



Year 8 Community Work



Special thanks go to the boys and adults who gave up their time on Saturday morning helping the Environment Trust with some urgent maintenance of the Grove Gardens Chapel in Richmond. A great deal of work was done to remove encroaching undergrowth at the rear of the chapel – cries of 'timber' resounded. Areas surrounding the

gravestones and paths were tidied and paths swept clean. This historic building is opening its doors as part of the 'Open House London' weekend tomorrow, when 700 buildings of every conceivable type, shape and size will open their doors to Londoners completely for free – why not pop along and see the fruits of the boys' labours.

Well done to Vinay, Roland, William, Tom, Harry, Guy, Lawson and Emanuele.

If you are out and about in Richmond, Barnes and Sheen this Saturday you may see Yr 8 boys and parents collecting for the Leukaemia Research Fund Flag Day.

Sports report from Mr Peyton



It has been an exciting first week of term on the football pitch with a number of firsts, 1st matches, 1st tournament, 1st abandonment due to rain (poor Year 4), 1st individual hat-trick, AND 1st WINS!! Our 1st XI squad played in the Ibstock 8 a-side on Monday and acquitted themselves very well beating Ibstock Place (Felix goal) and Portland Place B (goals from Rex and Harry) in the group stages. After a narrow loss to a very strong Harrodian side we then played Portland Place A in the plate final and were desperately unlucky

to lose 2-1 having been 1-0 up with just a couple of minutes to play. Harry Littler scored again in the final but it really was a very good performance from all of the boys who played to finish effectively 4th out of 8 sides in our first outing of the term.

Well done to Year 6 who also had resounding victories at both A and B level against King's House on Wednesday. The A team were in fine form with a stunning 7-0 victory with an amazing 3 goals from Orlando Allen, and 1 each from Adam, James, Max and Joey. The Bs won 3-0 with the goal heroes being James (x 2) and Alex.

Good luck to our Year 5 boys who play their first fixture of the year on Friday and also to our Year 7 boys who go to the Harrodian 7 a-side tournament on Saturday.

Scott



On Radio 4 Archive Hour this Saturday at 8.00 pm there is a programme about the life and work of Peter Scott. Here is a summary:

'From the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust centre in Gloucestershire, Frank Gardner reflects on the career of Sir Peter Scott - ornithologist, author, painter, sportsman, war hero and broadcaster, whose television programme Look ran for over 25 years.

Born 100 years ago, the son of Scott of the Antarctic, he was dubbed the patron saint of conservation. He was the first to campaign for the preservation of endangered species and to warn against the destruction of natural habitats.'

Fencing



Mr Black is delighted to report that the twelve boys in Year 4 currently taking his Level 1 (Foil) beginners' course have all made a very promising start to their sessions in terms of fitness levels, skills acquisition and general swordsmanship. Matches against other independent schools will commence shortly after half-term. If any pupils in Years 5-8 are keen to represent

Tower House during 2009/2010 please can they see Mr Black to express their interest. St. Paul's School has forwarded us details of their current fencing programme, with information readily available on their club website. Mr Black also has copies of timetables for different age ranges at the St. Paul's Salle and up-to-date letters of registration.

At the beginning of the Autumn Half-Term holiday, Mr Black will be running separate two-day Fencing courses for pupils in both the Junior and Senior schools. Please contact him directly to register your son or for further information about either course. Mini-Fence and Team Games (Year 2 & Year 3 pupils) - 19th & 20th October 1pm - 3pm. Foil instruction and Fencing Team Games (Years 4 - 8) - 19th & 20th October 10am - 12pm. The cost of each two day course is £30 per person.

Puzzle Plea

The Puzzle Club in the junior school would be very grateful for any puzzles (preferably with all the pieces) that are going spare. Ideally puzzles should comprise 50 pieces with a maximum of 100 pieces. Please could you send them to Year 3.

Adult Choir

Mr Gosden will be starting an adult choir one evening. If you are interested in joining, please contact Mr Gosden direct on gosden@thsboys.org.uk Please see attached poster.

Books for Schools



The Times and Sunday Times are offering their 'Books for Schools' again and we would like to take the opportunity of getting more free books this Autumn, and would appreciate your help. There will be collecting boxes in the office and the Year 3 classroom, for the tokens which are being issued from now until December 6th. Please start collecting right away! Many thanks, from the Library Staff.

2nd Hand Uniform Sale - 24 September 2009

3 - 4 pm in the Hall

Plenty of good quality 2nd hand uniform available next Thursday afternoon in the Hall.

Any further donations of old uniform gratefully received for the sale although please no stained white shirts, hole-y jumpers or similar!

All proceeds go to FOTH, look forward to seeing you there.

Polite Reminder

As published last week we are dismissing all after school clubs through the Junior School exit – this includes boys with bicycles. If you need to collect your son earlier than the expected finishing time, please press the entry phone on the blue gate and a member of staff will let you in.

Wraparound Care

Some boys have already taken advantage of the 'drop in' facilities before and after school. Please feel free to make use of the Breakfast Club (from 7.40am) or the After School Club (until 5.00pm) if the need arises.

Have a good weekend.