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And...
A night out at the theatre.

St Edward's School is a charitable trust providing day and residential placements for boys aged 9 – 18 years who experience behavioural difficulties associated with their social, emotional and mental health. These may be complicated by additional learning difficulties.



Lepe into action!

In Geography many of our Key Stage 2 and 3 pupils have been covering the topic 'Our Changing World'. In the final element of this unit we looked at **water pollution**, with a specific focus on the current issue of plastic pollution. Pupils expressed passionate views about the impact this has on both our environment and the animals affected. We therefore decided to try and make a difference in our local community by completing a beach clean at Lepe Country Park. All of the pupils collected their equipment from the Visitor Centre and got to work reducing the plastic pollution on the beach.

The boys worked very hard throughout the morning.

We returned to school with our collected rubbish and produced a piece of artwork to illustrate the problem in a creative way. Pupils have also used this experience in Literacy as they have attempted to persuade people to reconsider their use of plastics.



The scores are in!

Our football side played in their latest tournament at Goals in Southampton. Fully decked out in a kit donated by our new PE teaching assistant, Martyn Payne, the squad took on schools from around Hampshire.

The first round of matches saw comfortable wins. The second round of games was far tighter with teams preferring to sit back and hit on the counter attack. Despite that, four clear wins saw St Edwards pick up their third title of the year with some very attractive football and good sportsmanship!



Bovington Tank Museum

This term we had a great visit to Bovington Tank Museum, where boys gathered information for a history project on the impact of tanks in the Great War. The Museum has a large section dedicated to the First World War and exhibits on a range of experiences from: recruitment to life in the trenches for both sides. The First World War area includes many different tanks and information from that period, and part of the programme gave the pupils access to the inside of an World War 1 MK IV Tank with a personal guide.



In the afternoon pupils had the chance to study two tanks of their choosing whilst enjoying the freedom of the whole Museum. This was coupled with an opportunity to experience what life was like for a crewman inside a 1970's Chieftain tank. This was enhanced by being able to



access the inside of the turret and have their many questions answered by a member of our staff who had been a Chieftain commander himself. A very successful trip!

Mr I White, Care Team

Edible Rainbows



As part of this term's healthy lifestyle Science topic the pupils from K2/3A have been busy preparing edible rainbows!

Working together in pairs they washed, peeled, chopped, sliced and blitzed a huge array of brightly coloured fruit and vegetables. Then they created a colourful snack platter, with lots of lovely things to nibble on or dip into the homemade beetroot hummus.

The pupils also produced sensational striped smoothies, devising their own concoctions. The smoothies were easy to make and packed full of vitamins and minerals - the berry smoothie proved more popular than the spinach, kiwi and pea! Overall the pupils enjoyed the preparation as much as the tasting and it all helped them towards their '5 a day'.

Work Experience



This Autumn term Year 12 student George began a work experience programme at a local inn. George has developed the capability to work positively alongside adults with our School's catering team and has now duly expanded on this by working in the wider community.

Further to George's positive start he will soon be putting his Housekeeping skills to the test when attending his next key work experience programme at the 3 Star Marwell Hotel. There George will be given training in a range of tasks related to the hotel industry.

A huge well done to George who is far exceeding his own original expectations and producing fine responses to the tasks prescribed in his course. A bright future at College awaits!

Wales Expedition 2018



This term the Melchet Outdoors team headed to Wales hot on the heels of the 'Beast from the East' to take on all that nature could throw at them!

The pupils joined the Cardiff International White Water team on their first gorge walk of the year along the Melte. The pupils braved the weather - even when they experienced 'Ice Cream Head' every time they found themselves submerged in the icy waters!

Two days at the outdoor centre were followed by indoor surfing, white water rafting and air trail before the ultimate activity of this or any trip: water boarding... If rafting an Olympic standard white water course is not daunting enough, try swimming it for 2 hours in freezing conditions! The group finished the trip exhausted but with staff praising the efforts of all the pupils, not only on the activities but in every aspect of a truly memorable trip. Bring on the next one!



Dodge, Duck, Dip, Dive and... Dodge

This term our intrepid sportsmen rose to a new sports challenge - forming St Edward's first ever dodgeball team and competing in a tournament. With a lightening quick learning curve (learning the rules Monday lunchtime before competing on the Tuesday!) our boys proved determination can pay off.

In the first game rivals Lakeside beat them 18-0, the most it is possible to lose by... However, not to be deterred the pupils began finding their feet, working out tactics - and winning the following games! The final game saw them square off against hot favourites Lakeside once more and this time? Like a phoenix from the ashes St Edward's Dodgeball team remembered the 5 D's of dodgeball (Dodge, Duck, Dip, Dive and... Dodge, for those not in the know) and won by 2-1 taking the title!

All in all a truly fantastic effort by the pupils and a great lesson in persevering, even if things do not work out at the start!



"The Race is On"



Continuing in the spirit of firsts for St Edward's, this year we are planning to enter the "Round the Island Race" aboard the yacht "Moonbeam" a 1978 Sparkman and Stephens 35. It is a yacht race of about 60 miles around the Isle of Wight and typically takes all day. This year it is to be held on Saturday 7th July. The race regularly attracts over 1,800 boats and around 16,000 sailors, making it one of the largest yacht races in the world and the fourth largest participation sporting event in the UK after the London Marathon and the Great North and South Runs.

The boat will be crewed by pupils from the school and overseen by our own dedicated staff team. This is a unique opportunity for boys to race from Cowes, the recognised centre for British yachting and to take part in a very traditional "best of Britain race". The crew has not yet been finally selected yet but enthusiastic young hopefuls have already spent several days afloat "learnin' the ropes" and "grindin' the winches". Lots of hard practise and dedication will be needed over the coming months as our young hopefuls prepare to race as St Edward's first ever Round the Island crew!



'Of Mice and Men' - A St Edward's Night at the Theatre

Despite hitting the headlines recently, Salisbury is far better known for its culture and Arts, than as a hot spot for espionage! Salisbury Playhouse plays host to some of the best touring theatre companies in the country and, after twelve years of teaching the text, finally a production of John Steinbeck's, 'Of Mice and Men' came our way!

Although no longer a GCSE text, many of the senior boys were familiar with the novel and were keen to see it performed. Initially opened to residents, such was the level of interest that we had day pupils asking to stay the night, just to attend!



Themes of loneliness, prejudice, violence and dreaming of a better life for yourself are not entirely unfamiliar to some of our pupils and they evidently connected with Steinbeck's powerful characters; all entranced in the play to the point where some of them physically jumped at some of the more shocking moments!

But trips to the theatre are so much more than just about watching a play. Their role is significant in building the confidence to step outside comfort zones, learning appropriate ways to conduct oneself in that environment, but most of all to offer our boys the opportunity to immerse themselves in an experience that they may have thought was inaccessible to them and to encourage them to realise that theatre is for everyone.