

# NEWSLETTER



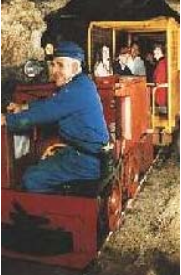
## Graffiti art at its best!

Pupils from all ages were involved in a Government funded project focused on creativity under the title of Enquiry Schools. The 'quiet room' has now been transformed, and reinforces the schools anti-bullying slogan 'respect is everything'. A local graffiti artist, is pictured sharing a cup of tea during a well earned break!



## Primary pupils go underground

A day trip to Morwellham Quay was enjoyed by the primary department. Pupil behaviour was excellent, and I'm glad to report that no one was left down the mine!



## A Grand Day Out



In January, we were delighted to receive the Healthy Schools Award, achieved through the hardwork of many staff, pupils and in particular Mrs Rachael Bennett, Assistant Head. Her efforts in the project have now been recognised in the recent LA HITS awards – Health In Torbay Schools at a ceremony held at the Grand Hotel. Mrs Bennett was presented with a crystal plaque as Torbay Healthy Schools Coordinator – Secondary.



## Extra Mobility - thanks to the Lions Club, Paignton

A donation of £250 from the Lions Club of Paignton helped in the purchase of another people carrier for the school. With the increased demand for pupil transport to sports centres, our allotment and work related learning venues, this eight seater vehicle has enabled these activities and more to take place – thanks again to the Lions Club.



## School Travel Plan Completed

The school has received praise for its detailed travel plan which has been approved by the official panel. Mr Ian Stewart, Humanities teacher, compiled the document with the help of other staff, parents, pupils, governors and Mr Paul Cornish from the LA – a big thank you to all those involved. The good news is this initiative comes with funding that we can use in implementing the plan.





# Ship Ahoy!

Living so close to the sea it would seem strange not to experience life on the water. However, the opportunity to travel on a 'tall ship' is very special, and yet again Trinity Sailing based in Brixham have provided the chance for pupils to sail from Brixham up to St Katherine's Dock, London, in May of this year. A very generous bursary has been made available from Trinity Sailing, but we do need to raise additional funds to support this excellent organisation.



## Computer says 'yes'

To boost the IT facilities at Torbay School, and provide all learners with the opportunities to access a wide range of resources, we have had a new network installed by scoMIS, an Exeter based IT support specialist. Not only have they set up the equipment, but they will also update and maintain the system.

## NEWS IN BRIEF



Pupils, staff and governors took part in the **National 'Doodle Day'** on behalf of the charity for epilepsy. Local businesses then sponsored 'doodles' that were sent with the money raised to the head office.



Congratulations to two Yr8 pupils, Joe and Anthony, who have had pictures accepted for publication in a book focusing on emotional literacy. Well done!



A lot of the ground work has been done at the **allotment**. Groups of all ages have been involved in making raised beds and building a willow dome – more to come!



Craig's football table and Grant's electric guitar, made in their D&T lessons, should ensure good grades in the summer. Good luck to all Yr11 pupils in their forthcoming exams. *Please note; Grant is in fancy dress for Comic Relief!*



As a member of the Sports Partnership, a big thank you to Paignton Community & Sports College for organising our **'School Olympics'**.



## Comic Relief



Pupils and staff raised £300 for this very worthwhile cause, making and selling cakes and badges to the public and police officers at Paignton Police station!

Pictured above is Mr 'Tweety pie' Caunter, PE teacher, sharing a bit of comic relief with a neighbour of the school.

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