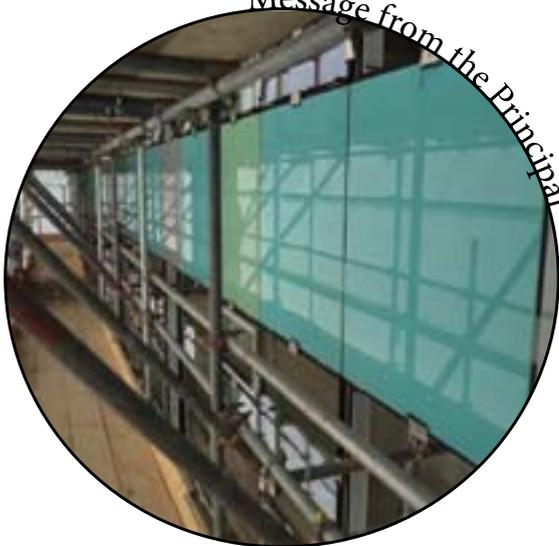




Message from the Principal



Dear all

I have an update on the school's building works.

As you might have noticed some of the plastic sheeting has been removed from the main building and you

can now see some of the new facade which is covered in the thick coloured green glass. This week I also have been choosing some of the colours for shelving and storage which is very exciting. You will also have noticed that the sports hall is now being enclosed and could be ready for us to use as early as February of next year. I know that space is very tight at the moment whilst all this work is being carried out but we will reap the benefits next year so thank you for your patience.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Downey.



Good Attitude of the Week

This section is for teachers and other staff to give praise to students who have gone above and beyond to be kind or helpful to others. Each student featured will receive **5 house points**.

Deujon Baker for volunteering to carry the sports equipment all the way to and from Dover House Road. Thank you very much!_ Mr Evans

APA THIS WEEK

**Friday 24th October
Lunchtime reading in the library, 1.30-1.45**

Miss Sparrowhawk will be reading an extract from Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror by Chris Priestley.

Year 7 football match v Southfields. Thursday afterschool.

Team sheet will be on the notice board outside B30 on Monday
Mr Evans

We have a new password for one of the websites we use in maths. New details are;
Website: mymaths.co.uk
Username: elliottsch
Password: shape
Miss Emerton

THE WORLD THIS WEEK

World Space Week - In 1999 The UN General Assembly declared 4th to 10th October each year to be World Space Week. This event is the largest public space event on Earth and was created to celebrate at international level the contributions of space science and technology to the betterment of the human condition. See p5 to learn more about World Space Week from Year 8.



Raheela Aslam for preparing our tutor groups assembly presentation!! Excellent work!_ Mr Evans

Gael Denninger for his enthusiasm and willingness when trying to learn the language! Well done._ Miss Davies

Kiron Brown-Plummer for constant effort and **Daniel Al-Rifai** for helpfulness_ Miss Hughes

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The year 7 homework timetable has been amended, could all year 7s please take note of their new timetable, you will all be issued with new homework stickers for your diary in tutor time.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Music 1	Music 4	Music 2	Music 3	DT 3-4
Maths	Science 1-3	PC 3	PC 1	Science
DT 3/4	English 1,3,4	Maths	PC 2	Geogrphay 3
English 2	French 1,2,3	Science 4	English	
		History 1-3	Geography 1,2,4	
		Literacy 4	History 4	

WELL DONE!!!



A massive well done to **Lynn-Esther Kacou, Alea Barham, Amiya Williams, Tylar- Morgan Rogers, Robyn Smart, Amber Miller** and **Emielia Washington** for playing in the borough Year 7 and 8 football competition. They played fantastically as a team and Amiya scored a brilliant goal.

Miss Patrick

Well done to the following pupils who represented the school in The London Schools Cross Country Competition. They were all fantastic and ran extremely well. The results will be announced next week. Excellent running!!

Zoshea DACRES
Manni BARBER-TAYLOR
Sacha Ormiston
Rebecca Greene
Riana Scott
Amy-Laylah BREWER
Trinese Jane CLARKE
Joseph IFAYOMI
Tylar Brindle

Alea Barham
Shaecaden Casey CLARKE
Yasmin Chelli

Miss Patrick





Congratulations to the following pupils in Dickens House for achieving 100% attendance so far this academic year:

VALDEZ, Jenny	HOMSAP, Ramavadee
RIAZ, Mariam	HARDING, Jasmine
POPE, Brandon	FRANCIS, Adam
PIEADADE, Troy	ELGHAILANI, Kamal
PIEADADE, Teon	EDGLEY, Daniel
NKOSI, Armstrong	DJE, Jewell
MIAH, Iqbal	COYLE, Shania
MCCARTHY, Thomas	CHOOMSAENG, Athit
LOVEREZ, Lenie Marie	AWAIS, Mohammad
LAGDEN, Joseph	ABEBERESE, Ashia
KHAN, Sharo	JIREL, Richa

Congratulations also go to the following pupils for upholding the 6 pillars:

Abdi Osman for good effort and team work in Drama
Athit Choomsaeng for commitment in Music
Jayden Gough Thompson for good effort and team work in Drama
Robbie Ryan for good effort in Geography
Daniel Edgley for commitment and Independence in French
Alan Kawa for independence in English
Shaecaden Clarke for enthusiasm in Art
Reuben Brown for good effort in History
Lenie Marie Loverez for good effort in Science
Jakub Zlotek for good effort in Science

Congratulations to Daniel Edgley for becoming our Vice House Captain; well done and a pleasure to have you on the team!!

As the weather is getting colder please do remember to wear your school regulation coats but they must be taken off when you enter the school building.

It is also important to be in school, on time, everyday with the correct equipment!

The Drama Club will be performing Romeo and Juliet at The Secombe Centre in Sutton on the 17th November at 7:00pm. If you would like to watch the performance then please come and see me to buy some tickets!!

Have a nice weekend and don't forget to do your homework!



On Monday whole school assembly was on the theme of commitment. This happens to coincide with exam weeks for KS3 and I hope many of you will demonstrate your commitment by ensuring that you are revising hard for these exams. Make sure that you speak to your teachers and understand the topics that are likely to come up, I'm sure that they will be giving you help and guidance.

We said that there were various stages that we had to work through to reach commitment and some people may be stuck at some of those other stages: Apathetic, Disgruntled, Obedient, Motivated, Loyal=COMMITTED.

The question is, how committed are you? Examine the statements below and see if they apply to you.

- I strive for the highest ideals.
 - I am motivated to improve what I expect from myself.
 - I don't take the easy way out. I don't make excuses.
 - I don't accept defeat, after a setback I pick myself up.
 - I learn not only from my mistakes, but also the mistakes of others.
 - I work hard to develop the skills, attitudes and behaviour I need to achieve my full potential.
 - I am brave enough to stand up for what is right and challenge wrong-doing when I see it.
 - I will give my best in talent, time and effort to those in need.
 - I plan to excel, not just get by, in life.
 - I promise to contribute with sincerity and selflessness.
- And never forget the old saying, 'If at first you don't succeed, try, try again!'

To finish, let me congratulate Year 9 on their excellent attendance and punctuality so far this term. It has been very impressive, especially as I know so many of you travel such a long way. Keep it up!

Mr Glyn



Turner House

Remember that we have a House poetry competition this half-term based around the theme of conflict so now assessment week is over for most of you, get your poetic minds working and create something incredible for me over the weekend! There is also a chess competition in the next half-term for which we need six contestants. I already have three names (who happen to be the best in their year group), so I just need three more. Pass on your desires to compete to your House Captain, Hagi Sankoh. I am also pleased to announce, as we decided in assembly last week, that our new House charity is the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability, which of course many of you walk passed on your way to and from school. Our first charity event, a Rowing Challenge, will be at the end of term.

Year 8

I am very pleased to see so many of you receiving a number of achievement points for effort, enthusiasm and community, particularly the following students as they have received more than one each day this week: Robyn Smart, Abubaker Tighrini, Eleesher Baker, Jeiel Oakley, Duejon Baker and Calesse Nymn. Very proud to be your Head of Year. However I would also like to see a lot more commitment from a number of other students as, even during assessment week, our attendance has dipped again, and so has our punctuality. We need to be in on time every single day without fail and reach the 95% attendance for the whole year group.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all in on time next week.

Dear Turing house,
It seems winter is finally here; the days feel shorter, colder and darker- please ensure any outdoor wear is removed before you enter the building. There are lots of clubs both at lunch and after school, ensure you are signing up to at least one of these! Why not try your hand at a subject you find tough?

Congratulations to KS3 who have shown commitment during this assessment week. KS4, good luck with yours next week. Please make sure you are going to your teachers and asking for advice- what revision techniques do they have? What must you practice? What can you do to ace the assessment?

As we are nearing the end of this long half term, in order to be in with the chance to bag some prizes, make sure you are contributing to our 6 pillars. Congratulations to the following students who have shown commitment this week: Alexina, Rachel, Gaby, Sarah, Lee, Randell, Lukas, Reece, Stefanos, Sinead, Heaven-Leigh.

Have an excellent weekend.
Miss Harvey

WORLD SPACE WEEK

This week (4th - 10th October) is World Space Week. The Year 8s have been learning about our Solar System...

The Solar System is really interesting, in the Solar System there were nine planets, however there are now 8 because Pluto is now a dwarf Planet. This is mainly because it has a different orbit system around the Sun. The Planet closest to the Sun is Mercury, then Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and then Pluto.

Planet	Distance from the Sun (km)	Orbit Time
Mercury	60 million	88 days
Venus	108 million	225 days
Earth	149.6 million	365.5 days
Mars	228 million	687days
Jupiter	778 million	12 years
Saturn	1427 million	30 years
Uranus	2870 million	84 years
Neptune	4947 million	165 years
Pluto	5900 million	250 years

By Lauren Cook

Stars,
Stars,
They are so bright,
They are so bright that they lighten up the night.

By Tylar Morgan Rogers



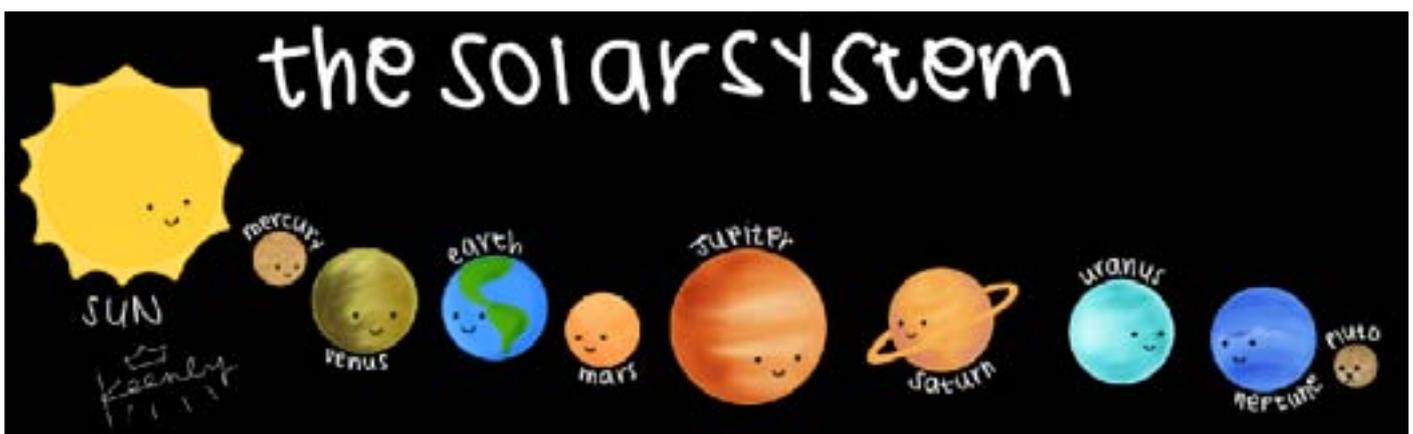
Here are some mneumonics Year 8 have created to remember the order of the planets:

Sun **Sometimes**
Mercury **My**
Venus **Very**
Earth **Elephant-like**
Mars **Mum**
Jupiter **Just**
Saturn **Stands**
Uranus **Under**
Neptune **Nelli's**
Pluto **Pot**

By Robyn Smart

Mercury **My**
Venus **Very**
Earth **Elegant**
Mars **Mother**
Jupiter **Just**
Saturn **Swims**
Uranus **Under**
Neptune **Nut**
Pluto **Peeling**

By Tylar Morgan-Rogers



STUDENT INVESTOR CHALLENGE



The ifs Student Investor Challenge is the UK's premier investment competition with over 100,000 students from 2,500 schools benefiting from the experience in previous years. There are a whole host of prizes available, including a trip to New York!

The competition involves teams investing £100,000 of virtual money in the stock market. Students will need to keep portfolios healthy by reading and forecasting market information provided online to identify shares and make judgements of when to buy and sell in order to make a profit. This year some of our students entered the challenge and we have interviewed **Baker Ssebandeke** to get his insider tips!

What made you want to be part of the student investor challenge?

To gain hands on experience on trading stocks, obviously, and so when I eventually do start trading for real I will hopefully avoid making the same mistakes. :D

What does the challenge involve?

It involves strong determination, psychological resilience and most importantly Team work. It requires Strong determination because you have to do bucket loads of research in terms of seeing what industries are likely to perform best and then maintain the will power to keep up to date on the news. Psychological resilience, what I mean is that you have to know when to hold onto a stock that is falling which you think may later rise but also knowing when to count your losses. Finally, Team work, where you need to make sure each member has jobs assigned to them such as industries they specialise in.

What was the most enjoyable thing about the challenge for you?

Seeing how beneficial your research is when you make a profit because of it.

What was the trickiest part?

Choosing the right company to buy but also balancing your risk by not only picking companies in the same industry, even when it may seem attractive.

Can you give any tips for anyone wanting to get involved?

The Student investor website has plenty of resources in order to get you started. Additionally, news updates are on the Bloomberg website for your company but you can you also use the BBC News' Economics and Business section on their website. Khan Academy website, explains many of the concepts surrounding stocks. Also, another tip is do not rely on blind luck and choosing businesses because you buy from them in real life!!!

What did you learn from the challenge?

I learnt the importance of analysing and comparing statistics of competing companies, such as the P/E (price to earnings ratio).

When did you first become interested in finance?

My interest in finance stems from studying economics at A-level and eventually through further reading via 'an introduction to Global Financial Markets' and the financial times.

Has this sparked your ambition to become the next Wolf of Wall Street?

Ha-ha, no comment ;)

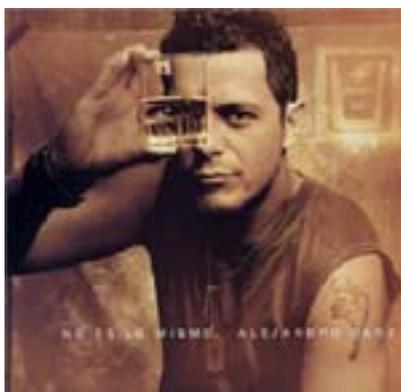
If you would like to be involved in the Student Investor challenge please see Miss Emerton or visit their website www.studentinvestor.org



THE CULTURE CORNER

La canción de la semana - The song of the week

No es lo mismo ser que estar - Alejandro Sanz

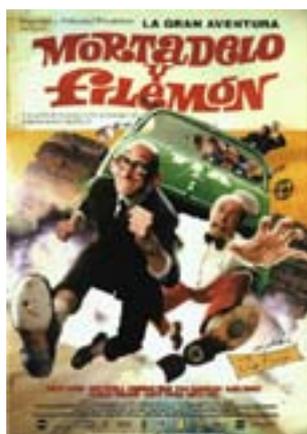


Scan the QR code to watch the clip!

La película de la semana - The film of the week

La gran aventura de Mortadelo y Filemon

The adventure begins when a spy breaks into Professor Bacterio's lab and steals some of his inventions from the T.I.A. headquarters (Técnicos de Investigación Aeroterráquea). Mortadelo and Filemón who work for the T.I.A. are put on the case, but Fredy, another agent, decides to beat them to it. There are numerous clashes between the spy, Fredy, and Mortadelo and Filemón. Chaos ensues.



La palabra de la semana - Word of the week



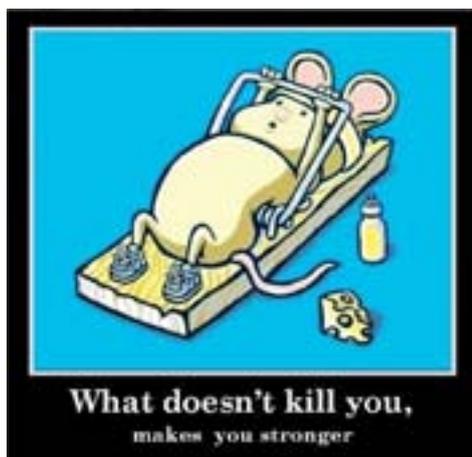
Mousetrap
noun.

Ratonera



Souricière

Ποντίκοπαγίδα



Word of the Week:

Enigmatic

adjective

Definition: difficult to interpret or understand; mysterious

Film of the Week: chosen by Miss Harvey

'Blancnieves'

It's a silent Spanish movie based on Snow White and the Seven Dwarves. It is amazing! It made me cry, I would definitely recommend it.

Staff Read of the Week:

chosen by Mr Bailey

I am reading 'Into the wild' by Jon Krakauer.

It's a gritty book about a young man who was found dead in the outback of Alaska after escaping/fleeing the clutches of modern day society and ideology. The narrative pieces together his journey, reasons and final thoughts on his incredible quest for freedom.



5 Great Reads for Teens

1. To Kill a Mockingbird - Harper Lee
2. The Fault in Our Stars - John Green
3. The Catcher in the Rye - J.D Salinger
4. The Book Thief - Markus Zusak
5. Flowers For Algernon - Daniel Keyes



LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

APA LIBRARY
FRIDAY CHALLENGE

Can you match these artists to their paintings?



Millais



Gainsborough



Sargent



Jackson
Pollock



Da Vinci



Picasso



Rembrandt

Correction

In last weeks news letter we published our contact details for ways of keeping up to date.

We apologise if you have sent emails and they have not been replied to. Please use the following email address until further notice.

a.smart@arkputneyacademy.org

We look forward to hearing from you and don't forget to follow us on twitter @ **apapta**

The next PTA meeting is due to take place on **Wednesday 15th October between 6-7 p.m in the library.**

Please come along if you would like a chance to express any views on school life and how it effects your child.

We will also be discussing other fundraising events and would appreciate any offer of help or point of view.

Finally, well done to Ms Patrick and the year 7&8 girls for a superb effort at Southfields College girls football tournament. You did APA proud!

@ARKPUTNEY

Don't forget if you would like to see your school mascot in the newsletter and receive 5 house points tweet us a picture to **@ARK-Putney!**

If you dont have twitter you can bring the picture to school on a USB stick and give it to your tutor.

Well done to Caitlyn Longuehaye 10ESI who won the library competition.

Miss Sparrowhawk

5, 4, 3, 2, 1

Due to popular demand we have decided to extend the 5,4,3,2,1 segment in the newsletter to students. If you would like to appear in the newsletter please answer the questions below on paper and give them to you tutor! Don't forget to put your name so we know it's you!

5 people dead or alive that you would have at your dream dinner party:

4 books or films that you'll never forget:

3 courses you'd choose for your last meal:

2 Locations in the world you'd love to visit

1 Day of your life you'll never forget.