THOMAS TALLIS SCHOOL

TALLIS 2014 2015 Newsletter

WEEK 36 26 JUNE 2015

Calendar

29 June - 3 July

Week A

Monday 29 June

INSET DAY - No School

Tuesday 30 June

- AM Reg - Year 12 Assembly
- PM Reg - Year 13 Assembly
- Year 9 GCSE Dance
- Year 7 Day Trip to France
- Year 10 Imperial Museum

Wednesday 1 July

- AM Reg - Year 9 Assembly
- PM Reg - Year 7 Assembly
- Headstart Day

Thursday 2 July

- AM Reg - Year 10 Assembly
- VMA Exhibition
- Year 7 Day Trip to France
- Year 7 - 10 Greenwich Schools
- Year 7 Maths Challenge
- Year 10 Trip Raising Achievement via attendance
- Year 12 Greenwich Observatory Trip
- Intergenerational Choir Trip Athletics Championship

Friday 3 July

- PM Reg - Year 8 Assembly
- Year 10 Imperial War Museum
- Year 12 Exploring Maths
- Year 12 Accenture Career Day

Dear Parents and Carers

This has been an exciting week, with people out and about on trips all over the place and lots of good stuff happening in school. I hope that, if your children have been involved, that they report happy experiences! It is normal for us to be complimented on the way our young people comport themselves when exposed to public glare. We've had our Year 11 Prom and Leavers' Parties too, and are just preparing ourselves for the Leavers' Ceremonies in school this afternoon and evening.

As I write, Community Day is well underway. We are studying character and values together which will help us to make our happy community even happier!

Our teachers have all been completing Action Research reports this year and are submitting them this week. We are looking at how the habits of mind can help our children learn better. They are proving very interesting and it is lovely to hear people talking about their projects. Looking forward to next years' projects already!

Monday is a teachers' training day. We're continuing to spend time on preparing high quality schemes of work so that our young people may really understand the things they learn, deeply. School returns for students on Tuesday.

Carolyn Roberts, Headteacher

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flickr.com/photos/tallisphoto

Pastoral Survey

A huge thank you to those who have contributed to the Pastoral Survey. The Survey will close on Wednesday 1 July, so if you haven't responded yet, please follow the appropriate link on the Website to make sure your views are considered. It is not too late!

Please contribute your views
www.surveymonkey.com/s/
Tallis_Pastoral_Parents

Shaun Brown, Deputy Headteacher, Pastoral

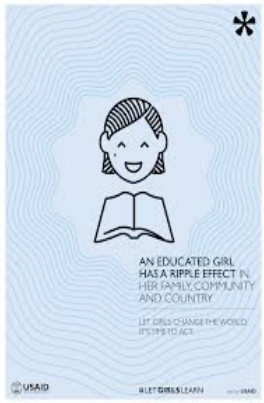
Parents please be aware about parking on Rochester Way:

"Please note that if your vehicle is parked in a Cycle Lane - Full enforcement will begin from Monday 29 June 2015"

And that basically means you can be issued with a PCN for parking there.

Let Girls Learn Press Release

In our Sociology class, we have been campaigning in groups. The campaign we chose was Let Girls Learn. In our campaign, our goal was to raise awareness for equal education. The first step was to create posters to put around our school to try and get people to think about equal education between girls and boys. We found multiple quotes which are related to our project which we then made into posters. One of the quotes said, "If India put 1% more girls in school, their GDP would raise by 5.5 billion." We also decided to make a petition to see how many people had seen the posters but to also see how many people agreed with our campaign. Overall we gained 74 signatures which we have sent to our local MP to show our progress. We have also sent an email to the Let Girls Learn charity to discuss our progress.



Height Matters

We are a group of females from Thomas Tallis School in Year 10. Our campaign is surrounding the issue of policing girls due to the vague dress code and shaming girls for the shape and length of their skirts. This is important as discriminating against girls for their fashion/clothing choices is sexist and shouldn't be happening in 2015. Sending girls home for their clothes teaches girls the difference between society's value of their education and an outdated view of femininity, which may have a self-fulfilling prophecy effect. So far we have managed to put our first set of posters around the school. We also put our questionnaire on the school website and 70+ people have signed our petition.

Year 10 Sociology Class,
Michelle Springer, Head of Guidance

We are pleased to announce the winners of the Year 8 Bake Off competition. It was very difficult to judge such imaginative cake creations but here are the winners of each individual category:

Best tasting cake - 8WE
Best looking cake - 8HM
Most imaginative - 8EH

And the overall winner of best cake goes the the icy coconut cake creation from 8TW (handmade penguins)!

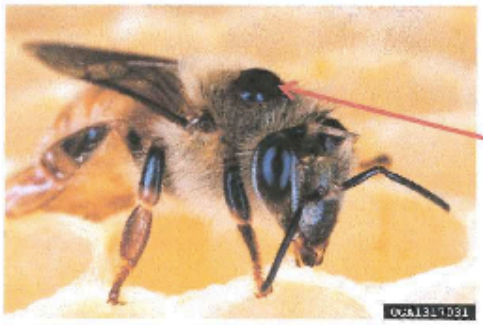
Victoria Hodgson, Head of Year 8

The Plight of Bees

Fin Camp Sunday 5th June 2015

We are losing bees at an alarming rate, so much so, that all most half the world's bee population is dead. This causes a problem because bees pollinate 70% of plants which stabilises and feeds the eco-system.

There are many reasons why bees are dying out. One key reason is that farmers required to produce better quality goods so they use chemicals in pesticides which kill bees if they enter their bodies. A recent scientific breakthrough shows that the Varroa Destructor Mite is also responsible for killing almost half the world's population of bees. However, it is thought that this mite has not yet found its way into places such Australia.



Varroa destructor mite

Many famous scientists (including Einstein and Darwin) all argued that if bees were to become extinct, humans would not be able to survive for more than 4 years; maybe 5 years at a maximum. We would struggle to survive because there would not be enough pollinators to pollinate and spread seeds so not enough plants would reproduce which also means that we would starve, dehydrate and suffocate. If we don't want this to happen then we would have to try to create more habitats for bees as their homes are being destroyed due to deforestation and modern farming techniques. Companies like Sainsbury's are setting up 'bee hotels' which are like homes for bees. We can all do our own thing to help bees including making our gardens, homes and places of work 'bee friendly' and by using organic, non-chemical based products.

Last week, Production Arts students from Lewisham Southwark College ran a costume challenge workshop with a selection of Year 9 and 10 Art & Drama students. They worked in teams to create costumes from brown paper inspired by 'The Wizard of Oz' and 'Alice in Wonderland'. Our students impressed the course leader with their creative solutions, which were show cased through a catwalk at the end.

"This was so much fun and I learnt a lot about developing costumes" Meg

Gina Braden, Visual Media and Arts

★SHOWCASE★

Some skirts hand made by Year 9 Fashion and Textiles students.

Using 2 existing skirt patterns, a variety of fabric, elastic and zips for the waist and focusing on stretch, length, style and darts!

Sarah Massarella, Design and Technology