

17th November 2023

Tomlinscote School NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week it has been!

Ofsted called the school on Monday and by midday I had already held a lengthy discussion about a wide variety of educational themes to do with Tomlinscote.

The Ofsted Inspectors were in school at 8am on Tuesday with a focus on certain subjects and held many discussions with students and staff. Wednesday was the same, but with a greater focus on the student panels and probing areas to complete the evidence base.

I am not permitted to inform you of the final grade until the report is published in approximately 3 or 4 weeks.

Thank you to the parents who completed the survey and to the students who were fantastic ambassadors.

On a totally different note, I hope you can join us next week for the whole school production of Legally Blonde Jr. The opening night is on Wednesday and runs through to Friday. The students have been working extremely hard and are looking forward to showcasing their acting skills to a large audience. The performances start at 7.30pm.

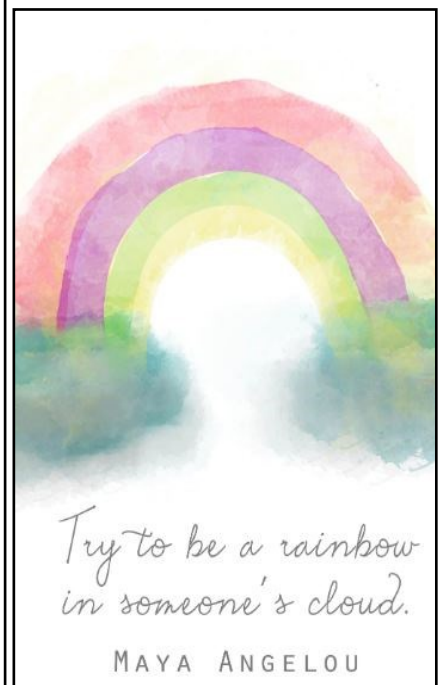
I hope you all have a lovely weekend. I will be sleeping a lot!

Mr Major

Key Dates

Sat 18th - Tue 21st Nov
School Production Rehearsal

Wed 22nd Nov - Fri 24th Nov
School Production



LEGALLY BLONDE

The Musical 



Next week!

**Snap up your tickets for Legally
Blonde Jr!**

Tickets are still on sale for this year's school production – Legally Blonde Jr.

This all singing, all dancing comedy is a fun-filled, feel-good pink fest, so bend and snap up your tickets today!

Buy tickets through ParentPay - £8 for adults and £5 for students/concessions.

The production is on Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th of November starting at 7.30pm. There will be a 20-minute interval during the production for drinks.

A limited number of tickets are usually available on the door for cash only, but we would hate to turn anyone away due to seating capacity. So get organised, get online and relax into the magical world of Elle Woods and Harvard Law School! We look forward to seeing you there!



Inter-House Competition

Recently, students were tasked with writing a poem on the theme of remembrance.

Some of the incredibly powerful poems featured speak for themselves.

To Remember the Soldiers

To all the men we never knew
The day that they died was very blue

Fighting wars across the land
They made a very valiant stand

As they look down from the heavens above
We look up with sunshine and love

Thank you for the freedom you gave us
By giving your life to protect us you have saved us

Sam Barnes 7L

Remembrance Day, Oh Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day, Oh Remembrance Day
We come here to celebrate the hard work
Of the army, that fought for our country
We must remember this day;
Remembrance Day.

From fighting on foot
To the soaring planes in the sky,
Bombs dropped down
Miles and miles from above.

It was like a nightmare -
Darkness surrounded the earth
Wrapping it around from top to bottom,
And many fathers and husbands were lost.

Tears dropping from the children's faces,
As they heard the terrible news
They were heartbroken,
From the death of their father.

Dear soldiers,
We appreciate your support,
And we will always remember you
On the 11th of November,
Forever and ever. ❤️

Muna Hijazi 7M

What is war?

War is a place where violent people are.

People had guns, cannons, tears in their eyes

They thought, "I need to see my family, I don't want to die."

No one wanted this, let's be honest.

Bloodshed, grief, guilt and sadness.

That was their life now, this was their fate.

Left to die, surrounded by this hate.

War is a place which people dreaded.

Sisters lost brothers, mothers lost sons.

Let's all be grateful, and remember what war has done.

Izzy Alhambra 8L



*Lazy light shimmers through my half closed eyelids,
And I can feel the cold mud caress my heavy limbs.
Strange, that cold doesn't seem to matter any more*

*Silence now cloaks the land, providing some respite,
As a lonely bird coasts through my sight.
What I would give to be like that bird.*

*My friends, family even, lie throughout this barren meadow
And trenches trace the earth as if there was a giant plough.
Something from my old life I shall never see again.*

*Red blooms, resilient and bold,
A reminder that some life can grow old.
Something that shall never happen to us.*

*Learn from our sacrifice.
We died so that those at home could grow old*

Edward Bradshaw 10R



In solemn moments, we gather near,
To honour those who held no fear.
Remembrance Day, a day of reflection,
To honour heroes, with sincere affection.

In fields afar, where battles waged,
Where courage met a relentless gauge,
Brave souls fought for liberty's call,
For the hope of peace, they gave their all.

Through trenches deep and skies aflame,
They carried valour, etching their name,
On soil stained with sacrifice and pain,
They vowed to remember, the fallen remain.

They left homes and loved ones behind,
For causes greater, selfless and kind,
With poppies blooming amid the strife,
They stood united, defending life.

Each poppy's bloom, a solemn vow,
To stand by those who face it now,
In our hearts, their stories unfold,
As Remembrance Day's tale is told.

We bear witness to the price they paid,
Their bravery, like a torch, displayed,
With every step, their memory held,
A tribute to the stories that propelled.

For in their honour, we pause and bow,
To those who then, we don't disavow,
Their sacrifice, forever burned,
With gratitude, our hearts have learned.

So let us remember, with steadfast grace,
The heroes who rest in a hallowed place,
Their bravery enshrined in memory deep,
On Remembrance Day, forever we keep.
Peyton Goodsell 9X



In twilight's gentle glow, we gather here,
To honor those we hold forever dear,
In the quiet of remembrance, we embrace,
Their memories etched in time and space.

On weathered stones, their names we find,
A tribute to lives so generous and kind,
In the tapestry of memory, they're woven deep,
In our hearts, their love and stories we'll keep.

The poppies bloom with scarlet grace,
A symbol of courage in this special place,
Their sacrifice, in history, we'll keep alive,
In the whispers of remembrance, they'll thrive.

In this stillness, we reflect and mend,
In the hearts of those we love, they'll transcend,
Their legacy, a guiding light, so bright,
In the sacred space of remembrance, tonight.

By Amir Sultan

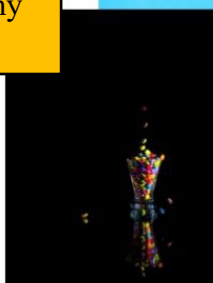
Photography Workshop

Tuesday 14th
November

3.15pm GCSE Year 10
and 11

Art and Photography

Students were
instructed to bring
props that related to
their projects.



In sharp focus!

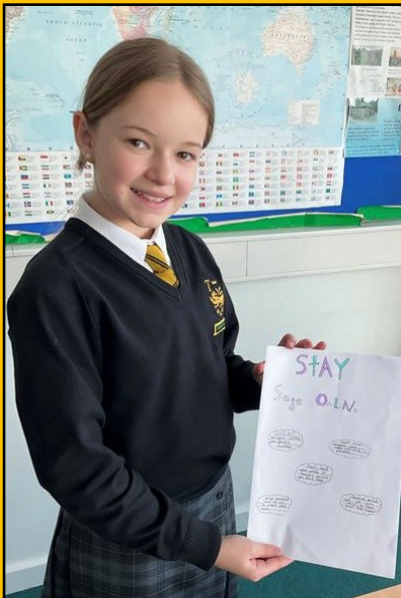
Year 10 and 11 Photography students had a wonderful opportunity to try out some new ideas in this week's workshop.

Sweet treats, fish, fruit and vegetables provided the different colours and textures to enable students to get some wonderful photos.



A 'Sockcessful' Anti-Bullying Day!

On Monday, Year 7 students wore odd socks to school to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week. The theme of this year's campaign is 'Make a noise about bullying'. Throughout the day, students explored a range of issues relating to bullying, staying safe online, celebrating our differences and being kind. The sessions were led by our fantastic student Wellbeing Ambassadors. Although perhaps a little tired by the end, a fun day was had by all!





Online Safety Message

Year 7s have been completing their Computer Science unit of "Online Safety" this half term. Part of their first lesson task was to create a poster telling others about how to stay safe online, based on what they had learned.

Stay Safe Online

People can easily hack into your personal info. When your gaming or on social media, don't share your personal data/info. Don't accept anything if its to good to be true.

Stay Safe Online

Never accept someone's friend request if you don't know them because they could be a 40 year old man that is stalking you

You can't trust anyone that you don't know

Always tell a trusted adult or call 0080 1111 and you can talk to someone through there but never keep it to yourself if you are worried or something is happening

BEWARE
WHAT YOU SHARE

NEVER tell anyone your personal data unless they are in your family but be careful because some people pretend to be your parents




Stay Safe Online

By Yasmin Ballard

Think before you type.



Staying safe online is very important. There are many hackers, stalkers and fake people in the world of social media.

Never share any personal information

If someone online is making you feel uncomfortable online, tell a trusted adult. This could be a family member, a carer or even a teacher. Just someone you know and trust.

Report it to ChildLine

SPEAK UP

Stay Safe Online

BEWARE
WHAT YOU SHARE

Be careful online!!!



Sometimes things are not what they seem... If you are unsure check with a trusted adult.

Be smart on the internet

SMART

BEING SAFE ON THE INTERNET

Staying Safe on the Internet

Being Safe Online

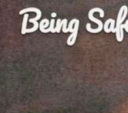

Don't share personal information.

When talking online don't talk/text people you don't know. If someone texts you and you don't know them block and report them after talking to a parental figure/guardian.

What is personal information?

Personal information is anything personal about you. For instance your birthday, age, credit card info, bank numbers, eg.

STAY SAFE

Stay Safe Online

NEVER GIVE PERSONAL DATA ONLINE

Your name
Your birthday
Your age
Your phone number
Your school name
Your favourite food
Your favourite music
Your favourite football team

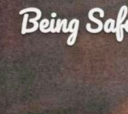

THAT'S ALL PERSONAL DATA

THAT'S NOT PERSONAL DATA

My Password 123456

private information

internet safety

PERSONAL



SOCIAL

PSHE topics this half term:

The regular weekly tutorial programme for all year groups

Growth Mindset and effective learning

British values and citizenship

Online-safety

Character values

Mindfulness and wellbeing

Year 7 - Developing skills

British/Tomlinscote Values - Safety - T5 award - teamwork.

Year 8 - Health and Wellbeing - Drugs and alcohol

Alcohol and drug misuse and pressures relating to drug use

Year 9 - Citizenship - The Justice System and the Rule of Law

UK law and aims of punishment through the UK justice system (RS)

Year 10 - Health and Wellbeing - Exploring influence

The influence and impact of drugs, gangs, role models and the media

Year 11 - Living in the wider world - Next steps

Application processes, and skills for further education, employment and career progression

HEALTH



EDUCATION

Totally absorbing fun!

On the last day of Charity Week, two brave members of staff agreed to participate in the 'Sponge the teacher' activity, all in the name of charity. Mr Daniel and Mr Fairley braved the cold and rather inclement weather, and had numerous water laden sponges thrown at them. Nearing the end of the session, it was announced that a fellow member of staff was prepared to pay to see her colleague well and truly drenched with the contents of the bucket. Needless to say the audience was very excited at the prospect and 2 students leapt at the chance to do the honours. Not wanting to let the amassed crowd down, Mr Daniel gamely agreed to the same fate. I think it's safe to say that the true spirit of participation and 'getting involved' were wholeheartedly embraced during this event.



**THANK YOU
&
WELL DONE EVERYONE!**

Charity Fair Raised - £1225.20

Mufti-Day/All Events Raised - £1729.55

Total Raised - £2954.75



PERSEVERANCE



CHARACTER



COMMUNITY



EXCELLENCE



PROGRESSION



Food Bank Donations

Over the next 3 weeks we will be collecting food donations for The Besom in Camberley

The items that Besom really need are as follows:

Food

- Tinned meat meals
- Tinned fruit and vegetables
- Tinned pulses
- Jars of sauce (pasta/curry /Chinese)
- Individual pots of custard & rice pudding
- Long life milk
- Jam or marmalade
- Cereal

Special Dietary requirements such as:

- Halal
- Vegan/vegetarian
- Gluten free
- Diabetic

Toiletries

- Antiperspirant/deodorant
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Sanitary products


Please note that they already have a lot of the following:
Pasta, baked beans, tinned tomatoes, tinned soup, tuna,
tea and toothpaste.

All donations need to be
brought to C23

Deadline is Friday 8th Dec



Tomlinscote Team Results

Tomlinscote Year 8 Netball	v	Court Moor 	Score 24-7	Player's Player Eloise Wellington
Tomlinscote Year 10 Netball	v	Court Moor 	Score 27-7	Player's Players Nina Fouche Alanna Sheath

Thank you to Abigail Walsh in 10Y for taking the fantastic photo of the rainbow hanging over Tomlinscote last week. It has been used on the front page of this week's Newsletter.



GCSE Examination
*General Certificate
of Secondary Education*

Any current Tomlinscote students who took GCSE examinations last summer are able to collect their certificates from the Exams Office on the Ground Floor of C Block.

A polite parking plea to parents and carers



We are still receiving phone calls and emails highlighting congestion and dangerous driving in Tomlinscote Way.

Please be vigilant when driving near the school.

A fruitful lesson!

In GCSE Religious Studies, Year 10 students have been looking at Christian beliefs and practices. As a retrieval activity we made Christingles as a symbol of those beliefs.



Christingle celebrations are usually held from the end of November through to February, with Christmas Eve being the most popular time for services. It is during these services that the Christingles are lit. The candle symbolises Jesus as light in the world, the orange represents the creation of the world and creation story, the cocktail sticks and sweets represent all of God's creations and the red ribbon symbolises the love and blood of Christ.



Breck Foundation Parental presentation.



Below is the link to the zoom recording from Tuesday's Parental Presentation.

This will only be live until the beginning of next week.

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Hampshire County Council, in accordance with statutory requirements, is consulting on proposed changes to the admission arrangements for 2025/26 for community and voluntary controlled schools within its area and would like to hear your views.

You can view the full consultation, including how to respond, at

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/admission-arrangements25-26>

The consultation will run from Monday 13 November to Friday 29 December 2023.

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