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Alex Palmer, the school's environment prefect, organised a beach clean as he recognised that plastic is a problem in our town. With a group of Y11 and Y8s, they left the school at 3.15 armed with litter grabbers and bin liners to rid the town of dangerous and unsightly waste. They started off at the train station where a lot of rubbish is blown into the bushes, then made their way down to Back Beach. They collected 4 bin-liners of litter in just over an hour!

All the students agreed that the clean-up operation was a success and it will now take place once a month after school.



Back Row – Summer Redgrave Dart, Megan Foster, Alex Palmer, Jessica Lewis, Isabella Stone
Front row - Layla Snell, Shana Morgan Horwood

Teignmouth Sixth Form has launched its first team into the Young Enterprise Company Programme which enables participants to experience what it's like to set up and run a student company.

We have been fortunate to gain sponsorship from an Exeter based company to facilitate the opportunities for our students to launch their own business on a year long project. Students involved are Molly Jeneway, Harriet Dann, Emily Chalk, and James McGeary. They will also be assisted by Year 11 students who have been recruited due to their passion for business studies.

Throughout the Year they will be supported by business advisers from the Young Enterprise Programme along with Mrs Milsom as our centre lead. Throughout the process students will attend marketing events and conferences providing valuable support and experiences they can take forward into life and further education. Students will be selling their product to the public at the Christmas Market in Exeter on Saturday 16th December.

Support and follow the team's progress throughout the year!



TAPAS



A Taste of Spain Comes to Teignmouth

At the end of term students took part in a series of events for International Week. Adam Westcott, a former student of TCS, then Teignmouth Community College, kindly came into school to give a workshop on the Spanish guitar and how learning another language has been so important to him. Students were fascinated by Adam's life and how learning Spanish had opened so many doors for him. Since leaving school, Adam has studied Music and specialised in the Spanish guitar. After having the great fortune to be mentored by Manitas de Plata, Adam has since worked on cruise ships and television. Everyone loved listening to traditional Spanish guitar music and they were inspired by Adam's talk – they really kept him on his toes with the questioning at the end! Students from year 9 also had the opportunity to create their own Spanish tapas dishes to increase their cultural awareness and to practise their culinary skills. Students were given traditional tapas recipes to recreate for themselves. Dishes included tortilla española (Spanish omelette), patatas bravas (potatoes in a spicy tomato sauce), ensaladilla rusa (potato and vegetable salad) and ensalada mixta (mixed salad), as well as a paella rice dish made by their teacher, all washed down with non-alcoholic sangría! Students worked well in their groups to produce some tasty food and drink and everyone enjoyed being hands-on in their language learning and creating their own authentic Spanish culinary experience.



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Translation! Festival

A celebration of languages and cultures from across the world



Sixth form students studying A Level Spanish and French were invited to attend the "Translation! Festival" in Exeter on Friday 29th September.

The event was organised by the University of Exeter and workshops, tours and translation games took place in the RAMM, Exeter Phoenix and Exeter Central Library.

Students found the 'Translating with the Professionals', given by the ITI South West, very informative. They were shown the process of translating, whatever the specialism, and were given the opportunity to translate some texts themselves.

During 'Wordkeys: the 4D Translation Game' students took part in a translation hunt around Exeter which involved translating clues on a treasure hunt against an opposing team, which they won!

'The Spectacular Translation Machine' gave students the opportunity to use the power of images as well as words to translate a graphic novel as part of a collective translation. Students had to use all their language skills to create a translation into English from a language they hadn't studied.

Other activities included a 'Spanish Literary Translation Slam', which involved listening to translators battling it out to convince everyone why their translation was better, and also translation films. Students were delighted to receive a poem which was created by a French poet on an old-fashioned typewriter from just one word that they suggested: a snail.

Congratulations go to the organisers for this inaugural event and we hope they will grow from strength to strength in the coming years.





Children at Mill Lane held their annual Dahlicious Dress Up Day. Children came to school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character. They enjoyed activities based on his fantastic books. The school raised money for Roald Dahl's Marvellous-Children's Charity. The total raised was - £165.96



Kate Greenaway

Shadowing



Teignmouth Community School is now in its 7th Year of being involved in the shadowing of the Kate Greenaway during the Summer Term. The Greenaway Medal has been awarded annually since 1955 for the best illustration in children's books. The "shadowing" program runs for both the Greenaway and the Carnegie (best children's book) and it brings a lot of benefits – many schools and book groups all over the country are able to take part.

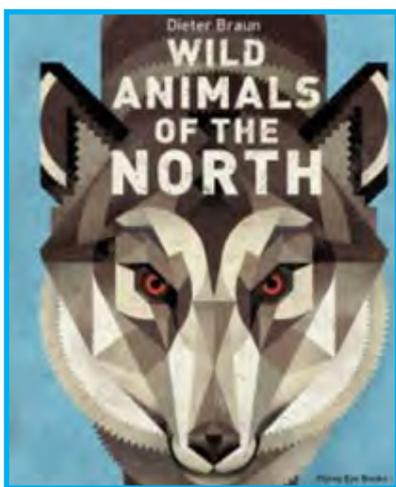
Older and younger students get to "shadow" what the official judges do - as they also look in detail at the shortlist of 8 titles and compare them in the same way – for example they might ask the question "How well do the pictures fit the story?". This year the books were introduced by some very enthusiastic Year 8's to a lovely Year 3 group. The sharing of high quality picture books enhances the whole school reading culture and encourages reading for pleasure. Moreover, it also improves individual confidence, as both primary and secondary students get the opportunity to practice speaking and listening when discussing the merits of each title. It is also a lovely opportunity to share the importance of visual literacy skills and how they help us to understand more complex meanings that we find within the text.

Finally the Mill Lane students get to vote for their favourite picture book – and the results are saved onto the TCS section of the National Shadowing Website. This year their favourite by far was "Wild Animals of the North" which had stunning wildlife pictures by artist Dieter Braun.

A thoroughly worth-while and enjoyable project for everyone involved, and the books will now be added to Mill Lane Library stock and continue to be borrowed and enjoyed by Mill Lane students for many years to come.

Mrs Atkinson, Curriculum Leader for English, said "The afternoon was a fantastic opportunity to collaborate between the two sites and enjoy reading together. All of the students involved were keen to share their ideas and thoughts by exploring the texts and thinking about how meaning was created."

If you wish to know more about the Greenaway and Carnegie Shadowing Schemes take a look at the national website... <http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/shadowingsite/>





embercombe

change your world



All of year 6, Mrs Dudley's and Mr Correy's classes, went away for their one week residential to Embercombe.

During the week, we slept in yurts and took part in many activities that helped us to understand about sustainable living.

We used flint and rods and foraged materials to light fires in the woods. We met the sheep and used their wool to make felt. We also thought about the importance of knowing where our food comes from and making informed choices; Bob, the local ranger, taught us how to skin rabbits and the meat was used by the chefs to make that evening's dinner. During the week, we also made a new pizza oven out of cob that we had mixed. Along with all of this, we picked apples and helped make apple juice along with other gardening and cooking tasks.

In the evenings, we went on dusk and night walks, relying on senses other than our eyes to guide us and on the final evening, we sat around the campfire and told stories and sang songs under a star-covered sky. We had an amazing experience,



Prefect Team

For the first time at Teignmouth Community School we have Y11 prefects. They have gone through a rigorous interview process to gain their places and are all very proud to assist the rest of the student body.

The process started with a letter to the Head of Learning, stating their reasons for wanting the position and what qualities they thought they possessed which would help them in their roles. Once the letter was received and accepted, they were invited to interview. This consisted of a group presentation to see how well they could work as a team, and individual interviews.

Roles were then assigned: Head Prefects and Deputy Prefects have a plain blue tie, and the rest of the prefect body have the same blue with a yellow stripe. This allows them to be easily identified by

other students in school. So far, the prefects have been assigned to a tutor group which they attend once a week, hold a drop-in centre every Tuesday and Thursday to help anyone feeling sad, anxious or to help anyone who thinks they are being bul-



lied. They have run a charity cake sale and a beach clean and have helped out at various events at school. Here's what some of our Y8 students think about the new prefect system.

"It's easier to talk to a student about problems because they understand better than adults."

Emma Wetheim Y8

"The prefects give us something to aspire to. I'd love a role in the school where I could help others."

Izabella Munoz Y8

"We always see them around school in hi-vis jackets at break and lunch. They are easy to spot and we all know that they are there for us."

Chloe Booth Y8

"They're easy to find at break and lunch, which makes me feel good if I'm on my own."

Sophie Tapp Y8

"Our prefect comes in to our tutor group, he talks to us and wants to get to know us. He also tells us jokes. He's great!"

Tom Haines Y8



Alice Lewis, our prefect for Mental Health, is leading a team of prefects in all things anti-stress and anti-bullying. There will be a team of prefects that will be stationed in U6 every Tuesday and Thursday break and lunch. If you have a problem or would like to chat about anything at all, they are there to help you!

The team are Alice Lewis, Kaya Cotteril Rogers, Eisha Haywood, Amelia Lamboll and Luisa Nicks.





rowcroft
hospice



Staff members from Teignmouth Community School recently took part in the 'Ride for Rowcroft' event that took place at Newton Abbot Racecourse on the 8th of October. Staff from both Mill Lane and Exeter Road campuses took part in the 24km cycle challenge that also included Principal Jason Beardmore. Event organisers were hoping to raise £40,000 for families living with life-limiting illnesses in the South Devon area. Mr Beardmore described the event as "inspiring" and hoped the money raised by TCS staff would help those in need.



On Wednesday 13th September Miss. Sowden's Year 3 class took part in a netball festival at T.C.S. Exeter Road. They enjoyed 6 different activities and worked alongside pupils from other local schools. The afternoon was fun and the class picked up some tips for playing as part of a team.



High 5 Netball Festival

RUGBY



This term is the rugby term for the boys at TCS and many boys have attended practice and represented the school team. In year 7 there have been almost 40 boys attending Rugby practices on a weekly basis and we entered an A and B team into the 1st tournament of the year and the A team finished a very close second overall.

In year 8 the boys have played a couple of 13 aside fixtures and a 7 a-side tournament. The boys have played 10 games overall and won 6, drew 2 and lost 2, playing some excellent Rugby along the way.



In year 9 and 10 the teams have both won 3 and lost 3 in a very competitive South Devon Rugby tournament. The year 11 team won all their games in the Rugby 10 aside tournament to reach the final against Torquay boys' grammar: despite being in control for most of the game an opportunist try for the opposition saw our team on the wrong end of a 12-5 score line.



Do you have the skills and commitment to join our board?

The Board of Directors for TCS are, in effect, the school governors. We oversee the school's activities right through from the Early Years at Mill Lane through to the Sixth Form at Exeter Road. Our role is to make sure that the school has a clear direction and strategy, and that it remains financially viable: and we have a clear responsibility in holding our school Principals to account for performance at each of the two sites. The role of a school governor is often described as being a 'critical friend' and we try to work with the great leaders and teachers already here to help the school achieve its aims, and deliver the best possible support to our students.

We are always looking for people with the commitment and skills to join our board, and at this time we have particular vacancies for Non-Staff Directors with general business experience, especially (but not exclusively) in the areas of resource and human resource management. The job is a voluntary one, although expenses are available, and it requires attendance at six evening meetings each year, plus around another 4-5 days' worth of commitment at times to suit you. There is training and support in place, and the role does provide a degree of personal and professional development, as well as a sense of satisfaction! If you are interested in finding out more, and want to help TCS develop as much as we do, please contact the Clerk to the Directors so that we can arrange some further discussion. Please email : gaby.willis@teignmouth.devon.sch.uk or call 01626 774091



NETBALL



The TCS Netball Teams have had a strong start to the season. With impressive numbers attending training sessions across three nights, our students' abilities are going from strength to strength.

The Year 7 team remain undefeated, with a convincing win against Paignton. They also played against Torquay Academy's Year 8 Team, which was a great experience for them.

Our Year 8, 9 and 11 Teams have all played in League Tournaments and all are set for at least a top 5 finish in the area.



From the woods there came a stomp-stomp-stomping noise as the wind whistled and jerked at the treetops. The night creatures shivered in their burrows on the Principal's lawn as the footsteps of the English Team echoed in the corridors.... but don't be scared as its just fancy dress! As you can see from the scary picture above, our staff have gone the extra mile to raise money for a local charity, but has anyone seen Miss Watts since this photo was taken?

Pupils' First World War artwork unveiled

A striking glass artwork that reflects on Teignmouth's experience of the First World War has been unveiled at Teignmouth Community School.

The piece was created by Year 7 pupils as part of the Devon Remembers Heritage Project, an initiative that is

exploring the county's unique First World War history. It is made of 144 glass tiles, each illustrated by a different pupil to depict an aspect of life in the town one hundred years ago. It was unveiled by the mayor of Teignmouth, Cllr Paul Burgess, at its permanent home at the school. In 2018, it will move temporarily to Exeter Cathedral as part of the city's Armistice centenary commemorations, before returning to the school.

During a series of workshops led by local artist Amy McCarthy, the students created drawings in response to their own research into the First World War in Teignmouth. Their work encompassed a wide range of topics, including women's work, loss and grief, medical care and conscription.

The Devon Remembers Heritage Project, which is managed by the South West Heritage Trust, is running a programme of research, talks, events and exhibitions across Devon during the First World War centenary period. Thanks to money raised by National Lottery players, the project has received a grant of £267,400 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) with additional support from the South West Heritage Trust, Devon County Council, Torbay Council and the University of Exeter.

