



House News December 2023



We have reached the end of the Winter term which has been packed with House activities from House charity events to House Sports and Department competitions. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our House Captains for their dedication and hard work, they have been amazing. Congratulations also to all our students who have been working so hard which is demonstrated by the sheer volume of Star Points they have achieved this term, 104,897 Star Points across the four Houses!!!!

House Points

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Sports

This Term we have held Football, Tag Rugby and Basketball competitions. Attenborough has taken a very slight lead.

SPORT	YEAR	GENDER	DATE	Attenborough	Franklin	Turing	Seacole
Netball	Y7	Girls	9/10/23	8	10	6	4
Tag Rugby	Y7	Boys	11 and 18/10/23	8	4	10	6
Football	Y9	Girls	17/10/23	10	4	8	6
Football	Y9	Boys	7/11/23	4	10	6	8
Basketball	Y12	Mixed	8/11/23	10	8	6	4
Football	Y11	Boys	15/11/23	4	10	6	8
Football	Y11	Girls	27/11/23	10	8	3	3
Football	Y10	Boys	30/11/23	8	4	6	10
Football	Y10	Girls	4/12/23	8	10	4	6
Basketball	Y8	Boys	12/12/23	6	4	8	10
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Department Competitions

The **Library and English** departments held the incredibly successful yearly Poetry Competition again this year. The winners were - in the junior category Kian 7FR and Lujain 13FD for the senior category. A clean sweep for Franklin House, congratulations to them.



DRAMA This year the Drama are launching a House Drama competition and the competition rehearsals will begin in January

House Music We have just launched the start of House Music preparations!!!!!! The House Music rehearsals are underway. Let the competition begin.....



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Charity

All the Houses have been so busy raising money for their respective charities this half-term.

Attenborough – Great Ormond Street Hospital GOSH

Franklin – St. Francis Hospice

Seacole – Give a Duck

Turing – UNICEF

Watford Foodbank

The four Houses worked together on the Watford Foodbank donations which is such a worthy local cause and still so much in need of our support. Thank you for all your generous donations. We collected an amazing 108.9kg of food, the most we have taken to Watford Foodbank in a few years and it was so gratefully received by Watford Foodbank

<https://www.watfordfoodbank.co.uk/>.



Houses

Franklin



This term I have been very proud of Franklin House, we continue to get involved in House sport and charity competitions, achieving second place at the end of this half-term. Our House captains have been busy representing the school on Open evening, greeting prospective Year 7 parents and telling them all about our unique House system. The charity captains ran a very successful bake sale with Turing House to raise money for our charities. Overall, we took £508 which left us with £160 for St Francis Hospital to go towards the amazing work they do with their patients. We can't wait to organise more events such as a donut sale and chocolate bar raffle next half-term.

The Arts prefects have also been busy this term, running House music rehearsals for all students! This year our theme is Disco and can't wait to show you all our amazing acts in February. Thank you to everyone that is taking part, especially our fantastic choir and band.

Finally, George and Erin (our sports prefects) have been making sure that each House competition has a full team, which has been successful so far!! We have had some fantastic wins this term including House Cross Country, Year 7 Girls Netball, Year 9 Boys Football, Year 11 Boys Football and Year 10 Girls Football. Thank you to everyone that takes the time to show up and represent Franklin House!!!

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year!

Miss Holder

Seacole



Seacole House have been amazing this term and continue to create opportunities to raise money for our chosen charity this year. Our joint Seacole/Attenborough charity Doughnut sale was a huge success as we raised a total £529 to split between our charities. In total Seacole House raised £264 for Give a Duck Foundation. This amazing donation manages to pay for a total of 10 Chemo Ducks who have been given to children recently diagnosed with Cancer. Another Charity event which our Charity Prefects have been busy organising is our Christmas Candy Cane sales. Our students have been busy selling and delivering candy canes in order to raise more money for Give a Duck.



In terms of House Sports. Seacole have been incredible this year having a team at every event! A special mention to the Year 8 Boys who came 1st in House Basketball and the boys football teams who have come 1st and 2nd in their events this year! There will be more house sport events after half-term so please ensure you check the form slides and have your teams ready to compete.

Another competition we have coming up is our House Music competition. Seacole's practise days are Monday after school and Thursday Lunch Time! Please come along and join in, we have a title to retain.

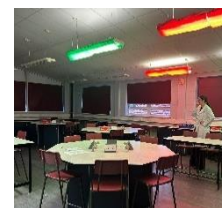
Turing



My first year as house lead has been absolutely phenomenal. I am so delighted to have the best house and we have reached first place on the star points leadership team. Our student leadership team has worked so hard with consistent effort, positivity and great energy.

House Charity Competitions

The House charity events have been so much fun this year. We had a joined event with Franklin where we raised over £500. We have also had our first escape room event which was organised so well by our prefect team.



House Music - Turing is embracing the 90s

We have started Queens' annual House Music competition! Turing chose songs from their favourite 90s music including the Spice Girls, with the whole production being put on by our Sixth Form House Captains.

We are all super excited for our show on 29th February 2024.

The spirit and the fierceness with the sense community we have makes us winners already.



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House Sport Competitions

Our first week was Year 9 boys house football where we won 3rd place!



We had our Year 11 boys play their last football game so I had to include a photo from their first football game. We also won 3rd place!

This was followed by our Year 11 girls' last football game. We joined the Seacole team and we played with smiles throughout the game.



We had both our Year 10 groups playing football which were both amazing!



Finally, we had our Year 8 boys playing basketball! We were definitely fighting for the win with this one - we came second place!!



Well done to the teams for playing amazingly in other closely-fought House competitions. What shines through to me on the side-line, is the enjoyment and fun all of Turing has competing with their friends and representing their fabulous House!

Always remember all of you - our students, brothers and sisters, parents, carers, grandparents - are part of our strong, happy and caring community here in Turing House.

Please all do your bit this Christmas break, to look out for someone in need.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year :)

Miss Uthayakumaran
Head of Turing House

Attenborough



I want to say a massive thank you to my House Captains / Prefects who have been awesome this term. We have raised a massive £727.50 over all this term for charity, of which £712.75 goes to Great Ormond Street Hospital, you are all totally amazing and it is such a wonderful charity our Charity Ambassadors and House Captains picked this year, I am so proud to be Attenborough House Lead.

Thank you to Mrs Estell who made our Chocolate Christmas Hamper for the raffle, our Charity Ambassadors are coming around form rooms selling the raffle tickets, the winner will be announced on the last day of school, we hope they enjoy the chocolates and don't eat them all at once! We are still taking orders for the personalised Christmas baubles until Tuesday 19th, £120 raised so far.



This year we also took a group of students to visit Oakmoor Lodge Care Home in Bushey. We sang some Christmas songs, gave out Christmas cards and chocolate (Thank you to Priyanshi's family for the chocolates) they went down a treat, and we spent time chatting to the residence who shared their stories and advice. A special shout out to Apple-May in Year 12 who's idea sparked the special visit off.



House Music - thank you to my amazing Sixth Form Team and House Captains, we are sounding amazing and are well underway with our rehearsals, which are held on Tuesday Lunch and Thursday after school in the Music Department. The House Music Competition will be on the 29th February 2024. We look forward to an amazing night and fierce competition. Remember to book your tickets!



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Attenborough are also super fantastic in the Sporting arena and are narrowly leading the Robert Brown Trophy leader board by 4 points. Currently we have 76 points. Winning teams have been Year 9 Girls Football, Year 11 Girls Football, Year 12 Mixed Basketball. Second place was achieved by Year 7 Girls Netball, Year 7 Boys Tag Rugby, Year 10 Boys Football and Year 10 Girls Football and third place Year 9 Boys Football, Year 11 Boys Football and Year 8 Boys' Basketball. You have all been awesome putting together a team for every event no matter what the weather, fantastic attitude Attenborough.

Happy Christmas and New Year from Ms Thomas

Finally let me wish you all a very happy Christmas and peaceful festive holiday, I hope you all keep safe and have a wonderful family time and a Happy 2024 Let's hope it brings Health, Peace and prosperity to all.

Best Wishes from the House Teams.

