

Friday 15th November 2019

Hello everyone,

Another busy week has passed and I guess there are more to come. This week I am pleased to share with you news of our new Assistant Head Primary. We look forward to her arrival after Christmas.

Introducing our new Assistant Head Primary



Hi everyone! My name is Sophie and I'm so excited to be joining you in January as Primary Assistant Head and your Year 1/2 class teacher. I'm currently on my fourth year working in an inner city London school as a Year 2 teacher and Head of Literacy for the school. I love teaching, being inside a classroom and forming positive relationships with children, parents and other staff members. I'm looking forward to be able to continue to do this, as well as being Assistant Head.

In my spare time, I love to read, practise yoga and cook for my friends. I can't wait to explore your amazing island, go on walks and get over my irrational fear of swimming in the sea!

I'm so excited to meet you all in January and I hope you have a wonderful Christmas!

Sophie



Remembrance Day Service

The Remembrance Service held on Sunday was very well attended. Well done to Whitney and Kelis (Yr 10) who read poems on this occasion, and to our Head Student Kirsten who laid a wreath on behalf of the School. It was great to be able to make a wreath for this special occasion.

Year 7 were reflecting on Remembrance Day and created an acrostic poem to keep this solemn occasion alive. A great class effort!

Remembering everybody that died for us

Even those who risk their lives

Memories we will never forget

Emotions of grief are left with children, husbands and wives

Moods are miserable and mournful

Believing that their loved ones would come back

Royals, politicians, servicemen and citizens

Assemble near cenotaphs within their towns

No-one present without a poppy

Commemorating the blood of our beloved heroes

Everyone appreciating their sense of bravery

Dedicating themselves in solemn prayer

All of us standing together in memory

Year after year



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Mock exams

Next week and the week to follow, Year 11 will be involved in their Mock exams. This is a very important time for them to buckle down and revise hard in all subjects. They should have with them this week a revision leaflet, a mock exam schedule, a coursework schedule, with exams that will happen between now and April 30th next year, as well as a revised marking system for GCSE exams which will come into immediate effect for most subjects.

Revision – Just a reminder that there will be other end of term tests this coming week and all students are encouraged to keep revising through their work in preparation for these tests. Revision should be carried out at the end of every lesson and should be done without reminders. If nothing has been specifically set for revision then students should take on the responsibility of reading through work covered and making their own revision notes.

Police Talks

This week Years 9 – 11 have had talks delivered by the Police with support from the Social Worker on Underage Sex and the Law. A lot of emphasis was placed on what is consent and I sincerely hope that our teenagers will take this advice on board.

Dentist checks

These happened last week and there were some disappointing results regarding teeth hygiene and care. We hope that our dentist can join our lessons in future to give further advice on encouraging our children to look after their teeth.

Anti-Bullying week was marked at school with lessons and assemblies that revisited bullying issues. This year's Anti-Bullying Week had the theme 'Change Starts with Us'.



Source: www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk

Small change. Big difference.

Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well into adulthood.

By making small, simple changes, we can break this cycle and create a safe environment for everyone.

Together, we can challenge bullying. Change starts with a conversation. It starts with checking in. It starts with working together.

**Change starts here.
Change starts now.
Change starts with us.**

I hope that as a community we can all contribute to making a change. If we see children being bullied please remind them of being nice to each other. If we are aware of others who are suffering in silence it would be great to show support by offering help, being more sympathetic and friendly.



Years 5 & 6 wore different socks today in respect of the theme 'Making a Change' as it represents that even though we are different we all have the same purpose.

Great thinking years 5 & 6!

Equipment for learning

Very often students, particularly seniors are not prepared with the necessary equipment needed for their lessons. They should have with them a blue and black pen, a pencil, sharpener, rubber, ruler and preferably some highlighters. These are reasonably priced at the Chandlery shop and I would ask if parents could ensure that their child is organised with essential items.

Temporary cleaner required

From now until Jan 2020, we require someone for 3 hours per day – working from 2pm – 5pm/2.30pm – 5.30pm; assisting with the cleaning of the Senior Sector. Anyone interested in this role, please contact Denise on Tel: 64432.

Have a great weekend!

Ms Carolyn Yon
Acting Head Teacher, TBS

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