



# Tormead *Prep*

## Prep Newsletter



THURSDAY 18 JANUARY 2024

Dear Tormead Families,

As we navigate through the month of January the weather has taken a very chilly turn.

May I gently remind you to ensure that your daughters come to school well-prepared for the cold weather. Warm gloves, scarves, and hats in our school colours of blue, black, or white would be greatly appreciated to keep our students snug and comfortable during their outdoor activities.

On Monday, Mrs Price delivered a pastoral assembly with a focus on kindness and respect for one another, mirroring the principles championed by Martin Luther King. We hope that this assembly has inspired our pupils to continue to embody these values in their daily interactions and relationships.

Looking ahead to next week, I am delighted to announce our much-anticipated STEM-themed InquisiTOR Week. This year the focus

is on Science and it promises to be an exciting time for our budding scientists across the year groups. Miss Meech has been working tirelessly to ensure that the activities planned not only captivate your daughters' imaginations but also emphasise the significance of girls' involvement in scientific exploration. Her efforts will ensure that our girls not only enjoy visiting workshops but also participate in creative cross-curricular themed activities in English, reinforcing the message that science is for everyone. Tormead Prep strongly supports the ethos of promoting women in Science, and InquisiTOR Week is a testament to our commitment to challenging gender barriers in STEM education.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Best wishes,

**Nicki Fry,**  
Head of Prep School



## Beacon Nominations



**Arya A** presented her Beacon project about origami. Arya explained to us what origami is and talked through the excellent poster she made. She also presented a box full of origami that she had made including flowers, cats and cubes. Arya demonstrated how to make an origami butterfly and explained each step so carefully. We can't wait to try and make our own origami butterflies now.





**Alice L** presented a wonderful Beacon project about reindeers. We were fascinated to find out how good they were at swimming and that their eyes change colour when the seasons change. Alice presented her work so confidently and answered lots of questions.



**Aria T** made a fabulous Beacon project all about penguins. Aria researched and presented her work very well. She made a model of the emperor penguin on the ice and a brilliant poster. We all had lots of questions for Aria and she answered them so confidently.



**Sasha** presented her Beacon project all about pencils. She presented her poster to the class and we were extremely interested to find out about different pencils and how an eraser rubs out pencil marks. Sasha confidently answered lots of questions, well done Sasha.



**Charlotte Ma** shared her dream to become a video editor as a career, clearly explaining how she uses tools like CapCut to edit in her free time.



**Iliana and Phoebe M** presented a highly informative Beacon about poisonous dart frogs.



**Harriet** presented a Beacon on her favourite animals, elephants.

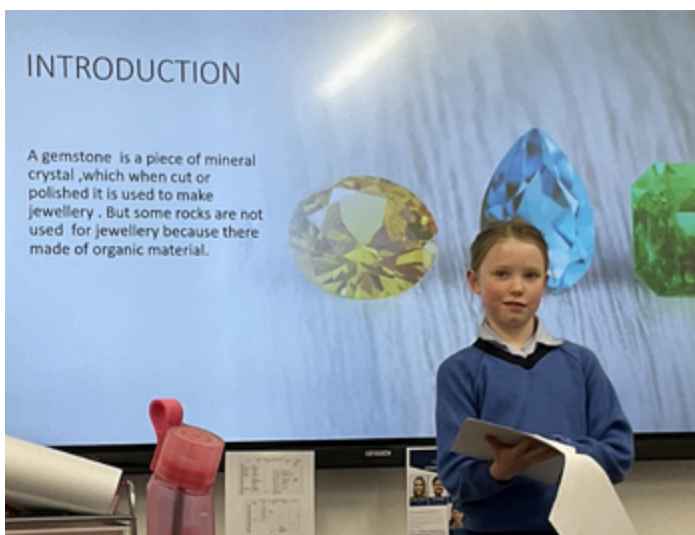


**Freyja and Poppy** presented a Beacon on the history of the Olympics.



**Jess and Daisy** presented a Beacon on the history and rules of the game of hockey.





**Alice B** presented a fascinating Beacon all about gemstones. 4Y learned lots about the properties of different gemstones and even got to see some of Alice's own collection.



**Izzy O** presented an amazing Beacon about the life and accomplishments of Coco Chanel. We were all fascinated by her passions and how she paved the way for fashion for women.



**Sophia** presented an interesting Beacon all about rabbits. She spoke with confidence and the class really enjoyed learning all about rabbits bred in different countries.



**Violet** proudly presented a Beacon about rats. We couldn't believe our eyes when we saw how smart they were and the tricks they were able to do. Did you know that rats get stressed easily and love cuddling with you to feel better?

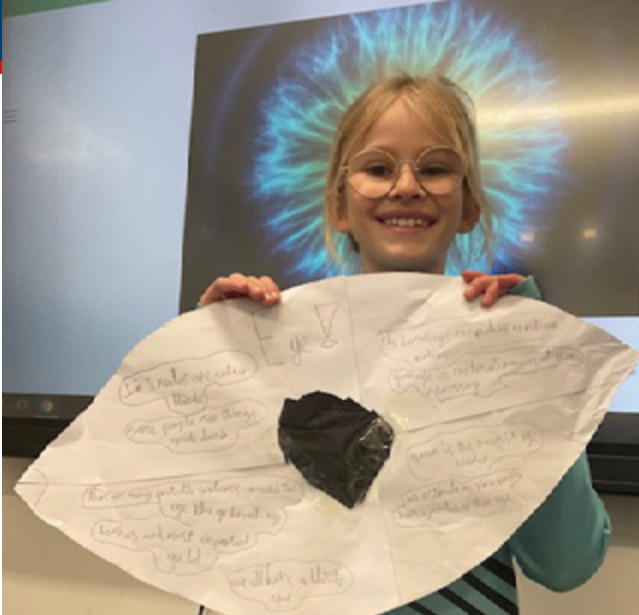


**Harriet and Emily** found out lots of interesting mathematical facts for their Beacon.



**Abi** presented a Beacon all about teeth.





**Lexi** told 3Y many fascinating facts about our eyes, including about blind spots, protective features and colour variations. She invited members of the class to participate in a lucky dip with secrets hidden inside the pupil of her giant eye.



**Daisy's** class thoroughly enjoyed her Beacon about frigate birds in Barbuda.

**Commendations** ★ Alice L ★ Anna J ★ Aurora S ★ Charlotte R ★ Maya C ★  
★ Mila ★ Milica ★ Ophelia ★ Rosie ★ Sasha R ★

## Save the Date!

**Monday 22 – Friday 26 January**  
InquisiTor Week

**Tuesday 23 January**  
Y5 visit to Mary Rose, Portsmouth

**Thursday 25 January**  
Science and Cinema Evening.  
Y3-Y6. 4.00-6.00pm

**Tuesday 30 January**  
Parents' Evening. EYFS, Y2, Y4 and Y6. Online

**Thursday 1 February**  
Parents' Evening. EYFS, Y2, Y4 and Y6. In Person

**Tuesday 6 February**  
Parents' Evening. Y1, Y3 and Y5. Online

**Thursday 8 February**  
**Y4 Residential Parent Meeting 8.30am**  
**Prep Hall**

**Thursday 8 February**  
Parents' Evening. Y1, Y3 and Y5. In Person

**Monday 12 – Friday 16 February Half-term**

**Monday 4 March**  
Y3 Mini Performance. Prep School Hall.  
Parents to arrive at 2.15pm to sign in.  
Performance starts at 2.30pm

**Wednesday 6 March**  
Y6 Prep Concert. JCS Building.  
Parents to arrive at 1.00pm to sign in.  
Performance starts at 1.15pm

**Thursday 7 March**  
World Book Day

**Friday 8 March**  
International Women's Day

**Friday 8 March**  
Prep Open Morning

**Monday 11 March**  
Y3 visit to Butser Farm

**Monday 11 March**  
Senior School Jazz Night  
Senior School Hall 7.00pm  
Prep Jazz Band performing

**Tuesday 12 March**  
Y6 visit to D-Day Museum, Portsmouth

**Thursday 14 March**  
**Y6 Residential Parent Meeting 8.30am**  
**Prep Hall**

**Thursday 14 March**  
Pre-Prep Concert. 1.30pm JCS Building.  
Parents to arrive at 1.15pm to sign in.  
Performance starts at 1.30pm

**Monday 18 March**  
Prep Spring Concert in Senior Hall.  
Refreshments served from 6pm  
Performance starts at 6.30pm

**Wednesday 20 – Friday 22 March**  
Y5 Residential trip to Lodge Hill

**Thursday 21 – Friday 22 March**  
Y4 Residential trip to Juniper Hall

**Friday 22 March**  
**Term ends at usual dismissal time**  
Reception 3.00pm, Y1 3.10pm Y2-6 3.40pm  
Buses 4.00pm

**New additions in blue**





# School Notices

## Parents' Evening

Tuesday 30 January and Tuesday 6 February appointments will take place online via video call. Thursday 1 February and Thursday 8 February appointments will be in person at Tormead Prep. Detailed information will be sent out via Parent Comms today.

## Lost Property - Polite Reminder

Please ensure everything is named to minimise lost property. This includes water bottles and snack pots.

## End of day collection

If you are running late and have asked another parent to collect your daughter, please ensure you inform the school by emailing the Prep Office and cc in the class teacher. We will not be able to release your daughter unless we have prior notification from you as a parent.

Should you have advised the Prep Office of an ongoing collection arrangement we keep the details on file.

You may wish to write daily collection details in your daughter's reading record/homework diary, if your daughter is likely to be unsure, but the Prep Office does not need to be advised unless these details change during the day.

Please use the email

**HeadOfPrep@tormeadschool.org.uk**

for all correspondence for Mrs Fry.

Please note the Prep Office email address is

**prep@tormeadschool.org.uk**

Please note the Prep Office telephone number is

**01483 796073**

**01483 575101 is the Senior School number.**

## Parking and driving around Tormead

Please can we ask parents to be mindful when parking and driving during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE PAVEMENTS, SINGLE OR DOUBLE YELLOW LINES, CLOSE TO JUNCTIONS OR ACROSS DRIVEWAYS.

Please do not park over at the Senior School in the visitor spaces as the coaches are being blocked in and are unable to leave the site promptly.

Three-point turns are EXTREMELY dangerous outside the school when parents and children are walking on the pavements.

Please take advantage of the designated parking bays in the surrounding residential roads and walk to collect your daughter. There are plenty of spaces.

Frequently neighbours contact Prep to complain and we are saddened to hear that parents are parking and driving dangerously.

The safety of everyone in our community, as well as our neighbours, is paramount.

Thank you for your understanding.

## Sesame Anaphylaxis

We have a pupil in the Prep School who has a severe allergy to sesame products. Many products that you might consider sending in as a healthy snack, such as tahini, hummus, crackers, bread sticks, cereal (health) bars, contain sesame seeds. In order to ensure that we reduce any risk of contact with the allergen please can we ask you to think about the healthy snacks you send in with your child each day.

As a reminder there is also a 'no nut' policy as we also have a number of pupils with a nut allergy.

Mrs Lucy Burrell, Health Care Lead

## Important Notice about snacks – Polite Reminder

Can all parents please remind their child that snacks are not to be shared at break times.

Thank you.





Please return your filled bags, during drop-off, to Prep on **Thursday 25 January**.  
Please ignore the return date printed on the bag.

Please click on the link for more information: **Bag 2 School**



### DT Request

During the Spring Term, pupils will be working on various projects leading up to International Women's Day. Any new or old tea lights, corks, nuts and bolts, pen lids, tissue paper, buttons, beads, old missing puzzle pieces, Lego, shells, small/mini plastic toys, straws, chopsticks, bottle lids and empty glass jars which you may have lying around or taking up space in cabinets or cupboards would be greatly appreciated for our upcoming DT projects throughout the school. Please drop off any donations at the Prep Office, clearly marked up for DT.

### Y4 Juniper Hall Parent Meeting

**Thursday 8 February 8.30am**  
**Prep School Hall**

There will be an informal meeting about the residential trip in the Prep Hall at 8.30am. Should you not be able to attend the meeting the presentation will be shared with parents.

### Y6 Brenscombe Parent Meeting

**Thursday 14 March 8.30am**  
**Prep School Hall**

There will be an informal meeting about the residential trip and Y6 Summer Production in the Prep Hall at 8.30am. Should you not be able to attend the meeting the presentation will be shared with parents.

## Values





# Sport



Well done to all the girls who braved the freezing weather and played some fantastic netball this week. Y4 travelled as a whole year group to GHS last week and played some great netball. Our under 10B and C teams played Holy Trinity and the Bs secured a 9-3 win over Holy Trinity's A team. The U11s made their way to St. Catherine's on Tuesday in freezing temperatures. Well done to all the girls who played, especially the As who won 8-6 with Jess's last-minute goal.

**Rachel Kemp**  
Head of Prep School Sport

## Sports Diary for next week:

### Monday 22 January

U8 A-B v GHS (A) 4.00pm start 5.15pm return to Tormead

### Tuesday 23 January

U11 XC relays GHS Stoke Park.  
Races start at 3.00pm

### Wednesday 24 January

U11 A Tormead Small Netball tournament

### Saturday 27 January

U10 A and B combined team Rydes Hill Netball Tournament 8.30am start

# The Week Ahead

## at a glance...

A copy of the Co-Curricular Clubs grid is available on the Parent Portal under the 'Co-curricular' tab. This includes times and collection points. Details and team sheets for all matches can be found at [Tormead Sport](#).

### **Monday 22 January**

InquisiTOR week workshop - VR Experience for Y4-6

U8 A-B v GHS (A) 4.00pm start 5.15pm return to Tormead

### **Tuesday 23 January**

Y5 visit to *Mary Rose*, Portsmouth

InquisiTOR week workshop - Pre-Prep Sublime Science show  
(Reception-Y3)

U11 XC relays GHS Stoke Park. Races start at 3.00pm

### **Wednesday 24 January**

U11 A Tormead Small Netball tournament

### **Thursday 25 January**

TPA Bags 2 School drop

Science and Cinema Evening. Y3-Y6. 4.00-6.00pm

### **Saturday 27 January**

U10 A and B combined team Rydes Hill Netball

Tournament 8.30am start



NEW

S4K

# S4K AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

## @ TORMEAD SCHOOL

S4K After School Care Club is an extension of the school day, aimed at supporting working parents, but also to giving children the chance to enjoy physical and mental well-being activities.

Every day is different, supported by S4K coaches teaching sports and fun physical games to children, mixed with activities designed to help children relax and unwind.

Each child is also provided with a light tea at our after school care clubs



10.00



4.30PM - 6.00PM

### S4K SAMPLE TIMETABLE\*

Time	MOTIVATION MONDAY	TEAMWORK TUESDAY	WELLNESS WEDNESDAY	THOUGHTFUL THURSDAY	FITNESS FRIDAY
	SET-UP				
3:45PM	NUTRITIONAL SNACKS + INDOOR CREATIVE PLAY				
4:00PM	(LEGO, Arts&Crafts, Board-Games, Puzzles, Books)				
4:15PM	PHYSICAL PLAY				
	Tag Games	Team Relay Games	Capture The Flag	Team Building Games	Obstacle Courses
4:30PM	SPORTING PLAY				
	Dr Dodgeball	Football Rounders	Balloon Volleyball	Uni-hoc Tournament	Kwik Cricket
5:00PM	MINDFULNESS BREAK				
5:15PM	MULTI-ACTIVITY PLAY				
	Hungry - Hippos	Dinamo Dodgeball	Benchball	4-Colour Eliminator	Crab Football
5:30PM	EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT + OUTDOOR CREATIVE PLAY				
6:00PM	(Soft Balls, Adventure-Playground, Tag Games)				
	HOME TIME				

JAN - FEB

FEB - MAR

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\*note this is a sample of the activities at our home club and actual activities will vary



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