



Newsletter

End of Year—July 2024



A message from our Principal, Mrs Buley



It is so lovely to end the week with a little bit of sunshine to brighten our day!

As we come ever closer to the end of term, we are all beginning to feel a little tired, with most individuals looking forward to some rest over the summer break, however, this week has still been full of activities and learning for the pupils and staff.

Miss A visited Vanguard School this week to work with the English Leads from across Liberty Academy Trust as they look at the importance of ensuring 'writing' is accessible for our pupils. As a team, they are creating a training course which will be delivered to all staff so that we can support in developing the vital skills required such as enhancing vocabulary, idea generation and structuring texts, which are used across the curriculum.

As we work towards the opening of our EYFS satellite provision in September, a group of staff also undertook training on how to support and structure toilet training with young people. We have also begun to carry out home visits, current setting visits and transition meetings so that we can work together to provide the best possible support for all young people, and their families, joining TVS both here in Tilehurst, and in Whitley, in September.

Primary pupils this week have been busy preparing for their teddy bear's picnic next week which has even included making their own jam! We hope they are looking forward to this on Tuesday next week.



Secondary pupils have undertaken a wide range of science experiments, including experimenting with Mentos and Coke which was a particularly exciting highlight! Mrs Dudgeon and Lynx class did unfortunately set off the fire alarm during their lesson and all pupils had an unexpected evacuation to the playground, however, this was completed fantastically well, and, after a sweep of the school, we were all able to return safely inside.

This week, all pupils have now spent time in their new classroom spaces and have had their new timetables shared with them. We know that times of change can be challenging, and we hope that providing this information at the earliest opportunity will support a successful start to the new term in September. If you do need any additional support regarding transition, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us as so that we can discuss this with you and provide this as soon as possible.

Please also be reassured that recruitment for key roles within the school is well underway and we will provide updated 'All about me' profiles as soon as our necessary safeguarding checks are complete. These may come during the summer break as some of our team will still be busy working throughout August to ensure that everything is ready to go on September 4th when we welcome all pupils back to school!

Finally, a huge thank you for all your support at the Summer Fayre last Friday. We hope you all had a wonderful time, and it was fantastic to see so many of you join us on the day. We must also say a big thank you to Mrs Saunders and her team for all of their organisation and ensuring that everything went smoothly, as we raised money for our future sensory garden!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Buley

Pupil Awards week commencing 12/07/24

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

RORY PAGE has been awarded this week for encouraging his peers with a positive mindset towards the classroom transitions.

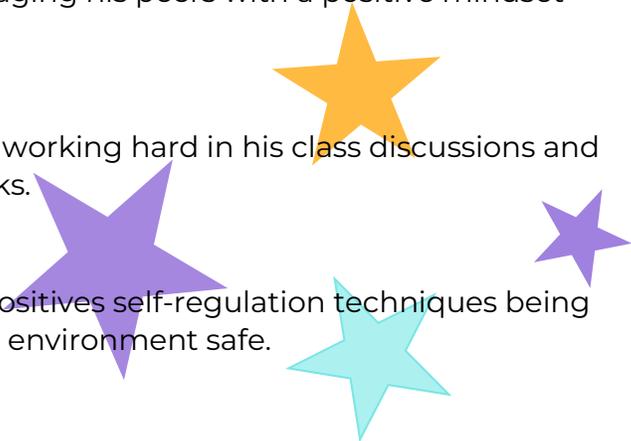
VALUE

NATHANIEL HARTE has been awarded this week for working hard in his class discussions and contributing his ideas to help his peers complete tasks.

SAFE

AMELIA BOWYER has been awarded this week for positives self-regulation techniques being recognised and keeping herself and her surrounding environment safe.

A huge congratulations to these pupils from all staff.

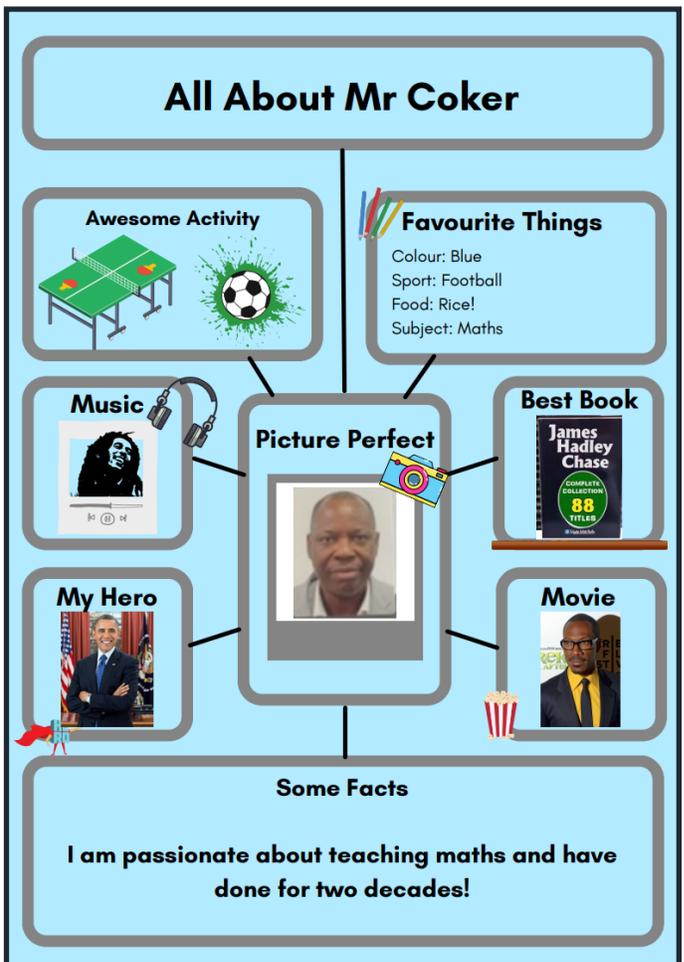


Pupil Of The Year will be announced on Monday 22nd July!

Staff Update



Mr Coker will be joining TVS as a Maths teacher.



Mr Moreno is joining the Senior Leadership Team at TVS and will be leading at our satellite provision at Whitley as Head Of Centre, under the leadership, support and mentorship of Mrs Buley.

What's been happening at TVS

Summer Fayre

12th July





School Council News



05/07/2024

In recent school council news..

School council discussed student feedback on recent Enrichment Week activities. Shared positive feedback included:

- Another successful year for the climbing wall!
- Lots to enjoy offsite
- The Look Out trip was fun and educational
- Lots of positive feedback for bowling and laser quest!
- The trip to Nathan's Nibbles was fun and rewarding due to student input. Students enjoyed how it linked to money management in Life Skills and considered it a valuable trip.



Enrichment Week Round-up



Students also discussed room for improvement within Enrichment Week, and suggestions for next year. These included:

- Indoor climbing centre based-off the positive feedback from the climbing wall
- Encouraging public transport usage
- A variety of museums
- Prospect park
- Additional 'Task Master' activities
- Theme parks
- Variations on Lego activities

End of year discussion



Student council spent some times reflecting on the academic year and their role as school council members. They spoke about agendas for next year and how to effectively communicate between all students, school council members and staff. They discussed plans for next year and the preparation and resources needed. They concluded by discussing the re-election in September!



Jethro from Kitchen Academy came to TVS during the Enrichment Week to teach our pupils to cook. They made Teriyaki chicken and samosas! Here are the recipes for you to try at home.



Recipes

Veggie Samosas

Makes 6, Prep 20min, Cook 20 min

300g swede, finely diced
100g carrot, finely diced
4 tbsp frozen peas, defrosted
1 tsp garam masala
Lemon juice, to taste
Vegetable oil, for spraying
4 sheets of filo pastry



Preheat the oven to 180°C

Boil the swede and carrot for a few minutes then drain and transfer to a bowl.

Squeeze over some lemon juice and mix in the garam masala.

Now spray two sheets with vegetable oil and sandwich them together. Place onto a chopping board and cut into 6 strips.

Place a spoonful of vegetables at one end of a strip and fold a corner over the vegetables to form a triangle shape. Now fold the triangle over again and keep repeating until you get to the end of the strip.

Repeat with the other strips of filo and then place all the samosas onto a baking sheet and cook in the oven for 15 minutes.

Teriyaki (chicken, salmon or tofu)

Serves 4, prep 30 mins, cook 30 mins

4 de boned chicken thighs/4 salmon fillets/450g firm tofu diced in 2cm cubes

30ml/2 tbsp honey

60ml/4 tbsp soy sauce

60ml/4 tbsp mirin

30ml/2 tbsp sake

2 tsp grated fresh root ginger

1 garlic clove, finely sliced

30ml/2 tbsp vegetable oil

250g medium egg noodles



In a large bowl, mix together the honey, soy sauce, mirin, sake, ginger and garlic.

Place your option of chicken/salmon/tofu in the marinade and cover with the sauce. Leave for 15 minutes.

When ready to cook, heat the vegetable oil in a frying pan on a medium heat.

For the chicken: Dry the skin of the thighs on some kitchen paper so the skin will crisp up when fried. Place the thighs in the frying pan, skin side down.

Fry until the skin is browned. You may need to fry the chicken in batches. Don't crowd the pan. Turn the chicken over and pour in the remaining marinade. Simmer for 5 minutes. Check that the chicken is cooked.

For the salmon: Dry the skin of the fish on some kitchen paper so the skin will crisp up when fried. Place the salmon in the frying pan, skin side down.

Fry until the skin is browned. You may need to fry the salmon in batches. Don't crowd the pan. Turn the salmon over and pour in the remaining marinade. Simmer for 5 minutes. Check that the salmon is cooked.

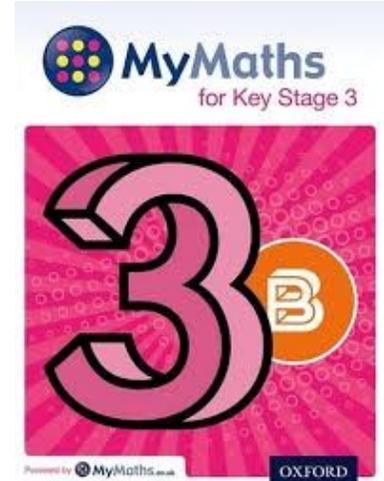
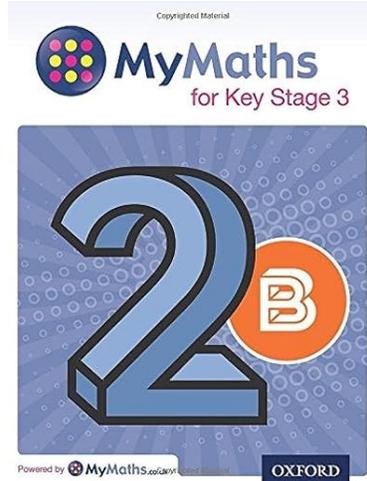
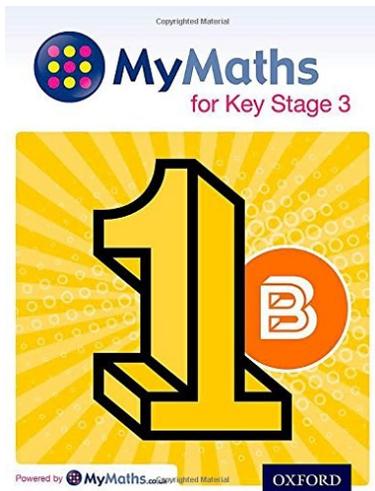
For the tofu: Lift the tofu out of the marinade and into the pan. Fry the tofu, turning occasionally so that all sides brown.

You may need to fry the tofu in batches, don't crowd the pan. Pour in the remaining marinade. Simmer for 5 minutes.

Once the sauce becomes thick, add the cooked noodles, mix together and serve.

Last year, we updated our maths curriculum, changing to follow White Rose Maths throughout the school. This means we have some 'My Maths' textbooks left in school. These books are great for fluency questions and giving more opportunities to practice key maths skills.

If you would like a Key Stage 3 (years 7-9) My Maths pupil book. Please email ciara.mallon@thamesvalleyschool.org.uk or the office and I will send it home with your child on Tuesday.



Breakfast club

We are excited to announce that Thames Valley School are launching a new breakfast provision in September for our pupils to enjoy. As a school, TVS is now an affiliated partner of the Magic Breakfast Charitable Foundation and as such, we are offering a buffet style breakfast comprising of a wide range of healthy and nutritious choices such as bagels, crumpets, 50/50 toast, porridge & cereals. The pupils will be supported and supervised to select their choice of breakfast to support and encourage a nutritious and filling start to their school day. The breakfast will continue to be free to all pupils whilst providing an opportunity to try new foods and tastes as well as the option to independently prepare their own food, with support where needed.

To find out more about the service, please click on the link provided.

[Children's Charity in the UK - Magic Breakfast](#)

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Congratulations



Congratulations!

To Chase who attended the Blackpool ballroom on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th July.

Coming first and being named the under 12 pre bronze champion in the Waltz and Samba.

WELL DONE CHASE!



Congratulations to Miss Irwin for winning Staff Recognition Of The Term! Thank you for her hard work, dedication and support Miss Irwin has brought to the school.

We are sending best wishes to Miss Springer who is getting married in August. We hope they have a wonderful day and we wish them all the best for their future together!



What's happening in the local area



Berkshire Healthcare
Children, Young People and
Families services

The Health Bus is coming!

Reading School Nursing Team are on the bus

- **Drop-in** with any questions and concerns. No need to book.
- Offering support for families with children aged 4-19.
- Resources and advice available from our experienced staff.

For further information about our School Nursing services, please see our website:



Prospect Park
Liebenrood Rd, Reading RG30 2ND.
22nd July 2024. 10 am – 5 pm.



cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024



moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

<p>LAS IGUANAS Join 'My Las Iguanas' via the App & Niños eat free with every adult main</p> <p>ASDA Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.</p> <p>SAINSBURYS CAFES Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.</p> <p>PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm</p> <p>THE REAL GREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult</p> <p>TGI FRIDAYS Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase an adult's main meal (App needed)</p> <p>PUREZZA Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased</p> <p>TRAVELodge & PREMIER INN Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free</p> <p>IKEA Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am</p> <p>SIZZLING PUBS Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.</p> <p>BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!</p> <p>PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms</p>	<p>MORRISONS Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.</p> <p>TESCO CAFES 1 Free Kids meal with every 60p Spend. Available from July 1st Scotland and NI - from July 22nd England & Wales</p> <p>GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants</p> <p>YO! SUSHI From Monday 1st July - Friday 30th August 2024, kids eat free all day Mondays to Fridays at YO! Sushi (min adult spend £10).</p> <p>WHITBREAD INNS Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased</p> <p>BELLA ITALIA Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.</p> <p>COCONUT TREE One child (aged 10 and under) eats free per paying adult. Valid Daily, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 22nd July to Friday 6th Sept 2024.</p> <p>DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!</p> <p>TABLE TABLE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!</p> <p>HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat for £1 on Mondays</p> <p>FUTURE INNS Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.</p>
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Robin Hood Sunday 4 August 2024



Gates open at 12.30pm, performance at 2.30pm

An outside production in Aline's Orchard at Welford Park, Newbury, Berkshire RG20 8HU

The legend of Robin Hood and his band of merry men is brought to life by the renowned Pantaloons. Along with much laughter & swashbuckling this is a perfect summer outing for all ages. For more details look at www.welford.co.uk.

Pimms, Apple Juice, Tea, Coffee & Cake – CASH ONLY
Bring a picnic and sit and enjoy an orchard full of old Berkshire apple trees

12.30pm-2.30pm Archery display and opportunity to test your own skills (cash only).

Fancy dress Prizes for all Maid Marions and Friar Tucks!

Ticket Prices
Adult: £20

Out of school hours contacts



Where can I get support over summer?

- For emergencies call **999**
- **NSPCC** : 0800 800 5000
- **Childline** : 0800 1111
- **Mind** : Provide advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem they can be contacted online <https://www.mind.org.uk/>
- **Tellmi** – mental health support



Key Dates

July	23rd 24 th 25 th	School finish at 1pm Inset Day for Staff Summer Holidays Start
August	22nd	Year 11 Results day 9am - 10.30am
September	4th	Pupils Return to School

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