



Tormead *Prep*

Prep Newsletter



THURSDAY 14 MARCH 2024

Dear Tormead Families,

Last Friday the girls observed International Women's Day by wearing purple hair accessories to show their unity and support for women's rights. The Y5 and Y6 girls were treated to a netball masterclass with Pamela Cookey. Pamela is an ex-England netball captain, Commonwealth Games medallist and commentator. She is a strong female role model for our girls, someone who could inspire anyone to follow their dreams, not just in sports. The girls received a wealth of advice. The Prep Head Girl Team displayed their unity and strength by leading the Prep Open Day on Friday morning. I was so proud of how they spoke with such confidence and maturity.

On Monday, our Prep Eco Captains hosted a secret assembly, sharing their reflections on the significance of their prefect roles and



advocating for environmental awareness. They have extended an invitation to all pupils, who their messaging resonated with to join a newly formed Eco Committee. Older pupils have been asked to submit applications through short written submissions to the captains, while the youngest pupils may simply submit their names to be randomly selected. As the new term unfolds, the captains, alongside the selected representatives from each class will serve on the committee for the remainder of the academic year. Additionally, the Eco Captains have launched a competition, the details of which were unveiled during the secret assembly and appear later in the newsletter. The proceeds from this initiative will be earmarked to fund projects championed by the Eco Captains and their committee during the forthcoming summer term.



On Monday Y3 headed to Butser Farm and on Tuesday Y6 had a fantastic day out at Portsmouth D-Day Museum. We will share photos of the latter in next week's newsletter.

The last few weeks have seen a very busy schedule for girls in sports teams at the end of each day in matches or at weekend competitions. Huge congratulations to Aimee, Gracie, Maddy and Sasha for returning home, from Stoke last weekend, crowned U11 British Champions and receiving three team gold medals. Gracie returned as U11 individual champion. We are very proud of you! Good luck to Emily T, Ellie, Erika, Evie Ca and Jess who will be representing Tormead at the Surrey Round of the Primary School Relays for Saturday evening's ESSA.

Last week, I communicated updates regarding staffing changes, and I am delighted to provide a follow-up this week. During the Summer Term as Mrs Price transitions to Senior School, Miss Jessica Murphy will be joining our team to teach. Primarily, she will focus on delivering English lessons to Y5 and Y6 pupils, although she will also teach a range of subjects to various age groups across the Prep School (Years 3 to 6). With her extensive teaching experience and a solid linguistic background, having studied languages at A Level and worked at International Schools in Monaco and Nice, Miss Murphy brings valuable expertise to Tormead Prep. On Monday and Tuesday next week, she will join us covering some of the French lessons in Madame Newman's absence. This period will also serve as an opportunity for her to acquaint herself with the entire school community and her upcoming English classes, ensuring a smooth transition for the next term.

In addition, I am thrilled to formally announce the permanent appointment of another exceptional educator to our team: Mrs Louise Beach. With an extensive teaching career, Mrs Beach is currently Head of English at St. Hilary's School in Godalming. Mrs Beach will bring a wealth of experience and expertise to our prep school. Her unwavering passion for English language and literature promises to enrich our academic provision of

English and contribute greatly to our team of inspirational teaching staff.

Both new members of staff have been asked to write short bios for this newsletter and I know that you will give them both a very warm welcome when they arrive and become part of our Tormead Family.

With just over a week to go we have so much to fit in! I look forward to seeing some of our girls at the Tormead Gym Champs on Saturday and I am sure suitcases will start to be packed in preparation for Y4 and Y5's residential next week.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Nicki Fry
Head of Prep School

Jessica's teaching career of over a decade has taken her from London to France, Brighton and back to her roots in Surrey, where she taught in Year 3 and Year 5 at St Catherine's and, most recently, at Ripley Court as acting Head of English, teaching Year 5 and Year 6. She is also an established tutor supporting pupils with their preparation for the English 11+. A keen theatregoer who has always had an interest in languages, Jessica speaks French and Spanish and looks forward to continuing her enjoyment of fostering a love of words in pupils at Tormead Prep and supporting them in the Summer Term.



I am passionate about teaching English and have taught my subject across Years 3-8 in a number of prep schools in the area. Imbuing a love of the written and spoken word in children is a wonderful way to spend the day, and nurturing a genuine love of reading and writing creatively brings me immense satisfaction. When my head is not in a book, I enjoy theatre, films and walking my bouncy black Labrador for miles and miles! I am very excited to be joining Tormead Prep School in September and I am looking forward to getting to know everyone. Louise Beach

Year 6 Prep Concert.





Year 3 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm



Y3 had a fantastic trip to Butser Ancient Farm on Monday. The girls explored Stone Age and Iron Age houses and compared similarities and differences. They really enjoyed the variety of activities: creating a wattle fence; chalk carving; making jewellery and taking part in an archaeological dig. The girls represented the school beautifully.



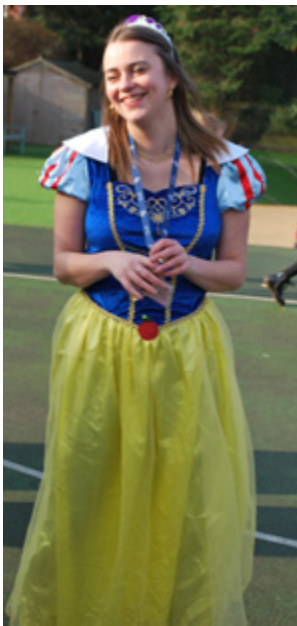
Eco Assembly

Isla and Phoebe presented an informative assembly on global warming and the impact it is having. They launched their newly formed Eco Committee and if girls are interested in becoming a member, they should write a short paragraph about why they would like to join and hand in to their form tutors by 20 March.

In addition, they talked about World Environment Day and launched a poster competition inviting the whole school to design posters highlighting important environmental issues. Posters are due in on 19 April and cost 50p per entry. Money raised will be used to buy gardening tools.



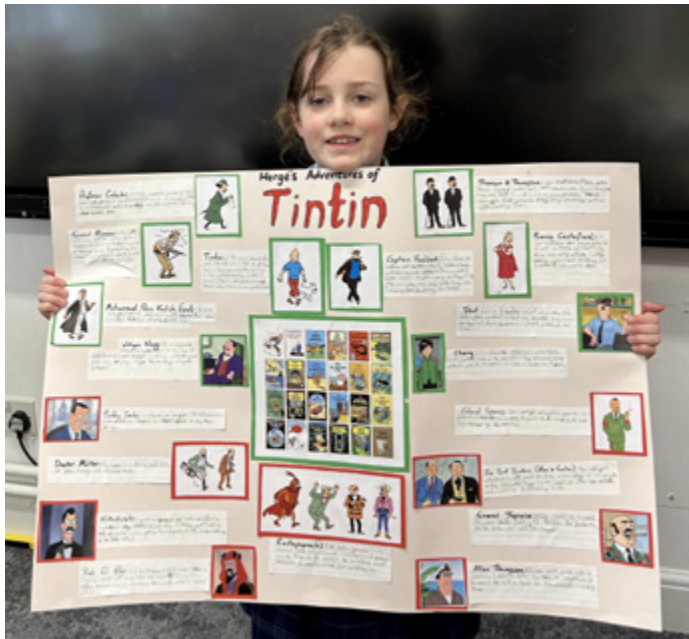
World Book Day







Beacon Nominations



Clara presented a fantastic Beacon about Tintin. She worked incredibly hard to present the information beautifully and clearly. Clara spoke with enthusiasm and excitement about the characters in Tintin and could tell us all about the adventures that he gets up to. A wonderful piece of work!

Emma

presented a brilliant Beacon on rabbits, including what they like to eat and why they have long ears. Well done!



Commendations

★ Alice B ★ Felicity ★

School Notices

Polite Reminder on Tormead's Mobile Phone Policy

Pupils' E-Safety and Acceptable Use of IT Policy (Prep School)

Mobile Phones, Air Tags and Other Tracking Devices

You are only allowed to bring mobile phones into school if your parents have asked for permission, in writing, from the Head. Permission will usually only be granted if you use the school coaches, trains or buses or you walk to or from school.

- 📱 A mobile phone that is brought to school is entirely at the owner's own risk. The School will not be responsible for any damage or loss to a mobile phone.
- 📱 The phone must be switched off during the school day and handed to the Prep Office before registration. It will be kept in a safe place and can be collected at the end of the school day. Any necessary telephone calls during the school day must be made to and from the Prep School Office.
- 📱 Air Tags and other tracking devices are not allowed in school.

Science Competition - Reminder

Poster Competition

The deadline for all poster submissions is Wednesday 20 March



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

Last Day of Term Dismissal Times

Dismissal time will be normal end of school times:

- Reception 3.00pm
- Y1 3.10 pm
- Y2 to Y6 3.40pm

There will be no homework club or Sport4Kids.

Reception or Y1 girls with siblings can stay until 3.40pm for collection

Girls with Senior sisters can be collected at 4.00pm as usual and Bus girls will leave at 4.00pm.

Prep Spring Concert

Monday 18 March 6.30pm

Senior School Hall

Parents to arrive from 6.00pm.

Refreshments served from 6.00pm.

Performance starts at 6.30pm.

Please refer to the Details for Performers letter sent out from Mrs Vega dated 29 February for more information.

Tickets for the performance can be reserved by clicking on this [link](#)

Illness Policy

Please note that Tormead's First Aid Policy requests that pupils with vomiting and/or diarrhoea be kept off school until 48 hours after the last episode.

Clubs

There will be **NO** extra-curricular before or after school clubs running in the last week of term.

M:Tech will run at lunchtime on Monday 18 March to replace the session cancelled due to the Y3 trip.

Speech & Drama will only run for Y6 girls. Ms Stanton will be in touch with parents with arrangements for Y6 lessons to replace the sessions they will miss in the Summer Term due to the residential.

Key Dates for your Diary - Spring 2024

Monday 18 March

Prep Spring Concert in Senior Hall
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Tuesday 19 March

Reception Parents' Open Morning 8.30am

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

No Sport4Kids





POSTER COMPETITION

Children can get creative and enter the British Science Week annual, UK-wide poster competition! To enter, they simply need to create a poster which fits in with the theme of 'Time'.

Schools then select the 5 best creations and submit them for a chance of winning an array of prizes. You can use the activities in this pack for inspiration!

🕒 2+ hours



Kit list

Paper (A4 or A3)

Creative materials

such as:

pens

pencils

scissors

glue

watercolours

paint

crayons

pipe cleaners

felt

thread

wool

foil

clay

string

beads

stamps

foam

pompoms

Instructions

Encourage children to think about time – what it means to them and how it relates to the science they've learnt about – to come up with ideas to include in their poster. Here are some points and questions to get you going:

- Get children to think about their own time – how do they spend it? At home, out playing in the park, arts and crafts, learning at school?
- What about time in the world, and beyond? How do we measure time – seconds, days, seasons, centuries? What about time in space?
- Are there any scientists they know of whose work relates to time? What about time travel in films, TV and music?

Make your poster

Once they've done their thinking, it's time for children to get creative! Posters must be A4 or A3 in size and you'll need to be able to take a photograph of each one so it can be sent to us online for judging. Children can use pop-up pictures, pull out tabs or materials such as pencils, paints, crayons and paper to create their posters.

Send us your poster

Posters will be judged on creativity, how well they fit the theme, how well they have been made or drawn, and how engaging they are. Once a child's poster is complete, take a photo of it and complete the online form to submit it as an entry.

Next steps

Celebrate! For more details, along with the full set of poster competition rules and tips, check out our website:

britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition

Sport

On Friday the inspirational Pamela Cookey visited Tormead. Pamela was capped 114 times for England Netball and finished her playing career as The Roses Captain. Some of our Y5 and Y6 netballers were treated to a fun-filled masterclass by Pamela where the girls learnt to refine their passing skills, played some exciting possession games and developed their turning skills. Some Y4 girls listened to Pamela talk about her career and her advice for young athletes.

We have finished the term with some very exciting swimming fixtures. Well done to the team who travelled to Downsend on Monday and competed in some very exciting races. Well done too to the girls who attended the GHS invitational gala on Tuesday where some excellent times were recorded.

No fixtures next week!

Rachel Kemp
Head of Prep School Sport



Gymnastics

Another fantastic weekend for the Prep gymnasts this week. Gracie, Aimee, Sasha and Maddy went to Stoke-on-Trent to compete in the British Milano Schools National Finals and were absolutely amazing! Schools from across the country who won their regional championships came together to compete for the national title.

Our U11 team went home with a clean sweep winning the British team title, the British

regional girls title, the British regional team title and Gracie also won the individual highest scoring girl award.

We could not be more proud of the girls' results.

Good luck this weekend to all our Prep gymnasts who are competing at the Tormead Championships on Saturday 16 March.

Scott Patterson
Head of Prep & Senior Gymnastics



The Week Ahead

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](#).

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Values





Easter Dance Camp

Dance Camp Monday 25th March 10-3pm

£50

if you would like to book your daughter on
please email

fbuckley@tormeadschool.org.uk

price includes Tshirt
design arts and crafts

Years 2-6

Location: Tormead



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TUESDAY 19TH MARCH

EASTER CRAFTERNOON



**THE GIRLS ARE INVITED TO
MAKE AN EASTER BASKET IN A
FUN AFTERNOON OF CRAFTS**

**During school time
Prep School Hall**

**£1 donation would be hugely appreciated and will
go towards items on the Tormead wish list!**