

As reported in the local press, when one of our students suffered from a Anaphylaxis episode a passing Air Ambulance came to her rescue. This cut down the travelling time and the student recovered well.

## DRIVING US ALL NUTS!

Apologies for the corny headline, but we do have a serious on-going issue here which could just be a matter of life and death. We have a dozen TPS students with serious allergies and others with asthma: nuts and aerosols are the biggest risks. Our school nurse, Beki Dunn, writes in more detail about the problem in this issue.

Can I just reiterate: please do your best to help us keep every child well by not letting your children bring nut-based products or aerosol cans into school.

If everyone is a little more vigilant, I hope we can avoid more ambulance call-outs, including the air ambulance.

Mention of Beki Dunn brings me to sad news. Beki is leaving us to return to "proper" nursing. I would like to thank her for the excellent work she has done. We are currently recruiting her replacement, but there will be a brief lag between appointments when we will not be as well covered in school for sick children. Please bear with us.

Have a good half term.

N C Poole  
Principal

# Medical Room

## Nut Allergies

We have a number of students who have serious nut allergies for which they carry adrenaline in an EpiPen.

Please help reduce the risk of Anaphylaxis by avoiding nuts or nut products in lunch boxes.

## Asthma

Please send in a spare inhaler for your child to keep in the Medical Room which will help in this cold weather.

## Uniform

If you have any spare uniform and shoes, we are looking for donations that can be sold in our Second-Hand Uniform shop. This is based in the Kings Arms Youth Club situated in the Festival Hall car park. All funds are shared between the Kings Arms, TPS Hardship Fund and for equipment in the Medical Room. Please bring donations to school Reception.

## Water Bottles

Please remind students they can refill their water bottles at the water dispensers at breaktimes. Students can drink in lessons except ICT and Science.

Mrs Dunn—Welfare Officer



Come and buy a sweatband from either school Reception or the PE office to help raise money for Sport Relief. Only £1.50



23 March 2012

**“Every 3 sweatbands that we sell can provide a warm meal at a safe house in the UK for a mother and child who have fled domestic abuse.”**

**“Just one bag of sweatbands could give a family in the slums of Kenya regular access to clean water in their home, helping to protect them from life-threatening diseases.”**



# PE Department Fitness Club



The Fitness Club is proving to be an enormous success. On the first session nearly 60 students were up with the lark, eager and ready to participate. Starting at 7.15am, the students were put through their paces in the gym in the Whitehouse Workout and Clewley's Killer Crunch, run by PE teachers Mr Whitehouse and Mr Clewley.

There was then time for a shower and breakfast afterwards: cereal or porridge and beans on toast or scrambled egg.

The club runs every Wednesday morning and costs just £1.50 including breakfast. Mr Clewley is delighted by the large response and looks forward to welcoming even more students!



# Soirée de Télé

On Wednesday 25 January, groups of Year 8 students took part in a show consisting of different TV shows, in French and Spanish. All of Year 8 had been working on these pieces in class and some groups volunteered to perform on the night or to have videos of their pieces shown.

The show went very well with introductions to each of the performances by Megan Crawford, Gabby Kelly, Archie Hill and James Hawes. I particularly liked the comedy introduction to the whole show!

Some of the highlights of the evening for me were the performance of Casualty, Celebrity Juice, and The X Factor (in Spanish). But my overall favourite act of the night was Strictly Come Dancing by Jenny Payne, Caitlin Powley, Lorna Williams, Jade Hall, Melissa Dymock and Chloe Lumsden. They had an amazing dance which was a mix of Jenny's ballet skills and Caitlin's comedy routine which made the show even more enjoyable for those watching.



The best video that was shown was probably Come Dine With Me by Sarah, Miranda, Marnie and Jess. The shots of the dog really added to the performance!

My group's performance of The X Factor went quite well. Collette Geer was very good as Dermot O'Leary, and Poppy Wise, Miranda Vaughan, Paige Collins and Ellie Hunter did great jobs as Gary, Tulisa, Kelly and Louis. Hannah Lindsay and I sang on the night and it would have been perfect apart from the fact that the CD would not play so we had to sing without the music!

Overall it was a very successful show and it should definitely be repeated again next year!

Kate Willett



# Soirée de Télé

I think Soirée de Télé was an amazing experience and a really fun way to complete a unit of work! Every group performed a short sketch inspired by a TV show; they did it in either French or Spanish. The atmosphere of the performance was happy and jolly – even when acts went wrong, everybody around the room carried on and were being supportive. Everybody enjoyed taking part and we were all enthusiastic and excited to perform. By the end of the night everyone was proud of themselves and excited to find out what their families and friends thought of the performance.

Ellie Sherwood



Soirée de Télé was on Wednesday 25 January at the Studio at TPS and was attended by family and friends of those performing. The evening was a mixture of live performances and video clips recorded during school hours. The evening started with a family sitting down to watch TV and as they flicked through the channels they came across a French TV channel which they decided to watch. Groups of Year 8 students then performed short TV programmes in French and Spanish. Each clip was introduced by one of four comperes. Some of the chosen programmes were Who Wants to be a Millionaire, Casualty, France's Got Talent, Masterchef and Come Dine with Me. All were very entertaining and got a number of laughs from the audience.

Archie Hill

# Masterchef Final 2012



After a close fight, the winner of TPS Masterchef 2011-12 is Zoe King. The competition has spanned 2 terms where Louise Axford, Milly Jonas, Aston Delamont, Sophie Mundell, Lucy Hele and Zoe King were all winners of the heats held for Year groups 7-10. The standard of the dishes the finalists produced was, as Mr Whitehouse put it, "out of this world", and the judges found it difficult to pick a winner. The competitors produced dishes varying from stuffed peppers, fish pie, strawberry swiss roll, chocolate fondants and paella. The judges found the standard of the dishes' presentation and taste to be of an outstanding quality.

After 10 minutes of deliberating, contemplating and digesting, the judges chose Zoe King 7R as the winner due to showing originality of dish, freshness of ingredients and presentation.

For any future budding chefs, watch out for future competitions and master classes taking place in Food Technology.

A Wennike  
Food Technology



# MFL Students Visit the News Centre



On Friday 3 February, Mrs Walters took 10 G&T pupils to the News Centre in Portsmouth. It was good fun to work in pairs to create a front page of a newspaper in French. We spent the day using computer technology, making stories via creative writing in the target language. We were also given a tour of the building and it was very interesting to see the industrial side of newspaper making. What I particularly enjoyed was being able to take my copy home with me at the end of the day.

Alice Bezant



# Careers

## Year 11 Mock Interview Day

Even the cold weather couldn't cool the enthusiasm of the Year 11 students as they prepared for their mock interview day.

Each student was given the opportunity to be interviewed by a local employer or Further Education College representative. In preparation for the world of work, the aim of the day was to show students how they presented at an interview. Employers were asked to interview students then give them feedback on areas such as the presentation of their CV, their appearance, body language and overall impression. At the end of the day 12 students were chosen as overall 'top candidates' and presented with an award in a celebration assembly. Every student who took part agreed that it was a very valuable experience allowing them to practise their interview skills and gain insight into what a good CV should look like before leaving school and attempting to find employment.



## Year 8 PSHE Careers

Even the younger members of TPS get the chance to explore careers options. As year 8 students took their places for their PSHE day, they couldn't anticipate what lay ahead. One minute they were talking about how to patent your own invention, then the next minute they were finding out how 3D TV works. Throughout the day students got the opportunity to hear guest speakers talking about their particular professions, this including geologists, nursery and primary school teachers, financial services, careers in volunteering, starting your own business and careers at sea. Everyone agreed that the day had proved very informative and will help Year 8 students make decisions about their option choices which take place later in the year.

Mrs Asbridge

# Student Profile—Emma Willett



Year 10 student Emma Willett, has been selected for a scholarship to the Honeywell Leadership Challenge Academy. Created in partnership with the US Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama, it provides students with a unique opportunity to spend a week there, engaging with industry experts in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Emma is one of only 10 students between the ages of 15 and 18 to be selected from the UK, and there were applications from 23 countries for the coveted places. Part of the selection process included answering two lengthy online essay questions on school activities, community service, life experiences and ambitions for the future.

Students will participate in a series of unique science-oriented workshops and exercises designed to challenge them in several key areas such as purposeful leadership, effective communication, team cohesion and critical thinking. They will also broaden their knowledge of the space and aviation industry by interacting with leaders from NASA, the University of Alabama in Huntsville and HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology.

Emma, 15, said, “I couldn’t believe it when I got the letter! I’m really looking forward to this fantastic opportunity – I’ve wanted to be an astronaut since I was a little girl, and as I’ve grown older my interest in space science has continued to grow, so this is just perfect for me.”

## Buddhist Monks meet RE GCSE students



Year 9 students studying RE GCSE recently had an opportunity to meet with two Buddhist monks from the Cittaviveka Chithurst Buddhist Monastery.

Students were able to listen to the monks talk about their beliefs and what life is like at the monastery, and then enjoyed an extended questions and answers session.

Student Mathew Knight said, “Meeting the monks was really interesting and insightful. I have really enjoyed

learning Buddhism and meeting the monks was a great opportunity to ask questions and get a personal response from a follower of the religion.”

# The Performing Arts Faculty

## What a great start to 2012!

The first 6 school weeks of the new year have seen performances from **Years 9, 10 and 11** in their **'Evenings of Dance'** .....a school trip to see **'War Horse'**..... the MFL department and the **Year 8s** in **'Soirée de Télé'**.....the **Year 9 'Drama and Dance Evening'** and the **Year 10 Drama students' performances of 'Two'** .

The **Year 9 choreographic team of the 'EIP My 2012 Olympics'** performed the opening ceremony dances at the EIP Olympic Marker Event, held at TPS on Tuesday 31 January. The dances have been developed into instructional DVDs and are in the process of being sent to 46 schools in East Hants for the students there to learn!

**Composer in residence** - over the next two terms, GCSE Music students have the fantastic opportunity of attending workshops led by the international composer, Fraser Trainer.

Miss Baker  
Head of Performing Arts

## Rock Challenge



**'El Sistema—a child ... an instrument... a new generation'**

Showcase—**Thursday 19 April**  
7.00 pm @ Portsmouth Guildhall

FINAL—**Saturday 9 June** 7.00 pm  
@ Portsmouth Guildhall

Rehearsals are going well and we hope you can come and support us at our fund raising event:-

Waitrose (Petersfield) - Bag Pack on **Saturday 31 March**.

# The Performing Arts Faculty



This half term the Dance Department has been very busy with various different projects and shows, including....

## **The Year 11 Evening of Dance**

The evening was a roaring success with Year 11 students showing their mock exam group choreography. The show marks the end of an era for the GCSE Dance students, as this was the last dance performance students will be involved in at TPS. Well done to all involved!

## **The Year 10 Evening of Dance**

Once again Year 10 students dazzled their audience with a dance which incorporated the use of sand. Every year the Dance department has used sand to perform and it gets better and better! It certainly is a challenge to perform on such a difficult surface and demonstrates the talent of our Year 10 students.

## **Year 9 Drama and Dance Evening**

Both the Dance and Drama Departments took part in a joint performance evening which explored the work 'Swansong' by Christopher Bruce. The evening demonstrated the progress made by our Year 9 students in their GCSE course. The dancers showed their physical ability with flips, lifts and complicated foot sequencing. It was an excellent performance and highlights the talent of the year group, setting the tone for future performance evenings.

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## My 2012 Olympic Opening Ceremony



The TPS Year 9 My 2012 Olympic Ceremony choreographic team had the opportunity to perform their work at the recent marker event held in the Studio. Performing the dances for the African, American and European clusters, visitors to the event got their first glimpse of the dances they will be learning. The dances have been developed and recorded onto DVDs in instructional form to be distributed to all 46 schools involved in the event.

We will also be involved in delivering workshops to various schools, teaching them their opening dances.

Miss Baker  
Head of Performing Arts



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## Welcome to My 2012



We are proud to be part of the Educational Improvement Partnership (EIP) for East Hampshire.

Central to our beliefs about the power and values of London 2012 is that all children can find something to excite them in either sport or the arts. **My 2012** believes in a fully inclusive approach to celebrate this incredible year.

My 2012 is a year-long diary of activities for children in our partnership. Our site ([my-2012.co.uk](http://my-2012.co.uk)) has been created to be the central hub for communication for the activities which will be available to students in our schools/colleges and across the clusters. Why not take a look?

Teachers and parents can also access this site to collect resources related to the London 2012 Olympic and Para-Olympic Games. We are also very proud to include the countdown to the Cultural Olympiad which is happening during the build-up to the opening ceremony. **My 2012** are proud members of the Get Set Network and have been actively encouraging our partner schools to sign up.

# The Performing Arts Faculty

Each cluster has been assigned a theme for this year's ceremony consisting of a continent and a colour. We hope the shared excitement and spectacle of schools joining together in this way will make for an outstanding event on 6 July at The Mountbatten Centre in Portsmouth.

We look forward to reading about our partner's success as we begin our countdown to London 2012. Early successes were celebrated in January with a fantastic 'Marker Event'. Have a look at some of the great work students have been doing around East Hampshire.

**Stuart Woods**  
**Chairman of My 2012 EIP Initiative**  
My 2012 Partner Schools



Photos from our  
January Marker  
Event



Living the Olympic  
and Paralympic Values



# The Performing Arts Faculty

## Composer in Residence – Fraser Trainer

This year the Hampshire Music Service has launched a project where schools may work with one of four 'Hampshire Composers in Residence' over two terms. This project started at TPS in January and so far we have had two of the eight composing sessions with Fraser Trainer. This project is specifically aimed at our GCSE composers in Years 9 and 10 and aims to give them ideas and inspiration to go away and become confident composers. With 40% of their final GCSE being composition coursework, it is a fantastic opportunity. Here is some background information about Fraser –

As a composer he has written for The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, the BBC Symphony Orchestra, the Hallé Orchestra and Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. He is currently working on a commission for a piece to be performed by the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra

He won an award from BBC Radio 3 for a piece performed at the Proms (by Viktoria Mullova, one of the world's foremost international violinists).

As a workshop and project leader, he has worked all over the world with leading professional orchestras in their education and outreach programmes, including London Sinfonietta, Ensemble Modern, Berlin Philharmonic, the BBC Proms, the BBC Symphony Orchestra, Salzburg Festival and the South Bank Centre.

He is on the staff of Guildhall School of Music and Drama, the Royal College of Music.



Mrs Voller  
Music  
Department

# The Performing Arts Faculty

## Petersfield Music Festival Rehearsals



Rehearsals are now in full swing for the Petersfield Festival Youth Concerts. Mr Blair-Fish took the Girls Choir to Churcher's earlier this month to rehearse and all schools participating will return to TPS for another practice. This year there are various themes ranging from The Olympics (National Anthems) to James Bond and the 1812 Overture.

Pete's Jazz will be combining with Churcher's Jazz Group to create the Festival Swing Band and many of our string players will be taking part in PASSO for the Monday Concert.

The Performances are on Monday 12 and Wednesday 14 March at the Petersfield Festival Hall.



Please pass your entries to your Tutor/ Head of House or Mrs Voller



## West End's War Horse

Some people described it as 'Amazing'.

On 30 January, a group of Year 8 students including myself travelled to London to see one of the West End's hottest shows. Much of the show was done by puppet work depending on the skill of three actors who became invisible once you became immersed in the story.

The show was based on the book by Michael Morpurgo which was transformed into a spellbinding piece of theatre. The story is about a boy's special horse which was commandeered by the army and became one of thousands of horses taken to the front line in World War One.

The performance was amazing and a heartbreaker, but it was so incredible you wanted every moment to be real.

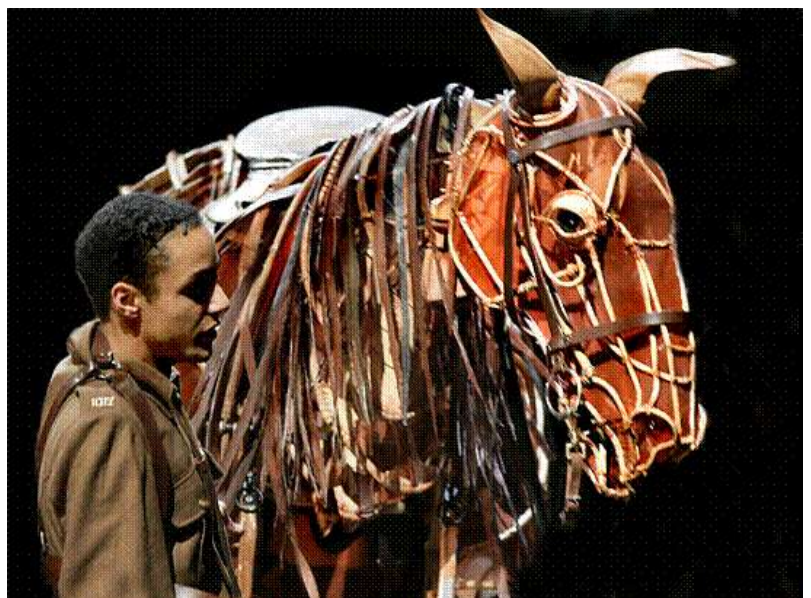


The actors showed the wider view of war and how it affected people, using the best drama techniques and mind-blowing back-stage and technical ideas.

I would definitely recommend going to see this show but remember to take tissues! This show is a fantastic show and I give it ten out of ten.

The stars of the show were the horses and the fantastic puppet work which created stunning real life actions. All puppet work was done by actors and the mimes were so lifelike, a twitch of an ear made the horse seem even more real.

Gabby Kelly 8B



# Young Farmers Need Help..

On Sunday 4 March we are having a working morning getting the allotments next to the tennis courts up and running. We would welcome any help from students, parents, grandparents, friends etc, it doesn't matter if you are a young farmer or not. But you will need to be willing to work and be at school on Sunday 4 March from 9am -1.30pm. We hope the allotment will grow into a space to be used by the whole school, growing food for food tech and an outdoor classroom area for all other subjects. We look forward to seeing any helping hands.

Young Farmers have again been busy this half term. Just before Christmas we went turkey plucking at a local farm and learnt how to dress the birds for the oven. After Christmas we have played unwanted Christmas gift bingo and won each other's unwanted Christmas gifts. Some of your club's advisory members have given us some excellent meetings. We have had Tony from the site team give us a demo on how to service our bikes, Dr Archibald said this will come in very useful in the cycle knowledge competition in March. Also we had a behind the scenes tour of the school kitchens, and were all amazed at how much food we get through!



We had a game tasting meeting one week, thanks to Miss Wennike for letting us use the ovens, and after half term will be using them again making pancakes for our pancake races. In the future we will also be planting some trees around school to make it look a greener place and the Woodland Trust has sent us a Jubilee Oak to plant to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee. We are also hoping to enter the Hampshire Young Farmers county public speaking competition, so we have a busy time ahead!



Dr Archibald

## ABSENCE REMINDER

Please remember to telephone the school on

**01730 234627**

On the first day of your child's absence and each day thereafter until they return.

Key school policies area available on the website or in paper copy by request.

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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2012

13-17 February	Half Term
21 February	Year 11 Media Studies—A Night at the Movies 7.00 pm
23 February	Careers Fair 3.00—5.00 pm
29 February	Year 10 Parents Consultation—school closes at 12.00 midday
1-2 & 5-6 March	Year 7 exams
5 March	Year 11 Parents Information Evening (Revision Skills) 6.00 pm
6 March	Open Mic Night
8 March	Year 8 Arts Showcase 7.00 pm
12 March	Marvellous Maths 6.00 pm and 7.30 pm
14 March	Year 8 Learning Pathways (Options Evening)
19 March	INSET DAY—school closed
21 March	DofE East Hants Presentation Evening
22 March	Year 11 Evening of Drama 7.00 pm
28 March	Year 8 Parents Consultation— school closes at 12.00 midday
30 March	Last Day of Term
16 April	First Day of Summer Term
19 April	Rock Challenge Showcase at Portsmouth Guildhall
25 April	Year 7 Parents Consultation— school closes at 12.00 midday
25—27 April	Year 9 exams
30 April—2 May	Year 8 exams
1 May	Year 10 Music Evening
7 May	Bank Holiday
10 May	ALC/Drama Performance 7.00 pm
16 May	Year 9 Parents Consultation—school closes at 12.00 midday
24 May	Year 10 Creative and Media Performance 7.00 pm
29 May	English Department 'Imagine' 7.00 pm
31 May	Year 8 GCSE PA Summer Tour Performance 7.00 pm
4-8 June	Half Term
13 June	Year 7 Drama Club Performance 7.00 pm
14 June	Year 9 Evening of Dance 7.00 pm
18 June	INSET DAY—school closed
19-22 June	Year 10 exams
20 June	Year 10 Evening of Dance 7.00 pm
27 June	Year 6 Parents Information Evening
28 June	Year 11 Summer Ball
29 June	Year 6 Transition Day
2 July	Year 7 Evening of Dance 6.30 pm and 8.00 pm
3– 13 July	Year 7 Camp (Tutor groups attend in 2 night slots)
5 July	Year 8 Evening of Dance
6 July	EIP Olympic Event
10 July	Year 10 Evening of Dance 7.00 pm
13 July	Sports Presentation Evening
17 July	Gala Concert
20 July	Last Day of Term
4 September	First Day of Autumn Term for Year 7 and Year 11
5 September	First Day of Autumn Term for Years 8 to 10