

Charity Week

Many thanks to all who organised, took part in or contributed money to our Charity Week events this year. The highlight for many was the 'Strictly Staff Dancing' event won by Mr Steele and Mr Yeates, but there were numerous other activities. So far the total raised is £4,200 which will be split between our chosen charities Shelterbox and Venios.

John Reilly, Headteacher

TEACHING AWARDS 2010

*Say 'thank you' – nominate now
for the Teaching Awards 2010*

I would like to draw everyone's attention to the Teaching Awards 2010 Scheme.

We have had a number of colleagues nominated in the past.

Absolutely anyone involved with the school can nominate – further details are available at www.teachingawards.com

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Over the past few months a group of Year 12 students have enrolled in Young Enterprise.

Young Enterprise is a scheme set up to encourage young adults to take an active and enthusiastic role in building business and enterprise skills.

This year the students had a wide range of ideas for potential products, however they have decided to base their focus on **personalised I-pod cases and candy canes** to send to your loved ones and friends during the festive season.

I-pod cases range from £5.00 - £5.50 depending on decorations. Candy canes with a message are £2.00 and can be personally delivered.

These products are available at school and money can be paid to cash office.

Jenna Gordon, Martha Mundy and Alice Burrows – Year 12

Best Wishes to...

Miss Driscoll who leaves us in January after 8 years at Tewkesbury School. She is taking up a post with the Local Authority.

Mr Lewis leaves us as Head of Music in January after 6 years. He is a former student of the school and he is going to pursue a professional career in singing.

Both colleagues will be missed and we wish them every success and happiness in the future.

HEAD'S FORUM FEEDBACK

Thanks to everyone who attended the recent Head's Forum. There were many positive comments about the school and some constructive ideas about the ways in which we could improve things. We will repeat the initiative in the summer term.

PTFA Line Dancing

Friday 29th January 2010

7.30 p.m. at the School in the Gym

Bargain price of £5.00 ticket (in advance)

including food

Please contact the Cash Office to buy one.

(Or £5.50 if you turn up on the night)

Come along, support the school & have a fun evening!

Free School Meals

If you feel that you may be entitled to receive free school meals we would encourage you to apply by completing the form which can be obtained from the Management Information Team via 01684 851806

Communication: We have been working hard to introduce new initiatives to further improve our communication with parents on important school matters. We welcome any comments or feedback from parents.

Email: If you would like to receive a version of the school newsletter or school notifications by email please contact Miss A. Kinahan, Data Manager at the school (annette.kinahan@tewkesburyschool.org) Please also remember to notify us of any change in email addresses.

The school contact details are as follows: Tewkesbury School, Ashchurch Road, Tewkesbury, Glos. GL20 8DF.

Main School Number: 01684 292152

Student Centre: 01684 851815

Email: office@tewkesburyschool.org

Fax: 01684 850742

Sixth Form Centre: 01684 851807

Website: www.tewkesburyschool.org

EQUALITIES WORKING PARTY

There is a duty on schools to promote equality in its widest sense – including disability, gender racial and religious equality. To this end we will be setting up a working party to help monitor and evaluate our provision and I would be interested to hear from any parents who might be willing to give a little time to joining such a group.

John Reilly

Inset Day Reminder

Reminder – we have an Inset Day on **Monday 7th December**. The school will be closed for staff training purposes.

Sports Tour

Fundraising Car Wash

The Barbados 2010 Sports Tour students will be holding a fundraising car wash

When? Saturday 28th November from 9 – 3

Where ? Main Car Park, Tewkesbury School

Cost? £5,00 per car for a full wash

Refreshments available

We would also like to thank the **Tewkesbury Firefighters** who will be coming to support us.

Congratulations to:-

Year 7, 8 and 9 boys and girls cross-country teams who performed exceptionally well in the recent district cross country event. Special praise goes to the boys Y89 team who were crowned district champions, the Y7 boys team who were second and the girls Y7 team who were 3rd

Mr Edwards who successfully completed the Hell Down South race - a 12 mile half marathon in muddy bog land, he came 476 out of 4000 beating Gordon Ramsey by 6 minutes, all monies raised will go towards CLIC.

Emily Marsh and Maggie Heppell-Joyce Y11, who attended a selection weekend for the World Scout Jamboree which is being held in Sweden in 2011.

Over the course of the weekend the girls were put through their paces along with 100 other candidates competing for only 36 places. They had to undertake challenges such as logical thinking, fire-lighting, confidence testing and team work within a group of previously unknown people. Both girls were successful and are delighted that they will be representing Britain as part of the Gloucestershire Contingent.

The Girls also attended the National Scout air rifle championships in October. They were successful there too with Maggie gaining a gold medal and Emily narrowly missing out on a Bronze. Maggie will now be representing Britain in the National Scout Air Rifle squad as she has been selected based on her performance in the competition.

Stay safe in Cyberspace *Anti Bullying Week 16th 20th Nov 2009*

Tewkesbury School has had a very busy time recently culminating in the school being awarded the South West Anti-bullying Accreditation 2009 for the work the school has undertaken over the last year to combat the issue of bullying.

On Thursday 19th November Cat Williams of Y11 and Liam Atkins of Y9 were both at the ceremony at Brickhampton Golf Club to collect the award on behalf of the school. At the start of the afternoon Jo Grills the County Council Director of learning and development said "We have got an ethos where young people will be able to speak out when they are being bullied and this will be taken seriously".

All week there have been many activities within school to raise the awareness of the issue of bullying. It started on Monday with an assembly from Mr. Reilly highlighting issues on the subject of cyber bullying to the Y9 students; thanks must go to Ollie Sanders, Yann Mosey and Robert Smith from Y13 who performed an acoustic version of Use Somebody by the Kings of Leon during the assembly.

Other Year groups discussed bullying, its impacts and issues in their Personal Development lesson, with all students completing questionnaires on online safety. It is important to listen to the student's voice and once we have analysed the data, the anti-bullying committee will meet to discuss the results which will help our ongoing work on this important issue.

Parents are also important as we strive to combat bullying and on Wednesday the first parents evening on Cyber bullying for all Y7, Y8 and Y9 parents was held. Sgt John Skilling, manager of the Police Schools Unit, spoke to parents and gave advice on the safe use of technology and advised them on how they can help to protect their children. His presentation was well received and the parents commented on how they were better informed and more ready to support their children. His talk was followed by Alison Lilley, Tewkesbury Learning Centre Manager, who then spoke about Tewkesbury School's procedures and how school support students if they find themselves involved in bullying incidents.

The Tewkesbury Learning Centre has worked with Kidscape, a London based Anti-bullying Charity, to develop and run group and one to one sessions to help children who have found themselves targets of severe bullying. At these sessions we give students strategies and advice to help them deal with the issues and help them move forward to be happy and safe.

The School's Anti-bullying policy can be found on the School Website. If you need any support or further information, please contact the TLC on 01684 851815 or email on tlc@tewkesburyschool.org
Diane Marsh, Anti-bullying Coordinator

Year 7 & 8 DISCO

8th December

6:30pm – 8:30pm in the

Sixth Form Block

Food and drink available on

the night

PRICE: £2.50 in advance.

£3 on the door

Tickets being sold in tutor

time or go to the Cash

Office

GIFT-AID SCHEME The School has established a **Gift-Aid Scheme**.

There are many parents who have expressed an interest in helping the school in this way. We are funded for the educational costs of the students we teach but do not get enough for all the other things we would like to offer or provide. For example: we have recently replaced one of our school minibuses, but the other is showing its age and our fundraising focus for this year is replacing it as a matter of urgency. The PTFA do great work in fundraising but not all parents are able to attend events. By donating a small amount of money each year, parents could make a huge difference for the facilities at the school. There is no compulsion on pupils to pay. The scheme will be entirely voluntary.

Please find attached the relevant forms, which set out how you can help. Any monies raised will be put toward specific projects to enhance the educational provision in the school. I will keep parents fully informed about these projects.

Thank you for your support

Useful dates up to February 2010

Date	time	Event	Venue
Mon 23 rd Nov		Mock Language oral exams start (to 04.12)	
Wed 25 th Nov	All day	2 nd HPV vaccination for girls in Y11, 12, 13	Main Hall
Thur 26 th Nov	4.30 p.m.	Y12 Parents' Evening	6 th Form Centre
Fri 27 th Nov		Y12 & 13 Smart and Silly Charity Day	
Fri 27 th Nov		Start of Y11 mock examinations	
Thurs 3 rd Dec	4.30 p.m.	Y9 Parents' Evening	K Central
Mon 7 th Dec		INSET DAY (school closed)	
Thurs 10 th Dec	7.00 p.m.	Textiles Fashion Show	Drama Hall
Tue 15 th Dec	7.30 p.m.	Carol Service	Tewkesbury Abbey
Thur 17 th Dec		Y7 progress reports issued	
Thur 17 th Dec	7.00 p.m.	Christmas Concert	School Main Hall
Fri 18 th Dec	12.30 p.m.	Autumn Term finishes	
Mon 21 st Dec– Fri 1 st Jan		Christmas Holiday	
		SPRING TERM 2009	
Mon 4 th Jan	8.40 a.m.	Start of Spring term for all students	
Wed 6 th Jan	7.30 p.m.	Presentation Evening	Sports Hall/Gym
Thur 7 th Jan	7.00 p.m.	PTFA Meeting	
Mon 11 th Jan –29 th Jan		AS/A2 Exams and some GCSE Exams	
Thur 14 th Jan		Y11 SEPS Biology exams	
Mon 18 th Jan		Y11 SEPS Chemistry exams	
Mon 18 ^h Jan	7.00 p.m.	Arts Cabaret Evening	Drama Hall
Wed 20 th Jan		Y11 SEPS Physics exams	
Thur 21 st Jan	6.30 – 8.30	Sixth Form (16+) Open Evening	6 th Form Centre
Fri 22 nd Jan		1 st HPV vaccination for Y8 girls	Main Hall
Thur 28 th Jan	6.30 p.m.	Y9 Options Evening	Gym and 6 th Form
Tue 2 nd - Fri 5 th Feb	7.00 p.m.	School Play	Drama Hall
Mon 8 th Feb		Y11 full reports issued	
Tue 9 th Feb	All day	Enrichment Day	
Thur 11 th Feb		Y10 progress report issued	
Thur 11 th Feb	4.30 p.m.	Y10 Parents' Evening	K Central
Fri 12 th Feb		Y13 full report issued	
Mon 15 th – Fri 19 th Feb		Half term	
Mon 22 nd Feb		INSET DAY	

Reminder : End of Term

The break-up time on the **last day** (Fri 18th Dec) for the **Christmas Holidays** is **12.30 p.m.** Please ensure that arrangements are made for the collection of your children. Village buses have been notified. The school will be closed for the duration of the Christmas Holidays and will re-open on Monday 4th January 2009.

Dark nights Please can I remind students about using cycle lights and high visibility clothing especially if they are making their way home late after school especially when staying for fixtures or extra curricular clubs.

Textiles Fashion Show NB Change of Date – this event will now take place on **Thursday 10th December** in the Drama Hall (previously set for Friday 11th December). Info to follow.

As we reach the time of year when inclement weather strikes, I would like to remind you all of the school's emergency closure announcement procedure:

If, in the unlikely event of the school being closed, the announcement will be made on **Severn Sound Radio, BBC radio Gloucestershire** and via the local authority's website www.glosclosedschools.com, as well as our own school website.



Tewkesbury School Gift Donation Scheme

How can you help?

Gift Donation

If all parents choose to help us then we will be able to make a very significant impact upon resources and experiences in the near future. To help financially, by far the best way is by making a gift donation, which is simple and flexible. You decide whether to make regular monthly donations or to contribute annually, or to make a one-off donation. The decision on how much you give is entirely up to you – there are no upper or lower limits. Most people prefer the convenience of a monthly standing order payment from their bank, but donations can also be by cheque, cash or by internet payment.

Gift Aid

Tewkesbury School is registered as a charity and is able to increase the value of your donation by reclaiming basic rate tax through Gift Aid.

Gift aid is tax relief on money donated to UK charities

- The charity will reclaim 28p of tax on every £1 you gave up to 5 April 2008
- The charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 you give on or after 6 April 2008.
- The Government will pay to the charity an additional 3p on every £1 you give between 6 April 2008 and 5 April 2011. This transitional relief for the charity does not affect your personal tax position.

If you pay income tax at the higher rate, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return if you want to receive the additional tax relief due to you.

YES I would like to help

What to do next:

If you would like to help, all you need to do is complete this Gift Aid declaration form and return it to the Finance Office at school.

We will do the rest of the paper work on your behalf. Contribution amounts will remain confidential if that is what you wish, and the money raised in the Appeal will be handled in a separate charity account.

If you would like more information please contact John Reilly, Headteacher at the School.



Tewkesbury School Gift Donation Scheme

Gift Aid declaration

Please treat the enclosed gift donation of £_____ as a Gift Aid donation

You must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April one year to 5 April the next) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that the charity will reclaim on your gifts for that tax year.

Donor's details

Title _____ Initial(s) _____ Surname: _____

Home address: _____

Postcode: _____

Name/s of children at Tewkesbury School: _____

I confirm that I would like to make a Gift Donation arrangement with Tewkesbury School and would like the school to treat the donation specified below as Gift Aid:

Payment details

Amount of payment £_____ Date of First Payment _____

Amount of payment in words _____

Frequency of Payments (please delete): Monthly / Annually

Date of last payment _____ or continue until further notice (please tick) []

Please confirm your preferred method of payment:-

- Cheque (payable to Tewkesbury School)
- Cash
- Standing Order (please completed and return the attached SO Mandate form)
- Internet Payment (contact financeonline@tewkesburyschool.org for access)

I am / am not a taxpayer Signed: _____

Date: _____

Please notify Tewkesbury School if you:

1. Want to cancel this declaration.
2. Change your name or home address.
3. No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. MANY THANKS!

Standing Order Mandate

To: (name of your bank)

Details of payee: Tewkesbury School

Bank Address

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Bank sort code

Account number

Account name

Beneficiary ref: Gift Donation (to be completed by the school)

Beneficiary Details:

HSBC
Tewkesbury
Glos

Sort code: 40 44 10
Ac no: 41157841
Tewkesbury School Private Fund

Payment details

Amount of payment £ date of First Payment

Amount of payment in words

Frequency of Payments (please delete) Monthly / Annually

Date of last payment Or continue until further notice (please tick) []

Payee signature

Date :

Payee contact no (only in case of a query about this form) :

Please return your completed form to the Finance Office at Tewkesbury School.



Wednesday 2nd December
5.30 - 8.00pm
Open Evening
5.30—8pm

Launchpad would like to warmly invite you to attend their Open Evening .

Come along and find out more about the courses on offer at Launchpad.

The evening is an opportunity to view the facilities and talk to staff about the courses. We look forward to seeing you soon.



I.T. made easy

Do you want to know more about IT without having to ask the kids for help? Then come along to the Tewkesbury Do I.T. Centre, based at Launchpad. We have a new state of the art centre and our courses are **free**.

You can gain a level 2 qualification whilst studying at your own pace at a time to suit you.

If you want to know more, why not give us a call on **01684 851030** or drop in for an informal chat at Launchpad, located just off Shannon Way, Tewkesbury Industrial Estate.



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