



# MARY ROSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## parents and friends

### School News

**Rock Challenge.** Mary Rose School celebrates another outstanding result.

**The focus:** "We cannot stop time— it passes quickly. Our lives constantly present us with new challenges and opportunities, through which we can all grow - and become stronger. Join us through the seasons of the year to experience *Life's Journey.*"

This year's Rock Challenge performance was absolutely stunning. Around 40 students aged 14-19 took part in the year long project which culminated in a performance along with 12 other schools, at The Guildhall, Portsmouth.

The judges commented on the sensitive way in which the theme was interpreted and in the high quality of the performance. There was special mention of the costumes and makeup and in the way the students used the props to help convey their message. We were all delighted to hear that we were awarded no less than three prizes: the overall prize for Costume Design—a

first time for us, and also the prizes for Inclusion and Developing a Healthy Lifestyle.

Well done to everyone and a special thank you to the 40+ staff and volunteers who helped and supported the students on the day. It was great to see so many parents in the audience on the night.

**Easter:** it seems a long time ago now. A great big thank you to the South Coast Bikers who brought all the eggs into school for your children to take home and enjoy.

Even though Easter was at the very end of the holidays we still had a celebration in school. This included the more serious side of the festival as well as Easter Egg painting and rolling in assembly!

**Beijing in the Air:** we have been continuing our journey from Beijing to London in time for the Olympics and Paralympics. This year we combined the day with Comic Relief. The whole school took part in



PE and Sports Activities linked to the air as well as art activities with the same theme. Each activity was assigned a number of air miles which we banked and added to our total. This was a really successful day and we raised just under £250.

PLEASE LOOK AT THE SCHOOL WEBSITE to find out about weekend and evening activities, clubs and taster days.

**A big thank you:** thank you all for your support. We have had some really positive feedback, cards and letters from you expressing your satisfaction with the education we are providing for your children. Also our parent satisfaction survey will be coming out for you to complete later this term

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#### Special points of interest:

- © Over the last few months we have been piloting an off-site provision for pupils aged 14-19yrs with severe autism and challenging behaviour which has been going well
- © This term we have a group of pupils going on a residential visit to UKSA on the Isle of Wight where they will be sailing and taking part in water sports activities. This is for ALL abilities
- © Family Barbecue on June 11th, put the date in your diary

#### Important Dates:

- Mon May 16th:** Residential visit to UKSA
- Mon May 30th-June 3rd:** Half term
- Thurs June 9th:** Parents evening
- Saturday June 11th:** Family Barbecue
- Friday June 17th and Monday June 20th:** School closed for staff training



### A right Royal occasion

**Mary Rose pupils meet Prince Harry.** A group of pupils went along to the Mary Rose Museum for the laying of the foundation stone of the new museum. We were very lucky to be chosen to be the only group in the current museum singled out to meet Prince Harry. This was a real honour and Prince Harry spoke individually to every pupil and

member of staff present. We presented him with a small clay model of Hatch the dog who's remains were found in the ship and about whom we ran a school project last year.



## News from primary

### Learning at lunchtime!!!

In the primary department we decided to link our themed work to lunchtime as well as lesson time this term.

At the end of the Creative Partnerships project all of Primary were invited to lunch at The Beanstalk Cafe!

The dining room was decorated with a giant beanstalk with leaves, hens, eggs, harps, and not forgetting the all important giant which loomed over the whole event. Everyone was welcomed by Darcy from Octopus class, who said, "Welcome to Fairy Tale Land". All the children enjoyed using their personalised

placemats which included their photo imposed onto the face of Jack climbing the beanstalk.

The menu:

**Main Course:** Golden Hen Quiche, Nemo Fish Fingers, Humpty Dumpty Egg Mayo, Jacks Beans (baked beans), Enormous potatoes (chips / mash)

**Followed by:** Gingerbread Men, Hansel and Gretel Cake, Enormous Watermelon Fruit Pots  
The children ate their Fairy Tale lunch while listening to 5 different story songs including Little Red Riding Hood, Gingerbread Man,



Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and of course Jack and the Beanstalk. The green custard caused much curiosity and amusement – much fun was had by all.

## News from secondary—Keystage 4

An action packed term in Key Stage 4! The pupils really enjoyed the theme for of 'All things local', especially in the Options programme where they used Portsmouth Football Club as a theme but they were also out in the community of Portsmouth applying their knowledge and skill. Pupils in Wembley class had the opportunity to go to college last term and thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. The pupils visited the different Highbury campuses including

North Harbour and the catering college. They experienced the flight simulator and also took part in art, sport and beauty classes. This gave them the opportunity to find out what it is like to go to college as well as think about the activities they enjoy doing and would like to study further. During the Options afternoons, the pupils have been extending their knowledge of Portsmouth and Gosport. The Sport and Leisure group have been having a great time develop-



ing their physical skills on the ice. Their confidence has improved over the weeks and many of them were able to leave the sides of the rink and skate independently by the Easter holidays.



Spring term in key stage 3 was based on the topic 'Leisure' so we explored

what people in different countries get up to in their lives, from hermit crab racing in Fiji to ice fishing in Iceland.

There was a bit of 'spying' going

## Keystage 3 and Friends of Mary Rose

on in some of the English groups, involving role play, producing spy profiles and generally exploring the spy genre and all that it entails, including designing a spy gadget.

We looked at music in art and produced a brilliant art piece based on musical instruments. We really enjoyed our healthy food project which culminated in making, selling and, of course, eating healthy snacks in our tuck shop.

**Bingo and Curry Night:** a big thank you to all who supported this event. It was one of our most successful to date and not only did we raise £1,000+ but we had a really great evening. A big thank you to The Marriott Hotel who yet again provided all the food and their time free of charge.

Don't forget the Family Barbecue on June 11th.

