



Tormead *Prep*

Prep Newsletter



THURSDAY 18 APRIL 2024

Dear Tormead Families,

I trust that you have all had a lovely break; I was thrilled to welcome back the Prep School on Tuesday morning. This final term of the academic year will certainly be a very busy one with much to look forward to for all our pupils. Y3 and Y6 have residential trips planned and there are day trips supporting the curriculum for Pre-Prep and Y3. We have music concerts, major productions, an open drama lesson for Y5 parents and as well as summer sport fixtures. Our annual House Swim Sports and Sports Days for both Pre-Prep and Prep are also on the horizon.

In my opening assembly on Tuesday, I reflected with the school on the four British Values and why and how we uphold these in our school. These include Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty and the final value discussed was Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. It was at this point that I reiterated what a wonderfully diverse and multi-faith community we are. Over the last few weeks, some of our families have celebrated very special occasions in their religious calendars and I was delighted that pupils confidently and proudly volunteered why and how they had celebrated Easter, Eid and Vaisakhi. Aditi and her family celebrated Nepalese New Year last weekend and Radost explained traditions that happen for Greek Easter, which takes place in May. Next week, we will share photos of these many celebrations. For everyone who has celebrated recently, I hope that you had wonderful family time together.



Well done to Aurelia (Reception) and Sivan (Y3) who have had a great first week and received a very warm 'Tormead Family' welcome. Miss Murphy was also introduced to the school as she joins us this term to teach lessons in Y3, Y5 and Y6.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming you to Tormead Prep's inaugural Art Exhibition, which opens tomorrow at 8.00am. Thank you to Mrs Colyer-Belgrave and Mrs Pretorius for their hard work in organising and arranging the displays and to all the girls who have contributed work for this fabulous celebration of art. Thank you to Nehara's mum, Mrs Wickremage for inspiring the competition and to Mrs Sinead Merry, Head of Art in the Senior School for judging. The hall looks truly stunning!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Nicki Fry
Head of Prep School



Welcome Back!



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Y1



Y2



3X



3Y

4X



4Y



5X



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6Y



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Congratulations to Elisha!

Elisha's entry to *The Week Junior's Science Competition* was selected to feature in this month's *Science and Nature* magazine. Elisha will receive a certificate and badge. We are very proud of you, Elisha!

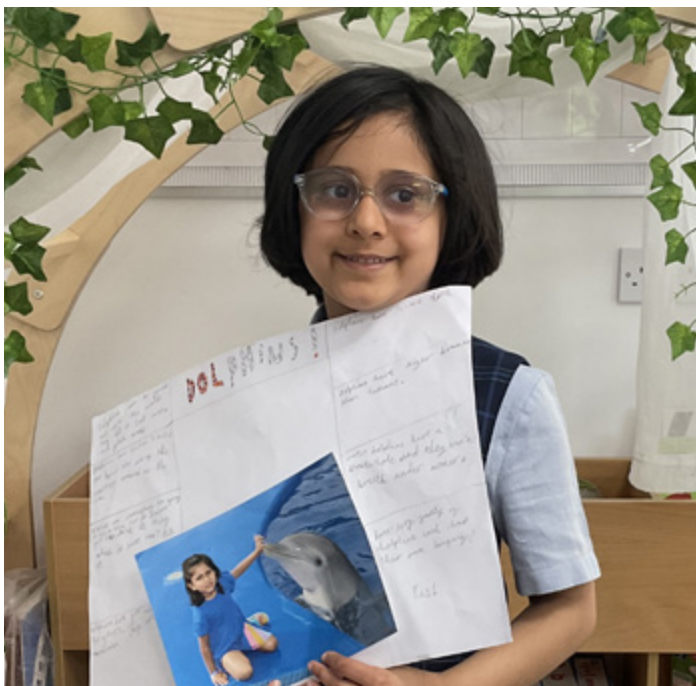


Eco Committee

Following on from an Eco Assembly led by our Eco Captains Phoebe and Isla, we are excited to be launching our Eco Committee in a couple of weeks. We will keep you posted on the topics we discuss. Also, a polite reminder that the hand in date for the **Earth Day** poster competition has been extended to **Friday 26 April** and entries cost 50p each. This year's Earth Day is about plastic and the girls may wish to use this as inspiration for their posters. More information can be found [here](#)



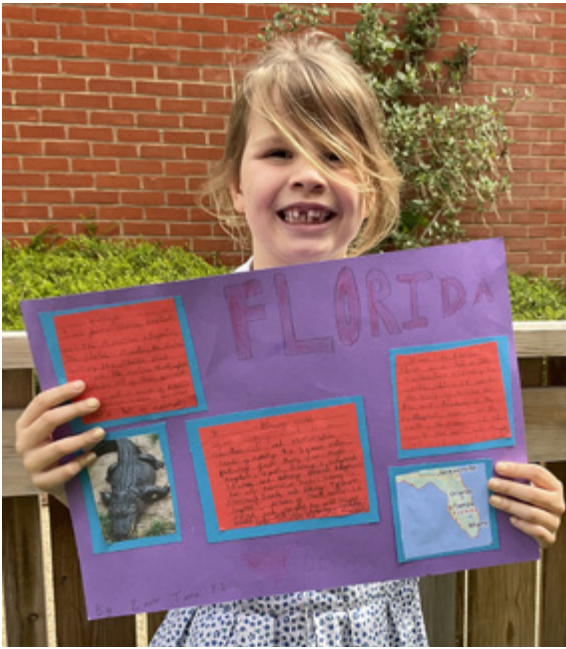
Beacon Nominations



Sasha presented an informative Beacon project about dolphins. We all enjoyed finding out about these wonderful creatures. Sasha was very enthusiastic and knowledgeable.



Scarlett made and presented a wonderful Beacon poster all about butterflies. She was able to answer lots of questions from the girls.



Zara's Beacon is about her recent trip to Florida.

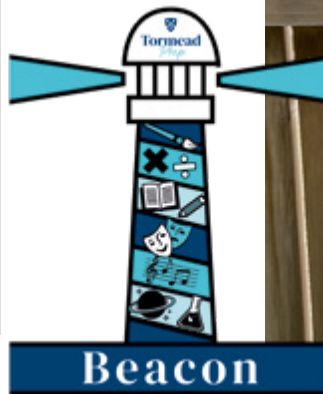


Daisy made a Beacon about a tadpole's journey.



Georgia presented a fantastic Science Beacon. She confidently presented to the class, in detail, all about the human body. Georgia's use of scientific language was very impressive. Well done, Georgia!

Maya has written a scary story for her Beacon. Year 2 really enjoyed hearing it!



Ivy presented a fantastic Beacon about the chores that she has been helping with around the house. This included doing the washing and pumping up her bike wheels. Well done Ivy!

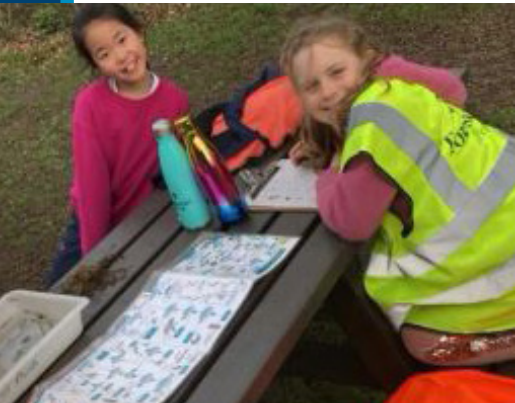
Phoebe and Matilda presented an excellent Beacon all about asthma. They explained this in great detail and were confident when presenting. Well done!



Year 4 Residential to Juniper Hall



Year 4 had a fantastic time on their residential trip to Juniper Hall at the end of the Spring Term. They consolidated their learning of geographical map skills by taking part in a compass walk, where the girls were challenged to direct each other by finding given compass points and directions. On a bug hunt the girls endeavoured to find as many different vertebrates and invertebrates as they could in the forest. They expanded their learning by going pond dipping and hunting for rare species of insects and in the evening, the girls enjoyed music around a campfire with delicious roasted marshmallows. The final day was finished with a scientific 'egg drop challenge', to see who could create a parachute to protect their egg. Many were successful! The girls made it such a fun trip for all of us and we had a lot of fun!



Year 5 Residential to Lodge Hill

Year 5 pupils embarked on an exciting and memorable residential trip to Lodge Hill at the end of the Spring Term. The pupils engaged in a variety of activities which enhanced their geographic skills and abilities, as well as challenged their team building skills. On the first evening after a very busy day of activities, a calm yet much enjoyed evening activity of mindful painting was well received by pupils allowing their imaginations and creativity to run wild.

We were lucky enough to have two birthdays during our trip which meant we were treated to some delicious cake. On our final night, pupils sat around a bonfire under the stars roasting marshmallows and singing campfire songs. A delightful sound was heard as their voices echoed through the valley below. Overall, a successful and wonderful residential trip filled with so much laughter and fun which will no doubt remain in the girls' memory banks for years to come.





School Notices

Prep Art Exhibition – Friday 19 April

The exhibition will be open in the Prep Hall before school from 8.00am to 8.20am and after school from 3.00pm to 5.00pm.

On display there will be a piece of art from every child, Reception to Y6, along with the entries to the Prep Spring Art Competition and the work of the Y6 Art Group. Classwork will range from impressionist water lily paintings to Aboriginal art and vibrant Frida Kahlo portraits.

If you are not able to visit on Friday, there will be one more chance to see the exhibition before school on Monday 22 April, between 8.00am to 8.20am.

We look forward to seeing you there!



House T-Shirts – Friday 19 April

Please may we ask that the Prep girls bring their House t-shirts to school tomorrow to wear whilst filming takes place for the upcoming Giving Day.

Curie Charity Day – Friday 26 April

Curie has decided to fundraise in support of the Air Ambulance this term. As a result, we will be having our charity fundraiser day on Friday 26 April 2024. As part of our charity day, pupils can come to school dressed as their 'superhero'. This 'superhero' can be a person, such as a doctor/nurse or even a superhero character. The cost to come dressed as a superhero will be £1. Our captains will be running two activities. One will take place during break time, where pupils will take part in a quiz for the cost of 50p. The second activity being naming your local Air Ambulance helicopter competition at a cost of £1. Winners of naming the Air Ambulance helicopter competition will be entered into the Kent Surrey Sussex Air Ambulance competition where winners of the main competition will have their name and Tormead Prep logo branded onto one of their helicopters. Further to this, pupils will be engaging in a swimathon fundraiser during one of their swimming lessons to raise money to support this organisation. More information relating to this will be provided at a later stage. We look forward to a busy fundraiser.

Head's Coffee Mornings

Mrs Fry would like to invite the Reception to Year 4 parents to a series of Coffee Mornings in the Summer Term from 8.00am-8.30am

- **Reception** Tuesday 7 May
- **Year 1** Thursday 9 May
- **Year 2** Tuesday 14 May
- **Year 3** Thursday 16 May
- **Year 4** Tuesday 21 May



Should you wish to attend one of the above dates, please sign up [here](#).

Summer Uniform – Polite Reminder

Please may we remind you that the Prep girls should come to school in their summer uniform. Short or long white socks, jumpers and cardigans may be worn.

Sport4Kids Bookings

Please see below all details for after-school bookings with Sport4Kids.

Tel: 0300 303 3866 • www.sport4kids.biz
[Booking Link](#)

Clubs Booking on SOCS

All Summer Term clubs information has been moved to SOCS co-curricular which can be accessed via the Blue SOCS co-curricular button on the right-hand side of the home page after you have logged into the Parent Portal. Breakfast Club and Homework Club should now be booked on SOCS. For additional information please refer to the email sent 22 March 2024. Should you have any problems accessing the Parent Portal or SOCS then please contact prep@tormeadschool.org.uk

Lost Property – Polite Reminder

Please ensure everything is named to minimise lost property. This includes water bottles and snack pots. All unnamed water bottles and snack pots will be disposed of at regular intervals.

Music News

Congratulations to the following Prep girls for passing the ABRSM exams:

Alexa	Grade 1 Singing for Musical Theatre Practical
Jacinta	Grade 2 Oboe Practical
Amelie	Grade 1 Alto saxophone Practical
Matilda	Grade 1 Piano Practical
Nehara	Grade 1 Piano Practical

Sport

Congratulations to Erika, Evie Ca, Milly B, Olivia C and Martha who took part in the GB Schools Biathlon Finals on March 23. Erika and Evie both achieved fastest swim out of the competitors in their age group - a huge achievement. Well done to Olivia, Erika and Evie who all finished in the Top 20 of this national final.

Rachel Kemp
Head of Prep School Sport

The Week Ahead

Monday 22 April

Prep Art Exhibition 8.00 to 8.20am. Prep Hall

Friday 26 April Curie Charity Day

Key Dates for your Diary - Summer 2024

Friday 19 April

Prep Art Exhibition.
Prep Hall 8.00 to 8.20am and 3.00 to 5.00pm

Monday 22 April

Prep Art Exhibition. Prep Hall 8.00 to 8.20am

Monday 29 - Friday 3 May

Y6 Residential trip to Brenscombe

Monday 6 May *Bank Holiday. School closed*

Tuesday 7 May

Head's Coffee Morning - Reception Parents

Thursday 9 May

Head's Coffee Morning - Year 1 Parents

Tuesday 14 May

Head's Coffee Morning - Year 2 Parents

Thursday 16 May

Head's Coffee Morning - Year 3 Parents

Tuesday 21 May

Head's Coffee Morning - Year 4 Parents

Wednesday 22 May

Y5 Coffee Morning. 8.45am Senior School

Thursday 23 May

Prep House Swimming (Y3-6). 9.30am SSP

Friday 24 May

Year 5 Coffee Morning. 8.45am Senior School

Monday 27 - Friday 31 May *Half Term*

Tuesday 4- Wednesday 5 June

Year 3 Residential to Lodge Hill

Thursday 6 June

Y2 visit to Wisley

Friday 7 June

Prep Open Morning

Monday 10 June

Prep Sports Day (Y3-Y6)
9.00am Guildford Spectrum

Monday 10 June

Year 2 Open Violin Lesson
2.00pm Prep Hall

Wednesday 12 June

Y3 Music Concert pm. Times tbc

Friday 14 June

Y4 Music Concert pm. Times tbc

Tuesday 18 June

Year 5 Open Drama Lesson
8.30am Prep Hall

Thursday 20 June

Year 5 Open Drama Lesson
8.30am Prep Hall

Thursday 20 June

Prep New Girls/Move up afternoon.
Times tbc

Friday 21 June

Y3 trip to Living Rainforest

Monday 24 June

Pre-Prep Summer Production
2.00pm JCS
Parents to arrive at 1.45pm to sign in

Tuesday 25 June

Pre-Prep Summer Production
2.00pm JCS
Parents to arrive at 1.45pm to sign in

Wednesday 26 June

Pre-Prep Open Swimming Lesson
9.30am SSP

Thursday 27 June

Year 6 Play. 5.30pm JCS

Friday 28 June

Year 6 Play. 6.30pm JCS

Monday 1 July

Pre-Prep Sports Day
Morning, times tbc

Thursday 4 July

Prep Prizegiving.
9.00am Senior School Hall

Thursday 4 July

Drinks for Year 6 Parents
10.00am Prep Hall

Friday 5 July *Term ends*

Midday staggered dismissal times

New additions in blue



Dance Camp

Dance Camp Tuesday 28th May 10-3pm

£50

if you would like to book your daughter on
please email

fbuckley@tormeadschool.org.uk

To ensure a place please book by Monday 20th May

price includes Tshirt
design arts and crafts

Years 2-6

Location: Tormead