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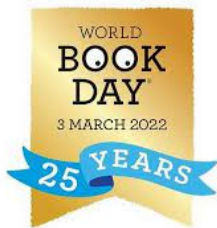
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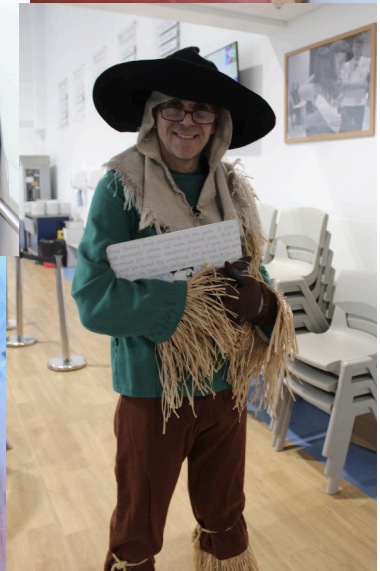


On Thursday 3rd March 2022, in classic TIFS tradition, pupils and staff enjoyed dressing up on World Book Day, in celebration of our collective love for reading. The last couple of years we have felt a huge uncertainty throughout the school because of Covid, so it was an absolute privilege to be able to continue with these traditions to uplift morale. It is an event in which both pupils and teachers immerse themselves, showing off some incredible outfits!

The pupils voted "best dressed" by staff this year, were: Izzy S (Year 11), Darcy H (Year 10), Jackson B (Year 9), Selena A and Katie B (Year 8) and Sam S (Year 7).

Here is a selection of our favourite snaps from this incredibly fun day!


By Marika A



WELCOME

Welcome to another action-packed half term at The Island Free School. As I am sure you are all aware, this is our busiest half term of the year. Many members of the student body are busy rehearsing their entries for the Isle Of Wight Music, Dance and Drama Festival. Following on from fantastic successes on the sports field in rugby, hockey, cross country, indoor rowing and indoor cricket tournaments last half term, many pupils will be representing the Isle of Wight in county championships later this term. Amongst all of this we have even found time for not one but three school plays which will be performed toward the end of the Spring term along with our spring music concert where we will showcase many of the pieces from this year's Music, Dance and Drama festival. We might even have time to squeeze in a couple of Maths lessons!

As always, my thanks to all our parents and staff for their endless enthusiasm and their support in ensuring our pupils have every opportunity to enrich their time at TIFS.



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Last week saw our school perform three different plays! Catch the next Salve to read our reviews.

Year 9 and 10 performed Romeo and Juliet.

Year 8 with Year 11 ambassadors performed Tuesday.



Year 7 with Year 10 ambassadors performed The Jungle Book.

Sports Roundup!

-Contributed by Marika A

Cricket

U13's Indoor Cricket vs Medina College - Monday 17th January saw the return of the National Indoor Cricket competition in which TIFS entered two under 13 teams. Both TIFS teams articulated fantastic fielding, bowling and batting throughout the matches, resulting in the two teams winning against Medina College.



Rugby

TIFS Year 7 boys' rugby team travelled over to Southampton to take part in the Hampshire Schools Festival. The morning session groups were split between pools of mixed geography/ability with TIFS getting off to a great start winning against Batten School 5-0, followed by a 5-1 victory against St George's. The final game was against unbeaten Witton School where TIFS battled for a place in the championship group. Witton school (in first position and leading the group by one try) meant that the boys needed to play at their very best in order to qualify. Moving the ball as quickly as possible was key to playing against Witton school, the TIFS boys fronted up physically and came away with a 3-2 win, thanks to a fantastic try at the end of the match by Dylan W.

Cross Country

On Tuesday 8th March, 12 pupils represented the Isle of Wight in the Hampshire Schools' U12/U13/U14 Cross-Country Championships, which was held in Basingstoke.

In true TIFS spirit, all our pupils were supportive of all runners from all the schools participating in the event.

Out of hundreds of pupils taking part, only the top 16 runners from each field qualified to the next stage of the competition. Everyone performed excellently, and especially well done to Katie B (year 8) who came 8th in her group, and has qualified to represent the island at the next stage!



Hockey

On Tuesday 8th March, the Year 7 girls' hockey team travelled to King Edward's School in Southampton for a tournament.

In the first game, the girls played King Ed's who were a strong and experienced team. The TIFS team played superbly well but lost 4-0.

In the second match, TIFS defended well but in the second half Farnborough took the lead and despite TIFS having several more opportunities, the final score was 0-2.

This was the team's first set of matches and all of the girls played with enthusiasm, which puts them in a great place for future fixtures as they move towards Year 8.





TEACHERS IN THE HOT SEAT



Miss Batchelor Assistant Head Of Year

What is your favourite animal?

Meerkat

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?

I would love to go and see the Northern Lights, so Iceland or Norway.

What do you do in your free time?

I do theatre, like pantomimes and musical, because I it's important to keep a hobby.

What is your favourite food?

Christmas Dinner

RE Day

On the 2nd February students from Year 7 to 10 got involved with the 3rd RE day of the school year. They learnt about a range of topics throughout the day, helping them appreciate other cultures and views.

Two year 7s were asked about the valuable experiences that they had during this R.E. day. The day was full of educational opportunities to enrich their knowledge on the culture and practices of Islam and allowed students to have an insight into a world they would otherwise be excluded from. These days are invaluable for ensuring all people feel welcome and accepted in the TIFS community.

Year 8 learnt about different aspects buddhism. One session got them to concentrate on their breathing with meditation, including a video about the benefits of meditation, for example preventing the aging process, and the different positions involved. They were also taught about spirituality, good behaviours and life as a Buddhist monk.

Year 9s learnt about refugees. A refugee is someone who is forced out of their home, and has to move to another country. They were taught about how refugees moved from one country to another and why refugees are forced to leave their countries - the majority have conflict and war in their home country. They also learnt that refugees only have £28 per week and thought about how becoming a refugee would change their own lives.


Year 10 learnt about war and the different aspects of conflict. In one session they watched a video about Eva Kor, a Holocaust survivor who was experimented on with her twin sister Miriam. They learnt that even though they were both hurt, their family was taken and they nearly died, after they escaped Auschwitz, Eva was able to forgive the people who tortured her. At the end of the day they watched the film 1917, which is about the real lives of soldiers during war.



Year 11 partook in a Curriculum Day for their humanities, during which they focused on key aspects of their History and Geography. They were given valuable revision resources carefully crafted by their teachers, and a lecture from Mr Wright and Mrs Walker. One student said 'the revision day we had was very educational and helpful to those students who were struggling before'. This time and effort was seen in the Year 11s mock results, which many were very proud of.

By Macey H and Sam

Careers and Apprenticeships Fair



On Wednesday, the 23rd February, pupils from Year 10 attended a careers and apprenticeships fair at the Isle of Wight College, organised by Island Futures. A plethora of island 6th forms attended the fair, where they discussed A-Levels and BTECs at their respective schools. Pupils also had the chance to address various island apprenticeship providers and employers who were likewise in participation. They educated pupils regarding the various apprenticeship levels, as well as the opportunities available in apprenticeship routes. Representatives from the police and armed forces were additionally in attendance to speak to pupils about roles in their organisations, as well as key information for people considering joining the police or armed forces. Delegates on behalf of the Solent University Networks (SUN) were also in attendance, they provided pupils with information surrounding university routes and other post-18 options.

By Tom B, Tom H and Joseph F



Teachers That Game

While video games might seem like a children's pastime, a staggering 70% of adults play video games. That's 1,805,000,000 gamers over 18! With 2.5 billion gamers out there, it's hard to imagine just how many there are.

From Call of Duty, to Spyro, to even Duolingo, let's take a look into the gaming habits of our teachers, here at TIFS.

Out of 12 teachers that we talked to, 8 played video games:

Miss Powell	PS5	Detroit, CoD, Bioshock
Mr. Reflinski	PC	WoWC, Sims
Mr. Lambert	Xbox	Oculus Quest 2, Fifa, CoD
Mrs. Healey	PS4	Spyro, Tomb Raider, The Sims
Mr. Gove	Mobile	Duolingo
Mr. Chatwin	PC	Sea of Thieves
Mrs. Boyd	PC + VR	Minecraft
Mr. Boyd	PC + VR	Fortnite

The Lego League Challenge

The Lego League Challenge is a challenge by First to encourage 9 -16 year olds to do STEM through Lego, where younger people learn about scientific advancements and real-world challenges. The challenge runs from August, and is hosted from around the world with more than 35,000 teams each year.

You can find out more here: <https://www.firstlegoleague.org>.

Salve hope for you to join!

By Seth R

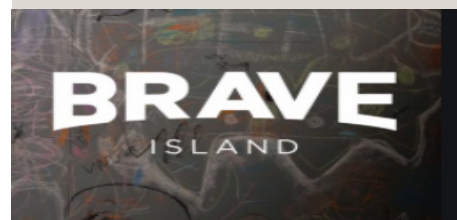


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Focus on....



The Ventnor Exchange has recently launched Brave Island - which aims to provide more opportunities for young people (14-25) living on the Isle of Wight who are interested in the arts and creative industries.

Can you design an album cover for a new band?

Do you want to learn how to photograph gigs?

Are you a budding music artist ready to take your performance skills to the next level in a gig setting?

Sign up to Brave Island for amazing new opportunities in your local area.

Check out their website for current opportunities!

braveisland.co.uk

Next issue...

Pick up a copy of next term's Salve to read about an exciting event with STEM Council Enrichment, due to take place on Monday 28th March in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee!



Peace's Pun

What do you call a dog that can do magic tricks?

A labracadabrador!