

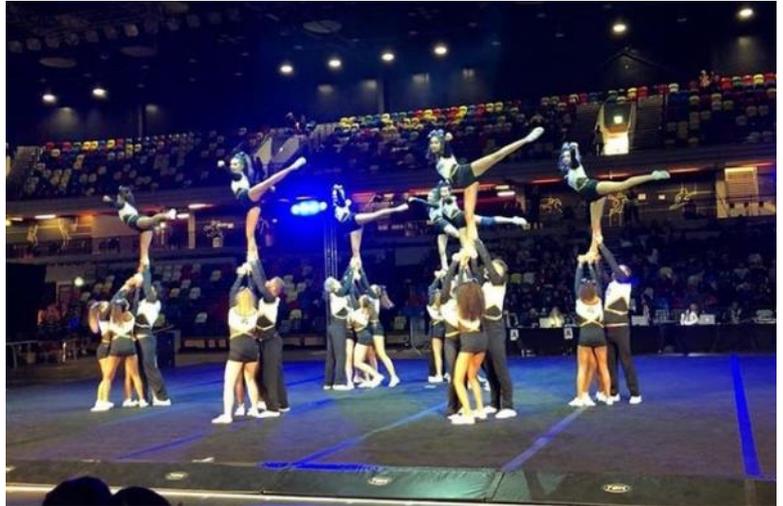
***Our Mission is: To support parents in developing young people who know God and are trained to serve and influence their generation through godly attitudes and actions.***

## Cheerleading news

On Sunday 18th February Alyssa R (Y10) represented Unity Allstars in a regional cheerleading competition at the Copperbox Arena in London. They were awarded first place for their routine and regional champions in their division. Alyssa has been with her team for four years and trains every week in London competing at various events around the country.

As part of her D of E award, Alyssa is currently volunteer coach with the Witney Wolves, who meet after school on a Monday afternoon. If your child would like to follow in Alyssa's footsteps and take up cheerleading, please contact [witneywolves@gmail.com](mailto:witneywolves@gmail.com) for more details.

Thanks to Alyssa for writing this article.



## Arriving at school

Please remember that children should arrive in school between 8.30 and 8.45am. If children are late for any reason, they must come to the main reception where they can be registered. Please don't bring your child in through the side door as they may not be registered as present.

If your child is absent for any reason, please remember to contact the office in writing each day they are away.

Many thanks.

## Staff news

We are very sad to let you know that after many years of faithful service to the school Cheryl Prosser will be moving on at the end of this academic year. As many of you will have appreciated, Mrs Prosser is a fantastic teacher and will be hugely missed by all. Please pray with us as we seek to find a new teacher for our infant class from September. An advertisement for the vacancy that now arises can be found attached to this week's newsletter.



## dates for your diary

### February

**Tuesday 27th** Y9 Meningitis immunisations

### March

**Thursday 1st**, Y3 & 4 Anglo Saxon morning

**Friday 2nd**, World Book Day Celebrations (Primary)

**Wednesday 7th, 6pm** Y8 Parents' meeting

**Saturday 10th, 10.30am** Open Day

**Monday 12th** Y8 French exchange week

**Friday 16th** GCSE Drama production

**Thursday and Friday 22nd & 23rd** Junior Production

**Thursday 29th** Easter holidays begin

Please note that these dates (and more) are also available on our website.

## Othello Success

Congratulations to Mark P (Y7), who attended the World Othello Federation tournament last weekend. Mark writes "Me and my family went to Cambridge to play Othello. There was a junior and senior section. I went in the junior section and played in the final and came second. I was the second youngest competitor there."



## Principal's Awards

Already this term, five Primary pupils have received Principal's awards. Congratulations to Rachel G (Y5), Elijah B (Y6), Sophia B (Y4), Dominic S (Y6) and Zac H (Y1). Anais P and George B were made Y6 Ambassadors. As ambassadors, Anais and George have been acknowledged as great role models for the other Primary children and recognised for their spiritual gifts.

Secondary awards have been given to James G (Y10), Kylah R (Y11), Joshua S (Y11), Abigail B (Y11) and Miriam B (Y11).

Principal's awards are given for outstanding character or academic achievement.

Congratulations to all of our award winners.

### Cross-Country running

Well done to Amy S (Y7), Jude K (Y5) and Ben G (Y7) who all took part in the 'Swanbourne Chase' cross country run at Swanbourne School on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

It was a challenging course (plenty of hills!) and the competition was tough but they all ran extremely well. There were over 300 competitors taking part from 16 different schools. Thanks to Mrs Stevenson for providing the transport to get them there.

Mr Hobbs



### Football News

The U16 boys football team played Sibford School on February 7<sup>th</sup>, winning 10-1! Despite the score line, it was a well fought match and the TKS team showed excellent sportsmanship. Well done to Oliver B and Jacob N who played particularly well.

Mr Hobbs.



### World Book Day

Our Stepping Stones, Infant and Primary children will be celebrating World Day on **Friday March 2nd**. There will be book related activities all day and children are welcome to come dressed as their favourite character from a book. They are also welcome to bring in a copy of the book to share with others.



# WORLD BOOK DAY



September 2018  
Entry for YR, Y4, Y5 and Y10.  
Other places may  
become available

Start your adventure:  
2018 OPEN MORNINGS 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
GET IN TOUCH [www.tkswitney.org.uk](http://www.tkswitney.org.uk)

Our **Open Morning** will take place on March 10<sup>th</sup>, in the Newland Hall. We will be here from 10.30 am until about mid-day, with a presentation from Mr Beegoo at 11am. Please prayerfully consider who you might like to invite along to this event. There's a really informative clip at <https://youtu.be/iOOYwvtCzWk> that you can pass on to friends who you may wish to invite.

In order to make our welcome as warm as it can be, we will need volunteers to help run a café and we will need offers of cake to share with our guests. Please contact Mrs Simmonds ([gilly.simmonds@tkswitney.org.uk](mailto:gilly.simmonds@tkswitney.org.uk)) if you can help with either of these things.



### Skoolkit Sale

Our uniform suppliers Skoolkit, are offering a TKS exclusive 10% discount (and free p&p) offer between March 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.



We are hoping to have a pop-up shop in school during the week running up to this sale where there will be a sample set of clothes available for you to try before you buy. Please let the office know if you would like to help us with this.

### Request for your support– a message from Steve

As you know, each year we seek to keep the fees as low as possible. Staff sacrifice by working for lower salaries, and your volunteering all helps us to keep the fees at an incredibly low rate. This year a number of unforeseen additional costs have arisen. Should you feel prompted as you think and pray for the school to give a gift, this would be hugely appreciated. Year by year we are so grateful to God and the generosity of His people which can be shown in multiple ways, and this is why the school is able to function as it does. If you wish to give a designated (for a named aspect of school life) or undesignated gift, please contact the office.

Steve Beegoo

### Forest School Y4



Thank you to Mr Reeve for these lovely photos of our Y4's building and enjoying their dens during their last Forest School before half term.

### Governor's news

The Governors of TKS are delighted to welcome two new governors to the team; Mark Eley and Russ Beese. Mark is the pastor at Lifehouse, Bicester and brings a wealth of experience in pastoring, safeguarding, working with youth and is currently a governor of a school in Bicester. Russ has recently joined Witney Community Church, as an Assistant Pastor. Russ together with Rebecca and their three children moved to Witney in late 2017. Russ has been in education for many years as a teacher and a head teacher and brings educational and safeguarding experience into the team. Russ and Mark as church leaders within the West and Central regions of OCC respectively will also help maintain and develop the strong relationships that TKS desires with the regions of OCC. Mark and Russ join the Governors team which comprises Eileen Elmitt, Mark Cadbury, Sarah Plowman, Ed Harnett, Mike Briggs and Stephen Young.

If any parent reading this newsletter would like to be considered for a governor position, please contact either Stephen Young or Steve Beegoo. The Governors work very closely with the school leadership team and together seek to prayerfully steer and develop the school to help ensure it fulfils the purposes that God intended when the school was established; that of providing a high-quality education within a distinctly Christian ethos. Either Stephen or Steve will then contact you to outline in more detail the significant rewards (non-monetary!) of being a governor and will also explain the time commitments and experience expectations of being a governor of TKS. We are particularly keen to discuss these opportunities with those that bring business, financial or legal expertise.

Stephen Young, Chair of Governors

### The West Oxfordshire Schools Photography Competition

Don't forget the deadline for this competition is on February 28th. This weekend is your last opportunity to go out and about to capture an image of our beautiful local area. As a reminder, here are the details of the competition.

*The West Oxfordshire Schools Photography Competition* is designed to encourage young photographers in West Oxfordshire to take pride in, and capture, the unique beauty of West Oxfordshire.

Photographers will be divided into four groups: Y1-3, Y4-6, Y7-10, Y11-13

There are four categories: Architecture/History, People/Community, Nature/Wildlife, Abstract

Each entrant can enter one photograph in each category.

The photographs should tell the story of a town/place/person in West Oxfordshire, or capture the essence of a part of the area.

One winning photograph will be selected from each category, and also one overall winner per age group.



Each category winner will receive a certificate from Robert Courts, MP for West Oxfordshire

The overall winners from each age group will be invited to Parliament with their parents for a tour of Parliament and a cup of tea with Robert on the Commons' Terrace

If your child is interesting in entering this competition, please contact Mrs Smith in the office for more information.

**Deadline for entry is February 28th**