



# MARY ROSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## parents and friends



### School News

#### A Right Royal Occasion:

We were very proud to be asked to present the Queen with her posy when she visited Portsmouth earlier this month. Jade Smith was chosen as a Portsmouth Young Ambassador for the 2012 Olympics and Taonga Chella because of her love of 'special occasions' and her special achievements this year.

Jade and Taonga not only met the Queen but also some very important people from Portsmouth such as the Lord Mayor, our local MP, leader of the council, chief executive ... They did really well and enjoyed the occasion

in spite of the rain! About 15 of our pupils went along to watch and they really enjoyed the occasion, especially the Royal Marine Band.

#### Rock Challenge, WOW:

It's almost impossible to find words to describe the fantastic performance this year. Apart from the superb dancing, the wonderful costumes and sheer brilliance

of the performance, it was the incredible atmosphere that our young people and staff created when they were on the stage. It was magic and very mov-



ing. Their standing ovation was well-deserved. We won 3 prizes—an award for the way we link our entry to the curriculum, the most Entertaining Performance and the Best Interpretation of the theme. The photographs have arrived and will be on display shortly

and copies of the DVD have been ordered. Much hard work goes into producing a performance of such high quality and I am sure you will join me in thanking all the staff, parents, volunteers and governors who helped.

### Messages and thank you's

#### Rock Challenge: Thursday April 23rd.

"Congratulations to everyone at Mary Rose School on such a memorable and moving performance at last Thursday's Rock Challenge - I really enjoyed it and hugely appreciated all the work that had gone into it. The students



were wonderful in the way that they sustained themselves through such a long day." Ian Sandford, interim Director Children's Services.

#### New Horizon School:

"Dear Alison, Thanks, thanks a million for our parcel. We received 11 boxes and 1

wheel chair on Monday, 4th May, 2009. Alison, just to inform you that the things have arrived. I will send you a Thank you letter soon. Love to all our friends at Mary Rose School. God bless. Best regards, Mrs. Salome Francois  
**Executive Director "**

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#### Special points of interest:

- ☺ Another shipment of goods has arrived at New Horizon School in Ghana
- ☺ Parent pamper days are going really well
- ☺ Family Barbecue June 20th 4pm-8pm
- ☺ Open Morning and Parents Evening coming up. Do bring the family to see the school.

#### Important Dates:

- Parents Evening:** Thurs, June 18th
- Summer BBQ:** Sat June 20th
- Staff Development Day:** Monday, June 22nd, school closed
- Summer Shows:** Wed/Thurs July 8th/9th
- Sports Day:** Tues July 14th
- Prom:** Thurs July 16th
- Primary Leavers and achievers:** Mon July 20th
- Break up for Summer,** Wed July 22nd, 1.00pm
- Back to School:** Monday Sept 7th

## Pupil voice and achievements

### Well done to the Pompey Kitchen:

the 6th Form did very well in the mini enterprise project which was supported by Portsmouth FC. They won a special award which acknowledged the good profit they made and the accreditation gained from the project. Each student won a voucher to spend at PC World.



### Pupil satisfaction survey:

This survey was personalised for each pupil this year in an attempt to make sure that as far as we could we gained a true and accurate picture

of our pupils' feelings about school.

It covered areas such as achievement, independence, being listened to, feeling safe, having friends, enjoyment etc... We were really pleased with the results and the feedback was

almost wholly positive—not surprisingly the main area of dissatisfaction was school uniform!!!

**Pupil conference:** On Tuesday 5th May a group of pupils went to Hamble Community Sports College to take part in a conference around the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

This was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to be involved with pupils from other secondary schools. They looked at the history and background of the games and worked together on developing leadership and presentation skills. There were presentations from two former Paralympic champions which they enjoyed.

**UK Sailing:** a larger group went to the Isle of Wight this year and they really got their sea legs very quickly this time. They experienced sailing in motor launches, sailing boats and windsurfers as well as swimming, crabbing and lots, lots more. A big thank you to UKSA for their support

## Friends of Mary Rose

**Pamper mornings:** the first morning took place on Friday, May 22nd.

This seemed to go really well and was one of a series. It included relaxation, hand and foot massage, nail art, aromatherapy, make-up application, and of course time for coffee and a chat. If you missed this one do come along to the next session(s) on the 5th, 12th and 19th June from 10.00-12.00.

**Sensory Garden:** the final plans have been completed and the work-

ing group has begun the task of putting these plans in motion. Over half term the 'shed' which is of brick construction, has been built on the edge of the garden. This will house the services as well as being used for storage for bikes etc..

**Fundraising:** your generous donations continue to support many of our school projects. Money raised recently is supporting the sensory garden. Also through your generosity we will soon be able to buy spe-

cially adapted equipment for pupils with complex physical disabilities.

**Security:** unfortunately on the same day that the MAG run riders came to school to bring our Easter eggs and money to buy equipment for school, an intruder managed to enter the premises and steal just over £400 cash. As a result we have installed a new locking system for the internal doors in Reception which were proved to be inadequate. A hard lesson to learn.

## Parents: News and Views

**Parent Governors:** please contact us if you would like any information or would like us to take your thoughts/views to governors:

Linda Carmichael

Angie Growse

Alan Oliver

Debbie Jordan

Nicola Laing

**Parent Communication:**

Remember if you would like to get in touch or meet with myself or senior staff you can:

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Drop in any day up until 9.30am

We look forward to an enjoyable, action packed half term,