gausden RD FCIOB will act as host, with CIOB London Novus Chair, Ayo Allo FCIOB, introducing a variety of women who are working in or studying for the construction industry. These women will include:

Sandi Rhys Jones OBE CCMI FCIOB MCIM ACIArb - RhysJones Consultants

Victoria Turner ICIOB - Site Manager Higgins Group and CIOB London Branch Novus Vice Chair

Michaela Jones - Trainee Quantity Surveyor Galliford Try Stage 03 Student, University of Greenwich

Charlotte Camies - Trainee Quantity Surveyor Creatside Stage 01 Student, University of Greenwich

Shanon Dacey - Technical Trainee BDW Kent Stage 01 Student, University of Greenwich

You will hear about their individual journeys within the world of construction, the challenges they have encountered & their pathways to success.

If you have a question for one of the inspirational female role models please email London Branch Manager, Sam Briggs, on sbriggs@ciob.org.uk (by Friday 19 June).

★SHOWCASE★

7BL created some fantastic creative anthologies, inspired by their current unit of work on the romantic poets. A special mention to Fin Camp, Lorrae Roberts, Kacey Carter, Tyler Dixson, Trey Robinson, Niamh McCauley and Pelumi Aruna

Elizabeth Church, English