



## WORLD BOOK DAY

On Friday 7 March, children in Prep enjoyed celebrating World Book Day through a range of fun activities.

The children in Early Years, Pre-Prep, and Lower Prep kicked off their World Book Day celebrations with a delightful surprise. Each child was paired with an older pupil from Upper Prep, who joined them to read their favourite story! It was such a heartwarming sight to witness the younger and older children working so wonderfully together, sharing their love for books and stories.

Following this, the children spent time getting creative by decorating their very own World Book Day t-shirt. They eagerly worked to capture the essence of their favourite book within their design, showcasing their amazing imaginations. From magical castles to scary monsters, their creativity shone brightly. It was inspiring to see how each child's personality and passion for reading were reflected in their unique designs.

As the World Book Day celebrations drew to a close, what better way to end the afternoon than with a surprise visit from two of our wonderful Prep School parents! The children were absolutely thrilled to be joined by Mr Serino and Mrs Ahmed, who took time out of their busy schedules to visit the Nursery, Reception and Pre-Prep classes. Both parents read their favourite story books from when they were younger to the children. The pupils listened attentively and were captivated by the experience.

It was such a joy to share this special day with our families and we are incredibly grateful to Mr Serino and Mrs Ahmed for their kindness and generosity. Their presence made World Book Day even more memorable and their involvement truly highlighted the importance of community. We extend our heartfelt thanks to them for spending time with us and making this celebration even more meaningful.

**Mrs Carson**



# WELCOME

With only a few weeks of the spring term remaining, the build up to Easter is well under way.

In the spirit of Easter, our wonderful Learning Support Team has organised an Easter egg raffle in order to raise money for Cancer Research UK. Raffle tickets are available via ParentPay, and they will also be on sale during the interval of Little Shop of Horrors - thank you for your generous support!

The return to school began with lots of fun and creativity for our Prep School as they celebrated World Book Day. It was lovely to see pupils from across different year groups working closely together and I echo Mrs Carson in thanking Mr Serino and Mrs Ahmed for visiting and reading to our pupils.

Elsewhere in Prep, pupils have been enjoying many educational activities and outings. Alongside their Upper Prep Music Club, the children enjoyed a visit to the Glasshouse International Centre recently. This was a very enjoyable experience for the pupils, and the feedback Mr Wing received from parents was wonderful, too, citing that the group was very inspired by the trip. A fantastic accolade, and very much the reason why staff work hard to provide such opportunities.

Physical activity has been prominent throughout the Senior School recently, with sport fixtures galore. All year groups have been playing exceptionally but I have to give a special mention to the U13 girls who have shone all year in their netball, representing the

school in a number of national competitions. They recently missed out on a Sisters n Sport National Final place after losing on Golden Goal against Rossall School. I cannot express enough our pride in their achievements and their resilience in defeat. A big thank you to Mrs Rodgers for all the support she has given this team.

On the subject of Sisters n Sport, I am delighted to announce that our U12 netball team has landed themselves a place in the National Bowl Competition Final Four next Monday - we are all rooting for you, girls!

Finally, I want to say a huge well done to Year 11 student, Elodie, who stars in the new Netflix masterpiece, *Adolescence*. Not only is her performance and the series a fascinating watch, but the time and dedication she has put into her acting outside of school is admirable. I think I speak on behalf of everybody at Teesside High School when I say we know Elodie will go on to achieve amazing things and we cannot wait to follow her journey in the coming months and years.

**Kirsty Mackenzie, Head**



## Sixth Form PE

The spring term has been an exciting journey for our Year 12 and 13 pupils visiting David Lloyd every Wednesday afternoon. The enthusiasm for various activities has truly shone through!

While some students embraced the water by swimming each week, Tilly especially stood out, gliding effortlessly as she swam over a mile. Others opted for the outdoor pool, using it as a serene space to unwind after long study sessions, fostering camaraderie among friends.

A small group enjoyed a more laid-back vibe with relaxed tennis sessions, but the highlight for many was undoubtedly the seven weeks of pickle ball coaching led by Ellie. This fast-paced sport quickly became a favorite, with numerous pupils declaring it the best part of their week.

The term culminated in a thrilling Pickle Ball Tournament, where the spirit of competition soared. Dylan took home the top prize, with Rhys not far behind in second place, while Barnaby and Ed proudly claimed third and fourth respectively.

**Miss Turnbull**



## U13 HOCKEY NORTH EAST AND YORKSHIRE AREA FINALS

On Thursday 13 March, the U13 hockey squad headed to Maiden Castle for the highly anticipated North East and Yorkshire Area Finals.

The team faced a tough challenge, competing against the best seven teams in the region including RGS, Dame Allen's, Mowden, Longridge Towers, Yarm and Newcastle High School for Girls. Despite experiencing every type of weather, the team showed great resilience and skill.

The competition was fierce, with all the teams showcasing high-level hockey. The U13 girls had a range of results, starting with two incredibly close games against Mowden and Dame Allen's.

Following those two games, the team played four 18-minute matches back-to-back. In the first of these, the girls dominated against Longridge Towers, but despite their efforts, the game

ended in a 1-1 draw. They then had a solid win against Newcastle High School for Girls, before the fatigue from the previous games started to set in.

Unfortunately, as tiredness began to take its toll, the team couldn't hold on in the final two games, but the girls played their hearts out throughout the day.

All in all it was a great experience for the players, who showed immense determination and skill. The squad not only represented the school excellently, but also demonstrated their talents across multiple sports.

It was a day full of valuable learning and growth and the girls should be proud of their performance in such a highly competitive event.

**Miss Turnbull**



## U15 Mixed Hockey vs Yarm

The U15 mixed hockey team faced off against a strong Yarm side in an exciting match that showcased impressive skill and teamwork from both sides.

John was instrumental in putting Teesside ahead, finishing a well-worked goal that highlighted the team's cohesive effort and tactical awareness. However, Yarm responded with their own flair, displaying some beautiful hockey that culminated in a well-executed goal, leveling the score and setting the stage for a thrilling contest.

Despite the challenge posed by Yarm, THS remained resilient. Tendai's dominant runs through the midfield kept the pressure on the opposition, while Jacob made several crucial saves, ensuring the defense held firm during intense moments.

As the match progressed, John struck again, scoring his second goal and putting Teesside back in the lead. The team showcased excellent hockey throughout the game, with contributions from all players.

Ultimately, the match ended in a deserving 2-2 draw, reflecting the hard work and determination shown by both teams.

Well done to everyone involved for an entertaining and competitive match!

**Mr Thomas**

# U14 Football vs Red House

Although the boys faced tricky conditions, they showcased excellent teamwork against the Red House A and B team, securing a fantastic 5-0 victory.

From the outset, Teesside displayed brilliant ball movement, with standout performances in the midfield by Jacob H, Oliver and Ryan. Their cohesive passing game was instrumental in maintaining possession and creating scoring opportunities.

These opportunities were capitalised on through some fantastic finishing from Jacob S who opened the scoring,



followed by a goal from Oliver and two from Jacob H, leaving the half-time score at 4-0.

In the second half, the pitch became even heavier and the game more scrappy. Arlo's exceptional goalkeeping skills were on full display as he made several key saves, ensuring that Teesside High kept a clean sheet.

Jacob S continued to shine in the second half, adding another goal to his tally, bringing the final score to 5-0 in favour of Teesside High.

Player of the Match went to Jacob H.

Well done, boys!

**Mr Williamson**



## U11 Rugby vs Cundall Manor and Red House

In the match against Cundall, the boys started strong, with Isaac and Issac really making an impact by running powerfully with the ball and creating some great opportunities. Sehej, Freddie and Ethan stood out too, demonstrating the progress they have made in both their attacking and defensive play. A special mention to Ozzy and Hansy for their improved handling and tackling - it is clear they have been working hard.

The game against Red House was another highlight, with the boys effectively attacking the space out wide and delivering some solid low tackles. Their determination and teamwork led to a truly positive afternoon of rugby.

Keep up the great work!

**Mr Thomas**



## U12S REACH SISTERS N SPORT NATIONAL FINAL FOUR!

Huge congratulations to our U12 girls on their dominant victory over Wirral Grammar School in the Sisters n Sport National Bowl Competition last Monday.

This was a fantastic team performance showcasing skill, determination and teamwork.

With this impressive result the girls have earned themselves a spot in the this competition's national final event

at Loughborough University on Monday 24 March.

We could not be more proud of the girls and wish them all the very best of luck!

**Mrs Rodgers**

## U13 Netball Tournaments

The U13A Netball team (pictured) competed at the Stockton District Netball Tournament on a glorious sunny day this week.

The girls performed well as a team, showing lovely link up play and consistent hard work to beat all of their opponents.

They finished overall winners and should be extremely proud of these achievements.

Well done to Amelie, Betsy, Tinashe,

Abigail, Sophia, Evie, Flo and Fliss.

The U13B Netball team also competed in the Emerging Players Tournament. This was a brilliant opportunity for a number of our girls with little or no team playing experience to get good court time and over the afternoon, with 8 matches, showing improvement in their passing, moving and understanding of the game.

Well done to Flossie and Skyler (players of the tournament) and Isabelle, Sophia, Azwa, Elina, Gracie,



## U12 Rugby vs Red House

In a spirited warm-up match before the U12 County Tournament, the Teesside High Rugby 7s team faced off against Red House School.

Strong tackling from Alistair and Henry was instrumental as they consistently fought off Red House's defensive tackles. The Hammill brothers' performance led to the team making significant gains up the pitch. With each move, they threatened the opposition and inspired their teammates, leading to several well-earned tries.

The experience gained by the U11 students who played up a year was invaluable. The boys are looking forward to the upcoming county tournament.

**Mr Williamson**



Lily and Rosie.

**Miss Stephens**

## English Schools Cross Country Final

Three of our Year 10 students, Annabel, Martha and Kyle, competed in the English Schools Cross Country Final in Ardingly on Saturday.

Only the top eight athletes from each county qualified for the final, making this an incredibly competitive race.

However, all three students showed incredible resilience, with Annabel finishing 3rd, Martha finishing 4th and Kyle finishing 2nd for Cleveland County.

A fantastic achievement.

**Miss Turnbull**



# Nursery Forest School

Nursery children enjoyed their time in Forest School last week spotting the first signs of spring.

They found snowdrops and crocuses starting to grow and loved the warm spring sunshine.

The pupils are hoping this wonderful weather stays as they are always

excited to be outside, exploring the wonderful grounds we are so fortunate to have here at THS.

**Miss Hall**



## Young Illustrators Club

The talented children of the Young Illustrators Club have been busy enhancing their drawing skills.

This week, they focused on creating beautiful panda illustrations.

The young artists listened attentively

and put in their best effort, resulting in some truly amazing pieces of art.

We are so proud of their creativity and hard work! Stay tuned for more artistic adventures.

**Mrs Hannah**

## Pre-Prep Drama Club

Pre-Prep Drama Club have had a brilliant first term, using their imagination and creativity to bring characters to life!

I have been blown away by their creative ideas, teamwork and how much their confidence is flourishing.

In their last session before half term, pupils enjoyed using freeze frames to represent a range of scenes including a nativity scene, a classroom and a football match.

Well done, Drama Club!

**Miss Graham**



# British Science Week in Pre-Prep

All areas of school have been busy celebrating British Science Week this week, including our youngest pupils in Pre-Prep.

Nursery children have been exploring the different seasons, creating seasonal tree pictures and exploring why we have seasons and their connection between the Earth and the sun. They also became real scientists when they carried out an investigation to make falling snow in a jar.

In Reception, pupils have been exploring animals and their habitats. The children spoke about how different animals adapt to where they live and used their creativity to design brand new creatures using junk model materials.

Pre-Prep pupils started the week with some 'Deep Sea Yoga' and whilst holding their yoga positions based around sea creatures, they considered how each of these animals had adapted to their environment, from huddling penguins to star fish who grow back their limbs when they are pulled

off by predators. They also enjoyed considering the life cycle of a butterfly, engineering some bird boxes to help protect the birds and considered the importance of camouflage for animals as a way of adapting to stay safe.

What a wonderful week of science, creativity and fun!

**Miss Hall and Miss Graham**



## Nursery Baking

Nursery children have enjoyed sharing the story of *The Little Red Hen*. They enjoyed bringing the story to life by working together to make bread!

This was a wonderful activity for the children to develop their motor skills when kneading the dough as well as putting their mathematical skills to the test when measuring the different ingredients.

Having then waited patiently for the

dough to rise and the bread to cook, the children all sat down to enjoy the finished result.



## A Surprise from Felicity the Fairy

Reception had a magical surprise last week with a letter from Felicity the Fairy through the fairy door in the classroom.

The children were overjoyed to receive this special letter from her and had so much fun writing back, using their best handwriting and the "air" sound.

It was wonderful to see their imaginations come to life as they carefully crafted their responses.

We cannot wait for our next letter!

**Miss Graham**

We definitely have some little bakers of the future in Nursery at THS!

**Miss Hall**





## Prep Science Fun

In Upper Prep, the children enjoyed a competition and an opportunity to show their creativity during British Science Week.

Pupils were introduced to the competition, which links to University College London, where they were tasked with creating an invention to help improve the air quality of a room that they spend a lot of time in; a particular challenge faced by scientists and NHS workers during the Covid pandemic.

I was really impressed by their ideas and we look forward to sending off our five best entries taken from Year 5 and 6 to face the judging panel.

The children also used this time to consider what life could be like on the

moon in the future and considered a number of debate questions. They had to think critically about these questions as the answers were not always straightforward.

Throughout the week, the children also enjoyed designing their own football strips for Moon United, thinking about the challenges that football on the moon would pose and also participating in a Climate Change board game, considering how their choices can have a significant impact on the future of our climate.

**Mrs Kennedy**



## Team GB Heptathlete

Pupils in Prep School have been extremely busy in their sporting endeavours this week.

The children have been fundraising over the last few weeks to partake in a sponsored fitness circuit challenge. Although our star guest, Team GB Heptathlete Lucy Turner, was unable to make it due to unforeseen circumstances, the children took part in an energetic session led by Great Athletes and engaged with fun exercises such as the spotty dog and jump squats.

We look forward to welcoming Lucy Turner to school in the coming weeks where she will reward pupils for their hard work, share her athletics journey and provide some inspirational advice to the pupils.

**Mrs Carson**



## Glasshouse International Centre

Upper Prep musicians enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Glasshouse International Centre for Music.

The pupils were utterly amazed with the music played by the Royal Northern Sinfonia. The concert consisted of varying classical works from composers throughout the ages, from Stravinsky to

music from the game *Plants Vs Zombies* - awe-inspiring from start to finish. It was an incredible afternoon for these young musicians to experience.

**Mr Wing**



## Upper Prep Music Club

In Upper Prep Music Club, pupils have been delving into the world of digital music creation. Through the use of computers, the children have been learning how to create songs and layer sounds the same way professional music producers do.

So far, they have used pre-recorded loops layered up to create unique compositions as well as exploring recording voices and using different effects to change how this sounds.

**Mr Wing**



## Primary Maths Challenge

In February, Year 6 pupils Noah and Freddy were invited to take part in the bonus round of the Primary Maths Challenge after achieving outstanding scores in the main competition.

The results are now in, and we are incredibly proud of the boys' achievements.

Freddy has been awarded a Participation certificate, achieving a commendable score in this particularly challenging round, and Noah has been presented with a prestigious Silver certificate.

A huge well done to both boys for their hard work and mathematical excellence!

**Miss Lockerbie**





## Able, Gifted and Talented Working Lunch

Prep Able, Gifted and Talented pupils enjoyed a dynamic working lunch led by Mr Clifford, who provided valuable insights into the world of policing.

The session offered pupils an engaging exploration of various careers within the police force, shedding light on the diverse roles and opportunities

available.

The pupils had the chance to ask questions, discuss real-life scenarios, and learn how they can develop these skills in their academic and personal lives, sparking interest in potential future careers within the police.

We would like to say a very big thank you to Mr Clifford for giving up his time to come into school, not only for our Able, Gifted and Talented pupils, but also for visiting Nursery and Reception.

**Miss Hall**



## Olympus Challenge

This week in Olympus Challenge, pupils were able to handle a collection of replicas of Roman items.

The pupils investigated possible uses of pottery, lamps and statuettes as well as identifying imagery on coins.

They particularly enjoyed the votive offerings (pictured) that would be offered to the gods so that they might heal ailments of that particular body part in return.

**Miss Malik**



## Raising Money for Cancer Research

Our wonderful Learning Support Team is organising an Easter egg raffle in order to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

As part of their fundraising efforts, staff have been collecting donations and creating incredible chocolate hampers and special Easter prizes to win.

Raffle tickets are available via ParentPay, and they will also be on sale during the interval of *Little Shop of Horrors*.

Thank you for your generous support!

**Mrs Bell**



## Upper Prep Assembly

On Monday, children in Upper Prep kicked off the year's Form Assemblies with a whistle stop tour of the ancient Greeks.

In our IPC lessons, pupils have looked at the Greeks as part of their unit *The Great, The Bold and The Brave* and were therefore able to bring their learning to life with this lively assembly.

Interspersed with three catchy songs, the children explained to their audience about the columns found in ancient Greece, introduced a number of Gods and Goddesses that this ancient civilisation believed in, gave some detailed information about the Olympic

games and enjoyed hearing one of Aesop's famous fables, *The Hare and the Tortoise*. The children were also able to share some information to explain how the marathon started following a Greek battle with the Persians.

Thank you to the parents who came and enjoyed this assembly with us and for providing some great costumes - it is amazing what you can do with a pillowcase and a white sheet!

**Mrs Kennedy**

## Karneval

This week, Lower Prep children have been learning all about Karneval, translating to carnival in English, in German-speaking countries.

The pupils had great fun learning about the history and customs of

carnival, singing traditional songs in German and creating their own carnival masks.

Alaaf!

**Ms Wesson**



## Safer Internet Day

Before half term, Prep students dedicated time in both their assembly and computing lessons to focus on Safer Internet Day 2025. This global event aims to raise awareness of digital safety concerns and empower children to navigate the online world securely. The theme for this year was 'scams', a critical topic that helps young learners recognise and respond to potential online threats.

Our Pre-Prep class explored this important theme through storytelling. They listened to a carefully chosen story addressing scams and discussed how they would feel if they were in the main character's shoes.

Meanwhile, pupils in Years 3 to 6 designed posters around online safety. This served as a way for students to express their understanding and share key safety messages with their peers.

Their engagement and awareness of digital security demonstrate a strong foundation for responsible online behaviour.

**Miss Lockerbie**





## Senior School marks British Science Week

Alongside many activities in the Senior School, Year 10 and 11 students visited the renowned Centre For Life.

From Year 7 solving Murder Mysteries and Year 8 racing against time with the Iodine Clock, to Years 9 and 10 designing and building bridges using art straws and paper, all Senior students had amazing opportunities to engage with the wonders of Science last week as part of British Science Week.



Years 11 and 12 also enjoyed a trip to the Centre For Life in Newcastle, where they had the opportunity to participate in a genetic engineering workshop led by scientists, following a protocol to insert plasmid DNA containing a modified bacterial operon and GFP (Green Fluorescent Protein) gene into bacterial cells and learnt how to use good aseptic technique to streak out their genetically modified bacteria onto agar plates.

It was a fabulous day which really enhanced students' appreciation of the applications of the science they study in school.

Huge thanks to staff across the department for such a creative and inspiring week.

**Mr Glasbey**

## Roman Britain Trip

Last week, students in Years 8 to 11 embarked on an expedition to explore Roman life in the North East.

Pupils visited Arbeia Roman Fort and enjoyed exploring the reconstructed buildings. They then made their way into the on-site museum to sketch some of the items on display.

After lunch, the students had the opportunity to explore the Great North Museum, where they discovered what it was like to live, die and worship on Hadrian's Wall and used their Latin skills to decipher the inscriptions. A lovely trip out!

**Miss Malik**

## MFL Webinars

Year 12 Germanists along with over 200 other German A-level students, were lucky enough to take part in a webinar entitled *Deutschland hat gewählt...was jetzt?* where Konstantin Vössing, Reader in Comparative Politics at City St. George's, University of London, spoke about the recent German elections. Students learnt about the German voting system which uses proportional representation rather than our first past the post system and how that makes up the Bundestag. It was very impressive how well our A level students were able to understand the webinar which was conducted entirely in German.

In addition to this, Year 8 students enjoyed a fantastic webinar hosted by Pierce Kiemi from Futbol Lingo as part of the North East Festival of Languages. Pierce works for Futbol Lingo as an app developer and translator, and is a football coach as well as being multilingual, speaking six languages. He talked about the job opportunities in football, particularly in supporting roles such as recruitment, sports science, nutrition and player liaison to name just a few. He talked about the importance of speaking different languages as most football clubs have players from all over the world speaking a variety of different languages.

**Frau Butterfield and Mme Blyth**



## The Music Department

Not only have students been working tirelessly towards the Senior School production, they also performed at our Tea-Time Concert.

The Spring term Tea-Time concert was an exceptionally busy one, with over 20 performances from both Prep and Senior students. A large audience supported our musicians, with everyone from beginners to music scholars taking the floor to play and sing. We heard examination pieces, GCSE recordings and personal favourites.

The composure and quiet confidence of all our performers was as impressive



as ever. An enormous well done, and thank you, for sharing your talents with us so graciously.

In addition to this, certificates were also awarded in assembly to Bethea, Aiden and Gabriel who all achieved amazing success in their LCM Popular Music vocal examinations; Bethea (Grade 5, Distinction), Aiden (Grade 5, Merit) and Gabriel (Grade 3, Merit).

**Mrs Shevels**



## ESU Speaking Shakespeare Competition

Two of our students, Anu and Isabelle, competed in the local finals of the prestigious ESU Speaking Shakespeare Competition.

Competing against five schools from the North East and Yorkshire, the girls delivered inspiring monologues from *Julius Caesar* and *Macbeth*, proving their mastery of the Bard's language.

And what a battle it was! Anu and Isabelle commanded the floor, their performances so powerful that even

Shakespeare himself would have approved. Every pause was charged with meaning, every word delivered with precision. The audience was captivated, and the judges were thoroughly impressed.

In the end, victory was theirs! Their talent and dedication secured them a place in the regional finals, set to take place in May at a mystery location. Will it be a grand theatre, a historic castle, or perhaps a misty moor with

## Step Into the NHS

16 Senior School students highlighted by our Able, Gifted & Talented criteria were selected to take part in an aspirational Step Into the NHS Careers Day this week.

Students listened attentively to interactive webinar presentations which highlighted the many different roles within the NHS and demonstrated routes of study and qualifications required to get there.

We also welcomed Tracy Bowstead from Zoe's Place Baby Hospice who talked to the students about the specialised roles within the hospice, such as doctors and nurses, as well as play workers and counsellors.

We were pleased to hear the way in which our recent donation of nearly £400.00 could be used to fund 11 much needed days of care for sick children and their families.

It was very interesting to hear how studying medicine could lead to different, less-obvious paths and how students' academic achievements in combination with their compassion for others could lead to a very fulfilling career indeed.

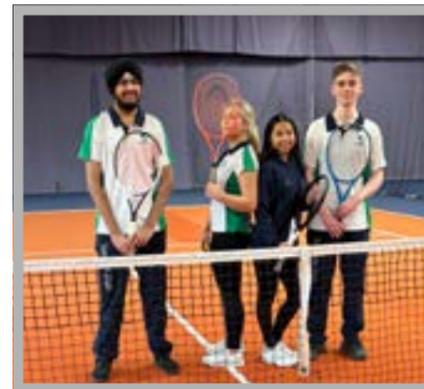
**Miss Stephens**



three witches in attendance? Only time will tell!

**Ms Duffy**

# THIS WEEK PHOTO GALLERY



# UPCOMING EVENT

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# Spring BALL

*at Wynyard Hall*

FRIDAY 2 MAY, 7.00PM-LATE  
THREE COURSE DINNER, DRINKS & DANCING  
£60PP OR £550 FOR A TABLE OF 10  
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