



# WAVELENGTH

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## SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING WEEK

15th - 24th March



Friday 15th March marked the start of National science and engineering week. The week aimed to shine the spotlight on how science, technology, engineering and maths relate to our everyday lives, and help to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers. TCS marked the start of the 10 day long dedication to science with an energy showcase. Year 8 students enjoyed a presentation looking at different forms of energy in various exciting experiments including fun with dry ice and elephant's toothpaste! Throughout the week, key stage 3 students have also acted as forensic scientists, using science to solve staged crimes. They have looked at waste and recycling solutions to build a sustainable future and taken part in lunch-time sessions considering everything from the wonders of static electricity to extracting DNA. Our goal has been to highlight the fundamental importance that science has in society and to show students that it is a diverse subject that offers many exciting opportunities.

## DEAR POL AND WORLD BOOK DAY

Staff and students at Teignmouth Community School celebrated World Book Day by taking part in a 'Drop Everything and Read Poetry Out Loud' session.



Students from Teignmouth Community School recently took part in a 'Drop Everything and Read Poetry Out Loud' session to mark World Book Day. At our Mill Lane site, students went the extra mile by dressing up as characters from the books they were reading. At Exeter Road, the whole school stopped for 30mins to take part in the event and all visitors present on site at that time were also given poetry to read. Students at both sites were given a £1 voucher to use when they next purchase a book!. The next 'Drop Everything and Read Day' takes place on Friday 12th of July.



Teignmouth Community School  
raised a total of **£1065.44** for Comic Relief 2013.

## IMPORTANT DATES

*For the diary*

15th April - First day of summer term  
19th April - Non pupil day (staff training)  
6th May - Bank holiday Monday  
27th - 31st May - half term week  
27th June - Summer review day  
28th June - Non pupil day (staff training)  
1st July - Promotion of new timetable (ER)  
1st - 5th July - Year 11 Work Experience week  
3rd/4th July - Sixth Form taster sessions  
15th - 23rd July - Year 6 Induction week  
23rd July - Last day of summer term  
15th August - A-level results day  
22nd August - GCSE results day

## GOLD AWARD STUDENTS

Jamie Belfield 7SMB  
Imogen Creasor 7NXF  
Millie Heath 7SMB  
Allanah Mcgeary 7KEM  
Molly Perkins 7KEM  
George Radford-Evans 7SMB  
Luc Simmonds 7SMB  
Steven Stafford 7NXF  
Natasha Northway 8JK  
Jake Tribble 8JML  
Scarlett Williams 8JK  
Jordan Baird 9JER  
Cameron Dann 9JIH  
Adam Frey 9AH  
Matthew Ingram 9JER  
Claire Tooth 9AH  
Rhianna Burt 8LY  
Stephanie Collings 8AEW  
Ellen Fleming 11NM  
Louie Holmes 11EHS  
Anna Shorland 11AMW  
Matthew Spencer 11AMW



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Mr A P Gray BA Hons MEd*

Wavelength this half term reports on the shortest period between editions in the school year. Because of this it might be thought that little would be of reportable value but as you will see lots has been going on across both Mill Lane and Exeter Road phases.

One of the areas of our work that I would like to draw your attention to in particular is the partnership work that goes on between schools in our own Local Learning Community and between our school and others in the County and nationally. In our Local Learning Community, for instance, joint working in Music, School sport, and Thrive provision for some students in need of extra support is a key feature of the way we operate. In these changing times it is important to collaborate and share good practice and knowledge between schools for the best outcomes for all students. On a broader scale Teignmouth Community School takes a prominent role in the Alliance of South West Teaching Schools, which share good teaching and learning expertise across the region. For example the recent development day for teachers in the Alliance which took place on our site brought together outstanding English and Maths teachers and leaders in data analysis and teaching observations together to develop and share the best things occurring in their schools. All of this has been of real value in continuing to develop our teaching to a high level.

At national level the school is involved with a wider organisation of high performing schools who offer support to other schools to bring them up to outstanding levels. This Challenge Partner organisation has an ethos of sharing and collaboration for the good of all children and to avoid the parochial and closed nature of schools that used to prevail in many areas. I feel this more expansive and outward looking stance is a shift in our position for the good of all local and children and is enabling us to keep at the forefront of the sometimes radical changes that are happening.

## MFL/HISTORY VISIT TO NORMANDY

*11th to 14th February*

Before half term, forty four Year 8 students left Teignmouth just after midnight for France where they were greeted with snow! The group stopped off in Honfleur before travelling on to the hostel near Caen.

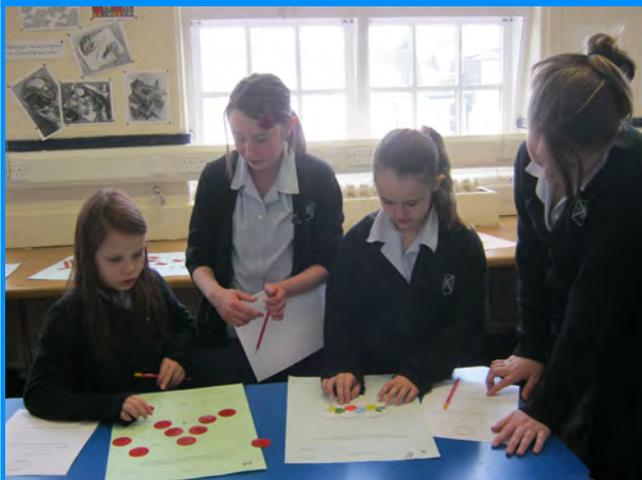
The visit focused on the Norman invasion of England with a visit to the Bayeux tapestry and the WWII Normandy landings. Students visited the American Cemetery where one discovered that a relative was buried their. They visited Omaha beach and Pointe du Hoc to see the difficulties of the landings and the cost in lives, lost followed by the German cemetery, where they were able to compare the way in which lives were remembered. Other places visited were the Pegasus Bridge and its museum; the Arromanche 3600 cinema to view footage of the landings and the Mulberry harbour, a market where students practised their French language skills and a visit to a Supermarket in Caen.

The weather continued to be cold but the visit was enjoyed by all.



## MATHS ROADSHOW HITS TCS

By Liam Cantle, Maths teacher



Over the past few weeks, year 6 pupils from all of our feeder primary schools have visited the Exeter Road site to take part in an afternoon of mathematical activities with Mr Cantle such as card tricks, riddles and problem solving. The feedback from teachers and pupils was overwhelmingly positive with students enjoying the fast paced and varied tasks. The visits are a useful experience for those students who are making the move from Primary school to Secondary education in September.

## YEAR 6 FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING

By Karl Templeman, Year 6 teacher



Year 6 hosted a very successful Fairtrade coffee morning to help raise awareness of how 'a small change can make a big difference'. All the food served was made with Fairtrade products which were supplied by local supermarkets and traders in response to letters written to them by children in Year 6. Hulk helped as we made cakes for the morning during World Book Day! Year 6 are now keen to carry on supporting Fairtrade producers by hosting coffee mornings on a termly basis.

## SIXTH FORM PREPARING FOR WORK

The 6th Form Enrichment Programme continues to go from strength to strength. In addition to fundraising, volunteering in the local community, working as a team and learning life skills, Sixth Formers have also taken part in an employability course. 23 local business people attended TCS to give the students a mock interview. Interviewers came from many organisations and businesses including: NatWest bank; Bicton College; the CITB; Teignbridge District Council and were joined by retired professionals with a personnel background. Nearly 70 students took part to gain valuable experience, and they developed their interview skills, created and updated their CVs and covering letters.



## WELL DONE TONI MOREY 7LW

Hi I'm Toni Morey and I am in year 7, I started Teignmouth Community School in September 2012. I began trampolining 5 years ago and have done many recreational competitions. About 4 years ago I started competing at regional level and worked my way up through the regional grades. During this time I have won many medals and trophies. In year 6 at primary school I competed for TCS year 7s to make up a team for the partnership trampolining competition, my team came 1st and I came 1st as an individual. Since being in year 7 I have competed in the 2nd round of the partnership competition and again my team came 1st and I came 2nd as an individual. In June 2012 I competed in my last regional competition and came 1st and qualified to national level. I compete in my first national competition this month and hope I can qualify for the British National Finals, which is held in Birmingham's National Indoor Arena in July. I really enjoy my trampolining and I am currently training 14 hours a week with South Devon Flyers; I hope to continue doing well and maybe one day I will be a high level performer.



## SKI TRIP TO CRANS-MONTANA 2013

By Malcolm Douglas



27 pupils went to Crans-Montana in Switzerland during the February half term holiday for the Teignmouth Community School annual ski trip. During the week the pupils either snowboarded or skied learning from expert instructors for 5 hours a day. On the first 3 days despite being up to 3000m above sea level and surrounded by snow there was glorious sunshine which made the panoramic views spectacular. For the remaining 3 days there were some snow showers which made the snow conditions perfect. Evening activities such as tennis and badminton at the indoor tennis centre, quiz night and the relaxing evening at the thermal spa kept the pupils entertained when the days snowboarding was over. There were prizes awarded for the most improved and the top snowboarder, the winners of these awards were Jason Jervis and Joe Simmonds respectively. The most improved skiers were Lauren Corfield and Katie Burfitt and the pro skier award went to Finn Conway. A great time was had by all and hopefully even more students will be going to Arosa in Switzerland next February. Letters will soon be available from Mr Douglas in the PE office.

## LIONS PANATHLON

By Phil Milsom, School Sports Coordinator



On the 19th March a group of students from TCS went to Seale Hayne Sports Centre to represent the school in a Panathlon style event. Inspired by the Olympic and Paralympic Games, it consisted of sports such as Boccia, Athletics and Dodgeball. 7 Teams entered the event from schools within the Dartmoor School Sports Partnership. Teignmouth did extremely well, winning the Dodgeball, Running Relay and Standing Long Jump events and coming a close second in Boccia and the Speed Bounce Test. Overall our teams came 4th and a very close 2nd winning individual prizes and equipment for the school. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the event and are looking forward to the next one in the Summer Term.

## CBCCC SUPPORT MV

Crash Box & Classic Car Club



Motor vehicle students have been learning to MIG weld recently thanks to support from members of the Crash Box and Classic Car Club of Devon and Berrybrook Motors of Exminster. The club kindly purchased the £600 MIG welder and have been supporting students once a week in restoring a classic Fiat Panda which was in need of major works. The project aims to be completed by the summer term.

## START BAY TRIP

By Jonathan Ball, Yr 6 teacher



During February, Year 3 went to the Start Bay Centre in Slapton for a residential trip. They had a fantastic time learning about Slapton in WWII including rations, evacuation and they also performed some team building challenges. They also went on a night walk through the woods. It was the first time away from home for many of the children, but they all coped really well and had a great first residential experience.

## BACK TO SCHOOL CHARITY LETTERBOX WALK

A very easy 3 mile charity walk perfect for families and walkers of all abilities in aid of Teignmouth Community School Ten Tors training is being organised by Mr Horne. The walk consists of 14 hand-carved stamps (plus starter) sited in the picturesque Leedon Tor and Ingra Tor area. Each box also contains quiz questions (for 5 year olds, 11 year olds and adults) based on current school subjects to keep the old grey matter in tip-top shape. Money raised will help buy equipment and offset transport costs for pupils at our school. The walk will be on site from 31/03/13 until the end of October 2013. For a clue sheet, route map and starter stamp please pay by ParentPay and collect the paperwork from Mr Horne in the Centre for Appropriate Learning (CAL). If you have any questions, you can contact Mr Horne by email: [adam.horne@teignmouth.devon.sch.uk](mailto:adam.horne@teignmouth.devon.sch.uk)