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Exciting times ahead

Many of you will have seen our new Community building at the front of the school site. This will have adult learning, computers for community use and an NHS consulting room. More details will follow on specific opportunities and courses once the building is operational at the end of the summer. You may have read about the funding to rebuild about two-thirds of the school. We are in the early stages of considering what should be built and where exactly on the school site to build. The building work will begin about this time next year and be finished early in 2014. This is very exciting and means the best facilities will be available to Park students.



Chris

Christopher Anders, Headteacher

We are also building the capacity that we have to offer activities and services to our community. This means more activities for students out of school hours from next September and classes and training for adults. If you have a suggestion for something that you would like to see us do, please let me or Susan Parish, who leads our community department, know.



Our Community Building is nearing completion



Our eco-friendly building

Our new community building is designed as a community facility delivering health education and preventative work for the whole of the Leigh Park community. The building contains a cybercafé and a multi-use seminar room that can be subdivided into three smaller rooms offering a flexible arrangement. There will also be a dedicated consulting room with a waiting area for use by the community nursing team.

Park Community Ventures plan to use the building for many activities such



Artist's impression of the front of the building

as family and adult learning, children's summer schools and after school activities, aerobics and fitness classes, conference venues, children's parties, christening parties, dancing, crèche, toddler groups, tumble tots and church services. It will be a community space for all age groups.

The innovative design provides an airtight 'envelope' which is highly insulated and the construction materials were low energy to produce. The main structure of the building and its walls are made from sustainable soft wood, which is very quick growing.

Climbing Boulders

A new and popular breaktime activity was installed this Spring - climbing boulders.



Their arrival on a huge low loader caused much interest, which has not diminished since! The climbing boulders, with an interconnecting 'web', are being enjoyed at breaktimes, lunchtimes and in the early evenings by our students.

Thank you to Havant Borough Council and Kier Southern Constructions for their help with the installation.

Thank you Waitrose

In February Bradley McGlynn and Marley Horrell (Year 8) accepted a cheque for £330 on behalf of the school from Waitrose in Havant. The money will go towards a camp for both KS3 and KS4 students in Clanfield and Wales. Thank you to all Waitrose customers who supported the school and a special "thank you" to Kathy at Waitrose for her fantastic efforts on behalf of the school.



An example of a sedum roof

The building will have a Sedum 'green' roof to slow down rainwater run off and increase the biodiversity of the site. An air source heat pump will be used to boost heating in the winter and cooling in the summer.

Steps have also been taken during the construction process to reduce the environmental impact of the building project such as minimising watercourse protection and the creation of ecological learning areas after felling trees to make way for the building.

BREEAM (BRE Environmental Assessment Method) is an environmental assessment method for buildings. Our project is currently achieving a mark of 'Very Good'. For more information about BREEAM, please visit their website at www.breeam.org

Scuba diving

Park Community School strongly believes in offering students new experiences and opportunities. That is why a group of students got the go ahead to learn how to scuba dive!

Miss Wyatt, a PADI dive instructor who works at Park as the Year 7 Pupil Support & Guidance Manager, organised the trip and enrolled the students on a 'Discover Scuba' course.

The PADI DSD programme allowed our young people to experience the thrill of diving under the supervision of a PADI professional in a swimming pool. During the adventure students mastered some basic concepts and scuba skills, such as breathing underwater for the first time - a feeling that is never forgotten!

Parents and friends arrived at Havant Leisure Centre in support of the scuba trip. It was truly wonderful to watch our students in action both above and below the surface.



Miss Wyatt commented "Every participant was an impressive advocate for the school." She praised older students, Jess Stewart, Gabby Valentine and Lewis Hawke, who helped younger students overcome their nerves.

After the trip Lewis said "The trip was an amazing experience" and asked "How can I do more?" Indeed, all of the young people involved expressed a strong interest in continuing their education and dive training.

Well done to everyone who took part and congratulations to all of the students at Park Community School who earned their 'Discover Scuba' certification.

Park students grill Labour leader

Gangs, the makings of a good prime minister and vampires were on the agenda for Labour leader Ed Miliband when he was interviewed by a group of students, including Park students Matt Godfrey (Year 11) and James King (Year 9), and Kendal Pitman, Dana Scott, Kayleigh Edmonds and Timika Benham (Year 8).

The interview took place in the library at south London's Lillian Baylis Technology School. Our students, along with Miss Tonks and Mr Eacott, joined others to question the opposition leader about his opinions, beliefs and passions as part of BBC School News Report Day.

Mr Miliband answered all the questions thrown at him, including searching ones from Matt about university tuition fees and from James about Labour spending policy. However, it was Kendal's question about what Mr Miliband was going to do on Comic Relief day that left the Labour leader lost



Mr Miliband gets a grilling from Park students

for words, as he admitted that he did not have any plans for the fundraising day. Eventually Kendall helped him out of his sticky situation by suggesting that he might wear a wig for the day!

Dana found out that Mr Miliband's musical talents peaked at age 11, when he gave up the violin. In the final quick-fire question round, Kendal asked "Vampires or Wizards?" Mr Miliband's response was "Definitely wizards. Vampires are too scary."

Pancake Marathon

In March, students in Support embarked on a marathon pancake-tossing session from the first lesson to the end of the school day.

They also learned about the origins of Shrove Tuesday and celebrated by eating the pancakes. Great fun!



Access to Nature

Students from Support have been going out of school every Wednesday to get close to nature. Working alongside a Ranger from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, Marley Horrell, Bradley Mason, Billy Young, Martin Hunter, Savanna Wallace, Vicki Andrews and Ellie Allen have been learning to care for local open spaces, such as Farlington Marshes, through coppicing trees, clearing dead wood and providing a healthy environment for the birds that inhabit the area.



Governor Profile - Alan Wilde

I was born and raised in Portsmouth, educated at the Northern Grammar School, joined the Navy as an apprentice at 16 and retired at 53 as a Commander Weapons Engineer. I was recruited by Vickers Shipbuilders in sales and marketing where my primary area was South America. When I retired I was "recruited" as a school governor by my wife who worked in the administrative side of education. I am also a governor at Bidbury Infants School.

I spent ten years as a governor at Staunton Community Sports College, five as Chair of Governors. It was a "bumpy" ride but I learnt a great deal. In my final year, I was very happy

working with the executive headteacher towards the college becoming an academy.

I do believe in putting something back into the community. I have always been astonished at the work and dedication that one finds among schools' governing bodies and am very happy to be back working with the Leigh Park community. I look forward to being part of the Park Community School's governing body.

Interested in becoming a governor? We would like to hear from you. Please contact Jane Alder, Clerk to the Governors, at school.



Comic Relief Fun

What a fantastic time we had raising money for a great cause! 'Same Difference', Sean and Sarah Smith, judged the weird and wonderful performances of our talent show. The ten acts amazed the duo who said they were stunned by the level of talent on display. There were dancers, drummers and singers. Michael Envy (Year 7) got Mr Waters and Mr Gale to join him in an exotic belly dance! Mr Blay wowed the audience with an acoustic version of Cheryl Cole's 'Fight For This Love'. But it was Hollie



Same Difference were our talent show judges

Harris, Sarah Collier and Hope Elsley who stole the show with their rendition of Adele's 'Someone Like You'.

In the spirit of Red Nose Day, the rule book was turned on its head when students came to school in their own clothes whilst staff wore school uniform. The students were very quick to pick up on any poorly worn uniform!



Year 11 students were treated to a stand up comedy workshop from four Southampton University comics. Some students were seen crying with laughter as they left the school theatre! However there was a serious message to all the fun. Students learnt about how the money raised would help improve the lives of others worldwide.

Let's Get Cooking

Eleven members of the 'Let's Get Cooking' club entertained parents and friends to a fantastic meal in March. The club has met weekly since October to encourage children to cook and try out the recipes at home. This is a Lottery funded initiative to help clubs put on community events. With this in mind, Park's club decided to invite family and friends to "come dine with them".

Forty people enjoyed Cottage Pie/Chicken Pasta Salad, followed by Apple and Blackberry/ Apple and Mango Crumble with custard and muffins. The 11 young chefs worked together to cook the meal after school, ensuring that it was ready to serve when guests arrived at 5.00 pm.

It was a huge success – not a morsel was left. Well done the 'Let's Get Cooking' crew - Chloe Cain, Chloe Gee, Nikita White, Summer Kenyon, Lizzie Garrett, Michaela Waterfall, Shannon Harmer, Crystal O'Donnell, Jack Smith, Casey Mason and Bradley Mason, ably assisted by Ms Poore and Mrs Carter.



Family, friends and young chefs at the successful 'Let's Get Cooking' event

Well Dodgy!

Forget the FA Cup Final, forget the Olympics – the sporting event of the century was the Grand Dodgeball tournament on Red Nose Day. The battle was fought by Mad Scientists, Mexicans, Warriors, Super Heroes and Rejects as well as teams dressed in beach and bedwear. Referee Mr Bedford struggled to keep order. Team tactics varied: the Scientists insisted on calculating the velocity of incoming balls whilst the Beach Wear team got up really early to put towels all over the court.



The Warriors were let down by Mrs Dorrington's blatant cheating; she claimed that the rule book isn't in the library. The Superhero team looked strong but were hampered by underwear and fight-related injuries. Meanwhile, the Jim Jams resorted to a performance enhancing substance (Horlicks).

The poncho-clad Mexicans fielded a mystery masked man known only as 'El Chimichanga'. Mike Nicholls spiced up their performance, but Mr Anders and Mr Copus were less 'red-hot chilli peppers' more 'refried beans'. Unfortunately, Mr Crowley's 'Rejects' lived up to their name.

Outstanding players included Danielle 'Dynamo' Sanders, Conner 'Courageous' Southey (last man standing on two occasions), Robbie 'Go-for-it' Grant (frightening attacking and equally scary wig), Jasmine 'Braveheart' Blofield (for selflessly saving a team mate) and Alisha 'Never Give Up' O'Neil. Well-dressed players included Mrs Alder in hockey goalkeeper's kit (safety first!) and Mr Waters, who transformed into Jack Sparrow by simply donning a pirate's hat.

Although the Jim Jams were declared Champions, the real winner was Comic Relief as over £80 was raised.

Pompey Double Club

Pompey legend Linvoy Primus paid a visit to our Year 8 Pompey Double Club literacy programme and spent over an hour answering questions and signing autographs. Here is what the students had to say about Linvoy ...

"The best thing about meeting Linvoy was hearing all about his life as a footballer. I asked him what the most amount of goals was that he has scored in one game and his answer was only two!" Gemma Morey (year 8)

"I really like Linvoy, especially because he autographed my Pompey book" Jake Ashby

"Linvoy really boosted my confidence in football and my literacy" Callum Hackett

"I really liked meeting Linvoy. He has influenced me a lot" Ryan Keating

"He gave us a lot of information and let us take a photo of him with the class" Tom Frost



"He answered all of our questions. When we asked if he had ever been sent off he said only twice and he regretted it both times" Chloe Houghton-Channing

"I thought most footballers were big headed, but Linvoy was really kind. He answered our questions politely and even signed my Pompey book" Dana Scott

Student Profile - Joe Carter and Stephen Pearson

In this edition we interview Joe and Stephen, who are both in Year 11 and have their sights set firmly on the future. Joe and Stephen reflect on their time at Park Community School, give advice to those about to join and tell us about their ambitions and how they plan to achieve them.

Which junior school did you go to?

Joe and Stephen: Barncroft Junior School.

What is your favourite subject at school and why?

Joe: Music, most definitely.

Stephen: Science and Media, because I enjoy them.



Park students shine at the Havant Schools Book Quiz

What did the owl and the pussy cat dine on? How many sickles make a galleon? Who is the Children's Laureate? These were all questions fired at students taking part in the annual World Book Day literature quiz.

Teams from local secondary schools battled it out at Park Parade Library as their librarians willed them on from the sidelines. Park's crack team of top readers consisted of Harry Green (Year 7), Kendal Pitman, Billy Mellish (Year 8), Captain



Amber Mitchell (Year 11) and English teacher Mrs Pearce. As fans of the Percy Jackson books, the fab five quizzed under the team name of 'The Olympians'. Their performance certainly reached dizzying heights as they finished runners up to Hayling College.

Mrs Pearce was delighted with the team's success. "This is only the second year we have taken part," she said. "Last year we were fourth, so coming second is a great result. I'm confident that next year we will be bringing the winner's trophy back to Park."

Incidentally, the answers to the questions are: mince and slices of quince, seventeen and Anthony Browne.

Billy, Amber, Harry and Kendal - Park's Literary Quiz Team

What advice would you give a Year 6 who is just about to join Park Community School?

Joe: Don't be scared of asking other pupils for help, and try to have fun, else you'll just dread every day.

Stephen: Don't worry about anything, just keep up with your homework.

What is best about Park Community School?

Joe: You have lots of choice about what you want to do and the teachers are really dedicated.

Stephen: The school is friendly.

What are you most excited about this year?

Joe: Starting college and meeting loads of other people that love music like I do.

Stephen: Starting college.

What moments are you proudest of?

Joe: The various occasions when I have performed in Arts Amphitheatre.

Stephen: Getting better grades than I was expected to.

You are both in Year 11 and leave us this summer ... what do you think you will remember most about Park?

Joe: My awesome mates, and having lots of fun in my music lessons.

Stephen: All of the opportunities I have been given, for example, the trip to San Francisco.

What are your career ambitions and how do you plan to achieve them?

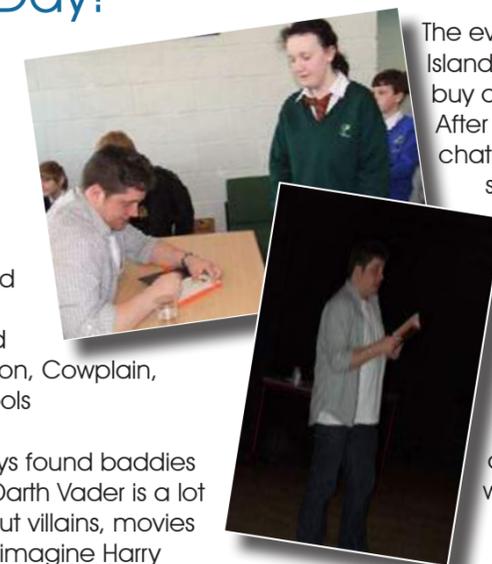
Joe: I want to make a living from playing guitar, whether it's being a session guitarist, teaching lessons, or working in a music store, I don't mind. My plan for achieving this is to get as high grades as I can in my college courses, and then moving on to study music at the ACM or BIMM.

Stephen: For my work experience I worked with my brother's company, Mayavision International, as a production assistant. We worked on "The Battle of Britain" documentary shown on the BBC and on a drama called "Fossil Bay". I would like a job in TV or film, and I am going to work as hard as I possibly can to achieve it.

It's Good to be Bad ... on World Book Day!

Award-winning author Mark Walden dropped into school to celebrate World Book Day in March. Mark's books are set in the sinister H.I.V.E, Higher Institute of Villainous Education, where students learn to become evil geniuses (school motto: "It's Good to be Bad"). As well as students from Park, the audience included students and staff from Warblington, Cowplain, Purbrook and Hayling Island schools

Mark explained that he has always found baddies more interesting than goodies. "Darth Vader is a lot cooler than Luke Skywalker. Without villains, movies and books would be really dull - imagine Harry Potter without Voldermort, Dr Who without the Daleks or Lord of the Rings without Sauron!"



When asked what advice he would give to aspiring authors, Mark replied "As long as you enjoy it, just keep writing."

The event was also supported by the Hayling Island bookshop who enabled students to buy discounted copies of the H.I.V.E books. After his talk, Mark stayed to sign books and chat to students. Kayleigh Edmonds (Year 8) said "Mark Walden was great. He wasn't what I expected an author to be like - I thought he'd be a bit uptight and snooty but he was really funny."

Luke Midgley (Year 7) was inspired to try the books for himself "I hadn't read any of his books before but now I really want to." Malick Sowe (Year 7) agreed, adding "And he's got an awesome website!"

Geography Federation event

Three lucky students (Bradley Biles, Rebecca Horne and Beth Stallard) got the opportunity to visit the London 2012 Olympic site. Our students were taken on tour with other students from the Federation schools. They had a detailed tour of the site and investigated the geography behind the Olympics and well as the environmental impact and legacy of the site.



The Olympic site is ready for London 2012

Cross Curricular Day

Cross Curricular day in the Art Department was a great success with students creating exciting works relating to the London 2012 Olympics and the values associated with the Games.

James Waterfield from King Richard School lent us his expertise in the field of graffiti styles and students were

soon totally engaged in producing both individual and collaborative work. Students had great fun mastering the use of a spray can, creating stencils and using markers to brilliant effect.

Each and every student had a hand in creating the fantastic mural that will go up in the Sports Hall corridor. One student said "I'm really proud, when I see it up. I'll know I painted some of that".



Students mastered new techniques to produce an attention-grabbing mural

Federation Careers event

Year 10 took part in an Information, Advice and Guidance day on 25 March. This day gave each student a chance to investigate the modern world of careers and explore possible future pathways for when they leave Park. In the middle of the day our students joined Purbrook Park at the Federation Careers Fair.

The event was held at the Mountbatten Centre and was full of colleges, training agencies (apprentices), universities and employment centres for the students to question. The students had the opportunity to listen to college talks, take part in many interactive activities and displays, as well as practice their interview techniques. Whilst at the event students were encouraged to try a variety of activities, with the promise of being put into a prize draw if all areas of their booklet was completed. We later found out that Jadene Milburn won an Ideapad and Harley Newitt-Beckett won the digital camera!



Year 10 students took advantage of the professional advice on offer at the Careers Fair

Wild Words

The Year 10 BTEC group have been working on a series of images relating to the natural world but with a twist. Students have been encouraged to investigate natural forms through photography and typography.

Collecting objects from around the school grounds and as part of homework assignments they then had to create words and photograph them. Students enjoyed the photography work and were extremely creative especially when carrying out their homework assignments.

Students learnt that not all art work has to be drawn or painted; this type of experimentation is just as valuable and the results just as effective.



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Saturday 9.30am – 11.30am

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Thursday 5.00pm - 6.00pm

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Notices

We raised £648 for Comic Relief on Red Nose Day!
Thank you for your support!

First Aid

In March Park students went on a course that gave them some valuable skills for life. They learnt the basic skills for primary and secondary first aid care. Miss Wyatt who ran the courses said 'I was thrilled with the response from students and their interest in enrolling on the course. The students took the days very seriously and we had lots of fun practising skills. I couldn't have been more pleased with their eagerness to learn.'

First Aid is one of the most important things in life that you can master. Learning not only to help yourself but also others is invaluable and the young people's own experiences of situations at home and in school only added to their determination to do well on the course.

The children practised CPR, bandaging, scene and shock management, protocols for contacting medical emergency services and practised scenarios to test their knowledge. The course was designed to be fun and the students most certainly enjoyed it. However the fun did not prevent the strong message being delivered about how important these skills are - a message that was most certainly embraced by the young people.



Having fun whilst learning some valuable skills

Students agreed that knowing how to try and help is better than not knowing what to do at all.

One student said 'what I have learnt today will help me forever and let me take care of my mum and dad if they have an accident'.

Marwell Trip

On Tuesday 29 March we visited Marwell Zoo. At the zoo we saw a tiger and Colobus monkeys. Our favourite animal was the Colobus monkey.

We liked this animal because it was washing itself and we were all laughing. It was funny. The monkey is black and it was eating and it was at the window to see us. Also at the park we saw a spider web swing and a slide. The thing I enjoyed the most was the animals and the play parks. I think that Marwell is good because you can see animals and they look after them and they have lots of room.

by Courtney Davison (Year 7)



Students successfully bid for funds

A group of Park students have won significant funding for a dance project about domestic abuse. With the support of the Motiv8 organisation, Charlotte Chase, Jessica Hawley, Maisie Harrison, Danni Chase, Ann-Marie Talman and Jade Pond have devised a dance project to a mixture of songs by American R&B artist, Rhianna, who suffered domestic abuse herself. To secure their share of the £10,000 funding that was available, the group attended a participatory budget

event on 30 March at Havant Leisure Centre where they had to give a two minute presentation to the public. Participatory budgeting engages residents and representatives from all parts of the community in discussions and decisions about spending priorities. The group were thrilled when their bid, which was up against many others, was the first to be given funding through public support on the night.

They will perform their dance at the Leigh Park carnival in June and also produce a DVD, which will be made available to all schools and colleges in the area.

The Borrowers 3D Model Project

The Year 9 BTEC groups have been working on a project called 'The Borrowers'.

Each student has been busy creating a scaled up model of an everyday object, which has not only tested their practical skills, but their mathematical ones too.



They have constructed everything from a drawing pin, lipstick and padlock to a lollipop and have had to select and apply the right materials to create the illusion of realism.



Everyday objects were the inspiration for Year 9 art

Portsmouth Music Festival

This year students spent three weekends in March competing in the Portsmouth Music Festival. It was great that this year, for the first time, we had a Year 9 band competing in the Key Stage 3 rock and pop section. Hannah Cross competed against singers aged 15-17 years achieving Highly Commended and "an artist in the making" and Eloise Bryant beautifully sang 'On My Own' gaining second place in her category.

This year there were 34 students from Years 7-11 in the Park choir. They were complimented on



Eloise Bryant with her certificates

their stage presence and good voice projection and were a credit to the school. A proud moment was watching Sophie Cowdrey accompany the choir singing 'Just the Way You Are' on the keyboard giving Miss McIntosh a well-deserved break.

The Leigh Park Community Choir, which practices each Thursday at Park Community School, were proud winners of the Stella Halcro Memorial Cup.



Leigh Park Community Choir

Glee

On 1 March the Performing Arts department took 50 students to Chichester Festival Theatre for the premier performance of 'Light on Its Feet'. Our students were given a 45 minute slot to put on a performance of their choice. They decided to bring the three areas of performing arts together in a musical drama based on 'Glee'. If you do not know, 'Glee' is a highly popular musical theatre soap opera. This was a student/teacher directed play moulded and shaped into a performance.

The final performance was in front of an audience of 300 in the Minerva Studio of the theatre. This gave students a opportunity to perform in a professional theatre and tread the boards where famous actors such as Sir Patrick Stewart and Sir Ian McKellen have trod before.

It was a fantastic performance, thoroughly enjoyed by students, parents and teachers. Mr Foyle, who accompanied the students said "As a new teacher at Park Community School, it was a pleasure to work with students who have great talents and performance skills."



Year 7 Rich Challenge

For two weeks in March, Year 7 students were busy changing our school environment. After learning about the environment in our Star lessons we were given the challenge of making a real difference in our school.

Working with Creative Partners from outside school such as architects, gardeners and artists, we chose a problem to solve, planned our approach and made the change!

Have you ever worked for two weeks non-stop? For this fortnight we worked non-stop. With our Star teachers we transformed empty courtyards, built play areas, designed and planted a garden, built a wattle and daub house and created pieces of art and a sustainability campaign.



We developed our planning, creativity, initiative and teamwork skills and it was great! After a week of research we went outside and put our plans into action by going outside and starting to do the fun and exhausting stuff, yippee!

By Mia Harris and Reece Parsons (Year 7)

Marquee Experiment

As many of you may have noticed, there was a large marquee parked, for roughly a fortnight, on our field behind the MUGA! Why? Well, this was a key part of the design work for our new school building.

We know that the very best teaching and learning is made much easier if we have the right sort of environment. We also know that different types of learning activity need different types of space and facilities/furnishings. Sometimes the best environment is the traditional classroom, but sometimes much smaller 'breakout' spaces are best for group work, filming, recording etc. On other occasions slightly larger, but very flexible spaces are best, where furniture can be rearranged very quickly for different types of activity, such as brain gyms, discussion work or private study. And at other times large 'purposeful'

learning areas are best (these are large spaces that are designed into different learning zones, each one created to suit a specific learning method). These are especially useful when setting up 'real-life' independent team-based projects like our Year 7 Rich Challenges.

It is was therefore important for us to explore what types of space are best so that we all understand the opportunities large learning areas could offer our students and our community users.

Sports Leaders

This term has been another successful one for the Sports Leader as they continue to be excellent representatives for the school with their professional approach and commitment. They have organised a number of events for local feeder schools as well as in-school events. With ever-growing confidence the students have planned and delivered a skipping festival, a multi-skills festival and helped with the smooth running of the Year 7 inter-mentor challenges. They are now building towards National School Sports Week events, Sports Days and a celebration of the 2012 Olympics by inviting a number of schools to Park to take part in activities based on Olympic values.



Young Leaders

In March our Young Sports Leaders Jess Ellam, Leah Corson, Luke Holman and Charlotte Downe took 72 Year 8 students from all the local secondary schools through their paces in order to achieve the Young Leaders Award. The students looked at the skills of communication and organisation, and applied these skills as if they were teaching small groups of students. A tremendous day was had by all.

Fencing



As mentioned in the previous edition of Park Post, our new Fencing Club started in March. Students and staff have joined the club, where they will have six intensive coaching sessions from Gordon Daniels, an expert in the art of fencing.

Jess Ellam, our Sports Ambassador, has joined the fencing club

Boys' Football

The Year 7 Boys' football fixture list has been hampered by bad weather this season, but their commitment and attitude has been faultless nonetheless. After running the Year 8 team close on a couple of occasions, the team, led by Josh Beardsworth, have also beaten Ditcham Park 4-2 and drawn 1-1 with Hayling. The boys found the physically strong Cowplain and Bohunt a bit too big to handle but never gave up in every game they played. The squad is: Udy, Beardsworth, Envy, Siddle, McQueen, Yates, Phillips, Wilson, Strange, Butters, McNamara, Ebbage, Hawes, Allen, Stephens, Hercus, Liveft, Chalk, Horrell, Talmond, Grant and Braiden.

The Year 10 Boys' team travelled to a crucial tournament at Horndean. At half-time it was 1-0 to Havant Academy. After strong words from Mr Cavanagh, the boys rallied and the influential Harry Easen scored twice after the equalizer to make it 3-1. Daimeon Bedden notched a fourth to put the game beyond our opponents. The next round saw the lads play Cowplain in the final play-off match. Brave goalkeeping by Jack Dray wasn't enough to see them through. Even James Murdoch's second half heroics weren't enough and the eventual score was

3-1 to Cowplain. Murdoch said "Obviously the lads are disappointed to lose, but we came back stronger at the end. Thanks to Mr Cavanagh for managing the team and Miss Johnston for driving the minibus."

The Year 9 Boys' team went to Warblington to play in the Havant Schools semi final tournament. In their first game goal opportunities were wasted and they ended up with a scoreless draw against Petersfield. Ashley Allen proved again he was one of the best keepers in the area with a solid performance in this match. The second game against Hayling went much better, and the team won 4-1, with Jake Knight influential. The final game saw Park crush Warblington 6-0 with Penfold and Quarrington outstanding. Matt Owen scored from 25 yards and Jack Picton proved a tenacious defender. The team thought they had done enough to go through but, despite a vastly superior goal difference, the event was decided by penalties. Park lost on sudden death, after drawing 3-3 on penalties. Ashley Allen proved the hero of the hour for his positive attitude and skill in saving two and scoring one penalty under great pressure. Well done all those boys who gave it 100% and showed a superb attitude.

Girls' Football

Big congratulations to the Under 13 girls' football team who won the league. Their commitment, ability, team work and determination saw them produce some outstanding performances. Park played 10 games against local senior schools and won every match. Some fantastic goals were scored by Chloe Orsmond and Shannon Fuller, there was sound goal keeping from Rebecca Etherington (who often kept a clean sheet), solid defending by Rebecca Horne and Britney Gray and lots of energy shown by Bliss Hennessy, Whitney Gray and Chloe Cain. We hope to continue to add more silverware to our trophy cabinet next season.

The Under 16 team also produced some excellent team and individual performances which resulted in

them finishing second in the league. The team has continued to improve from last season, again due to excellent training, commitment and a large squad which we hope to continue to develop with 11 a-side games. Amy Sheppard and Whitney Downer were excellent role models when performing as captain, with superb goal scoring ability by Lauren McGiffen and the safe hands of Jordan Shaltz in goal.



Girls' Football Team, with goalie Rebecca Etherington inset

Hockey

The hockey team have continued to participate in both the Under 14 and Under 16 hockey leagues within the Partnership at Havant College every Monday evening. The Under 16 team have yet to complete all games but the Under 14s finished third in the league.

The commitment of students in each team has been excellent, and we have made the surprise discovery of two very talented goal keepers, Kyle Needham (Year 10) and Jake Townsend (Year 9). Well done to both teams.



Under 14s Hockey Team made good progress in the league

Sports News



From bottom to top - Motiv8 5s win the league

What a night it was in March when Havant's Motiv8 5s football team won the league! The air was full of excitement and pride as the Motiv8 staff watched our football team, comprising Stuart Barnes, David Bartlett, Carl Drooney, Ash Foote, Alex Henry, Charlie Jeans, Liam Lee, Ronnie Lee and Kyle Needham, win both of their last games, even coming from 3-0 down to win 9-4. This is such a great achievement considering last year we finished bottom of the league, and has been the biggest highlight for the Havant Team, especially Kirk, who has spent the year coaching and mentoring the young men. This night was a reflection of all the hard work and dedication the team have shown this year, and proves if you want something enough, and are willing to put in the work, your dreams really can become reality. Well done lads - we are the champions!

Some of the quotes from the boys:

'I have never won anything before'

'Motiv8 has changed my life this is the best day of my life'

'There's only one team in Hampshire'

'This is the first time I have won in my life'



A special thanks goes to Havant Borough Council for sponsoring our very professional football kit and to the Police, Fire Brigade and Park Community School who have continually supported Motiv8.

Calshot Reward Trip

In early March a group of eight Year 7 students went to Calshot Activities Centre as a reward for their excellent behaviour and effort. They took part in skiing, boulder climbing and velodrome cycling. The students excelled in all sports and made superb progress during the day. Well done to them all!

