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On Thursday 2nd March we celebrated World Book Day in true TIFS style with both pupils and staff dressed up as their favourite literary characters. Such wide ranges of costumes were on show, from classic double acts to Harry Potter and even Little Red Riding Hood.

Some of our favourite characters such as: Dobby, Geek Girl, The Lorax and The Very Hungry Caterpillar were roaming the school and teaching lessons, disguising our teachers' normal appearances. It was a very surreal experience, but enjoyable nonetheless. Throughout the day pupils tried to guess the teachers outfits in order to win a prize,

but steered clear of Mr Williams who was dressed as The Child Catcher from Chitty Chitty Bang Bang! Staff also carried Golden Tickets and gave them to pupils who they thought had the best costumes. Points were totted up at the end of the day and Rosea was revealed as the winning house, concluding an excellent day for everyone at TIFS.

By **Marianne R, Isabella P, Maia O and Saskia H**



Future Film-makers head to the London Offices of the Guardian

Twenty three Year 9 pupils visited the Guardian Media Education Centre in London earlier this month. The workshop provided an introduction to editing techniques and climate change issues and linked to a number of curriculum areas including Photography, Geography and Science. The pupils gained an insight into what it is like to be a video editor at the Guardian, working on multimedia content for the website. Working in pairs, they created a short film on the theme of climate change using iMovie. They edited documentary footage filmed by Guardian video producers. Ms Travers (Subject Lead for Art, Design and Photography) said 'the pupils had a fantastic day and are excited about using these new skills in the future.' A number of the pupils will be making films for the BBC School Report Day in March using skills learnt on the trip.

By **Ms. Travers**

WELCOME

Vince Lombardi, who I am fond of quoting, prized the success of teams above all things. Whilst the success of the individual speaks of hard work and dedication, the success of a team underlines individual commitment to the ethos of the body each member represents. This half term TIFS has celebrated many individual successes. However, it is the success of our choirs, our musical ensembles and our sporting teams that highlights, for me, the incredible school we have created. Thank you all for your efforts.

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TIFS Cricket Victory!

On Tuesday 7th March, the U15 girls' cricket team played Ryde School in an exciting match at the Schools



Indoor Cricket Semi-Finals. TIFS batted first and performed well, scoring a modest 66 runs. Ryde batted next and played impressively, and despite losing wickets at regular intervals, a late surge of runs saw Ryde take control of the match. With just two bowls remaining and TIFS requiring one run to win, Mia B bowled out the last two Ryde players in a nail-biting conclusion to the match. Scoring a modest 66 runs.

“The girls’ cricket team pulled out all the stops in their match today, and are now looking forward to playing in the Final.” said Mr Milton, Head of PE.

TRY AND TRY AGAIN!

Four Year 9 pupils participated in the Hampshire Plate final on 12th March for their local side at Ventnor Rugby Club. Vectis, the team the boys represent outside of school, played against Petersfield. Unfortunately the result didn't go in favour of the Vectis boys who lost 29 -15. Mr Marriott said, after watching the game, “I was extremely proud of the TIFS boys. They worked their socks off during the game and with this level of performance they can only improve school rugby for future games.”

By Mr. Marriott



Other rugby news...

- Year 9 girls beat Priory 10 - 7
- Year 7 boys played Portsmouth Grammar A/B side and drew 10 all
- Year 9 boys beat Portsmouth Grammar 42-5



Cross Country

On Tuesday 7th March, a group of Year 7 and 8 pupils travelled to Basingstoke to represent the Isle of Wight at the Hampshire Cross Country Finals. Pupils behaved impeccably and showed great determination to complete a challenging course in a field of 120 athletes. The top ranking pupils from The Island Free School were: Year 7: Blanka A and Luke S. Year 8: Dulcie W and Greg M Well done to all who took part!

By Miss Sheen



ALL TIFS BASKETBALL FINAL

On Tuesday 14th March, The Island Free School took two teams to an U14 Basketball tournament hosted by Cowes Enterprise College. Both teams played exceptionally well against Cowes Enterprise College and Carisbrooke College, and after a string of victories for TIFS, the afternoon resulted in a showdown between our A and B teams. Ultimately, our A team came out on top as narrow winners in an exciting final match. Mr McAllister, who accompanied the team to the fixture, said: “All the boys that took part played excellently. I really hope we can get more basketball fixtures in the future.” Congratulations to the TIFS basketball team!

By Mr McAllister

RE Day Year 7

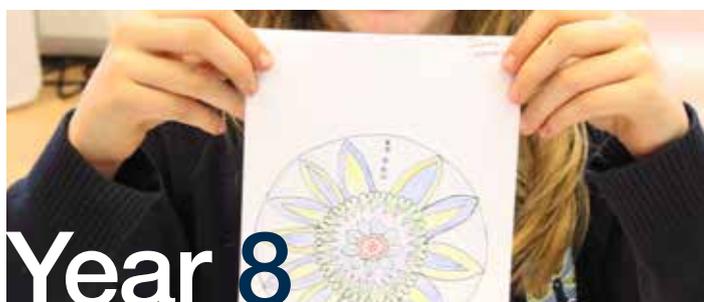
Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel!

On Wednesday 15th February TIFS pupils participated in the first Spring RE Day, studying Judaism in Year 7, Buddhism in Year 8 and Year 9 pupils were exploring Embryology in their Medical Ethics Day.

Year 7 pupils spent an exciting day learning about Judaism with lots of different activities, covering many different areas of the Jewish religion and culture.

Wendy Bluestone came to visit the Year 7 classes to teach them about Jewish history and traditions. Pupils also enjoyed a fun session of Jewish music and dancing with Mr Smith. The rest of the day was very creative, making Jewish calendars on paper plates and finding how the Christian calendar is different, making chocolate and marshmallow Dreidels (like spinning tops) as well as playing the Dreidel game and learning about Bar-mitzvahs and Bat-mitzvahs. Iris L told us that her favourite session was "Making Dreidels and tasting the chocolate!" Chloe P said her favourite activity was "I liked the session with Wendy because I found the history of Jews very interesting but I also enjoyed blowing through the Ram's horn."

By **Emily D and Chloe P**



Year 8

Year 8 pupils got the chance to meet two Buddhists during one of their sessions on RE Day and they told us all about meditating and what it's like to be a Buddhist. They told us that people mistake meditating for sitting down and closing your eyes, but it's all about clearing your mind and stopping your mind from wandering. They called it 'training your monkey mind'. It was a really useful skill to learn and our teachers are very keen for us to use it in our normal lessons. In a session with Miss Cave we drew our own mandalas, which Buddhists make out of coloured sand and put blessings into. After this period of prayers and blessings they pour the sand into a river and it travels to every shore in the world, taking the prayers with it. We also learned about Buddhism around the world with Miss Payn, and created fact files about different countries with a larger amount of Buddhists, such as Korea or Vietnam. Next, Mr Milton taught us the story of how the Buddhist religion started with a Prince whose parents kept him away from suffering, but he grew tired of life in a palace. The Prince left the palace and experienced the suffering in the world, finding what Buddhist's call 'The Middle Way' and becoming the first Buddha. Overall, it was a very relaxing and peaceful day.

By **Mia G and Olivia S**



Teacher in the hot seat

Mrs Payn, our new History teacher

What's the most interesting thing that's happened so far for you at The Island Free School?

Cake homework is my new favourite thing – I love cake anyway but so far I've had cakes of the Bayeux Tapestry and World War I trenches.



What made you want to come to The Island Free School?

I really like the ethos of the school and the opportunities it gives its pupils, like music and lots of trips.

What made you want to become a teacher?

I like helping find a passion for History, which is my subject, and I want as many pupils as possible to love it as much as I do.

Miss Sammons, our new Art/DT Technician

What made you want to work in a school?

I've always loved working with children and being able to share my knowledge about textiles and fashion is really important to me.



Is there anything that made you want to work, in particular, at TIFS?

I really like the enrichment hour and all the great activities it allows the pupils to do, it's my favourite part of the day.

What is your favourite thing about TIFS?

Everyone is really friendly, staff and pupils included! I've been made to feel really welcome.

Year 9

Year 9 spent the day discussing medical ethics and learning about 'saviour babies.' This is where a family, who has a very sick child, then has another child who is born to help save the life of their older brother or sister. When this child is still an embryo it is modified to have the exact same genes and body parts, such as bone marrow, kidneys, liver, as the child who is sick. Then the saviour baby's healthy body parts can be donated to try cure the sick child. Pupils explored these issues in the contexts of Christianity and Islam and were asked to think about the lives of the 'body part' children. There was a mix of responses between the two religions but also some similarities, including the idea of going against their God or Gods. It was a very challenging day and gave us the opportunity to discuss some difficult topics, which was interesting because we all had different opinions.

By **Flynn T**

PEACE'S PUN

This month Mr. Peace takes on Miss Cave with sea themed jokes. Who wins? You decide.

Mr. Peace:

Q. What lies on the sea bed hiding and titching?

A. A nervous wreck

Miss Cave:

Q. Why can't pirates learn the alphabet?

A. Because they always get lost at C

Youth Speaks



On Wednesday 8th February, Riley H, Nadia B and Amber N represented TIFS in Youth Speaks; a public speaking competition held by the Isle of Wight Rotary Club. They presented an articulate and eloquent speech on 'The Inequality of the Education of Girls'. They achieved a highly respectable 2nd place, and Miss Barnes was extremely proud of their fantastic effort. "Throughout the evening our students were nothing but professional. Their presentation was emotive and informative - they moved one member of the audience to tears. The comments and feedback from the Rotary Club and other supporting members were a pleasure to hear." **Miss Barnes.**

Saunders' Selection

For this month's two pieces, the theme will be Spring, Easter and new life. I found it quite tricky to choose music for this theme but here are my suggestions, I hope you enjoy them...

1. John Rutter – For The Beauty of the Earth. This lovely piece of choral music illustrates very well how amazing the world around us is: from the ground to the sky, this choral masterpiece really emphasizes how precious nature is.
2. Vaughan Williams – The Lark Ascending. This piece of music was actually written in World War I when Vaughan was daydreaming about spring in the countryside. It is a magical piece of music, which speaks of sunshine.

RIBA RAMPS UP

February Things are ramping up in preparation for the next stage of the RIBA project. Miss Cave and Ms. Travers have carried out rigorous testing to see if the pupils' projects met the specifications of the brief including: strict rules on dimensions, confident use of materials and overall creativity. This initial judging process by Miss Cave and Ms. Travers decided which entries would be sent to three architects from the Isle of Wight who are part of RIBA, for them further shorten the list of entries.



11 & 12 Yrs. Category - In no particular order: Ellie R, 12 years, The Triple Towers Fauve H-P, 11 years, The Lounge-a-Rounger Gracie B, 12 years, Love Coffees Katie M-S, 11 years, Shanklin Butterfly Lift.

13 & 18 Yrs. Category - In no particular order: Taylor M, 13 years, Cliff Trio Harrison B, 14 years, Shanklin Typhoon.

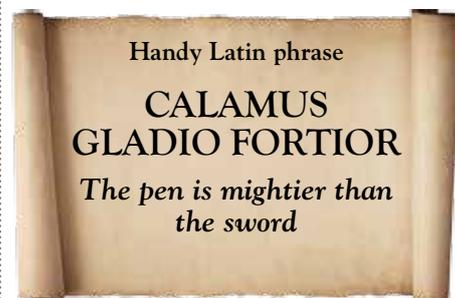
March The list of pupils who have made the cut has been sent to TIFS, and we would like to congratulate the following six pupils who have been invited to attend the winner's ceremony and exhibition in May where they can find out where they placed overall in the competition.

Make some noise



On 7th and 8th of March TIFS choir raised the roof and won the Isle of Wight Music Festival choir competition. Tressa Lambert has been working with the choir this year, and she was confident that the group were ready to take on their competitors. Of the two songs they performed for the competition, the Salve team were lucky enough to hear a rehearsal of the James Bond theme; 'Skyfall', and we were blown away by the wonderful sound that the group created. Their extraordinary level of teamwork is clear to see in every member of the choir. Freya F in Year 7 said: 'the best thing about being in the choir is that you get to be yourself, and you don't have to be the best singer to join in and have fun.' We are so proud of our choir and look forward to seeing what else they have in store for us for the rest of this year.

By **Erin P, Alana W and Olivia S**



There's a BUZZZZZZ at TIFS!

We are very excited to announce that this year's school production will be Lord of the Flies. Mrs Steele and Miss Allcock are taking on a new challenge for this production with two separate casts made up of talented Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils. There will be four shows from 12th – 15th July, with the casts performing alternately throughout the week. Further details of location and tickets will be available soon; we hope you can join us for this very exciting event.