



# NEWSLETTER



**New Uniform for KS2 & KS3 pupils**

After consultation with pupils, parents/carers, governors and staff, from September 2009 a new uniform will be phased in for all pupils in the primary department, and years 7,8 and 9 in secondary. The polo shirts and fleeces will be available from the school at the beginning of the Autumn term – full details will be sent out to parents/carers on a separate sheet.

## Ten Tors Triumph!

For the first time pupils from the school took part in the 'Jubilee Challenge' organised by the army and held on Dartmoor. Pupils camped on the moor the night before, and after a healthy breakfast at 05.00am, they completed the 15 mile course hiking from one tor to another – congratulations to both Kenny, John and Mr Stewart.



## LoTc Learning Outside the Classroom

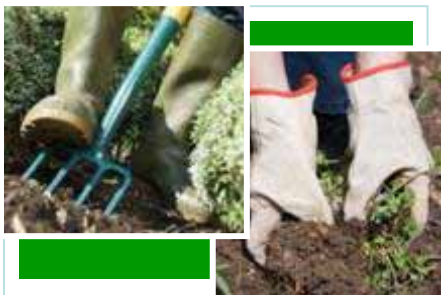


This term we piloted a new initiative where pupils are encouraged to expand their knowledge and understanding outside of the classroom – Yr7 studied the importance of the canal waterways into Exeter, and organised presentations on how 'locks' work. Next term all year groups in key stage 3 will take part.

## One potato, two potato...

The allotment is now 'bearing fruit' with an excellent crop of potatoes. These were enjoyed at school, though the 'select' carrots were savoured by a local guinea pig! Well done to everyone involved.





### Year 7 report on the Citizenship project they have been working on during the summer term -

*Our class were asked to improve the school environment. We wanted to show how proud we are of our school and make it look better for pupils, staff and visitors. We decided to focus our efforts on the area of garden near the reception. Our gardening skills were put to the test over 4 weeks as we dug away at the weeds. As a result, our school looks smarter and we can feel proud of the difference our hard work has produced. We now want to encourage all other members of the school to help care for the school grounds and feel proud of belonging to Torbay School.*



**In July** 13 pupils went to the campsite at Sticklepath in Okehampton. During the three days they went mountain biking, coarse fishing, rafting, swimming and horse riding. The camping was excellent fun with some pupils being given the chance to sleep under canvas for the first time. A big thank you to Mrs Martin for keeping up camp morale with a continuous supply of fine food!

## NEWS IN BRIEF



### Safety First

BRITISH SAFETY COUNCIL

Congratulations to seven of our Yr10 pupils who have just been awarded a BSC Entry Level Award in Workplace Hazard Awareness. This is a considerable achievement and will help towards their work experience next year and future employability.

### The Sailors' Return



The Trinity Sailing trip went ahead even though there was poor weather, and the pupils should be commended on their teamwork and good behaviour throughout the voyage – well done!

**Peer Mentoring at Torbay School** - Congratulations to both Dale (Yr10) and Christian (Yr9), on completing courses in peer mentoring. Their role is to enable young people to build friendships and provide support and advice to one another in school. They will both take on their responsibilities formally in September.



### We are the Champions!



Through skill, experience, football knowledge and very careful planning these league winners can hold up their trophies with pride. *No luck involved then...*

### You've been Filmed!



The graffiti project came to a successful end with a professional video made of the initiative, partially funded by the Arts Council and supported by RIO. A big thank you to all those involved. You can watch the film by typing **Graffiti workshop @ torbay school** on the YouTube website.

### Ponies inspiring people



Pupils from Yrs 7 to 10 have been learning how to care and train Dartmoor ponies. Every Monday for 2 hours they have been taught how to turn the animals, lead, catch and groom them. The project has been set up by the Dartmoor Pony Heritage Trust and its aim is to promote self-esteem and improve self-confidence. This project will continue into the new academic year with a different group of pupils

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