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CELEBRITY TEACHER

By day, he's an English teacher and Director of Sixth Form. By night, he's the star of BBC 2's The Great British Bake Off. Teignmouth Community School's Glenn Cosby beat 17,000 contenders to make it to the final 13 of Britain's best loved baking show. Over six million people watched the opening episode, a figure that is expected to rise as the final approaches. The Great British Bake Off is so popular, in fact, that more people tuned in to watch Glenn bake parmesan breadsticks than watched Arsenal's Champions League qualifier on terrestrial TV. Glenn has been with the school since 2009 and has been Director of Sixth Form for four years. Dubbed 'Mr Celebrity' by some students, his giant puddings and cakes have quickly earned him a cult following. "Being known for making big cakes is a fair reflection of my baking", he says. "It's wonderful how everyone agrees with me – cakes and trifles simply can't be too big! It's actually what students talk to me about most." But are Teignmouth students impressed by his TV appearances? "Yes! His massive chocolate cake was amazing! I really want to learn how to do it," commented sixth form student Jess Prior. "It's quite surreal, seeing someone you see every day on TV".



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD

TCS has been awarded the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of its work to bring the world into the classroom through fostering an international dimension in the curriculum.

The International School Award is a badge of honour for schools that do outstanding work in international edu-



cation, as well as providing links with partner schools overseas. Incorporating an international dimension in the curriculum helps young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need to live and work as global citizens.



EXETER CHIEFS AVIVA PROGRAMME



This half term Miss. Macintyre's class are taking part in the Exeter Chiefs AVIVA programme. We are very lucky to have been accepted for this as it is for the Exeter area this year. Tom Viljoen is coaching the class in Tag Rugby every Monday afternoon and a team will be entering a competition later on in the term. A very fortunate selection of students from Teignmouth Community School, Mill Lane, have been given the chance to take part in the Exeter Chiefs AVIVA programme. Mill lane students are very lucky to have been given this opportunity as this programme has only offered to the Exeter area this year. Tom Viljoen from Exeter Chiefs has been coaching the class in Tag Rugby every Monday afternoon and a team will be picked to enter a competition later on in the term.





FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dr A P Gray

It hardly seems appropriate to welcome everyone, even though this is the first Wavelength of the new academic year, as it feels like the Summer break was a long time ago and now a distant memory. However, the achievements of those Year 11, Year 13, Year 1 and Year 6 students who gained their external examination results taking them on to the next stage of their learning journey into secondary education, work, Further Education and Higher Education needs to be acknowledged. Year 13 students achieved extremely highly with over 40 of them entering Higher Education; the range of courses they are studying range from Architecture to Marine Biology and they are now spread to most corners of the UK. Year 11 did equally as well as previous high achieving year groups with 61% of them reaching 5 A*-C including English and Maths, 95% 5 A*-C and the valued added measure for each student standing out as exceptional nationally. However, the most spectacular successes in exam results were those at Mill Lane where Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 students continued their sharply upward trajectory over the last few years to now be appearing in the top reaches of all league table measures, not only locally but also nationally.

All of these results are pleasing especially in this uncertain climate that surrounds league table measures resulting from the seemingly random and unreasoned changes to examination entries that have been imposed recently. These have been most obvious at Key Stage 4 and have prompted all schools to examine their exam entry policy for the current Year 11, Year 10 and Year 9 students in an attempt to ensure that each student gets their best possible result at the end of their course. With this outcome in mind our entry policy has had to change slightly for some Year 11 students in Maths and some Year 10 students in Science. For Year 9 we await the government specifications for courses to be examined in 2016 and will inform parents of the detail of this as soon as they are published.

Major physical developments on site so far this year has been the commencement of the new 6th form centre in what was West Lawn Gym at Exeter Road. Work is progressing well and the necessity of the new facility has been highlighted by the large number of students in the 6th form. With probation completed the 6th form now stands at 220 students: the largest ever. The other new facility, Cafe6, the 6th form coffee shop has proved to be incredibly popular with staff and 6th form students and has brought 6th form students, pleasingly, much more into the main area of the site and school life generally. At Mill Lane the fantastic new outdoor play space has been installed. This is proving to be incredibly popular with students and is the envy of many local schools. Also the changes to the nursery space have now been completed; these will enable Mill Lane to accommodate children at the age of two into the nursery.

TALENTED YOUNG FOOTBALLER

A talented young TCS footballer has been picked to play in the Gothia Junior World Cup in Sweden next year. Lauryn Proctor in year 9 is delighted to be chosen, and says she is proud to represent her town and school. Lauryn is extremely excited about playing in the big stadium in Gothenburg; a stadium that has a capacity to seat 52,000 people. Whilst the love of football takes most of her time, Lauryn is also an active member of the Exeter Harriers Athletics Club.

ASTON MARTIN VISIT MILL LANE



Students at Mill Lane were recently given a chance to grab some inspiration from a close up view of an Aston Martin. Students in year six are currently working on a project to design a new car. The £90,000 machine was parked in the playground whilst children made notes and drew designs to put towards their own projects.

ADDITIONAL NON-PUPIL DAY

14th February Teignmouth Community School, both sites, Exeter Road and Mill Lane will be joining 8 other schools from around the South West to take part in a joint staff training day. We will be closed to students. This will give staff across the alliance the opportunity to share a wide range of teaching approaches.



DO YOU HAVE AN OLD CAR?

We are looking for one or two cars for our student workshop. If you have a car that you are looking to dispose of, please contact Nathan Fiddis on 01626 774091. Your donations are greatly appreciated and help us to continue providing a high level of education in this area.



PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY'S WIDENING PARTICIPATION SCHEME



On one of the hottest days of the year so far, 43 Yr12 students went to visit Plymouth University as part of the university's Widening Participation scheme. TCS is one of the University's partner schools which aims to encourage students to be more ambitious when considering their futures. We had a really informative and enjoyable day including some valuable input from current Plymouth students about how to go about a successful application. It is just one of the many activities organised to help students find the appropriate route to success whether that is through applying to Oxford or Cambridge or through finding an apprenticeship or employment. A similar trip to Bristol University took place the week after which included a remarkable lecture on Medieval England and a tour of the university's outstanding facilities.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD



The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award group had their training expedition on the 28th & 29th June. They walked from Paignton to Teignmouth and then camped out at the rugby club before taking part in some team building activities. They completed their route cards for the actual expedition which will take place on 20th & 21st July where they will walk from Haytor to Exeter via Teignmouth over 2 days.



drumming is joy.

"Dan Collings, Percussion Teacher, gave an inspirational drumming demonstration to children during morning assembly. Children joined in with various drumming rhythms and later a few children had a go at Samba. Any children who are interested in joining a Samba band should let their class teacher know as soon as possible."

THEATRE IN EDUCATION PRIMARY SCHOOL TOUR

The Year 10 Drama group have recently completed their Theatre in Education Primary School Tour in the local feeder Primary Schools. The students have been working extremely hard on producing work for a Key Stage 1 audience. These included Pirates on the hunt for Treasure, Astronauts befriendng Aliens in outer space and Wild Animals in the Jungle rescuing hunters from the Evil Lion King! The performances were well received and the Drama Students have once again been an asset to the School. Well Done.



100% ATTENDANCE AT AN ALL TIME HIGH

Addiscott, Ryan	8APB Pearson, Caitlyn	8DB Curle, Oliver	9WSM Andrieux,Max	10LAB Booker, Callum	11DST Libby, Tom	11DST
Aspinall, William	8APB Piotrowicz, Jessica	8DB Dunn, Toby	9CES Aplin, Alex	10JIH Bowden, Alex	11DDS McCole, Georgia	11AIK
Beams, Brandon	8LW Stafford, Steven	8NXF Havers, Joseph	9DSG Charles, Rory	10JIH Charles, Alice	11SHB Ravenhall, Jake	11SHB
Blake-Burke, Emily	8DB Sunshine, Meg	8SMB Jones, Kate	9DSG Field, Bethany	10DL Cleave, Brandon	11DST Rodwell, Jade	11SHB
Chapman, Ben	8DB Addiscott, Aiden	9JER Knott, Sophie	8PS Haynes, Joseph	9DL Crocker, Jordan	10SHB Roisch, Janna	11MTM
Davies, Jasmine	8SMB Burt, Rhianna	9DSG Lee, Benjamin	9JER Jarrett, Richard	10JIH Deathridge, Thomas	11DDS Rosser, Amber	11DST
Hanks, Mia	8APB Caunter, Amber	9JER Lee-Raymond, Eve	8LY Jarvis, Jason	10JIH Harrison, Jennifer	11DST Teague, Ethan	11SHB
Kernot, Victoria	8APB Chapman, Sam	9EIW Proctor, Lauryn	9CE Mackinnon, Sumas	10DL Hodge, Harry	11SHB Williams, Charli	11SHK
Landen, Holly	8LW Cleave, Charlotte	9DSG Randall, Leah	9JER Aplin, Alice	11DDS Johns, Megan	10SHK Woolner, Jo	11AIK
Moses, Sam	8LW Corbett, Amber	9EHS Roberts, Owen	9EIW Bilham, Peter	11SHK		

DROP EVERYTHING AND READ

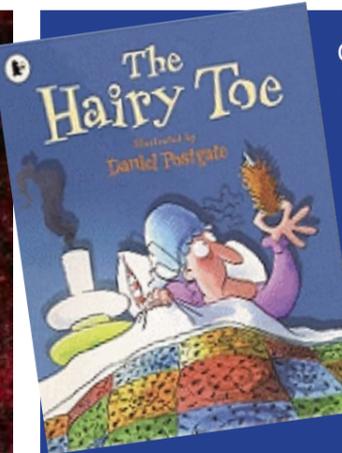
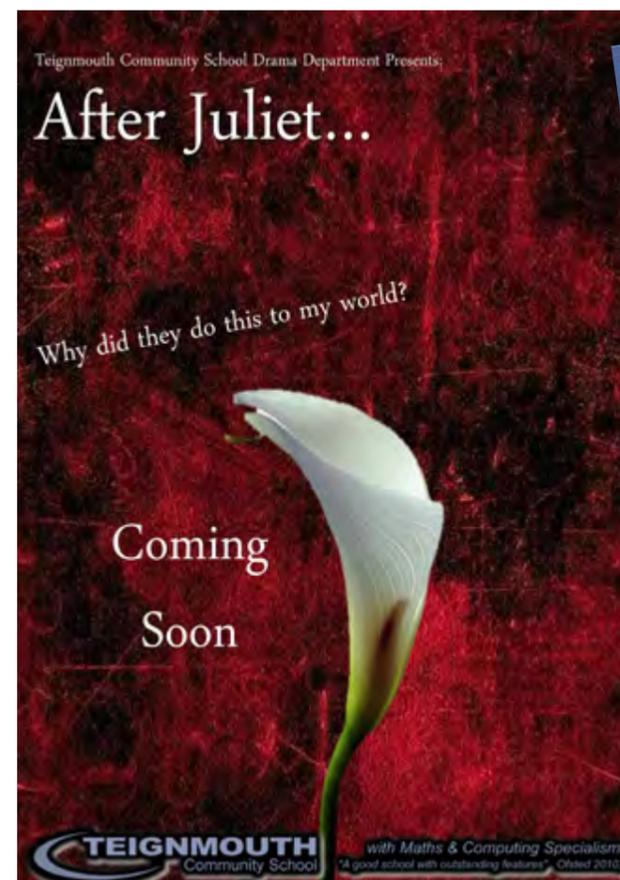


To help promote the importance of reading, we have set days for the whole school to stop what they are doing and read. Educational researchers have found a strong correlation between reading and vocabulary knowledge. In other words, students who have a large vocabulary are usually good readers. This is not very surprising, since the best way to acquire a large vocabulary is to read extensively, and if you read extensively you are likely to be or become a good reader!



MAKING READING EXCITING

Mill Lane are holding a reading workshop for parents. The workshop will provide parents with the skills needed to help and assist their children reading at home. The workshop will be taking place on Thursday 24th October at 2pm. For more information please contact Anna-belle Sampson at Mill Lane. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible. To help make this successful your support is essential. Telephone : 01626 772320 or Email: milllane@teignmouth.devon.sch.uk



CHILDRENS BOOK WEEK AT MILL LANE

Children at Mill Lane were in for a treat when Mrs Saunders read "The Hairy Toe". For some children this story is an old favourite, but for the younger children it was clearly a success as they joined in with the storytelling. Children's Book Week is held annually and is aimed at encouraging children to read for pleasure as well as a reminder to make use of school and public libraries as well as visiting bookshops.



DEVON SURF LIFESAVING OCEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS



Jessica Piotrowicz, Frankie Dart and Jordan Hellier spent the day at Saunton Sands in North Devon competing in the 2013 Devon Surf Lifesaving Ocean Championships. They were representing Dawlish Warren Surf Life Saving Club who provide voluntary life guard cover as well as life guard training. Despite the lovely weather conditions were rough, particularly for those from South Devon who are used to training in our calm conditions. All three did incredibly well with the club coming away with 3 silver medals. Jessica won silver for the Golden Nipper and Board race whilst Jordan gained silver in the beach sprints. They will continue to train throughout the summer and will be entering the GB Surf Lifesaving championships in August.



Bookbuzz

During the last few weeks the English Department and library staff have been working with Year 7 to introduce this year's Bookbuzz titles. Bookbuzz is all about motivating and supporting reading for pleasure. It is the element of independent choice, the fact that students can choose a book to keep, that is vital to Bookbuzz's success. Students have been very pleased with the wide range of titles on offer and orders have recently been placed! "When do the books arrive" is usually the first question asked. However, everyone will now have to wait until early December when this eagerly awaited special consignment is delivered!



YEAR 11 VISIT TO RIVER HARBOURNE

Four groups of enthusiastic Year 11 Geographers recently carried out field work on the River Harbourne in increasingly challenging weather conditions. They were investigating why the river is prone to flooding and the management strategies put in place to prevent future flood events. Techniques used to measure river characteristics were ably demonstrated by Mr Schindler at our first site, Rolster Bridge near Harbertonford, before the students were able to experience the challenges of obtaining river data for themselves. Stopping briefly to view the largely successful Palmer Dam, we arrived in Harbertonford in time to carry out further fieldwork assessing and measuring its extensive management strategies, before enjoying our well-earned packed lunches on the village green. Further data collection at two contrasting sites followed after lunch with the students becoming more skilled, if considerably damper, with each site visited. Workbooks full, we returned to school well prepared for the assessment work ahead.



CONSERVATION RESEARCH

Year 12 students recently visited Paignton Zoo to research conservation as part of their course work. Conservation is a concern across the globe, as species and their habitats face a number of threats. The students enjoyed the day and gained some valuable information to put towards and help them with their work. On arrival they were given a talk on the subject to give them a greater understanding. The students were handed random items such as a mobile phone, fabric softener, a large rhino horn and a beef burger and students were then questioned on why they thought that these items gave concern across the globe. The whole day was very enjoyable.



OUTDOOR LEARNING RAIN OR SHINE



Children at Mill Lane continue with their outdoor learning even in the rain! Rain can be so much fun and this is seen by their excitement going outside, splashing about and enjoying themselves.



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION

Mitch Searle, a very successful member at Teignbridge Taekwon-do school, has been invited to Rome to compete in a world championship competition. He started Taekwon-do at the age of 11 and quickly progressed through the levels. After four years of hard training and commitment Mitch was awarded his first degree. He has taken part in many competitions all over the country and he has recently gained another Medal to add towards a collection of 14. Mitch travelled to Swindon to compete in "patterns" against one other contestant, a European and World champion. A fantastic result of three votes to nil. Mitch is now looking forward to a trip to Rome next year where he will compete in the World Championship Competition. We are all looking forward to hearing about this.



EDUCATIONAL VISIT FROM EHO

An Environmental Health Officer attended TCS for the day on Tuesday 24th September. It was arranged for the Year 10 Catering groups as part of their BTEC Level 2 First Certificate in Hospitality. The visit was very beneficial for the students as they were able to gain first-hand experience from the Environmental Health Officer and use this as part of their coursework. During this day the students were involved in group work activities; which included looking at the role of an Environmental Health Officer, the qualifications needed and they also completed an activity on their cleanliness within the kitchen. The students thoroughly enjoyed these activities and hopefully we can repeat the experience in future years.



Year 7, 8 and 9 Accelerated Reader 100% Inter-form Competition Winners celebrated with a Pizza Party in the Library at the end of the Summer Term. It's been another fantastic year for the program with over 191,000,000 words read across the School. Well done everyone!

BEHAVIOUR AWARD WINNERS

As part of our awards system there has been a prize draw for those students who have gained their Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum badge. This was done in the Year 11 assembly and students picked the names out of the hat. Poppy Collier bronze winner, Edward Ware silver winner, Charlie Williams gold winner and Connor Noyce platinum winner!!



SPORTS

2013 EXETER CITY FOOTBALL SQUAD



This year Teignmouth Community School and Exeter City Football Club have formed Football & Education Development Programme. The programme provides students with a first class education that can lead on to university whilst also providing them with the chance to train and compete in a professional football environment.

All students enrolling on the Development Programme will be trained by Exeter City FC coaches. The development programme will see students learning from professionals, receiving up to six hours of weekly training and competing in the British Colleges football league against other professional football clubs including Chelsea, Tottenham and Birmingham City.

Exeter City coaching staff will continually monitor players on the Development Programme, with the best being given the opportunity to train with the Exeter City FC scholars. Students taking part in the course will wear Exeter City FC kit and the club will provide rewards for students such as match tickets. The Football Development Programme will be covered in Exeter City FC's match day programmes and on the official club website.

Please note that players who enrol on the course will still be able to play for their club sides.

The full-time 2 year courses underpin playing performance with opportunities to access all levels of further education pathways, including BTEC Nationals, A-Levels or NVQ Level 2s. They will arm students with the skills to gain a place in university or employment in the sports and leisure industry. Students will also be equipped with the necessary tools to play an active role in their local communities by providing industry-recognised coaching and refereeing awards.

We at Teignmouth Community School and Exeter City FC are very proud of the Development Programme and feel that the benefits for successful candidates, both academic and practical, will be far reaching and long lasting.



Teignmouth Community School has been awarded the Sainsbury's School Games Gold Kite-mark Award.

The Kite-mark Awards were put in place to reward schools for the sporting opportunities they provide students and their hard work and commitment towards School Games.

The Gold Kite-mark is the pinnacle level that all participating schools aspire to reach. To achieve the prestigious gold award schools must meet a number of criteria. These include:

- Having active links to local clubs and other schools.
- Running sporting events for students of all abilities and encouraging participation.
- Teaching leadership skills and using those leaders to run events.
- Having a vast and varied extra curricular programme that offers a wide array of opportunities for young people.
- Providing support for talented young sports people to balance school and sporting commitments.
- Training staff and leaders in a number of best-practice principles that are evidenced and that showcase the hard work and dedication shown by the the school.

On Wednesday afternoon nearly 200 students from primary schools within Teignmouth Learning Community came to TCS to take part in a High 5 Netball Festival. Following the inset put on by Dartmoor Sports Partnership the festival aimed at giving teachers and students practical games and ideas that they could take back to lessons, use and build upon in preparation for the Netball Tournaments at the end of the term. High 5 Netball is similar to a normal netball game but the rules have been simplified and adapted to suit younger players. The wing positions have been taken out to give players more space and thinking time, leaving only 5 on a team. One of the key aspects of the game is players rotate between positions so that they use different skills and tactics throughout a tournament. At the festival there were 5 activities for students to rotate around. These included shooting, passing, pivoting, evading and game play. The students all participated with a lot of enthusiasm and really enjoyed the afternoon. Some Year 10 and Year 12 leaders helped run the event and led with confidence and passion.