

**Mrs Buley-Interim Principal**

It's Friday already!

This week saw Thames Valley School celebrating British Science Week with a fun afternoon of experiments where all pupils got together to participate. It was fantastic to see the majority of the school coming together to mark the occasion and there was so much enthusiasm to be seen around the school hall. We wish to say a huge thank you to Miss Avramova for her organisation of this, and some photos are included in this week's newsflash.

Year 10 and 11 Geography pupils also undertook their field work trip to Rushall Farm on Thursday, where they spent time in waders paddling in the river, before noting down their findings on how the river changes. This is an essential part of their course, as they are expected to reflect upon this in Paper 3 of their examinations. Miss Archer accompanied Mr Villar and Mr Zaremba on the trip and was delighted to find out they were travelling across the farm by tractor!

Today, three members of staff are at Warwick University, continuing their studies towards achieving their Post Graduate certificate, with a bonus of getting a student card! Next week, Miss Akrivopoulou will be attending a face-to-face training session as she works towards her National Professional Qualification in Leading Literacy, and Miss Archer will be attending hers separately for her NPQ in Senior Leadership.

In assembly today, we had a special request from one of our Primary pupils, Kobey. Kobey wanted to make sure we celebrated International Day of Happiness and Mr Lock led the assembly as the pupils discussed the small ways we can, and do, make each other happy! Thank you, Kobey, for your great idea!

Next week, we will be marking Autism Acceptance week with pupils, and we hope to see lots of you attend our coffee and cake session on 28<sup>th</sup> March as we raise money for Autism Berkshire, please confirm your attendance by emailing [office@thamesvalleyschool.org.uk](mailto:office@thamesvalleyschool.org.uk). The school day will also attend at 1pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> as we move into the Easter break.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Buley

**Pupil Awards**

This academic year, we will be celebrating three pupils each week who have been nominated by staff for demonstrating our school principles.

We are pleased to announce that this week's winners are:

**Thoughtful – Nathaniel Harte** has been awarded for being caring and considerate towards his peers whilst on the school trip this week.

**Value – Elodie Tiplady** has been awarded this week for working hard and showing great effort in her English lessons and having a great transitioning between lessons.

**Kobey Daniels** has also been awarded this week for his valued contribution to the exciting assembly for the school this week

**Safe – William Joy** has been awarded this week for following instructions positively and carefully as well as maintaining a safe environment whilst in the DT lesson.

A huge congratulations to these 4 pupils from all the staff.



## School Council News



12/03/24

### In recent school council news...

**Attendees:** EGa, AAL, DUv, CDu, CCo, DMa, GPe**Chairpersons:** Miss Johnston, Miss Edmond**Guests:** Nic Crossley

Student council discussed their writing experiences at school. This included recognising possible barriers to writing and suggesting ways to encourage writing at TVS.



### Writing Experiences

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Students gave positive feedback on the 'Big Write'. Students explained that it encourages imagination and creativity as well as being a great opportunity for them to practice their handwriting, grammar, vocabulary and punctuation skills.



Students discussed other strategies to encourage writing such as:

- resources management
- resource storage
- handwriting support
- 'cold' and 'hot' tasks to see progress in writing
- working with technology

 International Women's Month

This included:

- Tutor times- students take part in multiple different activities during this time including SaLT, First News and Newsround, and learning about current celebrations and days of recognition, such as, Women's History Month this month and celebrating science week!
- Club times- Clubs give students an opportunity to socialise during structured activities such as games club and crochet club. These activities can also help develop OT and SaLT skills.

### Extra-curricular skills



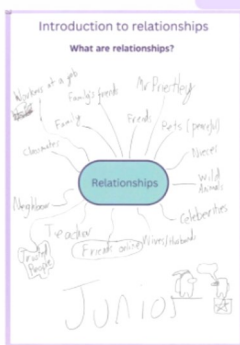
Students discussed ways in which they learn transferrable skills at TVS outside of their lesson time.

## TDT Updates

This term, pupils have been developing their social thinking and discussing relationships during personal development sessions.



Here is some work  
from Year 7!



### Exploring values

A **value** is what is important to a person e.g. moral principles or standards of behaviour.

Name 5 values that are important to **you**



## Speech & Language

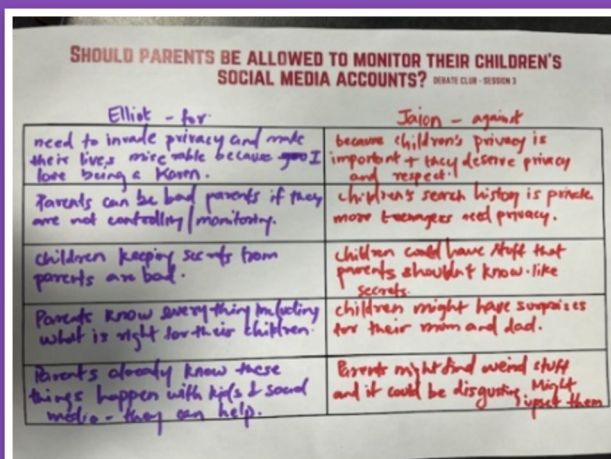
This week, pupils have been using comic strips to create story maps during speech and language sessions. Story maps support pupils with practising memory skills, organising their thoughts and then communicating a sequence of events.



Some primary pupils have been doing McDonalds pretend play while practising understanding and using conjunctions and prepositions in everyday interactions.



**This term, Miss Philip has started a Debate Club! Different pupils have attended the sessions so far and have been developing their conflict management skills. They have been practising politely disagreeing with each other and showing respect and acceptance of others' opinions.**



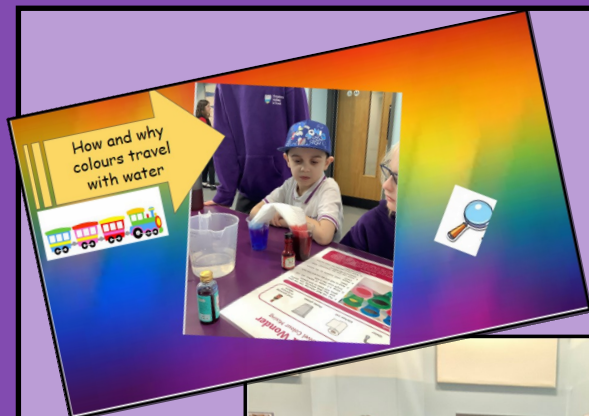


## The highlights in science this week

We celebrated the "British Science Week" at TVS! What a fun week!

It was lovely to see our students involved with science this week. We explored and enjoyed science together. On the science day they engaged in a variety of fun activities which aimed to inspire their curiosity, widen their understanding of "what is the science" behind it and elevate their engagement in the subject. Well done, TVS!

We looked at:





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## Key dates - Reminders

- 28th March 11.30-12.45pm - Coffee and Cake A fundraiser event for Autism Berkshire. Please confirm your attendance by emailing [office@thamesvalleyschool.org.uk](mailto:office@thamesvalleyschool.org.uk)
- 28th March - TVS pupils finish for Easter holidays at 1pm.
- 29th March - 12th April - Easter Break

Wishing all our families a lovely weekend!