



Weekly News Flash

04th October 2024



A message from our Principal Mrs. Buley



Happy Friday!

This week has flown by with so many great things happening at Thames Valley School.

Our EYFS staff, alongside Mr Holder were busy at the start of the week transporting equipment and resources over to our new Hill Brow site, ready to welcome the pupils on Thursday. It was wonderful to see the pupils visit with their families and begin to interact with the staff and space, and Mr Vilella-Moreno and the team were in their element finally getting to see you all! Miss Mallon and I also enjoyed visiting and we can't wait to do so each week.

Alongside this, we have welcomed Miss Elsayed to our Hill Brow Key Stage 3 class who has had such a positive week with Delphinus class and has really enjoyed getting to know them all.

Another new face joining us is our new Speech and Language Therapist, Mukta Lale. We are so pleased to have Mukta join us and, as well as completing her induction training this week, she has been carrying out observations across the school and working alongside Anastasios (our wonderful Occupational Therapist) to get to know our pupils.

After a long wait, we were thrilled to finally see Mrs Faragher in person today, as she has made it to us from South Africa! Fresh off the plane, she had a quick tour around school, and she is so excited to get started with us in the next week, and to finally begin work with Scorpius class.



At TVS Tilehurst, today was photo day for staff and pupils! There was a mirror available for a quick check before sitting in front of the photographer, and the kind photographer was very patient as we (staff included!) ensured we were happy with the photo taken.

This week, notification of Parents' evening for Key Stage 2 and Secondary pupils has been sent out to you all via email - if you have not received this, please do get in touch with the office so we can ensure you are able to book the opportunity to meet teachers and discuss your child's progress.

A big thank you to Mr Newman for leading our Year 9 trip to Gray's Farm this week, and to Miss Archer for once again driving the minibus. Although it was a very soggy start to the day, pupils had a great time picking a range of fruit and vegetables and it has been great to see them then use these whilst cooking in school.

This week, I visited one of our Liberty Academy Trust schools, Vanguard School, in Lambeth. It was beneficial to spend time with their senior leadership team there and meet many of their pupils too, including their Student Executive Team members who spoke very fondly of our members from TVS, Alfie and Marshall.

Next week, Miss Edmond will be visiting Swalcliffe Park school to join their Quality of Life network as we work collaboratively to enhance our own practices and share our successes. We will also have Specialist Speech and Language Therapist, Wendy Lee, in school as we continue to work on how to embed Oracy strategies within our curriculum.

Wishing you all a good 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

CHASE DURRANTE has been awarded this week for being thoughtful and kind towards his peers.

VALUE

GEORGE ROSSO has been awarded this week for working hard and showing positive engagement in his lessons.

SAFE

ELIZA LEWENDON has been awarded this week for maintaining a safe environment for herself and her peers.

A huge congratulations to these pupils from all staff.

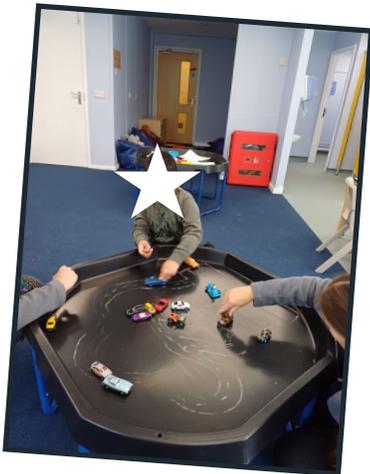


What's been happening this week

Hill Brow - Mr Moreno



This week, the Hill Brow pupils had a blast during PE! Despite the rain, we had a fantastic indoor workout after our math lesson. We also enjoyed a special visit from our youngest students and their families. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to explore their new EYFS classroom and meet the team. We're excited to start another great week next Monday, which will be our first for our Reception pupils.



Hill Brow



Transdisciplinary Team



TDT Updates

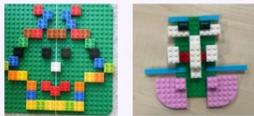


Year 7's took part in their initial Brick Club session, which involved familiarising themselves with the different roles, discussing how to name the bricks and enjoying some free-style LEGO building!

Primary's group explored using LEGO to form symmetry. Members discussed a face design, before helping each other correctly place the bricks symmetrically to form their own face pattern.



Example LEGO face: Our LEGO face!



In Personal Development, Phoenix class acted out many different emotions to guess and discuss as a group as part of their Zones of Regulation topic.



TDT Updates



In Life Skills, Phoenix have been looking at the sense 'smell' and how we can incorporate it into our sensory garden. The class enjoyed identifying, researching, chopping, smelling and reviewing different types of herbs for some inspiration!





TDT Updates



On Wednesday, Year 9 went on their trip to Gray's Farm in Wokingham! We took a tour around part of the area with Peter Gray, who has ran the farm with his family since 1979. We learnt lots about local produce and were lucky enough to bring back lots of ingredients to cook with and provide more fresh food for breakfast club!



TDT Updates



In Life Skills this week year 8 have continued with their garden gnomes by starting to paint them they are looking great!

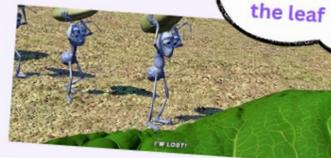


In personal development, the year 8 pupils have been looking at the sizes of problems and appropriate reactions as well as generating solutions! There have been some creative solutions to some of the unusual problems.



eat the spaghetti

Get a plate!



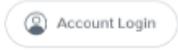
Walk around the leaf

Weekly Information



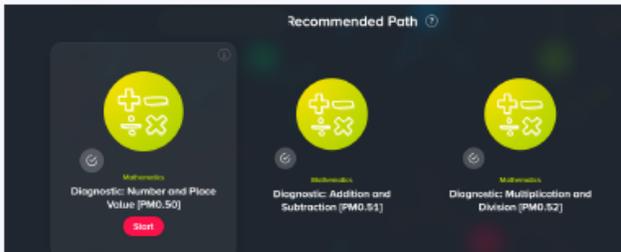
CENTURY
Our New Homework platform

Visit -www.centurytech.co.uk

Click on 

Login - pupils created logins this week

Their dashboard will show their set courses. The programme will adjust based on what has been set and how pupils respond to questions.



The programme will give pupils instant feedback but Teachers will also comment on the programme.



Please click onto this link for a video on how to log into Century Tech [Stream](#)

Autumn Term Homework Timetable

TERM 1	23.9.24		30.9.24		7.10.24		14.10.24		21.10.24					
YEAR 7-9	Computing/ Catering English		Humanities/ Art Science		Maths Sports Leaders (Y9)		English Computer Science/ Catering		Science Maths					
YEAR 10-11	Computer Science/ Catering English		Humanities/ Art Science		Maths Sports Leaders		English Computer Science/ Catering		Science Maths					
TERM 2	4.11.24		11.11.24		18.11.24		25.11.24		2.12.24		9.12.24		16.12.24	
YEAR 7-9	Humanities/ Art Science		Computer Science/ Catering English		Maths Sports Leaders (Y9)		Science Maths		Humanities/ Art Science		Computer Science/ Catering English		Maths Sports Leaders (Y9)	
YEAR 10-11	Humanities/ Art Science		Computer Science/ Catering English		Maths Sports Leaders		Science Maths		Humanities/ Art Science		Computer Science/ Catering English		Maths Sports Leaders	

Key Dates

Month	Date	Time	Description	Who
October	7 th	TBC	Library Week	Pupils
	8 th	16:00 – 17:00	Improving Teacher Programme – parents welcome (online)	Staff
	10 th	All Day	RE Day – Judaism	Pupils
	17 th	15.30 – 18:00	Parents' Evening	Parents/carers
	22 nd	16:00 – 17:00	Improving Teacher Programme – parents welcome (online)	Staff
	24 th	16:00 – 18:00	Open Evening for prospective families	
	25 th	13:00 -14.30	Nic Crossley visiting Autumn Parent Event (at TVS Tilehurst)	School Community
Half Term 28 th Oct – 01 st Nov				

Report Of Absence for Pupils

To report a pupil's absence, please contact school office on 0118 9424750 (option 1) or email office@thamesvalleyschool.org.uk

For Medical appointments, please provide evidence of the appointment this can be sent via email or a screenshot attachment.

Contact Details

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