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We will remember them

Staff and students at The Island Free School have been paying their respects to the brave men and women who lost their lives in combat, reports pupil **Ella Gregory**...

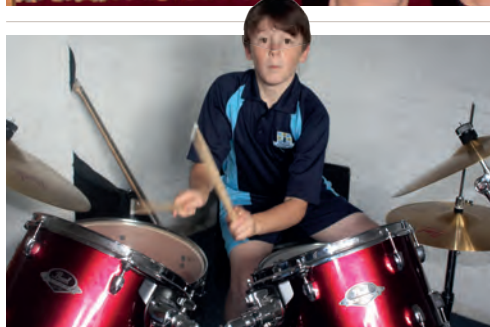
On Tuesday 11th November, poppies were worn by all staff and students, as we made our way down to Holy Trinity Church in Ventnor for the annual Remembrance Service. On the centenary of World War 1, we wanted to commemorate all the fallen soldiers, and pay our respects to the many others who have lost their lives in conflicts since then.

The service started with the vicar, Hugh Wright, giving a sermon on sacrifice and peace, followed by the powerful hymn, 'I vow to thee my country'. The musical talent at the school was evident with Polly Whitfield playing the haunting Polish song 'Wiosna' on the piano, and Oliver Glanville and Megan Rasmussen (pictured right) singing a beautiful duet, 'Butterfly Fly Away'.

Poems were read by Phoenix Malone, Connie Wheatley, Jake Wade and Oliver Clow, before the final hymn, 'The Lord's My Shepherd'. This was followed, very movingly, by our very own Ted Henly on the trumpet playing, 'The Last Post.' The congregation then stood in silent thought for a full minute.

Representatives from our school also attended a service at Ventnor War Memorial on Sunday 30th November, where they laid poppies and recited a poem for the fallen.

We will remember them.



Beat it!

We're a music specialist school and believe in easy access to instruments. That's why there's a piano in the hall – and a drumkit in the corridor. Feel free to have a play if you're passing!

WELCOME

It's been a whirlwind first term! We've gone on a hike, played new instruments, taken up Latin, sung our hearts out, launched a radio station, formed winning sports teams... and learnt a huge amount along the way. Students – thank you for working so hard. Parents – thank you for your fantastic support. We all hope you enjoy the break and have a very Happy Christmas.

Steph B

Mr Boyd,
Headmaster



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Rugby squad announced

Oliver Clow, who's in the team, reveals the secrets of the selection process...

On 12th November, the school held trials for our first ever boys' rugby team. A match had been arranged (see story on the right)... now all we needed was a squad.

After some basic skills training, we went into a proper match. It was tense - clearly, everyone knew they had to impress the Head of PE, Mr Malkin. So we all did our best and the match finished with a meagre two tries' difference between the teams.

In the end, Mr Malkin selected:

Tom Crews, Ben Orton, Elliot Stewart, Tobi Wright, Oliver Clow, Max Henley, Alfie Price, Jacob Harvey, Jack Evans, Harvey Cox, Bede Revert, Harvey Callieu - and Louis Hutchings as the Captain.



Catch us if you can!

Our new cross country teams are already setting the pace, says **Oliver Clow**

During 3rd-5th November, Mr Malkin held trials for our cross country teams. The fastest boys and girls were picked to represent the school in a 1km run the very next day, at an inter schools' competition at Christ the King in Newport. The girls selected were Mia Basile, Mia Gerty, Kara Hog, Fay Murray-Smith, Daisy Wylds and Maisie Witty. The boys chosen were Thomas Crews, Eli Tucker, Oliver Clow, Louis Hutchins, Matt Shepard and Harvey Cox.

We put up two boys' teams, with one led by Harvey Cox and the other by Oliver Clow. By the end of the first muddy lap, Harvey was in sixth place and Oliver was in eighth. They both tagged on the next person and sat down to

rest. Matt was running for Harvey, and Eli for Oliver. They rushed off at tremendous speeds. Then Thomas was tagged by Matt, and Louis was tagged by Eli. In the end, Tom got fifth place and Louis got seventh place.

In the girls' teams, Mia Basile and Daisy Wylds finished first and third respectively. Mia tagged Kara and she sped off. Just half a minute later, Daisy tagged Fay and she ran off. The two girls kept both places amazingly well. Kara then tagged Maisie, still in first place, and a minute later, Fay tagged Mia Gerty and she ran like the wind. Without a doubt, the girls were amazing and Maisie came home in first place and Mia G in fourth. What a triumph for the school!

Nice try, lads

Our first ever rugby match was against Ryde School. **Max Henley** and **Jack Evans** report...

On Saturday 22nd November, our new Year 7 boys' rugby team played Ryde School in our first ever competitive match. Sadly, Ollie Clow missed the game due to injuries.

On a muddy but not too inclement morning, Sonny Mullholland kicked off the game. Soon after, The Island Free School scored the first try... or so we thought. Sadly, it was a forward pass and could not be counted. As this was Sonny's first public kick in a real match, this was still a real achievement. Moments later, we got through Ryde's formidable defence again, and Max Henley scored. This time, there was no doubt - it counted.

Soon after this, following after a series of sensational passes we made it to the line again. Like a warrior, Tom Crews pushed through to get the try.



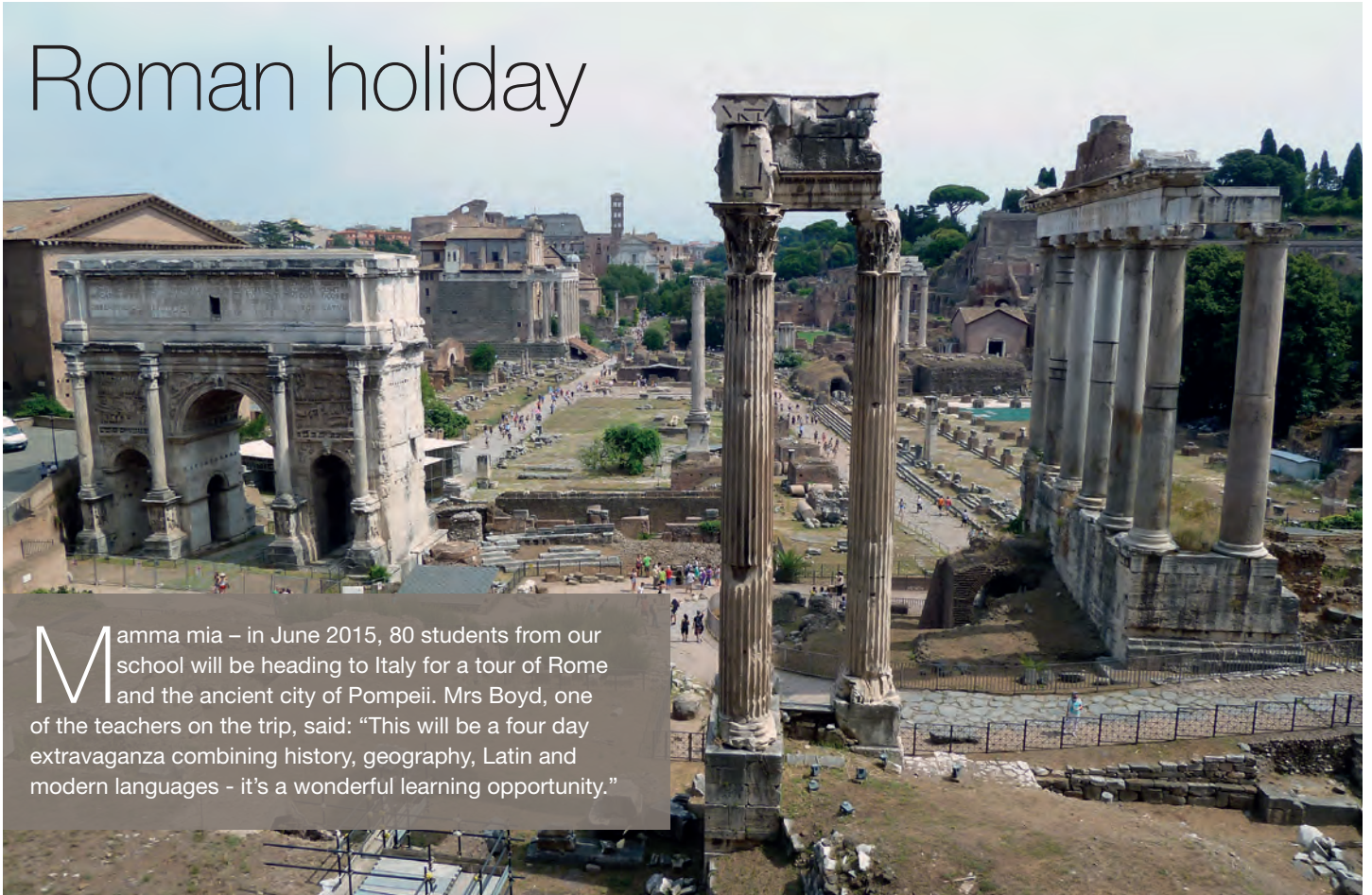
The next try was by Louis Hutchins. Jack Evans collected the ball in The Island Free School's half and kicked it forward into Ryde's half. A ruck was created, Jack picked up the ball, and passed to Tom, who ran forward then passed to Louis, who sprinted the rest of the way to score. All the conversions were missed but Tom's was the closest.

In the last moments of what seemed like a great victory for The Island Free School, against a school who have trained daily since they were in Year 4, Ryde scored a sneaky try, and also scored a conversion making the final score 17-15 to Ryde.

* See www.theislandfreeschool.org for more sports updates.

Breaking news... breaking news... We now have a girls' football team. Best of luck, girls!...

Roman holiday



Mamma mia – in June 2015, 80 students from our school will be heading to Italy for a tour of Rome and the ancient city of Pompeii. Mrs Boyd, one of the teachers on the trip, said: “This will be a four day extravaganza combining history, geography, Latin and modern languages - it’s a wonderful learning opportunity.”



Top of the crops

Harvest is a time for celebration and helping others, says pupil **Freya Drage**

On Friday 24th October, the school celebrated our Harvest Festival and brought donations of food for local people in need.

The day started with an assembly by Mrs Watson, a vicar and also mother of Tom Watson. She talked to us about her job and how she became a vicar.

Later, we all headed down to Holy Trinity Church in Ventnor (pictured left). The

service started with a lyrical hymn sung by the school choir. We were accompanied by Lydia Bryant and Shanti Mayne on the trumpets and Cameron Tarry, Eli Tucker and Ella Painter on percussion with Mrs Riches on piano.

Following a story by Reverend Hugh, we were told all about how our harvest donations will help the less fortunate people in our community. He also talked about where our food comes from, which really made us realise how many parts of the globe are involved in providing us with our daily food.

After a final thoughtful hymn, we all returned to school.

From stargazing to stained glass

Every half term, we hold a Religious Education ‘drop-down’ day, to explore different elements of faith. Activities have included singing hymns and making ‘stained glass windows’ for the hall. In December, we investigated the symbolism of the Christmas story, touching on everything from the Romans to cosmology.

Head of Year 7, Mr Peace, says: “These drop-down days are very popular and allow us to study faith in creative, exciting ways that engage the students.”



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THE NEWS ROUND-UP



CHRISTMAS UNIFORM

You all know how strict we are on school uniform – but for one day only, we will be relaxing our rules. On the last day of term, Friday 12th December, staff and students can wear Christmas jumpers for our festive celebrations. This is how Mr Peace might look. Happy holidays everyone!



OLYMPIC EFFORT FOR CHARITY

Congratulations to students at the school who ran, star-jumped and pushup-ed their way to raising £1200 for charity. Olympic athlete Rebekah Wilson put the children through their paces at a sponsored athletics challenge to raise cash for Sports for Champions, an organisation that supports young athletes.



WALKING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND™

Don't let sniffles stop you from coming into school! Students with 100% attendance are being entered into a prize draw to win a free trip to the amazing Winter Wonderland in Hyde Park. Everyone's really excited about this. Good luck everyone.
By Flynn Terry, Year 7

OUTSTANDING

Badges have been presented to a number of outstanding students as part of our pre Duke of Edinburgh reward system.

Bronze Physical badges were handed to everyone in the boys' rugby team, the girls' football team and our cross country team.

Bronze Community badges were given to our four readers from the Remembrance Day service. Well done to Connie Wheatley, Phoenix Malone, Oliver Clow and Jake Wade.

The singers and musicians at the service were awarded Silver Community badges for their exceptionally strong performances. Congratulations to Polly Whitfield, Ted Henly, Oliver Glanville and Megan Rasmussen.

By Flynn Terry



COOL CLUBS

Our extra-curricular hour at the end of every day is a highlight for many students. Pupils have now chosen their options for next term, which include matchstick model making, extreme golf, advanced coding, cooking, cheerleading, knitting, running, a book club, and girls' cricket at Ventnor Cricket Club. Howzat for a lineup?

- The picture shows a model of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry made from 600,000 matches. Inspiration for our matchstick model makers?

Coding Club update

Students at Mr Pringle's Coding Club have been making excellent progress learning a new language (Basic-256) and starting their own projects.

Mr Pringle reported: "They're doing all kinds of things, from creating flight fuel calculators to making a karaoke machine – all very impressive!"



Handy Latin phrase

CAVE CANEM

Beware of the dog

(This warning can be seen on a mosaic in Pompeii)