

# THAMESMEAD TALK

This issue:

9<sup>th</sup> October 2015

**Headteacher's  
Award**

## **Headteacher's Award**

Below are the names of the students who are this week's winners of the Headteacher's Award. They have received a Certificate and 100 Vivo points credited to their Vivo account:

**Colleges**

Year 11: Evan Green (11D1), Jasmine Jones (11P1), Matt Jones (11G2), Pavan Patel (11C2), Mickey Wherry (11G1) and Freddie White (11C2).

**Christmas Card**

**Competition**

## **Colleges**

**Disrupted Learning**

Kingston College open day is on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 10.00am-2.00pm.  
[www.kingston-college.ac.uk](http://www.kingston-college.ac.uk)

**Performing Arts**

To register for this event please visit [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-events-tickets-](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-events-tickets-)

**PTA Fashion Show**

Guildford College open evening is on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 5.30pm-8.00pm and on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 5.30pm-8.00pm. [www.guildford.ac.uk](http://www.guildford.ac.uk)

**PTA 200 Club**

Woking College open evening is on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 5.30pm-8.30pm.  
[www.woking.ac.uk](http://www.woking.ac.uk)

**Winners**

**PTA AGM**

Strode's College open evening is on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 5.00pm-8.00pm.  
[www.strodes.ac.uk](http://www.strodes.ac.uk)

**Spanish Trip**

## **Christmas Card Competition 2015**

**European Day of  
Languages**

Students - use your imagination to design a card that spreads Christmas cheer. Designs must be on A4 or A5 paper and handed to your Art Teacher in 5A or 13A by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

**Sky Rewards**

Winning entries will have their design printed as the official Thamesmead Christmas card 2015. Good luck everyone!

**Inter-House  
Competition**

**Book Of The Week**

**Key Dates:**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>  
October 6.30pm**

Autumn Acoustic  
Concert

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
7pm**

PTA AGM

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday  
30<sup>th</sup> October**

Half Term

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November  
6pm**

PTA Fashion Show

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>  
December 6.30pm**

Carol Concert

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>  
December**

School finishes at 12  
noon

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January  
2016**

**Performing Arts**



The Autumn Acoustic Concert will take place on Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6.30pm. Tickets are for sale on the door for £3 (£2 for students).



**PTA Fashion Show**

The PTA Fashion Show takes place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Doors open from 6.00pm, show starts at 7.00pm and we are inviting Year 10 and Year 11 girls and/or mums to join in as models.

Zebra Clothing will be available at this exciting event and we would love some girls to model the selection of clothing and accessories that will also include party wear and Prom dresses. You will be guided through the evening by the Zebra Clothing team and our own Thamesmead hosts and comperes. It promises to be great fun! Please note that payment on the night should be made in cash or cheque, no cards will be accepted.

Please do get in touch with Nikki Jenkins, PTA Chair, as soon as possible if you would like to take part. [nikkigjenkins@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nikkigjenkins@yahoo.co.uk) or [thamesmeadpta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:thamesmeadpta@hotmail.co.uk) We look forward to hearing from you.

Tickets are now available from Mrs Irwin in the main school office: £8 for adults (including a glass of fizz) and £5 for students (including a mocktail). Payment can be made by cash, Tucasi or cheques payable to Thamesmead PTA. Please see order form attached.

Last year's fashion show was a sell out so buy your tickets soon to avoid disappointment.



**PTA 200 Club Winners**

Well done to our September winners:

1<sup>st</sup> prize of £25 goes to No.54 – Claire Gilbert  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize of £15 goes to No.66 – Keith Gibson

First Day of Spring Term

A full calendar of the school holiday dates

is available on our website.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

[Twitter Safety](#)

[Fashion Show Order Form](#)

### **PTA AGM**

This year's PTA AGM will take place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 7pm in the Learning Centre. We look forward to seeing as many parents and carers as possible.



### **Spanish Trip To Andalucía – Yr9 & Yr10**

Letters have been given out to students who have expressed an interest in this trip. It will take place from Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and the cost is £545. If you wish to reserve your child a place on this trip then a non-refundable deposit of £100 needs to be paid by cheque before Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October and handed to the Finance Office. There are a limited number of places and if oversubscribed Year 10 students will be given priority. Miss Binnington - Trip Leader & Teacher of MFL

### **European Day of Languages**

To promote and celebrate the European Day of Languages on 26<sup>th</sup> of September, we asked teachers to share one activity in French or Spanish. We also encouraged students to use target language in the learning centre for a whole week and finally we created a great video where students used languages other than English. Check out the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MtLMzfriWx0>

We had many students supporting us and special thanks goes to: Sam Keene, Charlotte Keely, Nicoletta Corbett, Alex Kerr, Lucila Rago, Jade Ruysseveldt, Charlotte Kyle, Charlie Renard, Paula Salas Engel, Luke Wivel and Tom Corrigan.

### **Sky Rewards@scheme**

Thamesmead has joined up to Sky Rewards@ scheme. Please pass any old sky equipment to the school office as we can gain points towards sports kits. It also means that this equipment is being recycled; saving the planet as well. For more information, please visit [www.skykitrewards.com](http://www.skykitrewards.com) Thank you to those parents who have already sent sky boxes in to school.



### **Inter-House Competition**

Phoenix had their bake-off last Friday. Well done to the following students who made it through to the final: Paige Williams, Emily Whitethread, Joe Coles, Rosie Finnigan, Sarah Sahnoun and Lisa Kent.

The Grand Final was held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October - congratulations to all our winners and everyone that took part!

**Years 7/8**

**Champions: Paige Williams + Emily Whitethread**

**Runners up: Eleni Akcil + Ella Wilson**

**3<sup>rd</sup>: Benito Hart Prieto + Ben Peake + Joe Powell**



**Years 9/10/11**

**Champions: Talia Chapman + Tasha Wells + Hayley Richardson**

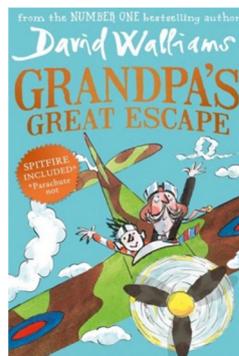
**Runners Up: Grace Mewes**

**3<sup>rd</sup>: Lisa Kent**



**Book Of The Week**

**KS3 - Grandpa's Great Escape by David Walliams**

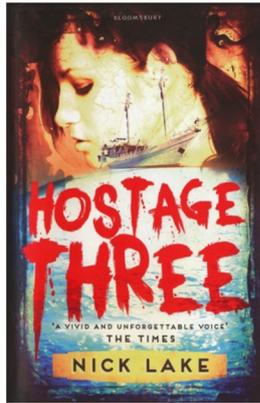


12-year-old Jack's Grandpa... 'wears his slippers to the supermarket', 'serves up Spam a la Custard for dinner' and 'often doesn't remember Jack's name'. But

now he's forgotten that he is an old age pensioner and things have come to a head as Grandpa thinks he is back flying his spitfire during WWII. Faced with living in the frightful *Twilight Towers* retirement home, Jack helps Grandpa plan his great escape but will Matron Swine scupper all their plans!

This is a touching tale of the bond between a small boy and his beloved Grandpa - taking readers on an incredible journey with Spitfires over London and Great Escapes through the city in a high octane adventure full of comedy and heart.

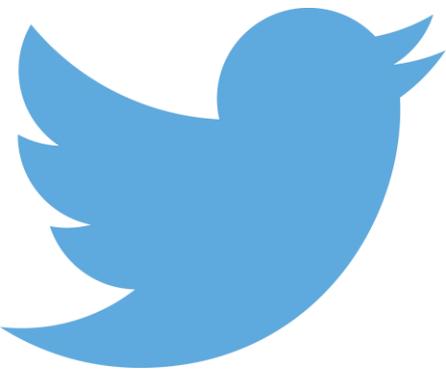
**KS4 - Hostage Three** by Nick Lake



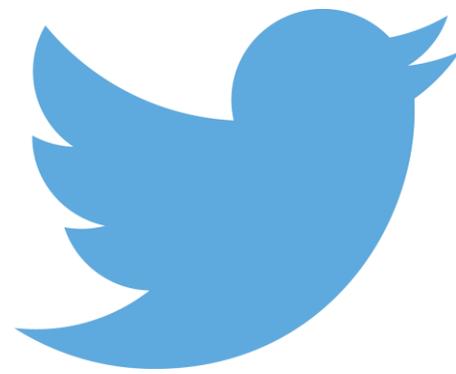
It begins by plunging you into the middle of an adrenaline-drenched drama. The narrator, a teenage girl called Amy, is being held hostage by Somali pirates on her family's luxury yacht. Her father is Hostage One, her stepmother Hostage Two and Amy is Hostage Three. There's a gun to her head and she is about to be executed.

This book goes way beyond being just a great (if brutal) thriller; it is gritty, politically intelligent and explores the nature of freedom. Lake delivers masterfully through his characters - making this is a great read for older teens and adults alike.

Happy reading! Mrs Garraway



# How to keep safe on Twitter!



Step 1 : Go On Your Account Settings And Select Security And Privacy.

Account	>
<b>Security and privacy</b>	>
Password	>
Cards and shipping	>
Order history	>
Mobile	>
Email notifications	>
Web notifications	>
Find friends	>
Muted accounts	>
Blocked accounts	>
Design	>
Apps	>
Widgets	>
Your Twitter data	>

Step 2 : Make Sure You Have A Secure Password To Insure That Nobody Other Than Yourself Can Access Your Account.

## Security

- Login verification  Verify login requests  
You need to [add a phone](#) to your Twitter account to enable this feature.
- Password reset  Require personal information to reset my password  
When you check this box, you will be required to verify additional information before you can request a password reset with just your @username. If you have a phone number on your account, you will be asked to verify that phone number before you can request a password reset with just your email address.
- Log in with code  Allow my account to log in with either a password or login code  
You will be able to log in with your password, or by requesting a secure login code. [Learn more](#)
- Always require a password to log in to my account  
You will be asked for your password every time you log in. This means you will not be able to log in by simply receiving a login code (via SMS or email). [Learn more](#)

Step 3 : So that only you and your chosen followers can view your Tweets, Sslect "Protect My Tweets" from the drop down menu in the privacy settings.

- Tweet privacy  Protect my Tweets  
If selected, only those you approve will receive your Tweets. Your future Tweets will not be available publicly. Tweets posted previously may still be publicly visible in some places. [Learn more](#).

**That's it! Now you're ready to be safe and secure on Twitter, and enjoy the benefits of this amazing app!**



# PTA FASHION SHOW

with Zebra Clothing

Friday 20th November 2015 @ 7.00pm

Doors open 6.00pm

**Please reserve me tickets for the Fashion Show:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student tutor group: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of adult tickets @ £8 \_\_\_\_\_ includes glass of prosecco

No. of child tickets @ £5 \_\_\_\_\_ includes mock cocktail

**Return order form with payment to Mrs Irwin in the main school office**

Payment by cheque (payable to Thamesmead School PTA), cash or

I have paid via Tucasi