



A message from our Principal Mrs. Buley



Happy Friday!

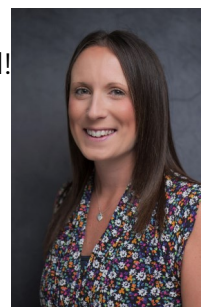
This week, it was fantastic to see so many of you join us at parents' evening. We hope that you also found it beneficial to come in and meet your child's teachers and hear about how the start of the year has been. Parents' evening for parents of Hill Brow pupils will be arranged for after half term once pupils are settled into their new environments!

There is another opportunity to come in and see us next week at TVS Tilehurst - On Friday 25th October, pupils will be participating in some Halloween and Autumn based activities and you are welcome to join us between 1pm and 2.30pm. If you would like to attend, please confirm your attendance by emailing office@thamesvalleyschool.org.uk

Next week, we will also be holding an Open Evening for prospective families on Wednesday 23rd October and we look forward to welcoming families as well as professionals from local schools. If you are aware of anyone that may wish to attend this, please do let them know to get in touch with us so that we can send them an invitation.

It has been wonderful to walk round the school sites each week and see the progress being made by all, particularly our new pupils who have settled in so well!

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

Ibraheem Zaman has been awarded this week for being considerate and helpful towards his peers in the classroom.

VALUE

Demetrius Uvetie has been awarded this week for his hard work and excellent presentation skills.

SAFE

Marshall Collins has been awarded this week for his positive self-awareness and his ability to step away to self-regulate with confidence.

A huge congratulations to these pupils from all staff.



Weekly Information

A reminder if you would like to order your child's school photo, the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Thursday 24th October 2024**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).



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 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.

MATHEMATICS

This half term in Mathematics across the primary and secondary phases the pupils have been studying a range of topics from across the mathematical disciplines.

PRIMARY PHASE

Pupils across the primary phase started the academic year by consolidating and building on their knowledge of place value. All pupils were given opportunities to work with a variety of manipulative (mathematical equipment) to develop their understanding of number and the number system.

Pupils in Scorpius Class worked with numbers up to 10,000 and solved problems involving reasoning and applying their knowledge to real-life problems.

Pupils in Phoenix Class worked with numbers up to 1,000,000 and decimal numbers to ensure their security in both larger and smaller place value. Pupils were able to identify patterns about number and the number system and solve real-life problems involving decimal numbers.

KEY STAGE 3

Pupils in Year 7 have been learning about algebraic thinking. They have learnt about sequences and algebraic notations with all the pupils able to differentiate between linear and non linear sequences. They have also learnt about function machines and the role substitution plays in solving these. Pupils in Year 8 have been learning about ratio and scales and multiplicative change in proportional reasoning. The pupils have learnt about direct proportion and conversion graphs; using these to convert between currencies and measures.

In Year 9 pupils have been studying mathematical reasoning within algebra. They have learnt how to form and solve equations and applied this learning to their knowledge of graphs and gradients.

KEY STAGE 4

Pupils in Year 10 have been studying the topic Similarities, Congruence and Trigonometry. The pupils have learnt how to identify Congruent Triangles and how to differentiate between Congruent and Congruent Shapes. They are also able to use Trigonometry Ratio to find missing lengths and Angles. There was excitement in the use of SOH CAH TOA in Trigonometry!

Pupils in Year 11 have been learning all about graphs - including linear and non-linear graphs. They have been working on gradients and equation of lines. The pupils are able to identify parallel and perpendicular lines, straight lines and interpret quadratic graphs. The pupils have been learning how to read, draw and plot different graphs.

MATHEMATICS

HOW PARENTS AND CARERS CAN SUPPORT AT HOME

Mathematics is all around us in the world and as parents and carers you are probably using mathematics all the time and are much better at this than you think. Ways you can support your child at home can include getting them to help calculate how long something needs to be in the oven when it is cooked (time); calculating change when you are shopping (money); helping you stick to a budget when in the shops (money and addition and subtraction); helping to set up schedules for the day with timings (time). You can also support your child by helping them to consolidate key facts such as number bonds to 10, 20, 50 and 100 and multiplication and division facts - if your child can solve the multiplication $5 \times 10 = 50$ can they tell you other multiplication facts that they also know? e.g. $0.5 \times 10 = 5$, $50 \times 100 = 5000$ and $5000 \times 10 = 50,000$



Hill Brow—Mr Moreno

EYFS



This week in Leo class, we've had a truly wonderful time! Our youngest pupils have been absolutely captivated by our Attention Group, where everyone gathers excitedly to see what's inside the bucket. Their reactions are priceless, and they adore exploring the items with such curiosity. We've also been having such fun with mark making, watching everyone discover new and creative ways to trace. Some have been experimenting with different colours, whilst others have been trying out different shapes and patterns. It's been so inspiring to see their imaginations at work!

Year 7

Delphinus had a great week; the children thoroughly enjoyed their Art lessons this week where they have been focusing on emotions. We drew how we view certain emotions and then recreated some pictures this week. This has been helping us work towards drawing our own self-portraits in the coming weeks. In addition, to this, the students have been working incredibly hard in Science, where we have been focusing on 'inside our bodies'. They have been learning about our skeleton, major organs and their functions and the heart! They were all incredibly interested in seeing a heart beat and how it worked. Some lovely learning this week from all!



Transdisciplinary Team

TDT Updates

In Phoenix Class, they investigated the sense 'sound' by listening to different types of wind chimes. Different materials included metal, bamboo, wood, glass and shells!

LISTEN

Now, they are in the process of making their own for the community garden using sea shells and beads!

TBC...

TDT Updates

Brick Club!

ENGINEER Gives out instructions Over-see the Project	SUPPLIER Co-ordinates the Lego pieces Supplies the Lego to the builder	BUILDER Follows instructions to put the pieces together Builds the model
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On a wet morning, the next batch of TVS Potatoes were planted by Aquila class!

TDT Updates

This week in Life Skills the year 7's tested their memory on the pollination process and then looked at all the different ways beeswax can be used!

Bee soap

Beeswax candles

Key Dates

October	22 nd	16:00 – 17:00	Improving Teacher Programme – parents welcome (online)	Staff
	23 rd	15.30 – 17.00	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				
November	4 th	Afternoon	World Occupational Therapy Day – afternoon	All Pupils
	11 th	All Week	KS2 Mocks	Yr6 Pupils
	11 th	TBC	Anti – Bullying Week 11 th – 15 th	Pupils
	18 th		Year 11 Mocks Begin – See Exam timetable	Yr 11 pupils
	19 th	All Day	RE Day – Hinduism	Pupils
	25 th		Year 11 Mocks	Yr 11 pupils
December	3 rd	All Day 16:00 – 17:00	RE Day – Hinduism Improving Teacher Programme – parents welcome	Pupils Staff
	4 th	13:00 – 15:00	TVS Governor meeting 2	Governors
	5 th	13:00 – 14:00	Student Exec Team Meeting	Pupils
	10 th	Tutor	Human Rights – Tutor activities	Pupils
	18 th	13:00 – 14.30 16:00 – 17:00	Christmas Fayre Improving Teaching Programme	School Community
	19 th		Last Day – Pupils go home at 13:00	Pupils
Christmas Holiday 23 rd Dec—09 rd Jan 2025				

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weekend