



MARCH 2016

# SALVE!

THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE ISLAND FREE SCHOOL

Sports  
glaore  
>PAGE 2



Read all  
about it  
>PAGE 3



Nuntius:  
the news  
round up  
>PAGE 4



## Girls Win Hampshire 7s



TIFS U13 girls won the Hampshire hockey tournament on 1st March with an impressive clean sweep of 6 wins in 6 games. Our girls played fantastically and this well-deserved win proves how hard the team and their coach, Mr Milton, have worked this season. Congratulations to all involved.

Our U13 boys' hockey team also enjoyed success in the same tournament, finishing in joint 1st place with St John's College from Portsmouth after a nail-biting final which resulted in an unfortunate 0-0 score line. All of the boys played extremely well though special mention must go to Reece G and Joe A from year 7 who both played outstandingly despite being a year younger than all other competitors.

By **Jack E** and **Ben O**



### Girls Rugby

On Thursday 3rd March our U13 girls Rugby team travelled to Hampshire to take part in a 7 a side tournament. A day of challenging games against some excellent teams from the Mainland saw our girls come third overall, a fantastic achievement considering the injuries picked up along the way. Despite narrowly missing out on qualifying for the nationals, our girls showed true team spirit and determination in all of their games and their performance reinforced their growing reputation as a team to be reckoned with.

By **Ruby S**

# WELCOME

**What an extraordinary half term!** I am sure parents will join me in thanking our incredible staff who have ensured that TIFS pupils have been given the opportunity to participate in a dizzying array of sports, music, dance and drama competitions at local and county levels. We have also found time to participate in science, art, orchestra and design projects both on the Island and in Hampshire. We could fill the pages of Salve several times over with the amazing successes of our fantastic pupils. Well done everyone, you really are second to none.

Mr Boyd,  
Headmaster




theislandfreeschool.org  
admin@theislandfreeschool.org  
01983 857641

## GIRLS CRICKET

Friday February 26th saw a number of Year 7 & 8 girls participate in under-13s indoor cricket matches against Medina College, at Rew Valley Sports Centre. Two TIFS teams took part – the White Team and the Blue Team.

### The scores were:

TIFS Blue 73 (all out) – Medina 63 (all out)  
TIFS White 126 (for 2) – Medina 52 (all out)  
TFS Blue 73 (for 6) – TIFS White 117 (for 3)

With the White Team winning all their matches, they will be playing in the Island final later in the month. Well done to everyone who took part!

# Boys Rugby Success



TIFS Year 8 boys continued their Rugby success with two more wins in their games on 25th February, putting the team at the top of the league. In the first game the TIFS boys dominated Cowes Enterprise College with a very strong performance and a final score of 25-0. The second match against Christ the King had us losing at half time 5-0. However, a strong team talk at half time by our coach, Mr Marriott, meant that we weren't down for long. There were some great tackles

and runs, which turned the game around with a great final score of 20-5. TIFS Year 8 boys also chalked up two more wins on 10th March against Carisbrooke College and Sandown Bay Academy with scores of 15-0 and 7-0 respectively. Both games showed off the impressive skills of our boys, with particular highlights being tries scored by Harvey C and Louis W during their debut appearances for team TIFS. The team now look forward with confidence to the upcoming Hampshire tournament.



## ROUND ROBIN RUGBY

On 26th February our boys Rugby team celebrated another sporting success in the Isle of Wight U12 Rugby 7's Round Robin tournament. Team TIFS competed against teams from Ryde School and Christ the King, winning all their games and finishing top of the league.

In the final, against Ryde School, a tired TIFS side were unfortunately beaten but the boys did not give up and showed amazing levels of effort and achievement until the last second.

By **Matt S** and **Ivan B**



## DANCE FESTIVAL

Between 12th and 19th March a combination of Year 7 and 8 girls competed in the Isle of Wight Dance Festival at Shanklin Theatre. Modern, ballet and lyrical styles were showcased in solos, duets and group performances from our girls. Although the girls were representing their dancing schools, rather than Team TIFS we are still very proud of their achievements. Lara G and Ella W came first in the lyrical duet class. Five of our girls also placed first in the modern group class: Maisie W, Rachel L, Millie W, Lara G and Ella W.

By **Matt S** and **Ivan B**





## World Book Day

World Book day saw TIFS staff and students don a huge range of costumes to celebrate our love of reading. Some of the best included Sonny as Fantastic Mr Fox, Oliver as Violet Beauregard from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, and Darwin as a dictionary! Mr Boyd was a swashbuckling Captain Hook, Mrs Steele impressed as the Cat in the Hat, and Mr Peace was a brilliant Big Bird from Sesame Street! Evidence shows that reading regularly improves imagination, enhances academic performance and reduces stress. We're proud our school gets involved in World Book Day – and has loads of fun at the same time!



By **Max T and Bede R**

## Drama, Drama, Drama

On 29th February Mrs Steele accompanied ten Year 8 students in their bid for stage success in the duologue class for the Isle of Wight Drama Festival. The five pairs competed in a very tough class with students from other schools performing their GCSE and A Level exam pieces to the judges. However, the girls held their nerve and Ella G and Millie J placed a very respectable third with a mark of 87, gaining the pair a distinction. Medals were also awarded to Abbie R and Carrie M in recognition for Abbie stepping into the competition at the eleventh hour.

Mrs Steele said, "This was a tough class with stiff competition. Our students were excellent with their pieces, standing confidently alongside those of students who were much older than them. I am very proud of all of them."

By **Ella W and Lara G**



## IOW CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP



Lucy B, Fay MS & Mia B representing TIFS



Leading Matt S, followed closely by Eli T

On February 26th, 32 TIFS pupils from years 7 & 8 visited Christ the King College to take part in a cross-country running tournament. There were 4 categories: one each for boys and girls in each year group. Year 7s had to run two laps of the 1 kilometre track, whereas the year 8s had to run three laps of the track. First up were the year 7 boys: Jerry did the best for TIFS and got 11th place, missing out on the next round by 3 places. After that, Dulcie did best for the TIFS year 7 girls and got 12th place, missing out on the next round by 4 places. Next, it was the year 8 boys: Sonny finished top of all the year 8 boys in TIFS by getting 13th. The year 8 girls finished strongly with Maisie finishing 1st out of all the girls, Mia getting 3rd and Fay getting 8th - all have qualified for the second round!

### Interview with Sonny M

**What did you feeling like when you finally finished?**

I felt great and really relieved because the race was long.

**How did you feel when you finished 1st out of all the year 8 boys of TIFS?**

I felt really happy and pleased with myself.

**Do you feel you could have done better?**

No, because I did my best for TIFS.

By **Oliver C and Malik F**

# SCIENCE STEM TRIP



**O**n Monday 7th March, 11 of our most talented female Scientists visited Winchester Science Centre to take part in a STEM event to celebrate the achievement of women working in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths industries.



**T**hroughout the day our girls had the opportunity to take part in a variety of STEM projects, including making ramps for RC cards and operating robotic arms. Students were also given time to talk to female ambassadors about pursuing a career in STEM industries; an inspiring and thought provoking opportunity. To round off the day, all of the participants were treated to an impressive tour through space in the country's largest Planetarium. Lydia Bryant from Year 8 told us, "It was most certainly spectacular."



By **Jack E** and **Ben O**



## BBC SCHOOLS REPORT

**O**n 10th March a group of budding journalists took part in BBC School Report, creating professional news features in many forms: a brilliant live news reading, various radio interviews, well written stories and a marvellous 'on location' weather feature from Ventnor beach.

**T**he students reported on current events from our school, and the wider world and were also invited to make a guest appearance on Radio Solent to talk about their experiences. Students also interviewed Isle of Wight MP Andrew Turner in our very own radio room at school.

**M**s Travers, who helped the students throughout the process, said, "They did such a superb job!" Huge congratulations to all the students and staff involved and to see the reports, videos and interviews in full visit our website at <http://www.theislandfreeschool.org/our-bbc-news-report/>.

## Music Festival

**T**his month our students have been busy competing in the Isle of Wight Dance, Drama and Music Festival. We interviewed Mrs Riches, Head of Music, about how things were shaping up and here's what she had to say.



### Interview with Mrs Riches

#### What is the purpose of the festival?

It's a competitive festival for everyone from children to adults, and it's been running for 86 years. Professional judges give feedback on each entry and it's a great learning experience for our students.

#### How well do you think our students did this year?

It's always a race with limited time but all the students worked really hard and rehearsed independently.

#### How many TIFS students competed?

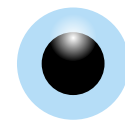
Altogether there were about 120 students from across Year 7 and 8.



### Interview with Kimberley K

**W**e spoke to Kimberley K about her experiences of rehearsing for the festival as a vocalist and she told us "I was very excited and nervous to sing a musical theatre song but I felt that I did well."

By **Rachelle B** and **Alfred J**



**ALERT!** Keep your eyes peeled for RE Day news in our next issue.

#### Handy Latin phrase

**Te precor dulcissime  
supplex!**

**Pretty please with a  
cherry on top!**