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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.

Cross Curricular Project – Science, Mathematics & Motorcycles!

Well the sun was shining, the conditions were perfect and the pupils were 'revved up' for the morning's lessons.

The Maths and Science department teamed up with the activity providers to make good use of one of the school's favourite activities.

Our cross curricular project combined pupils' mathematical study of data analysis with the science curriculum's requirements on calculating speed. No wonder the classes were rather excited!



Pupils were tasked with measuring sections of the track so that they had a distance. They then timed each other on the measured sections and divided the distance by the time taken to calculate the speed. What a fun way to learn!

Of course, we were interested in who could submit the most consistent time through each section so repeated measures were needed.

In the mathematics, two of the National Curriculum level five skills are to find the mean of a discreet set of data and to use the range and one other average to compare two or more sets of data.

As we collected three sets of data for each of the six riders we should have plenty of information from which to analyse the data. It will be a lot more fun to compare our own data and give us the opportunity to use the skills we have acquired this year in a 'real life' situation.

Needless to say, the pupils performed well and were 'geared up' to learn.

We are very lucky to be able to enrich our pupils' curriculum with the facilities here at St Edward's and we look forward to the next thrilling instalment.



Testimonials-

"It's maths and science, but we enjoyed it so we worked hard." (Occy, year 9)

"Best lesson ever - fun as well and education." (Ezra, year 9)

"A lot better, but we should use the fast sections next time." (Jonty, year 10)

"Really good! I had fun doing the speed calculations and measuring the times." (Harvey, year 9)

"It's wicked, I loved it! A very practical way of looking at speed calculations." (Ben, year 10)

Round The Island Race

The annual Round the Island Race, organised by the Island Sailing Club, is a one-day yacht race around the Isle of Wight, over a distance of 50 nautical miles. The race attracted over 1,200 boats and around 12,000 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 pupils, who had previously attended Wednesday sailing at Royal Lympington Yacht Club, spent many hours training aboard Moonbeam through the winter months, preparing for the race and learning a range of skills that included, personal safety and responsibility for others, heavy weather sailing and man-overboard drills.

We carried our replica of the Lampedusa cross lashed to the guardrails to demonstrate our support for the CAFOD 'Share the Journey' initiative; raising awareness of the plight of refugees around the world and also contributing mileage to the cause.

On the day of the race the conditions were very challenging with light and fluky winds that required delicate and precise sail handling. The crew rose to the challenge and performed far better than many adult crews in that they didn't miss a single tack and trimmed the sails to perfection on the crucial beat down to The Needles. Many boats were unable to round The Needles before the tide turned and effectively shut the gate on them in the light airs.

On the south side of the island the winds continued to be light and unpredictable, requiring the crew to launch and recover the cruising chute a number of times. Whilst in use, this particular sail needs close attention, care and constant trimming to keep the boat moving at her best.

The final leg back in the Solent up to the finish line was again close hauled but now in a strengthening breeze, which meant the crew were again called upon to grind the winches for the final hour and a half, having already raced intensely for over 11 hours. Needless to say the combined efforts of Moonbeam with her new sails and determined crew meant that we overtook half a dozen boats during this last burst to the finish line.

We later discovered that we had won the Raymarine Young Sailor Award and are now the proud custodians of the splendid trophy.



Summer Rainbow Day



Towards the end of term, St Edward's School once again hosted its annual Summer Rainbow Day.

We welcomed over 100 visitors to the school, where they were able to take part in a huge array of activities; swimming, a bouncy castle, making giant bubbles, using a green screen and playing on the 'Melchet beach' to name a few.

Rainbow Day gives our pupils an opportunity to be ambassadors in supporting younger, less fortunate children with a range of complex needs and disabilities. It enables our boys to show a caring side; facilitating the needs of others, rather than focussing on themselves. It also affords the opportunity to learn how to develop good relationships which are based on trust and kindness.

This Rainbow Day was no exception. All of our pupils worked really hard to welcome and help others, which in turn made it a huge success and hopefully will have impressed a lasting memory for our young visitors.

Curriculum Enrichment Day

Our 2018 Enrichment Day was so much fun, with visits from a circus performer, a ceramicist, lots of reptiles and mammals and an outdoor cooking demonstration. The day was very much based around curriculum linked activities and the idea of expanding on knowledge already learned.

The Wild Science activity included handling reptiles, snakes, hedgehogs, rabbits and all manner of mammals with an emphasis on habitat, lifecycle and freaky facts. This was supported by Shaun Nicholson and he set the curriculum linked theme in his Science department. It was great to see so many pupils (and staff) overcoming their fears and handling a snake or a tarantula!

Melanie Legge, our ceramicist encouraged all the pupils to have a go at making an elephant or a hedgehog out of clay and most of the results were spectacular, although some pupils' idea of how an elephant should look was..... interesting!

Rico from Bezerkaz Circus took us all through the different skills involved in circus performing. Everyone had a go at the diablo, plate spinning, unicycle and blowing giant bubbles. Some of the pupils really shone at circus skills but all had a really exciting session even if they were falling off the unicycle or dropping plates all over the place.



Swimming Gala - The Big Splash

The Swimming Gala 2018 was an even bigger hit this year with the vast majority of pupils participating in the event, completing 24 thrilling and hard fought races, carried out with fantastic sportsmanship and commitment from all.

Every swimming discipline was represented in the races as boys put all their recent training to the test in a pulsating sporting event – front crawl, backstroke, breast stroke and butterfly being the chosen swimming styles that the boys had to perform.

Year 11 Josh, and Ben a year 10 were the stand out swimmers on the day putting in outstanding performances to secure multiple wins in their chosen disciplines. Every pupil was cheered from the beginning to the end of each race, but those pupils less at home in the pool received the biggest cheers of them all.

The action in the pool was accompanied by the vibrant sounds of year 9, DJ Harvey at poolside, mentored by music teacher Tom Hillon. With the atmosphere being colourful and jubilant around the pool even the boys who didn't take part were adding their touch to the event. Dotted around the pool area were posters that had been created by the pupils in their art lessons, which helped bring the arena to life.

Event coordinator Craig Vigar stated that he was, 'over the moon by the attitude and positivity' being demonstrated by everyone who took part in this annual event and that the support from his colleagues and participation from the pupils was what made the Gala such a great event each year.



Meet the newest member of the team!

Hello, I would like to introduce myself! My name is Karen and I joined the team here at the school in April of this year, having come from a variety of mainstream backgrounds spanning 22 years. I am working as a Behaviour Support Worker as a member of the Care Team.

The first and lasting impression you get from the school and staff is the overwhelming feeling of belonging. St Edward's is like one big family, where everyone looks out for each other so you are made to feel supported, welcome and valued from the onset.

The spiritual and moral thread that runs through the school as well as the continued encouragement to allow the boys to achieve their own personal goals so they have the opportunity to succeed is a true inspiration.

Sports Day - The Final Sprint!

Our summer term ended with the 2018 sports day at Southampton Sports Centre. For the very first time, all pupils took part in a variety of track and field events; every pupil either competing in or assisting with at least one athletics event – a great result!

We completed a whole school warm up routine on the track before the event began with the 200m sprint race. Pupils also took part in the high jump, long jump, hammer throw and shot put and these events were all highly contested within each year group. We were thrilled to celebrate some unexpected winners!

After the boys had exerted themselves on the field they returned to the track for the 100m sprint.

Sports Day was completed with the prestige race of all races, the staff vs pupils 4 x 100m relay. Once again the pupils were victorious!

Pupils across all age groups were impressive in their attitude throughout the day and our staff team's efforts on behalf of our pupils ensured the day was truly memorable.

A great day. Thank you to all who took part and assisted with this event. Bring on next year!



Share the Journey - update

As a Catholic school, we feel compelled to actively demonstrate concern for the plight of those around the world who are poor and in need of help. Recently we have been active in this respect by responding to Pope Francis' call to young people around the world to show solidarity with our refugee and migrant brothers and sisters. We have done this in several ways.

On Wednesday 9th May a group of staff and senior students, along with Nick and Ann Tarr of CAFOD Bristol office walked to the top of Glastonbury Tor in Somerset. Carrying a copy of the Lampedusa Cross made by a member of the St Edward's staff and a large banner provided by CAFOD Central Office, the group ascended the Tor in fine weather and great spirits.

On Wednesday 13th June, the entire school community of St Edward's went out into the rolling Hampshire countryside around the school and walked 11 miles in support of the Share the Journey initiative, carrying the Lampedusa Cross and 3 large banners that the school had commissioned to promote, 'Share the Journey'. 36 pupils and over 40 staff took part in the walk which saw everyone share lunch together on the side of a hill overlooking Salisbury, before returning to school later in the afternoon.

Another group of staff and students from the school crewed a yacht in the 'Round the Island' race around the Isle of Wight, flying the Share the Journey flag in commemoration of all those refugees who have lost their lives at sea at Lampedusa and in countless tragedies since then.

On Tuesday 26th June, staff from the school attended the Youth Mass in the Cathedral during which Bishop Declan blessed the Cross which was then used by the students from St Bede's College, Bristol to lead off the Diocesan Youth Walk over Bristol Downs the following morning.

In total, when all the miles are added together that staff and boys have covered, St Edward's grand total is 1,385 miles, 5% of the 24,900 miles Pope Francis has set as an initial target for Share the Journey. The school is proud to have made such a major contribution to our diocese's response to the Holy Father's call to 'Share the Journey'.

