



# Tormead *Prep* Newsletter

**FRIDAY 18 MARCH**

Dear Parents,

Last Friday morning, the school was buzzing as we welcomed new families to our Spring Open Morning. Several parents wrote back to me almost immediately to say that Tormead Prep was such an amazing school with such confident and happy pupils. Our future women leaders' ethos was clearly apparent on Friday. Florence, our Head Girl 'flew solo' for her speech that morning, as Arianna and the rest of the Head Girl Team headed off to a netball tournament at GHS. I was so impressed by how Florence displayed leadership skills beyond her years as she stood beside me, alone on the podium, exuding a natural confidence and great humour that left a smile on everyone's face. I would like to add a huge thank you to Alexandra and Zabrina who joined Florence and myself on stage for the Q&A session at very short notice. They demonstrated their HPL skills of being bold and brave when facing the unknown. Last Friday, I was bursting with pride knowing I have an inspirational team of teachers and a school full of girls who are being empowered each and every day to believe in themselves and



to know there will be no limits to their success in the future. As a prospective parent wrote, 'female empowerment was palpable as we walked around the school.'

Year 3 were outstanding when presenting a performance of Aesop's Fables on Monday afternoon. It was wonderful to welcome families to join us for this live performance with every child delivering confident and often humorous performances. Bravo Year 3 and thank you to the talented Mrs Van Der Byl-Knoefel for directing this absolute triumph!

Excitement has been building all week in Year 5 and Wednesday morning saw the year group heading off to Dorset for their residential at Hooke Court. Thank you to Mrs Price for organising the trip and to Mrs Flack, Mrs Travers and Mrs Kemp as accompanying teachers. In next week's newsletter we will hear from the girls and share photographs from their three days away.



This week is National Science Week and in addition to exciting Science lessons linked to this year's topic, we had a visit from Miss Gemma Burgess, a Senior School Biology teacher. She delivered an interactive session on cells and growth to our Year 3 and 4 children in the Science lab. Year 6 were invited (only if they wished!) to a 'Dissection' demonstration with Mr Rob Isaacs, Head of Biology in Senior School.

Today, Nelson House Charity Day, was marked across both the Prep and Senior School with a parents' coffee morning, a mufti day and a cake sale to raise money for the families and children who are suffering due to the outbreak of war in Ukraine. As at school, I am sure as families, that you have supported your daughters with an understanding of what is going on at present, at an age-appropriate level.

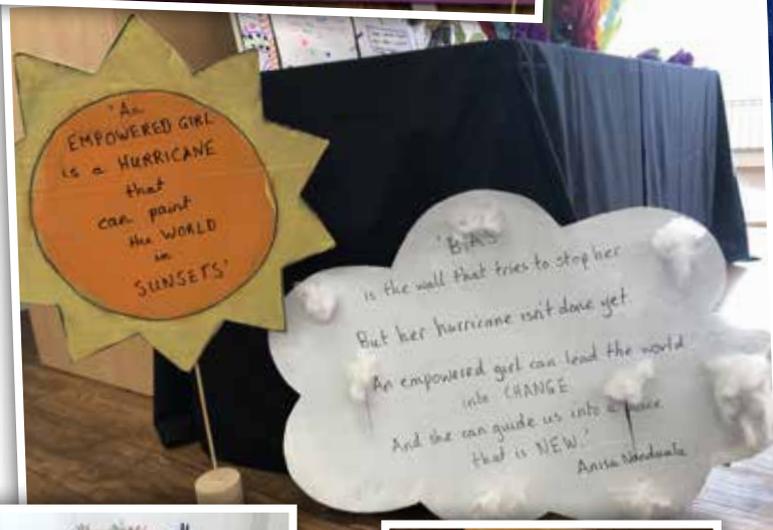
Today's focus has been about thinking of others who have been displaced, the plight of refugees and how countries across the world are uniting in order to help others by supporting and showing true kindness for fellow mankind.

This weekend, I look forward to seeing many of you at the 'Tormead Gym Championships'. This occasion marks Mrs Drury's final gym session with our girls. Mrs Drury took on the role of Head of Gymnastics three and a half years ago and under her leadership, she has continued to nurture and develop the girls' gymnastic skills to the highest level. This year, she retires from this position with an incredible set of results as the Prep girls are reigning IAPS U11 champions and U9 and U10 ISGA National Champions. For over twenty years, Mrs Drury has been an inspiration for many girls and I know as a parent body you will join me in thanking her for her enthusiasm, drive and devotion to gymnastics at Tormead. Mrs Drury passes the baton to our new Head of Gymnastics, Scott Patterson, who has worked as a coach with Tormead for over ten years. I wish him every success in his new role.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Best wishes,

**Nicki Fry,**  
**Head of Prep School**  
[nfry@tormeadschool.org.uk](mailto:nfry@tormeadschool.org.uk)



# Science Week



## Year 6 Drama practising for Olivia!



# Year 1 Introduction to Rugby



## Year 1 Spring Walk



## Year 6 Mindfulness



# Notices

## Music News

### Reception & KS1 Concert

**Friday 25 March at 2pm. Prep School Hall.**

This concert is a celebration of all the hard work KS1 have done in their Music lessons at school. If your daughter would like to perform a solo on an instrument that she learns in or outside of school, please email Louisa Godfrey at [lgodfrey@tormeadschool.org.uk](mailto:lgodfrey@tormeadschool.org.uk)

### KS2 Spring Concert

**Monday 28 March 6.30pm. Senior School Hall**

The Spring Concert is a celebration of all the KS2 extra-curricular music groups and will feature performances from: Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 Choirs, Orchestra, Training Orchestra, Recorder Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble, Jazz Band, Ukulele Club and Scholars' Ensemble

## Clubs

Week commencing 21 March is the last week for most extra-curricular clubs.

The only clubs running during the final week of term will be on Tues 29 March; Tap Dance and Theatre kids (to make up for cancelled session earlier in the term) and Year 5 & Year 6 lunchtime Chess

**Hockey Club - There will be no training session on Thursday 24 March.**

**Ukulele Club - There will be no club on Wednesday 23 March.**

## Keller House Charity Day

**Thursday 24 March**

This year, the Keller House Charity Day will be supporting the British Heart Foundation.

Girls can wear red accessories for £1.

The girls may bring in skipping ropes as there will also be a Whole School 'Skipathon' during the day, where the girls will be skipping in their year groups. This will also be £1 to take part.

## LAMDA at Prep

There is still time to sign up for LAMDA.

From the Summer term, 30-minute group lessons will be available before and after school on Wednesdays and Thursdays, for girls in Years 3-6.

If you wish to register your interest in LAMDA or if you have any questions, please contact Ms Stanton direct - [stanton.rachel@gmail.com](mailto:stanton.rachel@gmail.com)



**Lorena Y5 & Grace Y5**  
For their presentation on St Patrick.



**Erina Y5**  
For her presentation on Famous Women.



**Charlene Y5 & Abigail Y5**  
For their Hong Hong quiz.



**Aekam Y5**  
For her presentation on the Solar Sisters' Zero Waste Shop.



**Lyra Y5**  
For her project on the Bengal Tiger. Eloise's book.

**Tormead Terrapins** Please note the new Tormead Terrapins mobile no. 07508 810713

## Commendations

**Florence Y6    Alexandra N Y6    Zabrina Y6    Sherry Y6    Meera Y6    Sasha Y4**

# Sports News

The U11 Surrey Netball Tournament is always a tough competition with this year being no exception. 20 schools from across the county entered. Congratulations to the U11 Netball team of Pippa, Arianna, Emma, Caitlin, Poppy, Jess, Meera and Alice who played the most amazing netball in horrendous conditions. The whole team demonstrated their ability to be versatile as is the requirement of Bee Netball. It is a challenge at times to change your mindset from playing a shooting position to then becoming a defender but all the hard work from the girls came together.

The group matches were very exciting. Tormead went on to beat Claremont 4-1, Holy Cross 3-1, GHS 4-1 and lose to Danes Hill. This placed Tormead second in the group. We faced Hoe Bridge in the quarter finals who eventually went on to win the whole event. Well done girls, we are very proud of you.

The U11 Swimmers attended the ESSA Primary Relay competition on Saturday at the Spectrum. Poppy, Caitin, Jess, Clelia and Sophie K competed in the Medley Relay and Freestyle Relay. The competition was fierce with all teams aiming to progress to the next round. With a 4th place in the Medley Relay and 3rd in the Freestyle Relay we will have to wait and see if Tormead qualify on times. Well done swimmers on your team PBs and excellent swimming.

Swimming has certainly been the dominant sport this week. A team of U9-U11s travelled to Downsends on Monday. The girls absolutely loved the gala, and we had some excellent relay wins. We only lost by 3 points, 118-121, which is a huge achievement against Downsends.

Congratulations to the U9 and U11 swimmers who visited GHS for their annual invitational gala, especially to Demzy and Sophie who received silver and bronze in their 25m freestyle events.

Well done to all our netball girls who have played in matches this week.

Please make yourself familiar with the signing in process for matches.

**Rachel Kemp,  
Head of Prep School Sport**

Date	Time	Opposition & Venue	Teams
<b>Monday 21.03.22</b>	4.00pm	Felton Fleet A	U8AB
<b>Tuesday 22.03.22</b>	4.00pm	Rydes Hill H	U10 AB U9
	10.30am	Daneshill XC	U11
<b>Wednesday 23.03.22</b>	All Day	U11 Surrey Plate	U11 Hockey
<b>Thursday 24/03/22</b>	3.45pm	Rydes Hill H	U9 ABC



# Gymnastics:

Many congratulations to the Under 11 Trio team (Gracie, Isabella and Jess) who travelled to Stoke to represent Tormead and The South East at the British (Schools) Championships over the weekend. The girls competed a beautifully executed Trio routine combined with strong vaulting and lovely artistic floor routines earning them the silver medal. It has been a very busy but hugely successful competition season for our National Squad Prep school gymnasts with outstanding results at Regional and National Level.

## Tormead Squad Championships - Saturday 19 March

Lots of luck to all the girls competing on Saturday at the Annual Tormead Squad Championships. We are looking forward to a wonderful day of friendly competition and we look forward to welcoming parents on site to watch their daughter(s) perform. Please remind your daughter to bring in her 'Disney' themed 'Competitor Number' on the day of the Championships. Parents should have received

this information by email, however, if you have any questions please contact me directly. A reminder that girls may wear a leotard of choice, hair tied up neatly and bring a water bottle.

Girls must arrive for registration 30 minutes before their Round warm up time. A reminder that Presentations for Round 1 will be at 12.45pm (approx) and Presentations for Rounds 2/3 will be at 2.45pm. There will be a 'cash only' cafe running all day in the Sportshall Lounge selling hot and cold drinks and snacks.

### Date For Your Diary:

Saturday 26 March will be the last session of the term. We will be holding a fun session of new skills and games for all Saturday squads.

**Mrs Jo Drury**  
**Head of Prep and Senior School Gymnastics**

### New Head of Gym

I am very much looking forward to attending the upcoming Tormead Championships and having the opportunity to meet all the gymnasts and parents at Tormead that I haven't had the opportunity to meet yet. Following on from a fantastic year of gymnastic achievement, I have no doubt that Tormead Championships will be just as impressive and look forward to seeing what the participation and development girls have been working towards, as well as celebrating the successes of the rest of the Tormead gymnastics community.

**Mr Scott Patterson**



## TORMEAD SQUAD CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Saturday 19 March 2022**

DOORS WILL OPEN @ 9.00AM

WARM UP TIME	COMPETITION TIME	GROUP	GROUP	GROUP
ROUND ONE 9.30AM	ROUND ONE 10.00 - 10.30am	U8 DEVELOPMENT Vault	RECEPTION/Yr 1&2 Floor	YEAR 3&4 PARTICIPATION Floor
	10.30am-11.00am	U8 DEVELOPMENT Floor	RECEPTION/Yr 1&2 Vault	YEAR 3&4 PARTICIPATION Vault
ROUND TWO 11.15AM	ROUND TWO 11.45am - 12.15pm	JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT Vault	Year 5& 6 PARTICIPATION Floor	U9 NATIONAL Floor
	12.15pm-12.45pm	JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT Floor	Year 5& 6 PARTICIPATION Vault	U9 NATIONAL Vault

### DEMONSTRATIONS & ROUND ONE PRESENTATIONS 12.45-1.15PM

ROUND THREE 1.15PM	ROUND THREE 1.45PM - 2.15PM	U10 NATIONAL/U11 NATIONAL Floor	SENIOR PARTICIPATION Floor	SENIOR DEVELOPMENT Vault
	2.15PM-2.45PM	U10 NATIONAL/U11 NATIONAL Vault	SENIOR PARTICIPATION Vault	SENIOR DEVELOPMENT Floor

### DEMONSTRATIONS & ROUND 2/3 PRESENTATIONS 2.45-3.00PM