



# Weekly News Flash

11th October 2024



A message from our Principal Mrs. Buley



Happy Friday!

This week has passed by so quickly at TVS, with our staff team working hard across all three sites to ensure great learning and holistic opportunities for all.

Our EYFS staff welcomed the first full week of our pupils and the week has been a great success, with lots of imaginative play alongside traditional play based learning had by all. The children enjoy the outdoor sandpit as well as the inside 'messy' play, much to the pleasure of the cleaners when they saw the carpet!

Mrs Faragher was finally able to join the pupils of Scorpius class and has already made a fantastic start with the children. To say she has had a busy 7 days would be an understatement with moving over from South Africa with her family, buying a car, house hunting, opening bank accounts and starting her new position will ensure she can hopefully have a well deserved restful weekend.

A big thank you to all our staff for battling the autumnal weather and staying so positive, only 2 weeks to go until half term folks!

Wishing you all a wonderful 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

**Aaron Brown** has been awarded this week for his thoughtfulness and kindness towards both his peers and teachers.

## VALUE

**Nicolas Wojcik-Tomas** has been awarded this week for showing great effort and confidence in his reading during class.

**Elodie Tiplady** has been awarded for working hard and demonstrating a great effort in Maths.

## SAFE

**James Haslock-Owen** has been awarded this week for improved self-regulation and awareness, keeping himself and his surrounding environment safe.

### TVS Uniform

At TVS, we want to enable all pupils to wear our school uniform, wherever possible, being considerate of sensory needs that may impact this.

There are a range of options that pupils can access:

- White t-shirts
- Black or grey bottoms
- Purple jumper or cardigan
- Purple hoodie or blazer
- Black footwear
- P.E Kit

If your child needs further reasonable adjustments, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us to discuss.

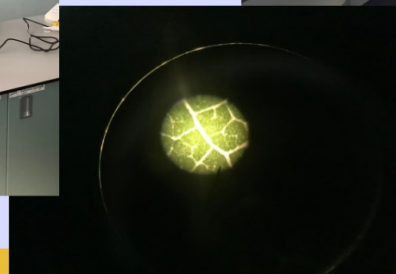
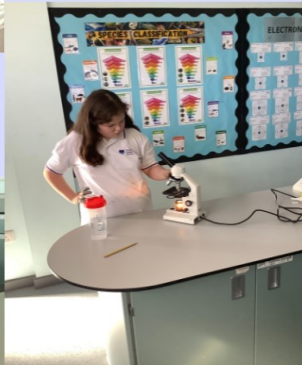
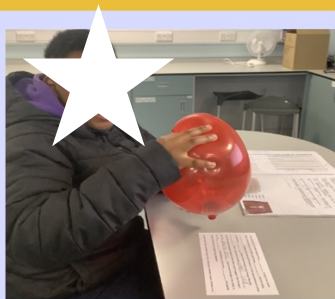
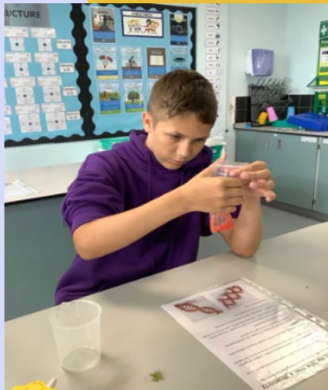


# SCIENCE

This half term in Science across the Secondary phase we have been studying Biology. All pupils have been learning about cells, organisms and the building blocks for life.

## KEY STAGE 3

Pupils in Key Stage 3 have been learning about the hierarchical system of organisms, from cells through to organs and organ systems. Pupils have been learning about the different organ systems, including the reproductive, digestive and respiratory system. Pupils have taken part in practical learning activities to enhance their understanding.



## KEY STAGE 4

Pupils in Key Stage 4 have been learning about cells, labelling and identifying the parts of the cell and the role they take in different plants and animals. Pupils have also been learning about DNA, stem cells and discussing the advantages and disadvantages of medical research and selective breeding. Pupils in Key Stage 4 had the opportunity to dissect lungs, liver, heart and eyes to further develop their learning.

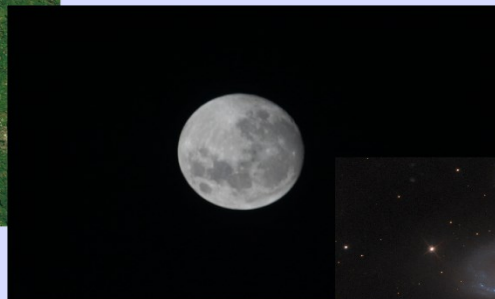
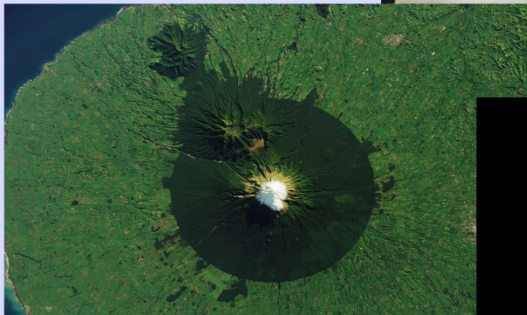
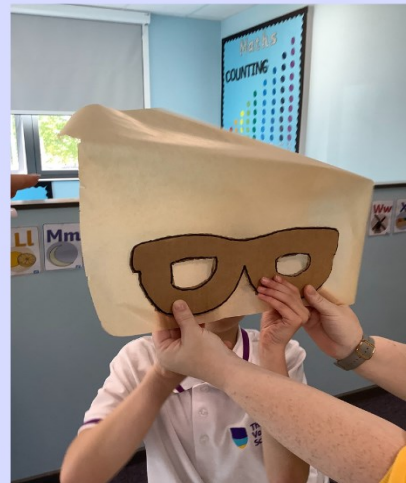
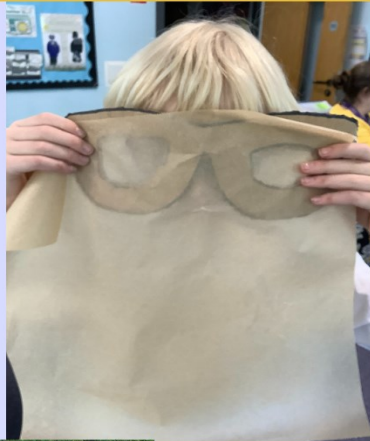
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This half term in Science across the Primary phase we have been studying physics and how things work. Pupils in Scorpius Class have been learning about light and pupils in Phoenix Class have been learning about space.

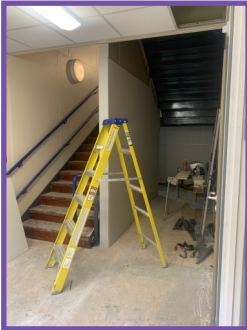
## PRIMARY PHASE

Pupils in Scorpius Class have been learning about light, how light travels and how to keep ourselves safe in the sun. They have researched the work of Sir Isaac Newton and experimented with prisms and shadows.

Pupils in Phoenix Class have been learning about space and the planets. They have learnt about the orbit of the planets, why there is day and night and tried some food that astronauts on the International Space Station would eat. They have also looked at images taken by astronauts on the International Space Station



## Hill Brow Update—Mrs Saunders



This week has seen a huge effort on the external groundworks for our Key Stage 3 building in readiness for the grounds work to begin and perimeter fencing. All the hedges, trees and bushes have been removed or cut-back and the ground cleared to the perimeter fence and building.

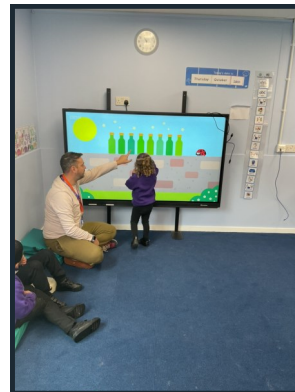
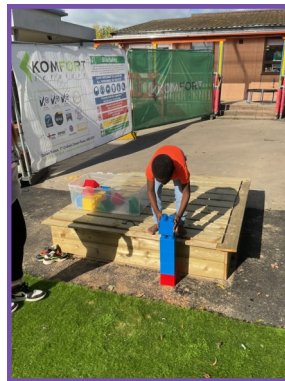
Internally the construction of the new staircase wall has been put in and the internal second fix electrical fittings and redecoration has taken place. The original flooring has now also been excavated throughout so after completion of the painting the flooring can be laid in all areas.

The final element completed this week was the roof works to clear the guttering and ensure the roof and all downpipes are in good, water tight order. Sadly this has resulted in the removal of the pretty roof plants that seemed to have made a comfy home in the gutters.

Its great to see such positive progress week to week and the team are very much working to the programme for completion at the end of the half term break.

## Hill Brow - Mr Moreno

"Hooray! Our EYFS pupils have settled into their new classroom. We had a fantastic first week, exploring all the different areas and making new friends. The transition has been seamless, and we're excited to share our progress with you all."



# Transdisciplinary Team



## TDT Updates



Year 9s continued their project from farm to food. Last Friday, we made Raspberry Jam from the raspberries picked at Grays Farm, this has been a hit at breakfast club! We then used the beetroot we picked to make beetroot brownies on Monday.



Meanwhile, our own garden took another step forward, with potatoes being planted in the community garden by Draco class, with more to come from Aquila next week - hopefully our Year 9 families will have some homegrown potatoes for their Christmas dinner!



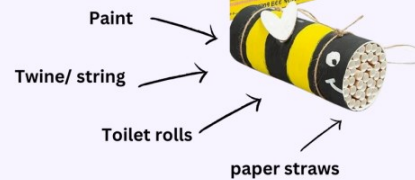
## TDT Updates



The year 7's are continuing to find ways to support pollinators in coming to TVS community garden. They have begun creating some hanging bee nesters! These will support any solitary bees in the Spring time.



Bee Nester



## Weekly Information

### Vacancy at TVS Tilehurst



# WE ARE HIRING!

## OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR AND RECEPTIONIST

This is a great and exciting opportunity for you to join a dynamic team and be part of the school's journey in establishing excellence in the education of autistic pupils.

- Term Time Only
- Monday - Friday
- 8am - 4pm
- Location Tilehurst, Reading
- Competative rates of pay

For more information please email [office@thamesvalleyschool.org.uk](mailto:office@thamesvalleyschool.org.uk)



### **Report Of Absence for Pupils**

To report a pupil's absence, please either contact school office on 0118 9424750 (option 1), email [office@thamesvalleyschool.org.uk](mailto:office@thamesvalleyschool.org.uk) or using the new function "Report an Absence" on MCAS App.

**To report an absence on MCAS App: Log into MCAS, click onto Timetable and Attendance and on the top left hand corner you will see Report an Absence.**

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

## Key Dates

October	17 <sup>th</sup>	15.30 – 18:00	<b>Parents' Evening</b>	<b>Parents/carers</b>
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	16:00 – 17:00	Improving Teacher Programme – parents welcome (online)	Staff
	24 <sup>th</sup>	16:00 – 18:00	Open Evening for prospective families	
	25 <sup>th</sup>	13:00 -14.30	<b>Nic Crossley visiting</b> <b>Autumn Parent Event (at TVS Tilehurst)</b>	<b>School Community</b>
Half Term 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 01 <sup>st</sup> Nov				
November	4 <sup>th</sup>	Afternoon	World Occupational Therapy Day – afternoon	All Pupils
	11 <sup>th</sup>	All Week	KS2 Mocks	Yr6 Pupils
	11 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	Anti – Bullying Week 11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils
	18 <sup>th</sup>		Year 11 Mocks Begin – See Exam timetable	Yr 11 pupils
	19 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	RE Day – Hinduism	Pupils
	25 <sup>th</sup>		Year 11 Mocks	Yr 11 pupils
December	3 <sup>rd</sup>	All Day 16:00 – 17:00	RE Day – Hinduism Improving Teacher Programme – parents welcome	Pupils Staff
	4 <sup>th</sup>	13:00 – 15:00	TVS Governor meeting 2	Governors
	5 <sup>th</sup>	13:00 – 14:00	Student Exec Team Meeting	Pupils
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Tutor	Human Rights – Tutor activities	Pupils
	18 <sup>th</sup>	13:00 – 14.30 16:00 – 17:00	<b>Christmas Fayre</b> Improving Teaching Programme	<b>School Community</b>
	19 <sup>th</sup>		Last Day – Pupils go home at 13:00	Pupils
Christmas Holiday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec—09 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 2025				

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HAVE A NICE  
*weekend*