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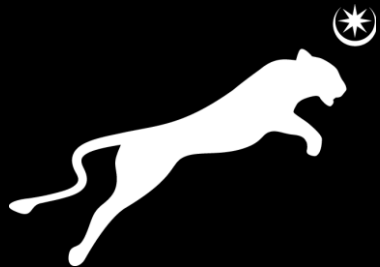
FROM THE HEADTEACHER



This has been a busy and productive term and I am mindful that students and staff alike are all looking forward to a well-earned break over the summer holiday period. We finish the year with some good news from the Department for Education's School Rebuilding Division; namely that our school 'has been initially assigned to Group 1'. All being well, this means that improvements to our school site will come sooner rather than later, noting that a project of this scale will take years and not months. We are anticipating that site surveys will commence during August, and we will continue to share updates as we receive them.

The summer term is always characterised by celebrations, endings and beginnings. For our Year 11 students the term was one of revision, exams and then finally the opportunity to have some fun. Springfield's Sixth Form Week gave our Year 11 pupils the opportunity to experience higher and further education opportunities, consider career development and take part in a variety of activities, including the much-enjoyed driving school experience on the hard court! The Leavers' Event, including assembly, BBQ and music, provided a positive way for staff and students to say thank you and goodbye, before setting off to get ready for the prom. We next see our Year 11 students on Thursday, 24 August when they come into school to collect their GCSE results and we wish them every success in these and their future projects.

Concurrently, we have welcomed our Year 6 students who will be joining us in September. They have spent two days in the school taking part in transition activities, and a good number of them will be enjoying Springfield's Summer Club week in August, during which they will have the opportunity to develop their social and leadership skills through activities ranging from bush craft to 'inflatable archery'. We very much look forward to getting to know them when they join us formally in a few weeks' time.



We have had the privilege of interviewing and selecting our Senior Prefects and broader Prefect team, as well as hand out many awards during our Awards Assemblies for Years 7 to 10. You will read about the wide range of trips that have taken place during the term later in this edition and, of course, Activities Day on 14 July provided our students with a break from the norm with events ranging from a LEGOLAND visit to off-site work experience taking place. That being said, we are mindful that the day was not as planned for our Year 9 students who were unable to attend their trip due to a problem with the coach and who were understandably disappointed as a result. However, well done to the students and staff for their resilient and stoic response!

Our students have made a truly outstanding contribution to 'Student Voice' within the school, local area and beyond this term. As well as actively engaging with our Student Council, our students have taken part in CoPS projects (The Council of Portsmouth Students) and were instrumental in hosting a 'Spill the Tea' event at the school on 14 July. Guests to the debate included the Rt Hon Penny Mordaunt, MP, Councillor Suzy Horton and senior colleagues from Portsmouth City Council. The students put their case forward eloquently and responded well to some very challenging questions from the panel. Well done to them all!

I hope you and your family enjoy reading Springfield News and that you enjoy the summer break. We look forward to some new routines and beginnings when we come back in September.

We will post any key updates on the school website over the holiday, so please do check from time to time.

Kind regards

Ms S F Spivey
Headteacher, Springfield School
CEO, The De Curci Trust



HOUSE NEWS

Firstly, a huge congratulations to Moore House for accumulating the most House points this year. Pictured right with the House Cup are representatives of Moore (Jaydon West (10N), Roisoin Hughes (10N), Eva Welch (10N) and Cleo Fleming (10G) along with Mr Wilburn (Deputy Headteacher) and Mr Green (Head of Moore).

With the academic year coming to a close we have been thoroughly impressed with the pupils' attitude, commitment and hard work. This has then had a positive effect on the number of House points pupils have achieved. I am pleased to announce the pupils with the most accumulated points as at 20 July 2023 below:

Ayrton - Josie Budd (7P) (549), Ollie Mo (7S) (511)
Moore - Sophie McCulloch (8N) (572), Oscar (8N) (564)
Constantine - Lucy Comerford (7R) (583), Leo Mould (7R) (522)
Franklin - Jessica Smith (8E) (580), Dexter Harris (8E) (576)
Woolf - Reegan Corby (8S) (730), Rachel Hardyman (7E) (576)

Well done to all pupils for their hard work within the House system, as we look to build on this success for next year.

Mr Peachment, Head of Achievement, Year 11



Starting on Monday, 3 July 2023 Springfield School celebrated the last House Week of the academic year. We were pleased to invite pupils to take part in a 'House tennis tournament', a 'Guess the Location' quiz in Geography, a 'Lyrics Competition' in Modern Foreign Languages and a 'Words Challenge' in English. Well done to all pupils who took part and earned points for their House.

Well done to the following pupils who competed in the House tennis tournament.

Moore - Jayden Deck (7N), James Burton (7N), Oliver Farley (7N), Kayden Shek (7N)
Ayrton - Charlie Davis (9P)
Constantine - Thomas Burton (9R)
Franklin - Evie Eggett (8E)



HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Congratulations to:

Oliver Astle (7P)
Gabriela Bijo (8G)
Joseph Chapman (8S)
Winter Corcoran Runham (9L)
Gwendolyn Dexter (10N)
Matilda Dunthorne (8R)
Keira Edwards (10N)
Dorothy Light (9E)
Jack Marsh (9G)
Jayden Marsh (9D)
Amelia Matthews (9L)
Nina Mohibzada (10N)
Ethan Paul (9S) (not pictured)
Charlie Shute (10R)
Isabell Sijo (8F)

The listed students all received a Headteacher's Award this half term. The awards were given in recognition of a range of reasons including exceptional work, exemplary behaviour, commitment, enthusiasm, resilience, good results and achievements in a range of subject areas. Students were presented with their certificates by Ms Spivey.

Please note that due to GDPR some names of students who were awarded are not listed and some photographs are not shown in this newsletter.

Mrs Norum
Support - Marketing and
Administration







YEAR 11 PROM

On Friday, 30 June 2023 we celebrated the Springfield Year 11 Prom at Portsmouth Marriott Hotel, North Harbour. It was wonderful to see so many pupils, family members and friends sharing the special occasion. All pupils looked the part as they made their glamorous arrivals. They socialised with friends and danced the night away to some excellent tunes from the Disc Jockey. The evening started with an outstanding speech from our Head Boy, Matthew Bennett. He expertly summarised the year group's collective experiences during their time at Springfield School. The Marriott Hotel did a great job in providing a delicious three course meal. The photo booth and the sweet table went down a treat with all pupils. Well done Year 11 for all of your hard work throughout the year, I hope that you all thoroughly enjoyed your Year 11 Springfield Prom.

Mr Peachment, Head of Achievement (Year 11)







SPRINGFIELD SIXTH FORM WEEK

Springfield Sixth Form Week took place between 26 and 29 June. We were delighted so many of our Year 11 students participated in the wide variety of engaging sessions offered. Year 11 students signed up to classes in a range of subjects including still life drawing, engineering, criminology, National Citizen Service (NCS) and driving experience with All Drivers Academy (ADA) to name but a few. Thank you to Springfield staff, ADA, Brighton Fish Sales (who donated the fish for our dissection session) and NCS for making this unique opportunity available to our Year 11 students.

Mr Wharton, Deputy Headteacher



CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT



Celebration of Achievement



Throughout July we were thrilled to have hosted the Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 Celebration of Achievement Ceremonies. The events celebrated the success of pupils and how they have progressed, contributed and excelled over the last year. This was a great chance to celebrate achievement. Pupils were awarded for achieving in subject classes, for accumulating a high number of House points, for progress as well as contributing to school and community life. The awards were presented by the year group's Head of Achievement, Ms Spivey, Ms Kelly and our Governors - Alan Cufley (Year 7) and Dave Percival (Year 8). We were delighted to welcome parents and carers who joined in the celebrations. Guests were also treated to some top class musical performances at each of the events. Congratulations to all the pupils who won an award and to all the nominees.

Mrs Norum, Support – Marketing and Administration

YEAR 11 LEAVERS' EVENT

On Thursday, 29 June, after a week of engaging sixth form sessions, Year 11 students attended the leavers' event where they celebrated with an upbeat assembly reminiscing about their time at school over the last five years. There were special awards, the obligatory then (Year 7) and now (Year 11) photos of students and much more. Year 11 leavers then enjoyed a tasty barbeque, soft drinks, sweets and ice creams as they signed their school shirts.

Mr Peachment, Head of Achievement for Year 11



SPILL THE TEA

Portsmouth Youth Parliament Member, Jude Leaves (10P), and members of our Senior Prefect Team were delighted to lead a 'Spill The Tea' event at Springfield School on Friday, 14 June 2023. Invited guests included The Rt Hon Penny Mordaunt MP, Cllr Suzy Horton MP, senior colleagues from Portsmouth City Council, Ms Spivey, CEO/Headteacher and Ms Kelly, Head of School. Jude and the Senior Prefect Team delivered a presentation and urged guests to persuade their political parties to include universal free school meals for all school-age children in their next General Election Manifesto. The guests then had an opportunity to ask questions, discuss the students' proposals, visit the school kitchen and sample some of the food prepared by the Catering Team. Members of Youth Parliament previously voted to focus their national campaign on health and the cost of living; from this a Social Action Group was formed called Food for Learning - The Campaign for Universal Free School Meals' - more details can be found [here](#).

Ms Kelly, Head of School



TEACH PORTSMOUTH AWARDS 2023

Celebrating School and College Staff

The annual [Teach Portsmouth Awards](#), held in June, recognise and celebrate the achievements of Portsmouth's teachers, leaders and support teams who are committed to making a difference to the lives of children and young people in the city. Those who work in schools and colleges across Portsmouth deserve recognition for their hard work to support children and young people. The awards are one way that schools work with Portsmouth City Council to achieve this recognition, shining a light on professionals' achievements and encouraging them to stay local. This year's ceremony included a new award for governors; sponsors of the event included the University of Portsmouth, HSDC, City of Portsmouth College, National Education Union (NEU), The News, Nation Broadcasting, Mountjoy and Gunwharf Quays.

Springfield was delighted to see six of its staff successfully nominated for awards (as below) and also held a smaller scale awards event at school during which Mr Cufley, Chair of Governors, presented the nominees with their certificates. It provided a wonderful opportunity for the Governors and Leadership team to thank the staff for their outstanding contribution to school life on behalf of the Springfield Community. We look forward to more successful nominations and awards at next year's event.

Mrs Whitelock - Community Award

Mr Jethwa - Governor's Award

Mrs Bolton - Outstanding Contribution Award

Miss Jackson - Progress Award

Mrs Hutchinson - Teaching and Learning Support Award

Mrs Norum - Unsung Hero Award

Ms Spivey, CEO, Headteacher



SPORTS DAY

We were delighted to again hold an inter-House Sports Day on Wednesday, 19 July 2023. Ayrton, Constantine, Franklin, Moore and Woolf all competed against each other in track events including 80m, 100m, 600m, 800m, mini marathon and relays.

Tutor groups worked hard over the last week preparing flags. Pupils paraded onto the school field to some fantastic tunes sung by some of our talented music pupils. Field events took place over the past weeks and during Sports Day we focused on the track races. Well done to all the medal winners.

A huge congratulations to Aidan Meldrum (9N), who won the 'Christine Wilson Sports Day Trophy' for a great overall performance (pictured left) and to Ayrton who won the most points during Sports Day.

Mr Snook, Head of P.E.







YEAR 7 SPONSOR WEEK

Well done to all the Year 7 students who took part in the Year 7 sponsor week at the beginning of June. Students engaged in activity sessions during their P.E. lessons and invited relations and friends to sponsor them for one of these activities. The money raised this year will go towards funding new kit for some of our school sports teams, extra-curricular health and fitness activities and coaching opportunities. Thank you to those of you who sponsored students for this event.

Mr Snook, Head of P.E.



FAREWELL

We are saying farewell to a number of colleagues and we are pleased to share some parting words:

22 years. It had honestly never occurred to me to move on. I have had the best of times teaching at Springfield. I won't say that there haven't been challenges, but isn't that the way with teenagers? I arrived as a 27 year old, with a lot of different experiences. Nothing quite prepares you for teaching, though! I have been so lucky to have been able to work in such a variety of roles at Springfield. As a teacher, I have had to explain that Great Britain and France are different countries. As a pastoral lead, I have had to feed someone their prescribed medication in a brioche bun. I have recently found myself teaching the children of the children I used to teach. Uncomfortable. Not because of the pupils, but because it makes me feel so old! I am so very sad to be moving on, and would continue here very happily. The teaching body, the support staff, and the senior leadership team make Springfield what it is - an outstanding place to work. The pupils surprise you constantly with their humour, knowledge, empathy and ambition. Unfortunately, sometimes life pulls you in different directions, and being closer to family is important now. I move to North Yorkshire, excited, nervous and a little sad. But it's time to go. Goodbye and good luck to all.

Ms Creighton





'It is a truth universally acknowledged,' that a teacher in possession of a 10 year sabbatical from teaching, must be in want of a new school. Upon completing a 'Return to Teaching Course', I was given the opportunity to do the teaching placement at Springfield School, and was fortunate enough to be offered a post as an English Teacher beginning in September 2011. The culture shock from full time motherhood to juggling the demands of full-time teaching did take its toll in the early months – resulting in broken toes, but much sympathy, from the pupils. Within two years, I had the privilege of becoming Head of English, a role I have relished. Over the subsequent 9 years, the English Department has consisted of over 30 members of staff, most of whom have gone on to promotions at other local schools or to relocate (and marry) to such far-flung places as Essex, Yorkshire and the USA.

Other Springfield School highlights have included Disneyland Paris and being part of the early years of the African Adventures Volunteer Experience to Nakuru, Kenya. These opportunities revealed the strength and maturity of Springfield pupils, it was a privilege to support pupils as they navigated such new experiences. Most of all, sharing my love of English Literature to eager, sometimes reticent, Springfield pupils has been a real joy. It is particularly gratifying when reticence to certain texts has turned into something resembling warm enthusiasm! I will miss those interactions and the relationships formed with English classes and cohorts during my 12 years at Springfield School.

Mrs Bolton



It has been a pleasure working at Springfield School for the past ten years, both in the capacity of Assistant Headteacher and more recently as Teacher of Art. I have had the privilege to teach some amazing students and I am always incredibly proud of their achievements. I will miss Springfield staff and students alike. Springfield is very fortunate to have such dedicated and talented teachers and leaders, not to mention the amazing support staff in all areas of the school! I am leaving Springfield in order to pursue my career as an Artist full-time. This is something that is very important to me. I will always think about my time at Springfield School with great fondness and have many happy memories. I would like to wish staff and students all the very best for the future. Have a lovely summer break, you deserve it!

Ms Robertson

This term we say a fond farewell to Miss Hughes. She has been part of the Science department for the past four years and has been a very valued member of the team. She has been an active tutor and Science teacher, hosted Eco Club and taken part in other extra curricular activities. This summer she will take part in the African Adventures trip to Kenya. We wish her all the best as she enters a new chapter of her working life.

Mrs Loynes, Head of Science



Catherine and I have a combined total of 41 years working at Springfield, and have worked together for 19 years. Catherine joined as an NQT, and it quickly became apparent that she was an excellent practitioner, a consummate professional, and above all, a wonderful colleague. She has inspired countless pupils over the past 19 years, building excellent relationships with pupils and parents alike. Through her work with our feeder primary schools, she has enthused not only KS2 pupils about learning a language, but also many Springfield pupils who have acted as language ambassadors, delivering lessons to year 5 and 6 pupils. Catherine can always be relied upon to deliver carefully planned, innovative and engaging lessons; she has been an outstanding member of the department. Catherine is moving to a school closer to home, a decision she did not take lightly. I am sure that she will have a huge impact in her new role. Saying 'goodbye' is never easy, and it has been particularly difficult in Catherine's case. We will miss her, but wish her every luck in her new job.

Ms Creighton



Beth joined us 4 years ago as an ECT. She already had a huge amount of experience teaching Travel and Tourism in KS5, before embarking upon her teacher training. She joined us at a strange time - lockdowns and school closures happened during her first two years, something that did not faze her in the slightest. We are so lucky to have been able to draw upon Beth's experience. She has travelled widely, and has used her language skills in many different roles. Her love of languages and knowledge of other cultures has been invaluable in inspiring pupils to think beyond their French and German lessons, and see the very real opportunities available in the world of work. She has used this knowledge to plan and lead extra-curricular activities, such as the recent ski trip. Beth has also worked with me as 2nd in Dept, and I am forever grateful for her support, knowledge and professionalism. I wish her every success in her new role as Head of Department.

Ms Creighton

Please find the answers to last edition's grammar quiz highlighted in green:

Find the subject of the following clauses. Tick the correct answer. Answers will be in the next edition.

Alice could only hear whispers now and then.

She

Alice

Alice could only

Whispers

The baby was sneezing and howling alternately without a moment's pause.

The baby

baby

a moment's

pause

Presently the Rabbit came up to the door.

Presently

Presently the Rabbit

the Rabbit

Rabbit

By this time she had found her way into a tidy little room with a table in the window.

By this time

she

a tidy little room

room

The Duchess took no notice of them.

She

The Duchess

Duchess

Them

Everybody should mind their own business.

They

Everybody

their own business

(This sentence has no subject)

The poor little thing was snorting like a steam engine.

The poor thing

The poor little thing

thing

a steam engine

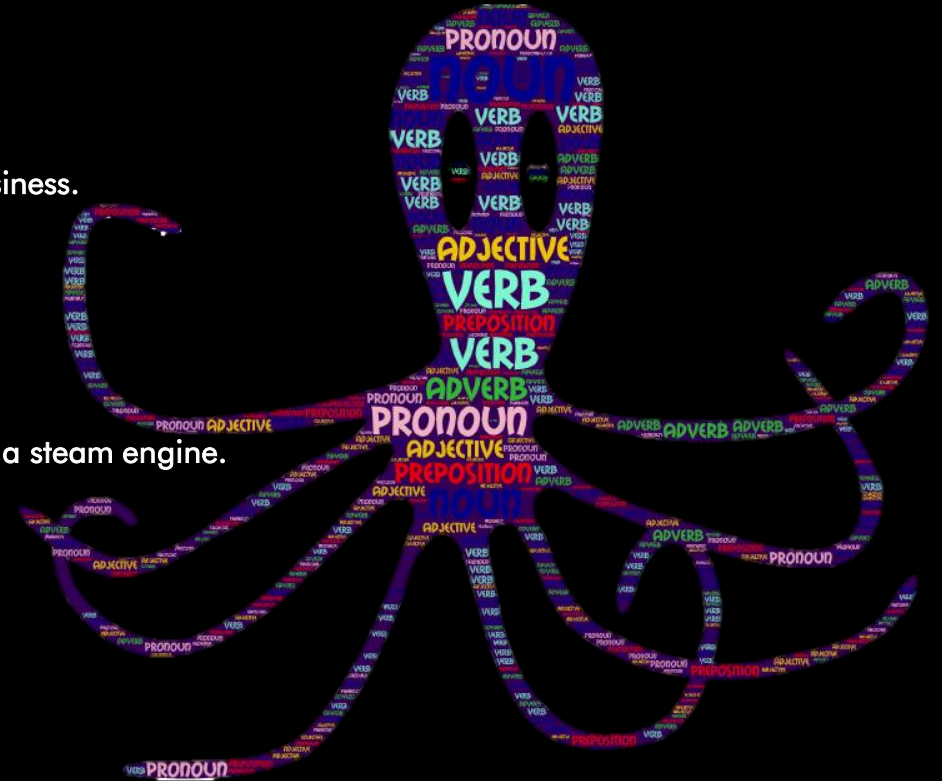
Last came a feeble, squeaking voice.

Last

a feeble voice

a feeble, squeaking voice

voice



GRAMMAR ANSWERS

MARY ROSE MUSEUM

On Friday, 30 June 2023 a small group of Year 7 and Year 8 were invited to a STEM trip to the Mary Rose Museum.

As soon as we arrived at the museum we went inside and had a look around at all of the small parts of the Mary Rose that have been pulled out of the ocean and saw half of the Mary Rose itself. After that we went around the museum a few more times to make sure we saw everything and we watched a 4D movie about the of retrieving of the Mary Rose from the ocean. After that we had a science lesson on what sank the Mary Rose which was fun. We also took part in some STEM activities - one was a challenge of how many drops of water can you fit on a penny – this was my favourite and I set a record of 125 drops. We also met the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth who was also at the Museum and even he could not beat my record!

Leo Blake (7N)



DRUMMING WORKSHOPS

On Thursday, 6 July 2023 it was very noisy in the Music Department! Year 8 pupils had the opportunity to take part in exciting African/Samba percussion workshops where they created some energetic and lively music together with their class. After warming up their bodies with body beats, and their voices with an African welcome song, pupils were shown some playing techniques on African djembe drums. The workshop leader taught them several rhythmic patterns and call-and-response phrases and then these were combined to make interesting polyrhythmic textures. Pupils also learned how much of the popular music they hear now has its roots in African rhythms and dance beats. Samba style drumming and percussion parts were also explored and pupils added contrasting sounds and rhythms by playing agogo bells, tamborims, and snare drums. All groups engaged really well and had fun time whilst improving their musical and communication skills.

Mrs Latif, Head of Music



GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

In May, fourteen Year 9 students were given the opportunity to take part in some Geography fieldwork led by PGCE students (trainee teachers) from the University of Portsmouth. The day began in a university building, with the Year 9s being introduced to some key terms, data collection methods and the plan for the day. We then ventured out to Southsea seafront to collect information by doing field sketches, a land use survey and carrying out questionnaires. After lunch on the common, we went back to the university building and planned our regeneration projects for Southsea. Students had to decide whether to build on brownfield or greenfield land and present their ideas to an 'expert' panel representing local residents, environmentalists and Portsmouth Council. The groups came up with some very imaginative ideas and presented their arguments very well. The winning group left the expert panel speechless as their presentation covered everything from the social, economic and environmental impacts of their development to how it would have a positive multiplier effect in the local area as well as being sustainable. Well done to all who took part.

Mrs Whitelock
Head of Geography



SENIOR PREFECT TEAM

We are delighted to announce our 2023-24 Senior Prefect Team. Congratulations to:

Head Girl - Bethany Anthony (10R)

Head Boy - Samuel Shepherd (10S)

Deputy Head Girls - Tanisha Rahman (10P) and Roisoin Hughes (10N)

Deputy Head Boys - William McClenaghan (10L) and Noah Likely (10D)

Senior Prefects – Corben (10P), Dilanas Andriunavicius (10F), Penelope Andriunaviciute (10P), Amelia Fellows (10E), Liona Fusha (10D), Joanne Mathew (10F), Taryn Miah (10G), Olivia Pasterfield (10G), Maisie King (10E), Jaydon West (10N), Scarlett White (10F) and Joshua Witt (10G)

Pupils were interviewed as part of the Senior Prefect Team selection process by me, Ms Kelly, Head of School and Mr Wharton Deputy Headteacher.

Thank you to all the pupils who participated in the process, they did themselves proud!

Mrs Brown, Head of Achievement, Year 10



SOUTHSEA FIELD WORK

From 5 to 7 July 2023 Year 10 GCSE geographers went to Southsea to complete their compulsory fieldwork trip. For half the day, students surveyed the public and noted the land use with the aim of finding out whether Southsea is suited more to locals or tourists. The second half of the day was spent looking at sea defences and carrying out beach profiles to figure out how Southsea is protected from coastal processes. Students will use the experience for the GCSE Paper 3 Geography Exam.

Mrs Whitelock, Head of Geography



PORTMOUTH BOOK AWARD

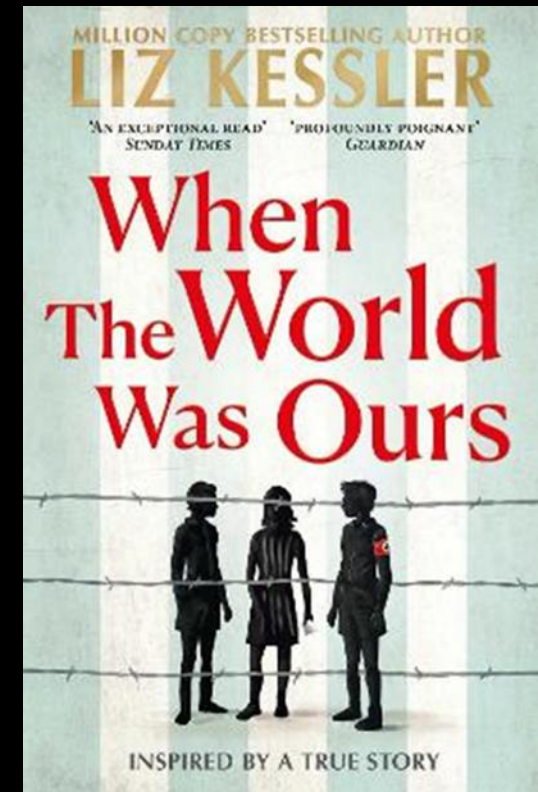
On 28 June, the Year 8 judging team for the Portsmouth Book Award (Longer Novel) attended the celebration event in the impressive setting of the University of Portsmouth's Park Building.

This marked the culmination of intense reading and discussion of the four shortlisted novels by the pupils, who came together with other students from Portsmouth schools to discover which author had won this prestigious accolade. Although the voting for this award is usually very close, this year it was an overwhelmingly popular choice, and 'When The World Was Ours' by Liz Kessler was duly announced as the winning book.

Liz spoke about the real-life event that happened to her father in Vienna which inspired this story, and how a simple act of kindness to complete strangers by her grandparents resulted in her family being saved from the Holocaust. She ended her talk with a video clip from her father, Harry Kessler, who spoke poignantly about why stories such as this must be told in order to ensure that young people learn about the darkest days in history and prevent them being repeated. The book has been described as: 'as life-affirming as it is heart breaking, and shows how bonds of love, family and friendship allow glimmers of hope to flourish, even in the most hopeless of times.'

This is a highly-recommended read and a worthy winner. If any pupils would like to read it, copies are available to borrow from Springfield Library, or they can even get involved in next year's judging and voting process.

Mrs Williams, Librarian



MOBILE PHONE HOLDERS



Year 9 students learned about the difference between thermoset plastic and thermoforming plastic before designing a phone holder on computer-aided design (CAD) and shaping it on the strip heater. We are very pleased with their outcomes.

Ms Ware, Head of Design Technology

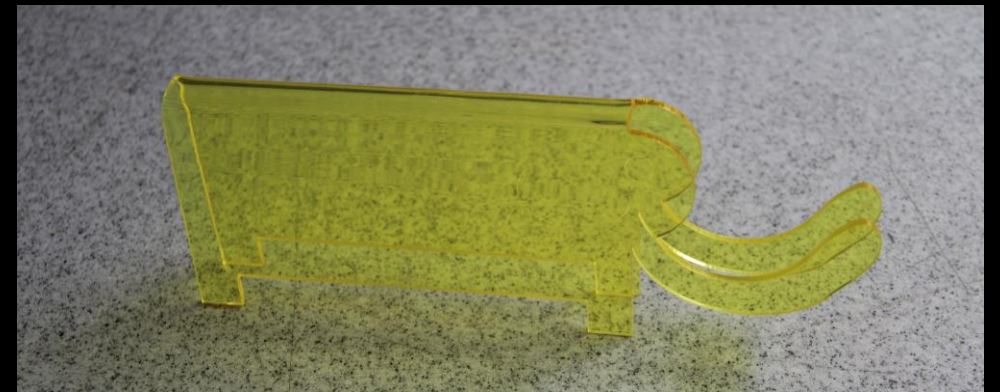


TABLE TENNIS BATS

Year 9 students have been using anthropometrics and ergonomics to create a comfortable handle for a table tennis bat. They have used a mixture of wood work and CAD skills to create their final outcomes and thoroughly enjoyed testing them before evaluating them against the GCSE criteria given to them.

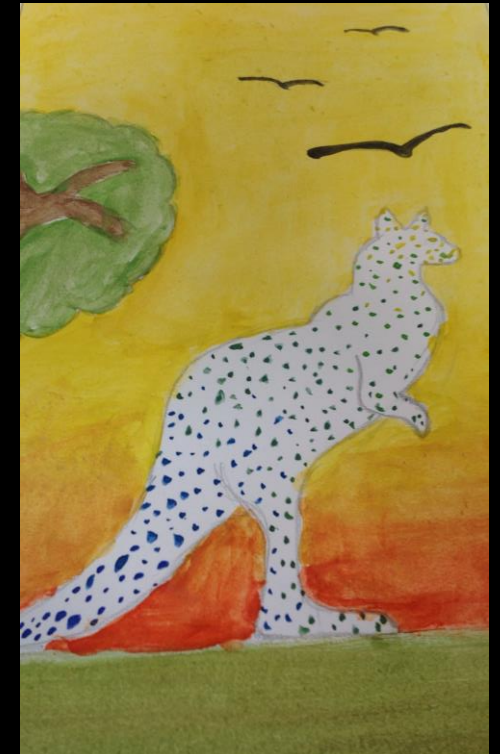
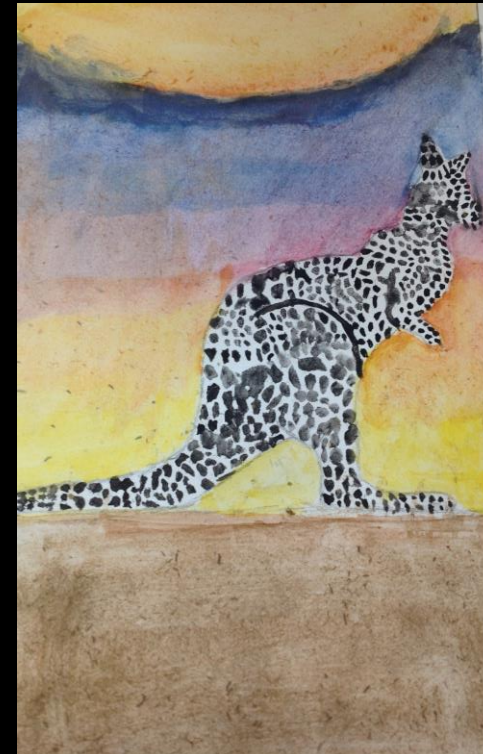
Ms Ware, Head of Design Technology



ABORIGINAL ART WORK

My 7G Art class were asked to draw animals native to Australia using the Aboriginal style of painting. They completed their drawings and then used a dip drop effect to make their animals stand out. Well done 7G on some impressive pieces of art.

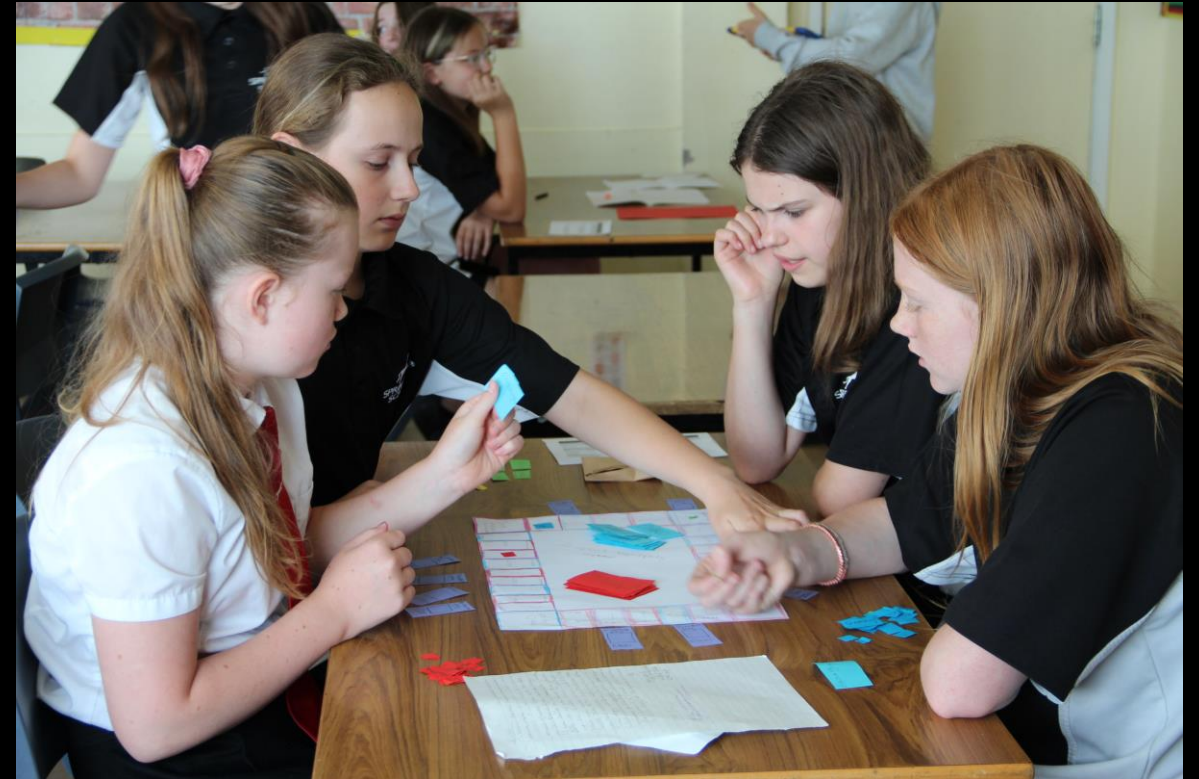
Miss Allen, Teacher of Design Technology and Art



CREATING BOARD GAMES

My Year 7 classes created board games for French. Pupils then tested them by playing each other's games. They then had the difficult task of grading them.

Mrs Oberman, Teacher of MFL



HARRY THE PIANO WORKSHOP

On Thursday, 29 June 2023 a group of Springfield pupils visited the Music Department at Portsmouth Grammar School to enjoy a piano playing and improvising workshop led by a visiting concert pianist, Harry the Piano. The Classic FM website describes Harry as 'Harry the piano - musician extraordinaire and friend of Alexander Armstrong - is one of the world's most gifted improvising pianists. He has been likened to a human jukebox with his note-perfect knowledge of literally tens of thousands of tunes, including most of the classical repertoire, jazz standards and the pop charts since 1950. Springfield pupils were spellbound as Harry explained and demonstrated that improvisation has always been a part of music. Watching Harry play improvisation made up based on simple melodies that our pupils suggested was brilliant, and this linked in well with topics they explore in their music curriculum at school. The musical learning became quite challenging at times, and it was great to see Springfield pupils offering lots of answers and ideas to some tricky, theoretical questions on harmony, chord construction, modes and texture. Well done especially to Emi who confidently volunteered to have a go at one of the improvising tasks and created a superb blues melody to play as a duet with Harry on the grand piano. Jacob also enjoyed having a go at playing some of his pieces on the piano at the end of the workshop.

Mrs Latif, Head of Music

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Here is what the pupils had to say about their experience:

'I really enjoyed the trip. It was so fun and I really liked watching Harry's piano technique, and I learnt a lot from him. It was an amazing experience.' Dexter (8E)

'I found the piano workshop event fun because Harry the Piano played some very cool tunes on the piano and told us all about improvising. He taught us lots of interesting music theory which will be helpful for understanding different genres of music. It was very interesting.' (Jayden 9D)

'I enjoyed my experience at Portsmouth Grammar School and really enjoyed learning the things we were taught by Harry. He demonstrated his use of improvisation which I found interesting and this helped us improve our ability to improvise as well. He told us about the different scales like the 12 blues scale. This will help me in the future because now, if I want to create a blues style piece, I already know what notes I should use. Sometimes, when I make a mistake when playing, I normally then ruin the next few bars of my piece. However Harry said that making a wrong note doesn't matter as long as you know what can come after it, so I can just continue from my mistake without making too many hesitations. It was a great trip!' Rohit (9D)

'I enjoyed it when someone gave him a simple song and Harry improvised many different versions of that song. I learnt that to start improvising, I can pick three notes that sound good together and play them in different pattern. Also if I go wrong when improvising and I continue with it like nothing happened, no one will notice.' Archie (8E)

'My experience in Portsmouth Grammar was great. Their music room was 290 years old and very architecturally interesting. Harry asked us to pick a well known tune for him to improvise on. The two that were chosen were Ode to Joy and Freres Jacques, both of which he played in different varieties of music for five minutes. Some of those variations he improvised were in the styles of ragtime, James Bond, Star Wars, Classical and Romantic music.' Jacob (9R)

'I had the chance to attend a really cool workshop led by Harry, a professional pianist and improviser. Harry taught us some pretty interesting stuff about modal scales, the blues scale, and the art of improvisation. One of the highlights of the workshop was diving into the world of modal scales. We got to explore modes like Dorian, Mixolydian, and Phrygian, and it was fascinating to see how each mode had its own unique sound. We also experimented with different chord progressions to understand how they interacted with the modes. It was eye-opening to realise how these scales could be used to evoke different emotions and add depth to our piano playing. Another exciting part was using the blues scale. Harry emphasised its significance in blues music and improvisation. We learned techniques like note bending and incorporating blue notes, which really helped us capture that soulful bluesy vibe. I enjoyed it when he asked pupils to play the piano with him because the music that they created was nice to hear. Harry's teaching style kept me engaged throughout. His passion for improvisation was infectious, and it motivated me to explore this aspect of music further. I can already see how the knowledge and techniques I gained from this workshop will greatly influence my future piano playing and improvisation. It has opened up a whole new world of possibilities for me, and I'm excited to incorporate modal scales, the blues scale, and all the cool stuff I learned into my own musical creations.' (Tim 9D)

'Harry was a very friendly guy with amazing piano playing talent. He taught us that in improvisation if you play a 'wrong note' you should always keep going because then nobody will know if you have messed up. He said you should never pull your hands back off the keys but just keep playing so it will not be noticeable. You can never go wrong with improvising. When thinking of improvising, Harry said you should always start small then build it up to your best ideas. Thinking of inanimate objects can really change the way you play or inspire how you play. In his examples of a tree and someone in a fight, I could really tell the difference from the improvisation going from tranquil to aggressive playing.' Sarah (8E)

A NIGHT AT THE MUSICALS

Springfield Music Department was very excited to take part in a brilliant vocal opportunity, in partnership with the Portsmouth Music Hub, Royal Marines Band Service and Portsmouth Grammar School. On Thursday, 6 July 2023, we took a group of singers to be part of a massed choir performance at Portsmouth Guildhall. The concert was a celebration of some of the most popular and well-known musical theatre songs, include songs from hit musicals, including *The Greatest Show*, *Mary Poppins*, *The Lion King*, *Frozen*, *Dear Evan Hanson*, *School of Rock* and *The Phantom of the Opera*. Several pupils were keen to audition to take on solo roles in this concert and organised themselves to send in video recordings for consideration. For many of our pupils this was their first time singing a solo to such a large audience and all demonstrated confidence and expression when performing their parts. Being accompanied by the expert musicians in the Marines' band made the whole experience extra special. Well done to all pupils who took part and met the demands of learning some quite challenging repertoire. It was amazing to watch and hear you!

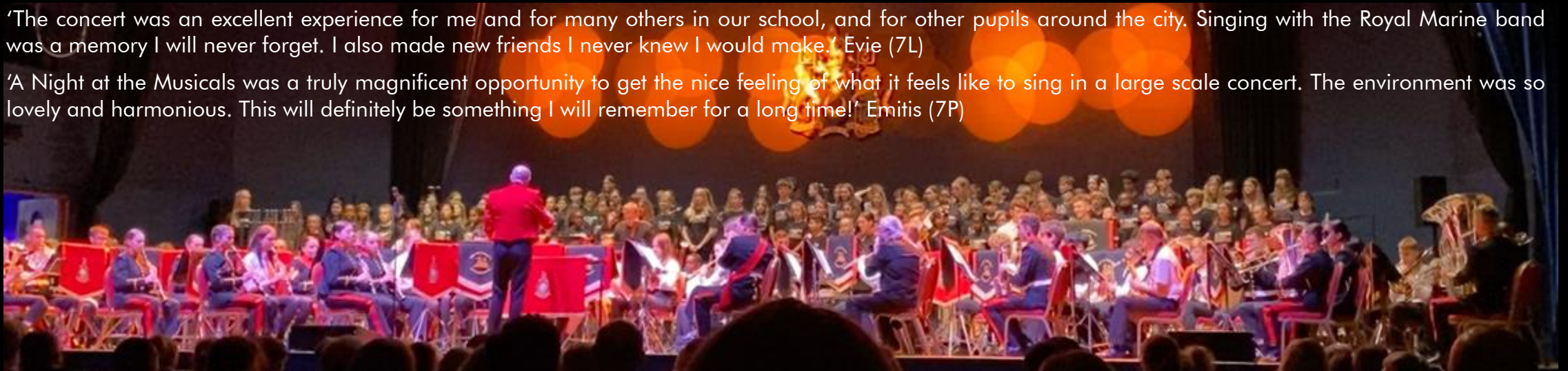
Mrs Latif, Head of Music

Pupils commented:

'A Night at the Musicals was an amazing opportunity for me to sing alongside the Royal Marines Band. I loved making new friends from schools across the city during rehearsals and performing with them on the Guildhall stage.' Millie (9E)

'The concert was an excellent experience for me and for many others in our school, and for other pupils around the city. Singing with the Royal Marine band was a memory I will never forget. I also made new friends I never knew I would make.' Evie (7L)

'A Night at the Musicals was a truly magnificent opportunity to get the nice feeling of what it feels like to sing in a large scale concert. The environment was so lovely and harmonious. This will definitely be something I will remember for a long time!' Emitis (7P)



A TALE OF UNLIKELY HEROES

D-Day Story will be hosting the book launch of A Tale of Unlikely Heroes on Saturday, 22 July 2023. It follows the tale of two teenagers in WW2 on opposite sides of the channel sharing information for MI5 via carrier pigeon. The story is for upper secondary age ranges so we welcome any young people to attend!

The author Victoria will be at the museum and talking about how she came to write the book and reading extracts from it and the book will be available to purchase. No museum ticket or advance booking is required to attend. Any queries about the event, please contact theddaystory@portsmouthcc.gov.uk. Further details are shown on the poster (right).

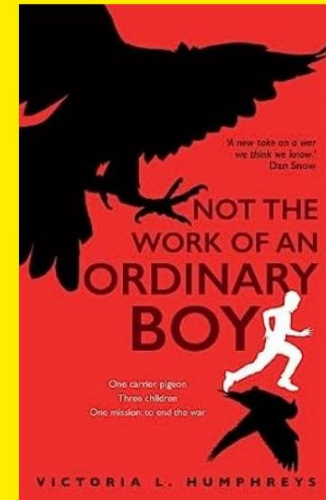
HEALTH CARDS

Should your child require a Health Card which they can show to teachers to give evidence of any health issues (including allowing your child to leave class to use toilet facilities), please complete the Health Card Request Form linked below:

https://springfield.uk.net/images/files/documents/Health_Card_Request_Form.pdf

This form should be returned to the Welfare Office along with any relevant medical evidence.

Mrs Evans, School Nurse



Book Launch

at The D-Day Story

A Tale of Unlikely Heroes

Saturday 22nd July
from 11.00

'I have information for the British. I have two reasons for sending this information. First, I want my father back. Second I am tired of this war.'

Meet the author—Victoria L Humphreys

Museum ticket not required.

For more information please visit
theddaystory.com/plan-your-visit/events

The D-Day Story,
Clarence Esplanade, Southsea,
PO5 3NT



PORTSMOUTH BIG DEBATE

On Thursday, 15 June 2023, five Springfield Students, Winter Corcoran-Runham (9L), Dorothy Light (9E), Jack Marsh (9G), Jayden Marsh (9D) and Amelia Matthews (9L) visited Portsmouth Guildhall in order to partake in the Portsmouth Big Debate against a number of other schools from the Portsmouth area. The debate topics ranged from local to international issues. Fortunately, everyone had an opportunity to prepare for the topics of the debates beforehand, though teams did not know on the day if they would be arguing for or against each motion, which made it more of a challenge. What followed was an afternoon of good natured, but intense, discourse, with points and counterpoints flying across the room. After three rounds of debates, the judges chose the two teams they believed had performed the best to go through to the final round. So it was then that the Springfield team found themselves up against The Petersfield School with only thirty minutes to prepare an argument against the motion that there should be age restrictions for social media use. It was a close run thing, but Springfield came out victorious and this was greeted with much celebration (and ice cream) by the team. Impressively, Amelia Matthews also picked up an individual award for her debating prowess. The team would like to say a big thank you to the people at Unloc who arranged the whole event, specifically Jess Cowling, who came in over a number of weeks in order to help hone the team's debating skills. Congratulations to you all for winning the event!

Mr Peters, Teacher of History, Amelia Matthews and Dorothy Light



FOOTBALL SUCCESS

The Year 7 boys' football team played in the Portsmouth Cup Final this season.

They were worthy winners on the day and won 4-0. The boys deserved their place in the final and played some great football. Goal scorers in the final: Charlie Richardson (7R), Jayden Deck (7N), Alfie Dann (7P) and Riley Claringbould (7D). Well done to the team.

Mr Green, Teacher of P.E.



FOOTBALL SUCCESS

On Saturday, 27 May Lola Archbold (8G), Sophie George (8L), and their Pompey U13 team showcased their exceptional skills at the Vv Trinitas Oisterwijk tournament in Holland. This prestigious international competition gathered teams from across Europe and our talented girls emerged triumphant. Not only did they secure victory in every single game, but they also kept a clean sheet by not conceding any goals throughout the tournament. With this remarkable feat, they rightfully earned the title of international champions.

The following day, the team continued their winning streak by dominating another mini tournament against formidable teams from Holland. Once again, Lola, Sophie, and their squad remained unbeaten in every game and maintained their impressive record of not letting any goals slip past them. In total, they scored a staggering 31 goals across nine exhilarating matches. It was an absolutely phenomenal performance that showcased the outstanding abilities of Lola, Sophie, and the entire squad.

Thank you to Mrs Archbold for sending the school this article.



CRICKET

Well done to Springfield Under 15's Cricket. On Tuesday, 13 June they played Crookhorn College and achieved an impressive victory. 38 runs (not out) from Felix Stanley (9R), key wickets from Thomas Burton (9R), Roman Phelan (9L), and Oliver Staves (9P) helped to secure the win. Well done to everyone who took part, in a great all round team performance.

Mr Peachment, Teacher of P.E.

JUNIOR DARTS LEAGUE



At the beginning of June, Leo Howard (9P), triumphed at the finals night of the Portsmouth Junior Darts League. This is the third season in a row Leo has won the trophy and his darting success going from strength to strength. Leo was so proud that a few friends from school watched him play his final match - which was scored by a well known darting referee - and the room erupted when Leo hit a magical 180! Practising daily and playing in the Portsmouth Darts League (adults) has continued to improve Leo's game (and of course his maths) which has seen Leo in recent weeks win the Plate Competition and some prize money. Leo represents Portsmouth Darts Academy with pride and loves being invited by the Junior Darts Corporation to different events and playing amongst the best youth players in the World.

Thank you to Mrs Howard for providing this good new story and well done to Leo on your success.

GET IN TOUCH

We would love to hear from you about any achievements or stories of particular interest relating to Springfield students.

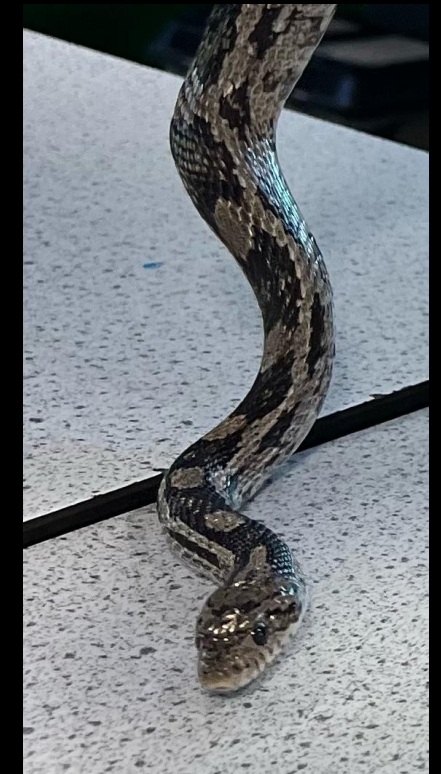
Please email us at: contact@springfield.uk.net



ANIMAL CARE COURSE

During the past ten months I have been attending Havant and Southdowns College once a week to do an animal care course. I learned about feeding the animals, caring for them in hot weather, cleaning their enclosures and health checking the animals in the unit. There are many different types of animals in the unit such as chickens, bearded dragons, rats, mice, rabbits and lots more. We built enrichments for hamsters and runs for the ferrets in the classroom. They really did smell!

Year 10 student



DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD EXPEDITION FINDINGS

On Thursday, 6 July 2023, the six DofE groups presented their expedition findings. As part of their expedition, participants were asked to identify 'an aim' which they had to investigate. They then had to make a presentation about their aim. We had a range of aims varying from monitoring group moods to looking at the wildlife in the New Forest. Participants were joined at this final session by most of the DofE volunteers and Mrs Brown for a celebration of their DofE achievements. Well done to Bethany, Rosie, Evie, Will, Ben and Eva who had completed their award in time for this event.

Mrs Whitelock, DofE coordinator





**YOUTH
WITHOUT
LIMITS**

Thank you

to
The Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants

from
Springfield School

who spent
299 Hours

**volunteering between
1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023.**

We are immensely proud of the dedication, effort and achievement
of young people making an impact in their community.

The social value of these hours is

£1438

RUTH MARVEL, CHIEF EXECUTIVE

June 2023

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Well done to all the students who have volunteered as part of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh' Award. This equates to £1,438 worth of social value.

As well as the Bronze Award we are also looking forward to running the Silver Award next year.

Year 9 students are invited to apply to join the Duke of Edinburgh award. Students need to join the Google Classroom using the code **vutwoju** and read through the PowerPoint slides of information. If they would like to sign up, they need to apply for their place by sending me their application covering what they will do for each section and why they should be selected. Applications close on Friday, 29 September and students will receive letters home after this date explaining how to officially register and pay.

Mrs Whitelock, DofE Coordinator



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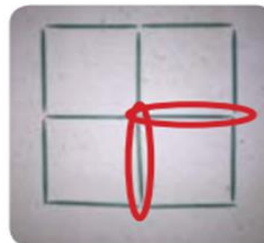
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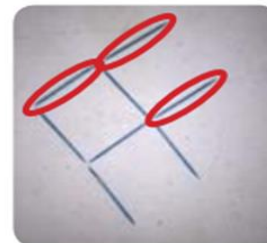
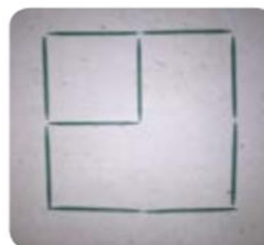
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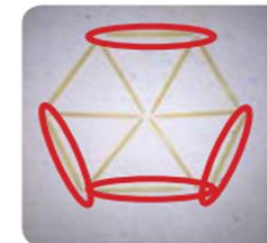
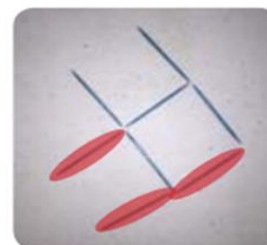
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Mrs Peters
Teacher of Mathematics

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FIRST DAY BACK AFTER SUMMER HOLIDAYS: WEDNESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2023
PROFESSIONAL CLOSURE DAYS: MONDAY, 4 & TUESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2023
PROFESSIONAL CLOSURE AFTERNOON: FRIDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2023
HALF TERM: MONDAY, 23 OCTOBER TO SUNDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2023

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

12 September	Girls' Network Event (5pm to 6pm)
15 September	Andrew Simpson Centre Sailing Lessons (12.30pm to 3.30pm)
21 September	Open Evening (4pm to 7.30pm)
22 September	Professional Closure Afternoon
28 September	Year 10 and 11 Parents' Information Evening
29 September	Year 11 GCSE Drama Workshop
29 September to 1 October	Silver DofE Practice Expedition
29 September	Andrew Simpson Centre Sailing Lessons (12.30pm to 3.30pm)

OCTOBER

Week commencing 2 October	House Assemblies/House Week
3 October	Year 8 Parents' Information Evening
3 October	Girls' Network Event (5pm to 6pm)
6 October	Andrew Simpson Centre Sailing Lessons (12.30pm to 3.30pm)
10 October	Girls' Network Event (5pm to 6pm)
12 October	Year 7 Tutor Parents' Evening
12 October	Year 7 Focus Day (Anti-Bullying)
13 October	School Photograph Day (Pret-A-Portrait)
13 October	Andrew Simpson Centre Sailing Lessons (12.30pm to 3.30pm)
13 to 16 October	Year 10/11 Iceland Trip
17 October	Year 9 Parents' Information Evening
17 October	Girls' Networking Meeting (5pm to 6pm)
20 October	Andrew Simpson Centre Sailing Lessons (12.30pm to 3.30pm)

Please note all above dates are correct at publication, but could be subject to change.
Please check the website/study planners for up-to-date information.