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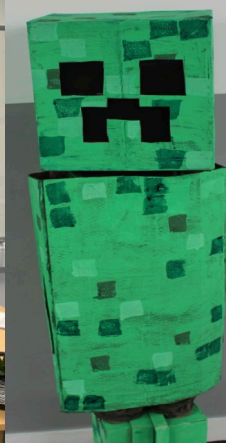
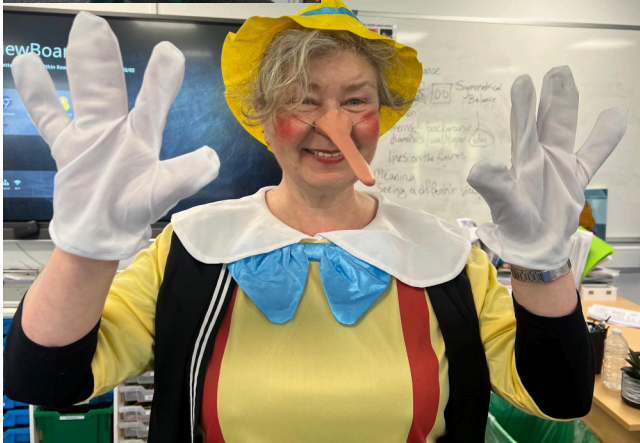
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## It's all gone a bit cultural at TIFS...



On Thursday the 2nd of March The Island Free School celebrated World Book Day in spectacular fashion. Pupils experienced an off-timetable day where they enjoyed a variety of activities and experiences. Have a look at some of the awesome costumes! Well done to Rosea who won the House Trophy. Who will win it next year?





# Message from Mrs Suter

It's the end of another term at TIFS. This term we have had some brilliant experiences and pupils have engaged well in their academic studies as well as their extra-curricular activities.

I am particularly proud of Year 9 as they have taken part in three off-timetable days which have allowed pupils to develop their experiences outside the classroom.



We took part in an 'Outside Activities Day' where pupils developed their skills of tent building, map reading and outdoor cooking in preparation for their Duke of Edinburgh weekend in July. Year 9 also went on a trip to The Science Museum in London which was a great success. It was a delight to have the whole year group out on a trip together.

I am really looking forward to the summer term, with the first ever Activities Week taking place in June.

## JD's work at Red Cross

JD in Year 10 works at the Red Cross and has done so since January 28<sup>th</sup> 2023. He's learning how to sell merchandise and get stuff ready for market; they're getting a lot of CDs. The most expensive thing he's put a tag on was a stuffed plushie for £8. He's doing it to help those who are less fortunate than him to help places like where JD came from originally: Nicaragua. The last time he visited was at Christmas for a trip with his family and he wanted to give something back to those who make him happy and who don't have the same opportunities as him. He works at Freshwater Red Cross for an hour and a half on Saturday. We need more people like JD. Helping others is something that JD wants to do as he gets older.



## Mr Suter

Why did you want to be a teacher?  
"To inspire the next generation and to make pupils enjoy school".

Do you enjoy working with pupils at The Island Free School?  
"Yes, because I have a good relationship with them."

Who is the best class in your opinion?  
I really enjoy teaching my Year 10s for GCSE PE Theory. They are working very hard at the moment on their coursework unit. They are all very interested in the current topic of respiration even if Jack T and Stan S ask silly questions!

What is your favourite sport personally?  
My favourite sport at the moment is golf. I have played many sports when growing up including football, rugby and basketball. But over the last couple of years, I've invested a little bit more time and effort in golf and am really enjoying playing it as well as watching it on telly. In terms of teaching sports, I am really enjoying teaching handball to my Year 10s as they are improving each week.

## Goodbye Mr Hopley



Mr Hopley. Certainly an asset to the school and has helped many up their science grades massively, is sadly leaving us.

Mrs Peace gives her opinion on him, "Mr Hopley – the greatest story teller, magician, vegetable grower, astronomer, baker, the list goes on. It will certainly not be the same without him. All the best on your new adventures." She adds, with a smile, "I'm just disappointed I never got a four-leaf clover!" We all loved hearing his wild stories about his life before TIFS! Even if his students didn't share his passion for the subject, he tells them, "I could stand here and talk about science forever." On that note... #Science, Goodbye Mr Hopley!

## Brading Villa trip

When we were at the Roman Villa we started with a tour of the ruins and the purposes of all the rooms were explained. This gave us a great insight into the lives of Romans and how our local area has changed over time.

We looked at many artefacts. Some were real and some replicas. We then had to explain these to the person sitting next to us and they had to draw what was described to them it resulted in some funny drawings!

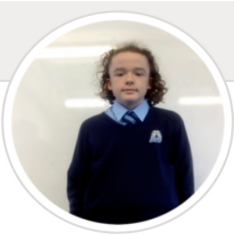
Then we made amazing mosaics that we will finish at school and toured the surrounding areas and looked at the well and the hypocaust (the underfloor heating system).

Overall the trip was very enlightening and it will be a great help when continuing to study Latin civilisation.



## Creative congratulations!

Congratulations to all the TIFS pupils who won trophies and medals at the Isle of Wight Music, Dance and Drama Festival. There were lots of first places and a number of distinctions awarded. To TIFS A Team for winning the Island Rugby Championships on 7th March. To the talented cast of Innocent Creatures for a powerful, thought provoking performance on Thursday 23rd 2023. The audience were spellbound by the strong and emotional charged performances.



## Joe B

What do you think about the 7 visions of The Island Free School? (the words on the glorified fridge at the school's entrance) - "Extremely important to the structure of the school".

What do you think about Mr Lambert? - "Tall and a good teacher".

How do you feel being chosen as the pupil in the hot seat? - "They should've picked somebody else".

Do you go to the shop everyday and buy large mint aero and monster energy? - "Mint Aero, yes, Monster energy, no".

What is your opinion on the Prime Minister? - "He should change his name to Fishy Sunak".

Has Mr Newnham ever told you to 'Stop talking'? - "No"

What is your KD? - "0:17"

## Kingswood Trip

This term Year 10 have the opportunity to go to Kingswood.



James & James had this to say:

"I'm going on this trip because COVID has meant that we missed a lot of opportunities. I'm looking forward to this trip."

Other James said:

"We are going for 2 and a half days. It is an interesting thing to do as I have not seen many of my classmates (except close friends) outside of school".

We hope that Year 10 have a great time at Kingswood and we can't wait to hear all about it when they return!



# Cultural Capital & Self Improvement Days

## Year 7

It was amazing! The first thing we saw was a video of the battle in 1545, when the Mary Rose sank, as if we were actually on the ship. We were looking out of the portholes at the French fleet, then we turned too sharply and the Mary Rose keeled over and sank, with all of us onboard!

Then we went into the museum to see all the artefacts recovered from the wreck...shoes, tankards, cooking pots, armour, cannon balls and skeletons...of the ship's dog and an archer.

What was left of the Mary Rose is displayed in a massive airlocked room, we couldn't believe how well preserved it is. There were projections of the people on board in the boat, so it brought the ship alive: we could see sailors, archers, the cook and the barber-surgeon sawing off someone's arm!



## Year 8

We had a great time at Carisbrooke Castle, we started doing the treasure hunt but before long we were all up on the battlements. The views of the Island from up there are amazing. We went right around the castle, saw the deep, dark well and the medieval version of an toilet.

When we came back down we met the castle's donkeys. They use the donkeys to power a wheel that send buckets down the well. The donkeys were very cute.

Queen Victoria used to live at Osborne House, it was her holiday home. The grounds are huge. We went to house Victoria and Albert built for their children, The Swiss Cottage, it was as big as a proper house, with a big vegetable garden and some mini army trenches dug in the garden for them to play toy soldiers in.



## Year 9

On the Wednesday Year 9 went on a hike. They went up to Ventnor golf course, down to Wroxall monument, down through Appuldurcombe and then along Rew Lane back to school. The hike was very enjoyable because they had to find several items along the way. Including Geocaches!

On the Thursday the whole year group went to The Science Museum in London. They thoroughly explored the museum. Pupils really enjoyed the experience especially the timeline of the automobile.

It is reported that Mr Marriot and Mr Teague had a 'real scream' at the museum.



## Year 10

On Wednesday 15th March we had a group of people come in to work with us on a Dragons Den day! We split into groups of 6 to create a product for Natwest that was ecofriendly. Whoever won would go on to pitch their product against other Schools in the UK to a real Dragon. This was an excellent experience as we worked together to create a product from scratch and working through ideas around marketing and finance. It gave us a real insight into designing products and running your own business. On Thursday we developed our mind mapping skills with Positively You.



## Year 11

Year 11s had a beneficial day of revision with pupils saying:

"The English and History lectures were extremely beneficial and targeted to our GCSEs"

"A well thought out day of revision"

"Really beneficial considering our GCSEs are soon".

Bath Uni: GCSE PE Trip

Mr Milton drove a group of Year 10 PE students all the way to Bath Uni to experience the facilities and find out about courses.

The group met early – at 7 am – with packed lunches. None of us knew what to expect. As soon as we arrived we were put to work, with a series of strength and endurance tests.

We had a tour of all the amazing sports facilities, gyms, artificial grass pitches: everything was state of the art and in beautiful condition.

Then we had a presentation from a student who happens to be an Olympic gold medal winner in Luge. What's Luge hear you ask, it involves competitors lying on their backs on a tiny sled with their feet stretched out in front of them, and racing down an icy track at speeds in the range of 80 miles per hour without brakes! She talked about the courses, university life and her journey to the Olympics.

It was a long day, full of information and amazing facilities. If you are into fitness, and looking at sport as a possible career Bath University could be the place for you.