



Tormead
Prep

Prep Newsletter



THURSDAY 7 MARCH 2024

Dear Tormead Families,

We began the week with an assembly led by Miss Meech, our Head of Science. She introduced National Science Week and set the girls not one, but two fantastic competitions. In the first challenge Miss Meech has invited all pupils to combine their artistic and scientific prowess into creating a poster that reflects any aspect of time that captures their imaginations. Five exceptional entries will be selected by Miss Meech and me to represent our school in a national Science competition. The winners will not only receive recognition but will proudly highlight our school's talent on a larger platform. In addition to the poster competition, Miss Meech introduced an optional challenge - the Science Selfie! Your daughters have been encouraged to submit a photo of themselves engaging in a science activity, accompanied by a brief sentence explaining the scientific concept being explored. This is a wonderful opportunity for your daughters to showcase their practical understanding of science in action in a unique way. We trust that your daughters will embrace these challenges set with enthusiasm, and we eagerly anticipate thoughtful and imaginative entries.

The deadline for the Science TIME poster is Wednesday 20 March and the deadline for the Science SELFIE is Wednesday 17 April.

I am delighted to share that a selection of pupils from Years 5 and 6 had the opportunity to tour the Houses of Parliament and take part in a debating workshop. Members of the Y5

and 6 Debating Club, the Y6 School Council Permanent Members and speech-writing competition winners were eager to share their experience upon their return to Tormead. They had clearly enjoyed visiting the seat of British politics and experiencing a glimpse into that world. I would like to thank Miss Hogan who organised this visit and the team of accompanying teachers, Mrs Price, Mrs Flack and Miss Bleby, for ensuring the students had such an enriching experience.

Today, we celebrated World Book Day with great enthusiasm and joy. Our pupils embraced the magic of storytelling, with some pupils dressing up as their favourite literary characters and others dressed ready for a bedtime story. It was heart-warming to see the creativity and love for books displayed. The love of reading for pleasure is something I am very mindful we need to encourage at all times. In 2023, the National Literacy Trust recorded the lowest level of reading enjoyment since they had started asking children and young people in 2005. The statistics in their annual literacy survey, for pupils aged 5 to 18 years, is a caution that we have heeded here at Tormead Prep. We have ensured an additional timetabled slot, TO-READ, for the girls to have 15 mins daily reading times and we have offered weekly book clubs to pupils in Y3 to Y6. I continue to ask your support in encouraging your daughters to read for pleasure so that they understand the huge benefits it brings in all areas of the curriculum.

Next week's newsletter will feature photographs from World Book Day and news of the visit from the esteemed author, Sam Steward. The visit was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and we cannot wait to share the highlights with you.

Congratulations to the U10 gymnastics team who competed at the weekend. Evie, Grace, Georgina, Primrose and Zara secured a win, becoming ISGA Champions. Well done!

As we approach the end of the Spring Term, it is with mixed emotions that I announce career progressions and success for two valued members of staff who will be leaving the Prep School.

After three years of dedicated service, Mrs Price, our Deputy Head, will be taking on the post of Director of Teaching and Learning at the Senior School. Mrs Price has been a powerhouse of energy and enthusiasm and will be greatly missed by pupils, colleagues, and not least, me! In a separate communication, I have detailed the transition plan for Mrs Price regarding her role, which will see her spending some time with us in the Prep over the Summer Term before a newly appointed Deputy Head takes over the reins in September 2024.

Madame Newman, our Prep French teacher, has decided to embark on a new and exciting journey outside the teaching profession. In Monday's assembly, I expressed my gratitude for her commitment, enthusiasm for sharing her love of the French culture and language with pupils from Y3 to Y6. We wish her all the best in

her new career path. Originally leaving at the end of the week, in a change of plan, Madame Newman will now be teaching her final lessons next week. In the final week of the Spring Term, French lessons will be covered by Senior School staff from the languages department.

Madame Hoo will be joining our Prep team taking over Madame Newman's role to teach French in the Summer Term. I am excited to welcome her and I am confident that her expertise and passion for French will continue to enrich our pupils' language learning experience. In preparation for her arrival, I asked Madame Hoo to share a short bio:

I am absolutely thrilled to be joining Tormead Prep as the new KS2 French teacher. I am passionate about the importance of language learning and believe that it is key for children to be encouraged, have curiosity and build confidence in languages from an early age. We also have two daughters in the Prep School and Tormead's emphasis on learning a range of languages was one of the (many!) aspects that attracted us to the school. I have lived abroad for over ten years and have worked in a number of French speaking countries including Togo, Rwanda, Switzerland and most recently Belgium before returning to the UK in the summer of 2023. I am excited to join the Tormead team and I very much look forward to teaching your daughters next term.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Nicki Fry
Head of Prep School



Houses of Parliament Trip

Year 5 and 6 Debating Club and our speech writing winners had a fascinating day visiting the Houses of Parliament. They had an 'access all areas' tour, soaking up the history in each room, and watched a live debate in the commons chaired by Sir Lindsay Hoyle. Following some MP spotting, girls took part in a debating workshop and learnt how Bills become Acts.



International Women's Day

Friday 8 March

To celebrate IWD we would like the girls to come to school on 8 March wearing purple ribbons, scrunchies and hairclips in their hair.

Year 5 Net Zero Superheroes Workshop

On Monday, Year 5 were visited by engineers Beth and Tai from Atkins Realis who led a Net Zero Superheroes workshop. The morning started with a presentation about being an engineer and what engineering net zero actually means. The girls were then challenged to reflect on their school life and devise an invention or solution to help reduce carbon emissions in

school, with the ultimate goal of achieving net zero. The girls worked creatively in small teams, developing ideas ranging from electric buses to get to swimming, pen recycling schemes and tech-free time to reduce electricity usage. Overall, the girls worked really hard, and all enjoyed getting feedback from the engineers at the end of the session.



Beacon Nominations



Rose presented an excellent Beacon on her pet hamster Humphrey. She told us what he likes to eat and how she looks after him.



Amelia has made a super Beacon about Malta.



Vedha has used an app to develop her drawing skills. She has drawn mushrooms for her Art Beacon and focused on shading.



Arha dressed up as an Amur leopard to support Born Free and completed a Beacon about them to find out more information.



Sophia and Aditi put together an in-depth presentation about the Amazon Rainforest. Pupils learnt about the different flora and fauna found within the rainforest as well as the tribes which live in the forest.



Sukhi shared a wonderful presentation about Horseshoe crabs. It was interesting and pupils found the species rather fascinating.



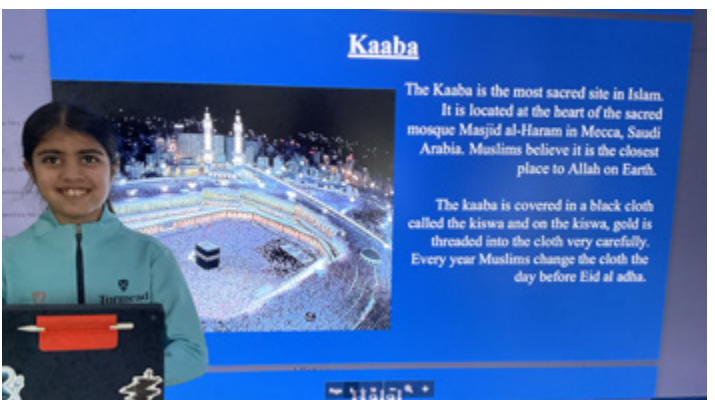
Sukhi also presented a Beacon about Laura Dekker. It was thoroughly enjoyed by the class and contributed towards an informative class discussion.



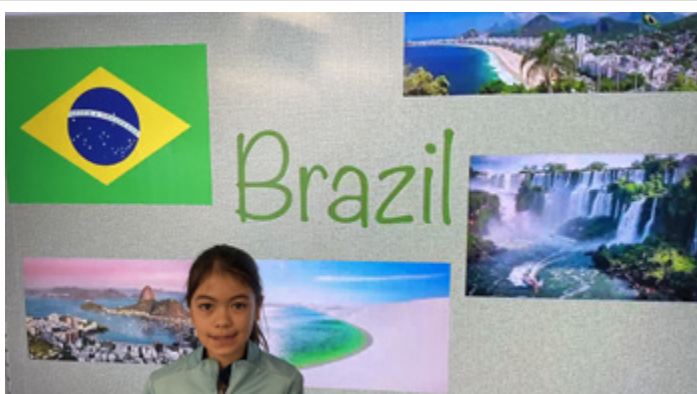
Lily and Ivy presented a fantastic Beacon about Strictly Come Dancing. The girls were lucky enough to meet two of the stars and they told us all about their experience. Lily and Ivy shared lots of information about the show and the girls even taught their friends part of a dance. A wonderfully engaging Beacon, girls - well done.



Eva and Iliana put together an in-depth presentation about the Amazon Rainforest. Pupils learnt about the different flora and fauna found within the rainforest as well as the tribes which live in the forest.



Safiya presented a well-researched Beacon. She spoke confidently about the Islamic faith, the Quran, shared her knowledge about Kaaba (the most sacred site in Islam) and taught her class about what the word 'Halal' means. We loved looking at the photos of the mosque.



Sofia presented a fabulous presentation about Brazil. Sofia conducted some thorough research and she spoke beautifully and with confidence. The pupils really enjoyed it and asked many interesting questions.



Ava, Alejandra and Zara gave a very lively presentation on unicorns to their class.

Commendations

★ Ava ★ Millie ★ Adia ★ Ariana ★ Agnes ★ Jacinta ★ Natasha ★ Sukhi ★ Zara ★
★ Addie ★ Alice ★ Avaleen ★ Christine ★ Ellie ★ Gauri ★ Izzy M ★ Izzy O ★
★ Josie ★ Lara P ★ Layla ★ Milica ★ Radost ★ Safiya ★

School Notices

North Guildford Food Bank

Tormead Prep are going to be supporting North Guildford Food Bank. If you would like to make a donation, please see below what each house has been asked to provide.

Final collection will be on **Friday 15 March.**

Many thanks for your support.

Keller - Shampoo/Conditioner

Earhart - Pasta

MacArthur - Biscuits

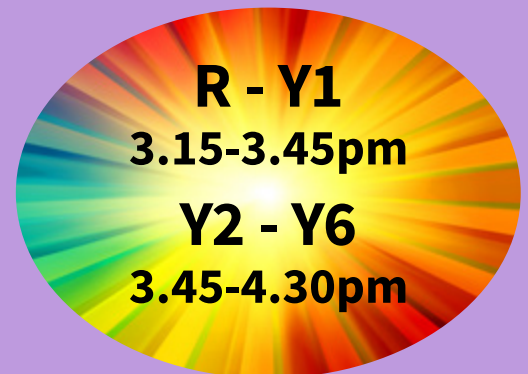
Curie - Laundry Detergent



Street Dance – Monday 11 March

Parents are invited to watch their daughter's Street Dance class on Monday 11 March.

Please sign in at the Prep School Office. Parents will need to wait in the entrance hall until the class starts. Due to limited space, please do not arrive more than 5 minutes before the class start time to sign in.



Science Competition

To celebrate British Science Week at Tormead this year, there are two activities we are encouraging the girls to get involved in.

Poster Competition

All girls will be asked to complete an entry for their science homework (set during the w/c 4 March). The theme this year is 'Time'. The competition encourages creativity to make connections between time and the world around them. Please see the poster for further information about the competition. The deadline for all poster submissions will be Wednesday 20 March.

Science Selfie Competition

Girls could take a selfie while exploring nature at a local park, visiting a science museum, carrying out an experiment at home...the possibilities are endless, and creativity is encouraged! The deadline for selfie submission is Wednesday 17 April to allow for science activities and adventures over the Easter break.

Winners for both events will be announced after the Easter holidays. We look forward to celebrating British Science Week as a Tormead family.

Please refer to the British Science Week sent out by Miss Meech dated 29 February for more detailed information.





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

School Notices

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 telephone number is **01483 796073**.

Please note the Prep Office email address is **prep@tormeadschool.org.uk**

01483 575101 is the Senior School number.

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.

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.



Prep Breakfast Club

Should you wish to use Prep Breakfast club please may we remind you that the club starts at 7.30am. Please note that admittance closes at 7.40am, after this time the girls will be eating in the Senior School Dining Room and there will be no one from Prep School to oversee the front door.



Senior School Jazz & Pop Night

Monday 11 March 7.00pm

Senior School Hall

Prep Jazz Band performing.

Please refer to the Details for Performers letter sent out from Mrs Vega dated 22 February for more information.

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

Pre-Prep Concert Thursday 14 March 1.30pm

JCS Building

Parents to arrive at 1.15pm to sign in.

Performance starts at 1.30pm.

This concert is a celebration of all the hard work that Pre-Prep 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

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

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](#)

Debating Club for Y5 and Y6 will finish at 4.45pm for the rest of term.

Key Dates for your Diary - Spring 2024

Friday 8 March

International Women's Day

Prep Open Morning

Monday 11 March

Y3 visit to Butser Farm.

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 School Hall

Pre-Prep Concert. 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 6.00pm

Performance starts at 6.30pm.

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



Sport

We have now completed all of our netball matches for this year. Congratulations to all our girls who have represented the school at netball this season.

Please note there is no swimming on Thursday 14 March due to Senior School House Sports.

A note for Year 2

If you have a daughter in Year 2 please can you check her PE bag and that she has the correct kit. There are a number of girls who do not have trainers on a regular basis.

Dates for the diary:

Monday 11 March U9-U11 Swimming v Downsend School. 4.30pm start, 6.00pm return to Tormead

Tuesday 12 March U9 and U10 Swimming GHS Invitational Gala 1.30-4.00pm

Rachel Kemp

Head of Prep School Sport



Gymnastics

Another amazing weekend for the Tormead gymnasts! Evie, Grace, Georgina, Primrose and Zara competed in the U10 ISGA National Finals at Haberdashers' Askes' School in Elstree. The girls did an amazing job and not only won the team title, they won the group title too and Zara came second individually with Evie and Grace coming in the top six individuals out of seventy-two girls! Together along with the U9 and U11 teams from last weekend, they have helped Tormead to be crowned the Overall Schools National Champions for the eighth consecutive year! Congratulations.

Good luck to Sasha, Aimee, Gracie and Maddy this weekend who are competing in the Milano National Finals in Stoke-on-Trent.

Dates for the Diary:

Saturday 9 March

Gymnastics happening as usual and preparations for Tormead Championships

Saturday 16 March

Tormead Championships and last training session before Easter.

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](#).

Monday 11 March

Year 3 trip to Butser Ancient Farm

Senior School Jazz Night - Prep Jazz Band performing

U9-U11 Swimming v Downsends School

Tuesday 12 March

Year 6 visit to D-Day Story, Portsmouth

U9 and U10 GHS Invitational Swimming Gala

Thursday 14 March

Y6 Residential Parent Meeting 8.30am. Prep School Hall

Pre-Prep Concert. JCS Building

Parents sign in at 1.15pm, performance starts at 1.30pm





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!**