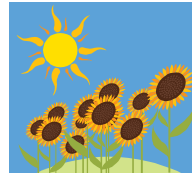




# MARY ROSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## parents and friends

### A great start to the new school year....

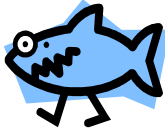


Time is flying by as we move into our 4th school year. Everyone has settled in well now, and we are delighted to welcome a number of new pupils and staff.

So what have we been up to so far this term?

**Sponsored walk:**

this year we "Walked on the Wild Side" and dressed in really wild costumes! These ranged from wild animals, to insects to really wild punks! There was even a 'Shark attack!' Thank you all for your generous donations which will be used to develop stage 2 of our Sensory Garden. With your help we have so far raised £773.



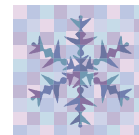
**Staff keep fit and raise money for the school:**

thank you very much to the group of staff and friends of the school who gave up their Sunday to take part in a sponsored bike ride through the New Forest to raise funds for the Sensory Garden. So far we have collected £403

**Harvest:** what a wonderful harvest festival.

Thank you for the gifts and money envelopes you sent in for the New Horizon School and the groceries for the charity for the homeless. We raised £263 and also received a number of pieces of equipment that we will be sending out—better than being

stored in sheds and attics! **Sensory Garden:** thanks to the generosity of various charities, golf clubs, local businesses, parents and friends, our sensory garden is really progressing well. Do pop in and take a look. The raised flower beds, pathways, grassy areas, pergolas and archways are in place and looking great. Staff, pupils and friends spent a day planting out the beds with a range of shrubs, grasses and flowering plants that vary in texture, colour and smell, we really did have fun. We are now fundraising to complete the maze and the water feature and to buy some outdoor musical instruments.



### Specialist Sports College

Our work as a Specialist Sports College is going from strength to strength. We now have a really wide range of Sporting and Leisure activities available to all our pupils both in school time and after hours. We are also supporting main-

stream schools and various community groups such as Corben Lodge.

We have four Sports Ambassadors representing our school and focusing on the 2012 Olympics—

Jade Smith, Bradley Ryder, Yasmin Crouch and Hannah Thompson.

We have lots of special days arranged this year including Beijing on Ice in January!



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#### Special points of interest:

- © Corali Dance Company running a Rock Challenge workshop on Nov 9th
- © Sarah McCarthy Fry MP visiting on Nov 13th
- © UKSA Awards - see over
- © We are now a Creative Partnerships Change School—see over

#### Important Dates:

Open Morning and Parent's Evening, Thurs Nov 12th

Quiz Night, Thurs Nov 19th

Staff Development Day, School Closed: Friday Dec 4th

Primary Christmas Performance: Tues Dec 15th

Secondary Christmas Performance: Wed Dec 16th

# School Projects



## Creative Partnerships

Last term we won our bid to become a Creative Partnerships Change School. This means that we receive £18,000 this year to enable us to recruit professional artists to work with our pupils and staff—further developing creativity across the school and helping our children to achieve even greater things. We are still at the planning stage at the moment. As soon as we have some projects in place we will let you know.

**Sportability Club:** after half term we are running an evening Sports

Club for our secondary pupils. A range of sporting opportunities will be on offer and we are also arranging some activities for parents to join while you are waiting!

**Global Rock Challenge:** plans are already underway for this year's entry into Rock Challenge. We have a really exciting theme this year that was suggested by one of our pupils - a secret for now! Corali Dance Company are coming in to run a workshop for staff and pupils after half term.

**Residential Visits:** these visits are really valuable and help our pupils to become more independent as well as to experience new things. This year

we have visits going to Butlins (6th Form only), Little Canada on the Isle of Wight, UKSA Academy and Calvert Trust in North Devon. Do make the most of these opportunities. ...

**Themed Curriculum:** in line with the new secondary curriculum we are really pleased with the way our themed approach to Art, Music and Humanities is working in Keystage 3. This term the theme is The Rainforest and all our work in these subject areas links together. This is supported by our specialist music teacher, Elizabeth McAndrew and our ICT staff. We can also already see an acceleration in progress.

# UKSA— UK Sailing Academy

As many of you know we arrange annual residential visits to the UK Sailing Academy in Cowes. We have a great relationship with them and they pay half the costs of our school trips there. Our pupils get a tremendous amount from these trips and take part in experiences that are both challenging and rewarding. They sail in small yachts, power boats and wind surfers, they swim,

go crabbing and play team games... just great.

A couple of weeks ago we were invited to take a group of pupils to their awards evening, held at The Royal Yacht Squadron in Cowes where presentations were being made by The Princess Royal.... Yes you've guessed—we won one of the four awards. Our award was for the



school or youth group that has worked with the UKSA to gain outstanding impact and achievement for its young people and the finalists included a boys grammar school. This was a great achievement and we are very proud of everyone who helped us to gain this prestigious award.

# Parents: News and Views

Friends of Mary Rose: this group is going from strength to strength and the first social event is the Quiz Night on Thursday Nov 19th. Do come along we promise it will be fun!

Relaxation: a second course focusing on relaxation and massage has been running this term. This has been well attended and seems to be very popular—now why would they

be needing blankets and pillows?!

General help: parents and friends are always very welcome to help in a range of ways around school. This includes helping at lunchtimes, helping with visits out, supporting in class, helping with swimming, gardening, general 'jobs' like preparing resources for classes (photocopying, laminating etc..), making costumes for perform-

ances—an endless list really. If you would like to help or get more involved in any way do contact the school and our Assistant Headteacher, Annie Grice will get in touch.

**School Communication:** don't forget that the leadership team is available every day until 9.30am if you want to pop in to ask questions or for a general chat about your child. Otherwise do contact us for an appointment