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Galloping for Glory

Inter Schools Dressage Competition



On Monday 3rd April five students competed in the annual inter Schools Dressage Competition. They competed against all the other secondary schools on the island and against all year groups.

As the day progressed, Samantha A achieved second place with an outstanding 69.25% followed by Tammy N in sixth place. Later on, Kirsty A

performed the last test of the day, in the more advanced Novice 2 category, securing fifth place. The great day of equestrian sport ended with the team being placed in third overall. The pupils returned with an impressive array of rosettes so there was no need for any long faces!

Aiso on Friday 28th April, The Island Free School entered two KS3 teams in the Interschool Show Jumping event. Our year 9's gained us fourth place overall, out of the 8 teams

that participated from the secondary schools across the island. The event started with Kirsty on Millersford Sweetpea Kyra leading The Island Free School and all pupils soon followed suit. To start with they were jumping 2ft and as they moved onto the second round, the jumps got higher and more technical. Kirsty was our team's only rider who achieved two clear rounds, earning her a place in the jump off against the clock, where she achieved 5th place.

By **Leah D & Charlotte V**



Beach Day

During the first week of May, each Year 7 class walked down to Ventnor beach to continue with the seascape project for Art. We photographed the sea and used watercolour and charcoal to recreate the beach. With the watercolour we had to mix the colours correctly to create a sea-like green. One of the main difficulties was getting the correct border between the beach and the sea and many found that it resulted in a swirl of colour. With the charcoal it was being able to get the right shades in the right places and trying to figure out how to distinguish between land, sky and sea. With the photography it was getting the perfect view and attempting to turn the average into a thing of beauty, but all in all it was a wonderful day down by the beach.

By **Fin D**

WELCOME

Where has the year gone? I suppose we pack so much into our terms that it is extremely easy for weeks and months to fly by. Thankfully our summer term will, as always, end with Speech Day, giving staff and pupils the opportunity to reflect on another outstanding year at TIFS. I hope you will be able to join us for what will be an emotional farewell to our temporary site as we look to our future in fantastic new buildings.

Mr Boyd,
Headmaster



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All out in Bristol

Last term TIFS Year 9 cricket team travelled to Bristol. This was a competition for year 10s; our team certainly had their work cut out for them! Their first game was against Redruth School and their score was 91. Moving into the IOW final, although the team did bat well, they lost several wickets in little time. The captain Ella W, with an amazing 35 "not-outs", saved the team, and finished with a run off - the last ball taking TIFS to 92!

In the second game, against Cheltenham College, TIFS scored 80. However, the college took the lead with their higher knowledge and skill. In their last game, vs South Dartmoor College (National Champions for years), their first batting scored a satisfied 75, but Dartmoor took TIFS total down. It was an incredible standard of cricket, that TIFS learned more lessons for their next try in the following year.

By Amy T



Teachers in the hot seat

Mr. Harding, our Science trainee teacher

Why do you think this is the best school for you to train at?

TIFS is a really well structured school and offers great support for me to be the best teacher I can be.



What makes you want to be a part of our school?

The pupils at TIFS are exceptional; I really enjoy working with all my classes as you all (the pupils) show such dedication to progress.

What made you want to teach Science?

I've always loved science, right from when I was at school! Science is the most important industry and I hope to inspire young people to become scientists.

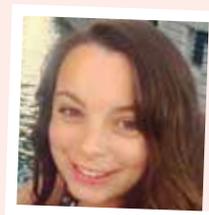
What was your childhood aspiration?

To spend time in the ocean as a diver. I have been lucky enough to have spent ten years as a diver, conservationist and researcher, and I hope some students will consider marine construction as a career.

Mrs. Wells, our new Science Technician

What is your favourite subject in science?

Chemistry- I studied it because I found drug discovery (medicine) interesting; it is a link between biology and chemistry.



How do you feel about starting your training?

Excited and relieved. I am pleased that I get to do it.

What do you like most about being here?

Everyone is so lovely! All of the pupils are helpful and hard-working.

What was your childhood aspiration?

A veterinary surgeon- until I realised that I felt faint at the sight of blood!

An Ultra Royal Effort

Saturday 24th June saw Team TIFS undertake the ultra marathon from Arundel to Winchester. This was a 53mile run through the South Downs to the steps of Winchester Cathedral. On reflection the team are struggling to understand why it is called the South Downs when so much of the course involved steep and gruelling climbs that, when combined, equalled the ascent of Ben Nevis! The team certainly earned their medals and shall be remaining stationary for the time being to recover. A gargantuan effort by all - and they would like to say thank you for all the sponsorship which has resulted in raising a staggering £1300 for Place2be.



RE Day

On Thursday 6th of April, pupils of year 7 took part in an RE day all about Judaism. On this day, year 7 did a variety of activities consisting of: colouring the life story of Moses with Mr. Trendler, writing a one hundred word story of the 10 plagues with Miss Savill, creating a Seder plate with Mr Harding, life as a modern Jew with Mrs Poole and creating a picture display for the 10 plagues with Mr. Marriott. We asked a few people about what they thought about the day. Max. W said: "My favourite part of RE day was colouring the life story as it was really fun to see the finished product."

Harry. P explained that his favourite part of the day was the colouring with Mr. Trendler. This is because he could relax. I enjoyed creating a picture display for the 10 plagues story; it was a nice, relaxing end to the day.

By **Morgan G and Lizzie G**



Year 8



Year 8 studied Buddhism for RE Day, their second time studying it this year. They moved across the school throughout the day, participating in various different activities, from cooking to colouring. The most appreciated session, enjoyed by all, was the making of rice puddings, a dish commonly eaten during a traditional Buddhist celebration, except we made smaller rice crispie cakes, decorated with dried fruits. We also learnt a small amount of Tibetan, a language spoken in some places in Asia, and created posters, writing our name and a quote in Tibetan using the laptops. In addition to that, the few that finished were privileged to learn some calligraphy skills! Another activity included a quiz on The Auspicious Symbols, a series of symbols consisting of different meanings and messages, and created a range of colourful pictures of a chosen symbol. Afterwards, we coloured them in, whether that be recreating the original, or making up our own design. With Mr Balch, we looked into a dedicated Buddhist Monk's daily life, how they spend their days, and what they do to devote their lives to their religion. It was interesting, and after we discovered how a monk spent his life, we made our own daily routines for the weekends, and compared them. We ended the day with an assembly, before collecting and devouring our rice crispie treats! The day was enjoyed by all who had a fantastic time learning more of the fascinating religion.

By **Ella M**

Year 9



During this term's RE day, we studied crime and punishment. Over the course of the day we discussed many different areas of the topic. We learned about the different religious views on the treatment of criminals through the use of reformation, protection, retribution and deterrence. The religions we looked at agreed with the majority of the treatments. As a class we gave our opinions on whether the punishments for different criminal cases- from just basic crimes, to extreme murder cases- were suitable. Also, we debated the acceptable reasons for the cause of revenge, how far people would go to feel at peace, and the difference between revenge and justice. In another topic, we staged a society where no rules applied and looked at how it affected the community. Ultimately, we discussed the difference between capital and corporal punishment, as well as death row. We looked into the appropriateness of the three sanctions and whether they are too extreme.

By **Flynn T**

PEACE'S PUN

This month Mr. Peace takes on Dr. Thompson with Science puns. Who wins? You decide.

Mr. Peace:

Well, this week I was going to tell you a chemistry joke but I knew I wouldn't get a reaction!

And then I was going to tell you about the time I was assaulted by a man with milk, butter and cheese. How dairy?

And then I was going to tell you about this woman I knew who carried a taser around. She was stunning!

Dr. Thompson:

Q. Anyone know any jokes about sodium on the periodic table?
A. Na

Handy Latin phrase

**NIL SATIS NISI
OPTIMUM**

*Nothing but the best is
good enough.*

SUCCESS FOR RIBA

On the evening of Friday 26th May 2017, the final for the **Young Designers' Awards** took place at the Royal Yacht Squadron in Cowes. The six shortlisted pupils from TIFS waited nervously to hear the announcement of ranking presented by Lindsay Mattinson, who set this years brief of providing an alternative use or design for the Shanklin Lift.

Miss Cave stated: "It was a fantastic evening that celebrated the creativity and originality of TIFS imaginative designs. It was unbelievable that we achieved four out of the five places in the 11-12 aged category. It was also tremendous to see some of the year 9 pupils being inspired to enter the RIBA competition for the third year running."



The six Island Free School Winners

Age 11-12 Years

1st Place - Ellie R - The Triple Towers
3rd Place - Fauve H P - The Lounge- A-Rounger
Commendation - Gracie B - Love Coffee
Commendation - Katie M S - Shanklin Butterfly Lift

Age 13-18 Years

1st Place - Taylor M - Cliff Trio
3rd Place - Harrison B - Shanklin Typhoon



1st Place: Taylor M,
age 13, Cliff Trio
**13 - 18 year old
category**



1st Place: Ellie R,
age 12, Triple Towers
**11 - 12 year old
category**



ORCA Dolphin and Whale Science Workshop

On Wednesday 10th May, year 8 pupils were excited to welcome guest speaker Anna Bunney from the whale and dolphin conservation charity ORCA, who delivered a fantastic dolphin and whale science workshop to all classes.

Pupils learnt about a whole range of dolphins, whales and porpoises and some other marine mammals. Topics included current conservation challenges of some populations, specialised feeding strategies and methods of communication developed by different groups of whales and dolphins and, importantly, how to identify species that we might be lucky enough to spot off our coastline.

This is the second year Miss Bunney has visited The Island Free School to deliver this outstanding workshop. It is an invaluable opportunity for our pupils as well as the fact that, as we approach the summer months we are more likely to see marine mammals around our island waters.