



MARY ROSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

parents and friends



Snow Fun!

Innovation and Celebration

We are delighted to announce that we recently won a prestigious award for curriculum innovation that was presented to us at the National Sports College Conference.

Award: Using the specialism to drive learning with targeted sectors of the wider community

Winner: Mary Rose School

Sponsor: Techno Gym
There have been enormous benefits from this project for HMP Kingston Prison, the wider community and for our school. The programme has added breadth to the prison's Sports and



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the differences between right and wrong and also some empathy for people who although they have committed serious offences can also show positive qualities such as kindness and helpfulness, making a positive contribution to the community.

Leadership education programmes. From the perspective of our pupils we have evidence to show that attainment and achievement in PE has improved in keystage 4 as a result of the high quality 1:1 tuition. The project has also improved their understanding of the legal system, the potential consequences of serious offending and what it really means to be in prison. The pupils now have an increased awareness of



From left to right: Steve Barton, Head of Vertical Markets at TechnoGym; Annie Williams, Assistant Headteacher; Olympic medallist, Jonathan Edwards; Alison Beane, Headteacher; DCSF Minister, Iain Wright; Paralympic swimmer, Chris Holmes

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Special points of interest:

- ☺ Sensory garden is still being developed by our wonderful team. Grand opening once the weather improves
- ☺ Sport Relief—the mile long Mexican Wave. Do join us for this. Details to follow
- ☺ South Coast Bikers (MAG Run). Saturday, March 27th 1pm. Please come along and support them.
- ☺ Thank you:
Hats for Haiti: £153.77
Barn Dance: £276.01



Julian Wooster, New Director enjoying the snow!

Well when we planned this day we never ever thought that we would REALLY be experiencing snow and ice in Portsmouth! This was

Beijing on Ice

our second Beijing to London day aimed at covering the miles between Beijing and London before the 2012 Olympics. A whole host of creative activities took place including our own version of ice hockey, kurling, sensory snow activities, snowman building,

igloo making (using marshmallows) and many others. We had our very own snow machine which everyone loved. Each activity had a number of miles allocated to it and over the day we clocked up 1344 miles. We only have another 3527 to go!

Important Dates:

- Friday March 19th: Sport Relief
- Friday March 26th: Talent show
- Saturday March 27th 1pm: South Coast Bikers (Mag run)
- Thursday April 1st 1pm: Break up for Easter
- Thursday April 29th: Rock Challenge

Let's get Creative

Pottery: As part of our Creative Partnerships project we have been working with a professional 'potter' who has been teaching both staff and pupils the art of working with clay—and in using the school kiln. If you get a chance do take a look in the Art Room and you will see it's really developing. There are some fantastic faces (masks) and clay figures on display. The next stage is to make a series of clay tiles to go on the wall in the sensory garden.



Rock Challenge: This year our theme is based on making the choice between good and evil. It's really different in approach and very moving. We have again had Corali Dance group in to work with staff and pupils to develop the dance.



mals that represent each year and the other focused on dragon dancing, the lantern festival and food!

Indian Dance, music and costume:

Our KS3 pupils recently

took part in a dance workshop that focused on story telling and a music workshop that focused on rhythm patterns and melody. Our pupils all explored Hindu clothing and jewellery and danced to Indian music with scarves. Our visitors loved our school and facilities and thanked us for allowing them to come!

Barn Dance and family events

Barn Dance: A great time was had by all at the Irish Club in Southsea on Friday, Feb 26th. It was good to see a number of families having good fun and enjoying the wonderful food provided for us by the ever generous Marriott Hotel. Numbers were down a little on last year. We do hope that more of you will support these events as not only do they bring in much

needed funds for the school but they also give families an opportunity for a relaxing night out with like minded people. Thank you to the Friends of Mary Rose Team for organising it.

Talent Show Friday March 26th: now come on all you people with hidden talents. This is your chance to shine! We've only had one entry so far... Karaoke, singing,

dancing, telling a few jokes, you never know this could be your chance to hit the big time. Please do come along and have some fun. Tickets available from the office.

BIKERS: Sat March 27th: please support this. They bring loads of gifts for your children and it's a wonderful sight when they all drive in.



More news and information

Congratulations: I am sure you will join me in congratulating Tracey Clarke on the birth of her twins Evie and Kiera on Wed, Feb 3rd. Mother and babies are doing well!

Late News: What a treat we had on Thursday, Feb 25th. Kyle, a fiddle player from Oklahoma called in with The Mary Rose Trust team and performed to two groups of pupils in a superb unrehearsed per-

formance. He was lively and fun and fully involved our pupils in his playing. He is evidently well known for playing his fiddle when skateboarding—so you can imagine how lively he was!

Sportability Club: The Sportability cCub which is held at Mary Rose School is for 11-19 yr olds and runs from 5.30pm until 7pm on a Tuesday eve-

ning. Young people have the opportunity to take part in 2 sports each session. It is run by school staff who know them well. Please contact Keely Haynes if you would like your child to join.

Communication: don't forget if you need to talk to any of the senior team, one of us is always available up until 9.30am every day or you can phone for an appointment or email.