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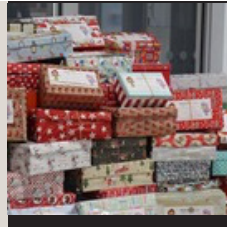


Photo of the half  
term

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## Drama's Double Act

At Salve we are used to reviewing one production in a term, but this term we were fortunate to witness two epic shows; the final week of last half term ended with a beautifully interpreted and comedic take on 'Around the World in 80 Days', whilst this half term opened with a haunting performance of of Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' with a historical twist.



**W**e are always immensely proud of the cast and staff who create our school productions, and for this performance the writers of Salve were lucky enough to be invited to the show.

It all started with an eager audience. The tension in the air was noticeable as everyone could not wait to see what we hoped would be a magnificent performance of 'Around the World in 80 Days'. After a short wait, the lights began to darken and the play began. It was a terrific show filled with comedy and action which told the story of the determination of Phileas Fogg and his crew through an amazing journey. The characters travelled across the globe, finding themselves in places including the Indian jungle and a circus in America, as well as other fantastical expeditions through different continents. The play was left on a cliff hanger just before the interval, leaving the audience wanting more.

After we had all had a refreshing beverage and a biscuit, we returned to the theatre to enjoy the second half of the performance. Later on, just as all hope was lost, the characters of the crew managed to finally complete their objective and travel around the whole world in 80 days (and just in the nick of time, too). After a series of whoops and cheers, everybody left with a sense of amazement.

Congratulations to all of the people who took part in the play, you certainly did not disappoint.



**T**he scene was set for the 2019 production of 'Macbeth' as The Island Free School's entry for the Shakespeare School's Festival, and boy did they deliver.

Many members of staff and pupils attended the performance at Medina Theatre to support the cast and crew, so we asked a few of our teachers what their experience of the viewing play was like.

Mrs Steele enjoyed the entire performance, but said that she "particularly enjoyed the song which was written for Lady Macbeth". When asked if any aspects of the interpretation surprised her, she noted that "the incorporation of women's rights into the story" was something she was particularly proud of. Miss Sparrow echoed this sentiment, noting the emotional impact that the play being set in the second World War seemed to have on the audience. Mr Balch was a fan of the ensemble parts of the play, when everybody came together to create scenes filled with atmosphere and emotion.

Everyone enjoyed 'Macbeth' and well done to all who participated in it.

By **Ethan D and George B**

# WELCOME

We are at the end of the term and it's time for pupils to relax and enjoy their Christmas break. The new Year 7 pupils are now settled in and are starting to enjoy their new school environment. It has been a tiring half-term for the Year 11s, who have just finished another set of mock exams for Maths, English and Science; and they are working ever harder as they move closer toward their all-important GCSE exams.

We extend our congratulations to all of our Drama pupils, who have been working incredibly hard on their two performances this term. We hope you indulge in the festive spirit as we close out the Autumn term with Christmas jumpers, dinners and quizzes!



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## A date to remember

On 11th November (the anniversary of the final day of the Great War) TIFS reflected in different ways to mark remembrance, now over 100 years ago. In the run up to the date six pupils from three different year groups took part in an annual remembrance service at Carisbrooke castle to pay their respects. The school took part in laying poppies and crosses down to pay tribute to the people who died in the first world war. On the 11th, The Island Free School paid their respects by taking part in a two minute silence at 11am while Mr Balch and 2 pupils played the Last Post. A few other pupils made their own poppies out of green and red felt with a black button in the middle as a great way to remember all of the people who died to save our country.

By Ethan D

## Go Yellow for Mountbatten

On 4th October a group of Year 8 pupils held a Bake Sale in the canteen in order to raise money for the Earl Mountbatten Hospice in Newport.

They sold a huge range of different treats from chocolate cake to fairy cakes, and the group of girls from Rubeum managed to make a grand total of £174.43.

This added onto the amount of money which Year 8 raised during the Summer Show last year, made a grand total of £389.23.

We must congratulate Georgia B, Erin P, Scarlett S, Kaitlyn M and Izzy W for organising this amazing event.

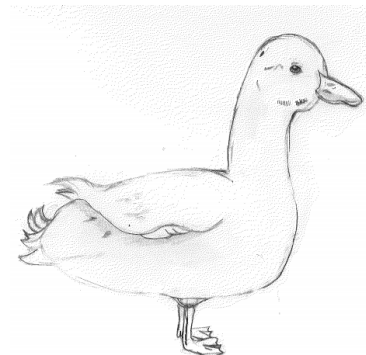
By Ethan D



## SOME OF THE WINNING ENTRIES OF THE LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION



## Amazing Animals



Here at Salve we are always interested in the enrichments that we hold at TIFS. This term we decided to have a closer look at the Amazing Animals enrichment in order to understand more about what makes it so popular with pupils at our school.

Lead by Mrs Hartnell, the focus is on learning how to draw a variety of different animals each week.

One pupil had this to say about their time in the enrichment:

“When we enter the art room we are all excited to know what we are going to draw in that lesson. It takes us about an hour to finish our drawings, however at the end of the lesson all of the drawings are amazing as we all put a lot of effort into them.”

By Sophie. P







## TEACHERS IN THE HOT SEAT

**Miss Allman**, Science technician

**What food do you hate?**

**Liver** (once her mum tried to get her to eat it but she was clever enough to hide it under the potatoes on her plate).

**What is your dream pet?**

**A rainbow lorikeet**

**If you were an insect what you be?**

**A hummingbird hawk-moth**

**What do think of year 7 so far?**

**I enjoy teaching them, they're lovely.**

**Do you have any animals?**

**Yes, I have two dogs and two horses.**

**What is your favourite colour?**

**Turquoise**

**Who is your favourite singer?**

**Lana Del Rey**

**What is your favourite food?**

**Chocolate mousse**



Jazz M's  
experience  
with the  
Royal  
Marines  
Band  
Service

Jazz M wrote in to Salve to tell us about her involvement with the Royal Marines Band:

My experience with the Royal Marines Service was one of the best of my life. The music I played was hard but it highlighted some of the ways in which I could improve my musical skills. We played for about an hour, playing the start and end pieces of music from the concert that we would be performing later that day in Medina theatre. Some members of the Royal Marines Band (that came from the Isle of Wight) talked to us after playing their music to tell us how we could join the Royal Marines Band Service. They told us that we did not need a music degree to join, as they give you free lessons on any instrument you like. They also said that if you did want to get a music degree after Secondary school (on the Isle of Wight), one of the best places to go is Platform one. I would like to say thank you to the Island Free School for this experience, as now I am thinking of undertaking a career with the Royal Marines Band Service, traveling around the world playing music to people.

All of us here at Salve would like to say a big thanks for sharing this wonderful experience with us and the rest of the school.

By Jazz M , edited by Sophie P

## Cross Country Relays

**O**n Wednesday 6th November, schools from across the island competed in a cross country tournament.

**T**he weather conditions were terrible, but our runners powered through the pools of mud, fuelled by their determination to do well. Thirty-two pupils represented TIFS at the event, and the results for the school were up to a very high standard. We achieved the following places:

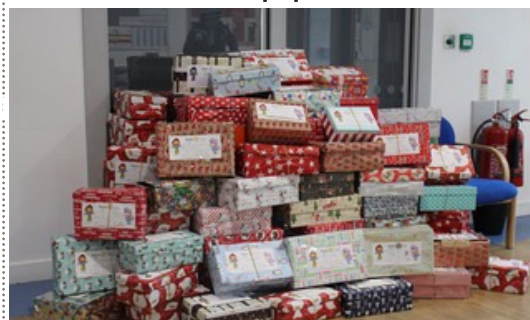
Year 7 girls came 1st out of 11 teams  
Year 7 boys came 5th out of 11 teams  
Year 8 girls came 2nd out of 8 teams  
Year 8 boys came 2nd out of 8 teams  
Year 9 girls came 2nd out of 7 teams

Well done to all of the participants who represented TIFS so well.

By Ethan.D



## Shoebox appeal 2019



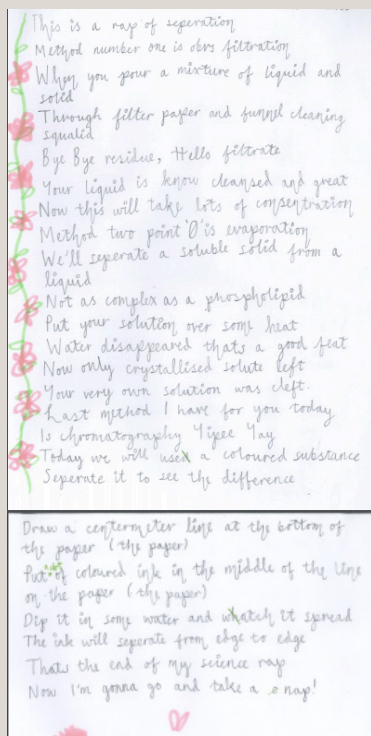
**T**his year the entirety of TIFS were invited to take part in the Shoebox Appeal for the local Rotary Club. Shoeboxes filled with a variety of items were created for children from less privileged areas in countries such as Romania and Bulgaria. Pupils were asked to make at least one shoebox per mentor group, but many pupils chose to create their own individual shoebox as well. TIFS contributed over a hundred shoeboxes to the appeal, which have now been sent off to a variety of countries in order to surprise the children. The boxes are always gratefully received as the contents may be the only gifts they receive this year, so all of our hard work is surely appreciated.

By Ethan D

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## THE NEWS ROUND-UP

### Homework of the half-term



Alice C Viridis 7 - Science Rap

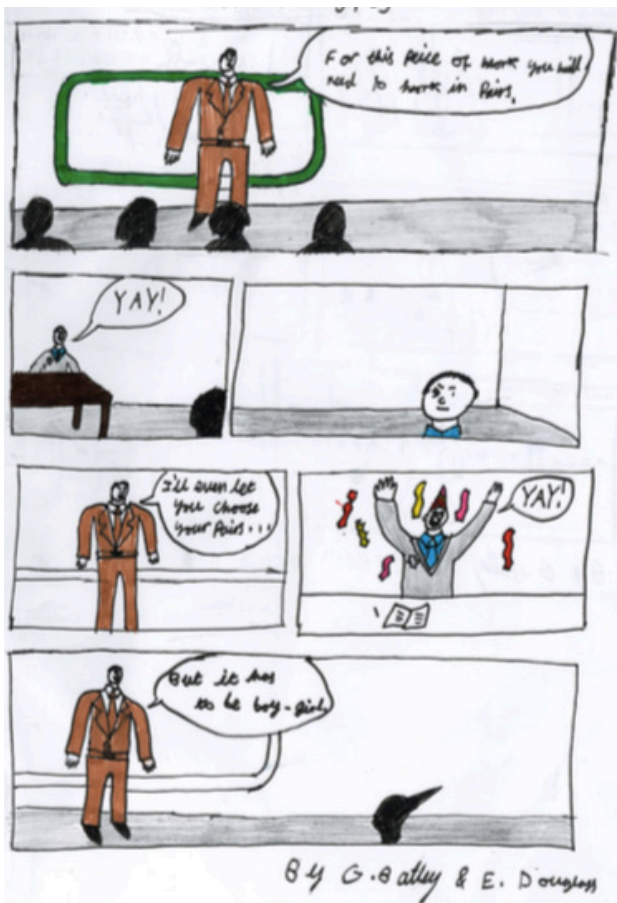
### WORDGAME OF THE ISSUE

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NOVEMBER GUY FAWKES  
FIREWORKS REMEMBER BONFIRE  
CELLARS AUTUMN GUNPOWDER  
PARLIAMENT SCARECROW PLOT

#### WALKERS WISE WORDS FOR SUMMER SHOW SUCCESS

There are some vegetables that you can get in the ground during the winter ready for next summer. How about onions, shallots and garlic? You could then pickle your own shallots and can use the onions and garlic to flavour your chutney. These can then go in the preserves section of the show. No pupils entered the pickled onions so you could be onto a winner! So, why not plant now ready for the Summer Show?



### SALVE'S FAVOURITE PHOTO OF THE HALF TERM

This issue Salve has chosen a photograph of the pupils attending the lantern parade on Saturday 23rd November. Spirits were high despite the wet weather.



### Attendance

On the second to last day of the Autumn term the ethos trips took place. KS3 winners went indoor skiing and KS4 winning pupils went indoor skydiving. We hope that all who went had a marvellous time. Below is a round up of top tutor attendances.

From Tuesday 3 September - Tuesday 3 December whole school attendance was **95.5%**

Leading tutor groups in each year group were:

Year 7 - 7IMR 99.2% Year 8 - 8PJ 98%  
Year 9 - 9AES 97.5% Year 10 - 10AL 97.4%  
Year 11 - 11EM 97%

An attendance as low as 90% could mean a grade lower at GCSE.

### Focus on.... Wellbeing

For this installation of Focus on Wellbeing, we visited two different enrichments, Christmas Crafts and the school's choir practise.

These enrichments happen every week on a Tuesday, and we consider them to be important for the wellbeing of those who attend because they are both an opportunity to relax and have fun. Attending an enrichment where you don't need to worry about homework, assessments and other school work you might have on your mind, can be really beneficial.

When we visited Christmas Crafts, the pupils in attendance said that it was a really useful time to switch off and we also noticed that it was a very tranquil place to be. When we entered the room, it was a nice, quiet space and it seemed to fit the nature of the tasks which were being undertaken.

Singing is a fantastic opportunity to find enjoyment in music. When you sing, you find yourself becoming carried away, your emotions can become released, leaving you feeling better if you were previously stressed or worried. Being in Choir practise, it was clear how much every pupil in the enrichment enjoyed it and what a release it was for them.

#### Our wellbeing tip for this issue is:

Get plenty of sleep, it will boost your immune system, balance your energy as well as servicing your intellectual function.

By Elliot G and Sophie P

### Peace's Pun

How much money does a pirate pay for corn?

A bucc-an-ear

What lies at the bottom of the ocean and twitches?

A nervous wreck