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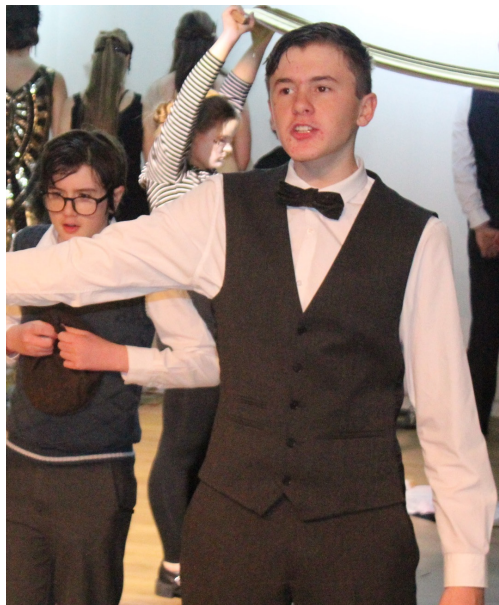
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"If it be love indeed, tell me how much."

A & C Take One

The Island Free School has taken part in another wonderful performance of the work of Shakespeare, this time undertaking an interpretation of Antony and Cleopatra. The story focusses on the Emperor of Rome (Mark Antony) and the Queen of Egypt (Cleopatra). During the play, the audience find that Antony has become rather distracted by his love of Cleopatra and has therefore been spending a lot of his time in Egypt, rather than Rome. Needless to say, this upsets the people in his country, and Antony therefore ends up going to war with Caesar. Overall it is a very tragic love story (and everyone dies at the end!).



The Shakespeare Schools Festival is a charity, and the whole purpose of it is to get children involved in Shakespeare and make it exciting for them. Schools and many other types of ensemble take part in the festival all over Britain.

People came to see the remarkable performance in order to support individual members of the cast, the school as a whole or the Shakespeare festival. Some highlights of the performance were the sea battle - because of the amazing facial expressions - and Cleopatra's last moments where she is bitten by the snake and dies. The use of physical theatre and using everybody working together as an ensemble to hold up props and signs, was brilliant. There was some really good humour and acting in the

performance as well as the intriguing take on setting it in the 1920's.

We learnt about some of the excitement of performing in a Shakespeare production from Millie Kerr, who played one of Cleopatra's maids, Iras. She said the following before the performance; "I am very excited - especially due to the fact that it's not just a normal performance of Shakespeare. We're using a theme of 1920's silent movies so we're all going to be in really cool costumes, which I am excited to wear."

Mrs Steel, director and producer of Antony and Cleopatra, said, "The Shakespeare Schools Festival is one of my favourite things and I really enjoy taking part in it. This is the

5th or 6th time we have taken part now, so it's something that is really enjoyable to make accessible to pupils."

We asked Francesca Toyne, who took on the leading part of Cleopatra, how it felt to be taking on the role, "It's quite fun because Cleopatra has always been someone I've looked up to. The idea of Cleopatra is amazing. I've always loved to learn about her and to finally be playing this role is amazing."

Miss Allcock, also director of Antony and Cleopatra, declared that this year's offering was; "The best performance yet".

By Ada K-S

WELCOME

Once again winter approaches with astonishing speed and, on completion of the Year 11 mock exams, all our attention will turn to the festive period.

The autumn term is always a long and tiring one and, whilst this year has been incredibly successful in so many ways, I know everyone is looking forward to a well earned break. So may I take this opportunity to wish you all a restful holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone in the new year.

Steph B



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Eco Schools

Eco-Schools is an international programme of the foundation for Environmental Education that aims to empower students to be the change our sustainable world needs by engaging them in fun, action-orientated and socially responsible learning. This project has been running for nearly 25 years and is currently engaging 19.5 million children across 67 countries! We currently have an eco-school enrichment going on and I interviewed them on their aspirations as a group: "We are designing ways to reduce waste levels and recycle more. Also, our aim is the bronze award for working with the Eco-School programme. To achieve this, we are trying to make a way to make the world eco-friendlier along with our school." For the last question I asked what they were working on right now and their reply was: "Currently we are working on making people aware of how bad waste is on the environment and how much energy we are using."

By Lizzie E

Let them eat cake



Salve has noticed a large number of impressive edible creations crossing the threshold into the building. We asked around and this is what has been shared:

Mr Crossley was one of the staff members to get back to us on some of the spectacular bakes that have been coming in and he had this to say about a very special bake which he received. "For homework I set them

the assignment of making a poster about Diffusion, Osmosis and Active Transport, which are ways that particles move in and out of cells. Instead of making an illustrated poster, Aroha and Charis said they wanted to make a cake, but when I told them I was dairy free, they changed tack and made a dairy free lemon cookie, decorated with the right diagrams instead!"

Contribution by Miss Peters

Hampshire Rugby



On 5th October a team of year 9 pupils went to Petersfield for the Hampshire rugby festival. The first game started well, but ended up in a draw. In the next game we won 2-1, thanks to impressive tries from Euan S and Nathan SB. The third game was a close call, but TIFS won 1-0. After lunch break, we were placed into Group 2 alongside Crofton, Applemore and Houndsdown. We ended

up winning our first second-half game 1-0 against Crofton. Unfortunately, that was the only game we won for the afternoon, losing 2-0 to Applemore college and 2-1 to Houndsdown. Overall TIFS ended up in 9th place out of 29 teams, and the team should be incredibly proud of themselves.

By Kye E and Ethan D



TEACHERS IN THE HOT SEAT Doubles Edition...

Miss Widgery, teacher of History, and **Miss McGovern**, Art technician

Why did you choose to teach at this school?

Mc: Because I wanted to work with kids and I like what this school stands for. The fact that it's a music school and that you all do extracurricular, but have choices, is fantastic.

W: I like the feel of the school, and the fact that it's a small, close knit community where everybody knows each other.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Mc: I love dancing – I've taught dancing for five years and outside of school I run my own dance school called Shivvy's Dance. When I'm not kick-ball-changing, I like to spend time with my family & friends. I also like to play chess, draw and watch Hollyoaks.

W: I love beach activities such as paddle boarding & kayaking, but I'm also a world champion freestyle disco dancer (look it up on YouTube, it's amazing).

Did you have a previous job?

Mc: I actually had two – I was a social care worker, and also a dance teacher for LVB. I really enjoyed teaching dance because it's my passion and it was lovely to do.

W: Before training as a teacher, I was an LSA at a Primary School so I always knew I wanted to work in a school environment.

Where is the one place that you want to go but haven't been before?

Mc: Paris, but I am going in December. I want to travel the world.

W: Hawaii, as it looks beautiful, peaceful and very tranquil.

How are you two related?

Mc: We found out a couple of weeks ago, my cousin is married to Mrs Widgery's uncle, therefore we are related by marriage.

What was your favourite subject in school?

Mc: Dance and Art.

W: I really enjoy teaching History but I also enjoy Maths.

What's your dream job?

Mc: Chorographer, because I like being creative as well as dancing, and in that job, you get to do both.

W: I would quite like to be a sports broadcaster or a royal correspondent because I would like to report on the news.

If you could have a superpower, what would it be?

Mc: I would like to fly as I am always late. I would also love to have Bernard's watch.

W: I would like to be able to travel through time, I am really intrigued to explore and experience different time periods.

What would be your spirit animal?

Mc: It would be a peacock as they are brightly coloured.

W: A dolphin because they are free and explore a variety of places.

If you could play an instrument of your choice, what would it be?

Mc: I would love to be able to play piano as it is elegant and I love the sound.

W: Does the triangle count? I would really love to play the acoustic guitar or the piano.

By Toby H and Destiny S



Cross Country

On 31st October, 16 TIFS pupils took part in the cross country run held at Medina College. When asked about their performance, our participants stated that they were happy with their performance in the race and said that they feel proud with their progress.

We competed against Christ the King, Cowes and a range of other schools across the island. Altogether our teams ran 4k per team, which equalled out to 1k each.

When asked if they enjoyed the race, and had any tips on running long distance, our competitors had the following to say:

"Yes, it was great fun, it was nice competing against the other schools.

I felt happy and relieved when it was over because we did well.

Pace yourself through the race and then at the end sprint as fast as you can till you finish."

Congratulations to everyone involved.

By Kye E

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

Royal Albert Hall

Over thirty TIFS pupils took part in a performance with the Music Youth Proms at The Royal Albert Hall. There were over 500 students that took part in this performance, consisting of pupils from the Isle of Wight and the South of England. They performed a piece by the composer James Redwood which was 12 minutes long. We posed a few questions to one of the people who participated in the performance and here is what they had to say:

What happened when you got there?

"We had to travel a long way to get there, but once we arrived and took our seats it became a really amazing experience – even just looking up and seeing thousands of seats was magical. We got our instruments out and practiced in order to prepare for the performance, then had dinner. Eventually the time came and lots of people started arriving at the venue. That was when the adrenaline really kicked in and the entire experience became incredibly exciting."

Mrs Riches:

"It was really good because they had a whole orchestra, a body percussion group, a hand bell choir, singers and they had special schools performing in electronic music.

By Chelsea B and Holly S

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THE NEWS ROUND-UP



OUR SUPERB SUPPORT STAFF (PART ONE)

Here at Salve, we have the unique opportunity to write articles on subjects which both interest us personally and we feel should be discussed around the school. For this issue, we wanted to talk to some of the unsung heroes of our school team in order to find out more about them – the school's support staff

Mrs Webb

We asked Mrs Webb about her role in the school. She decided to become a teacher after Ryde Ice Rink – where she was an instructor – closed down. Her favourite thing about the job is that she gets to talk to different pupils and staff every day. Her least favourite part of the job is when she thinks about the stressful year which she will have ahead of her as our pupils prepare for their GCSE's. Now that she has had her child, Mrs Webb will be off for a while but fully intends to come back. She likes her job as a member of our support staff and wouldn't give it up to become a trained teacher. The reason she came to TIFS is that it has a good reputation and is smaller than the other secondary schools (which she can find overwhelming). She found it hard to choose a favourite school subject as she simply loves them all

Mr Lambert

Mr Lambert's favourite thing about his job is the fact that he gets to sit in on lots of lessons and enjoys re-learning the various subjects. His least favourite part is that if he doesn't get a break time snack, he can get quite hangry. Unlike Mrs Webb, he does want to become a trained teacher - however he loves his current job. The reason he came to this school is that he knew a lot of the people who worked here and it is the best school on the Island. He said it was hard to pick his favourite moment from his time at this school but he said he found it highly amusing on last year's World Book Day to see Miss Sheen (dressed as Professor McGonagall) attempting to round up a stampede of fairy-tale characters as they dashed for the doors to play in the snow.

By Izzy S and Ruby L



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

The Christmas Tree Festival takes place in different locations around the island - this year taking place on the 30th November and 1st December. It is currently at IOW Pearl until the end of Christmas, so go and take a peek in order to take part. TIFS contributed to two events: the Brighstone Christmas Tree Festival and St Catherine's Church Christmas Tree Festival. In Brighstone, (where it started) it was hosted in about seven or eight different locations around Brighstone and there were over 100 Christmas trees entered, coming from different groups of people who all shared one theme. Our school created pieces based on the theme of Christmas Gifts. Pupils, teachers, families, supporters of the TIFS and craft classes made knitted/origami boxes and crocheted stockings to suspend on our tree. To become involved next year, you can join a knitting class, craft class, or look at The Island Free School Facebook page, where there are advertisements for people who can knit, crochet, and craft.

By Ada KS and Grace C



REMEMBRANCE

On 12th November, our school commemorated the deaths of the soldiers who fought bravely in the wars. We achieved this by trying to make the whole school (625 pupils) wear a poppy to show our thankfulness and respect. We also took 2 minutes out of our day to remember those who didn't return to us. We asked one of our pupils, to whom Remembrance Day means more than most, to answer a few questions on the subject; here were Silas's responses:

Why did you decide to hand out the poppies on Remembrance Day?

"Well as a cadet, as someone who knows a lot of veterans, I feel it is very important to show our respect to those

who died in the wars."

What does Remembrance Day mean to you?

"It means remembering the sacrifices of the people who fought in the wars. It means thinking about the people who still leave their families to go and fight for our country and our freedom. It's all about remembering their services."

I think we can all share in his sentiment and well done to everybody who took part in our personal remembrance.

By Toby H and Ethan D

Peace's Pun

With Christmas coming I cannot wait to buy Mrs Peace a new fridge. I cannot wait to see her face light up when she opens the door.