



Welcome to our new edition of Solent News.

Across the Spring Term our teams have all been continuing their fantastic work to make sure that the educational experience for our pupils is engaging, fun and as always, tailored to each individual. Although Covid case numbers locally and nationally are steadily falling, case numbers following the Christmas holiday remained at a level that has continued to impact on attendance levels for pupils and adults. I would like to say a huge thank you to our staff and families for all your support throughout this term to ensure as much consistency as possible, we all know how vital this is for our pupils and their wellbeing.

We hope that you enjoy reading our latest updates. I would like to give a shout out and thank you to Hayley Woods who has creatively designed and compiled this updated format of Solent News. In our next 'eggciting' Easter edition of Solent News we will be sharing with you all the results of the Trust wide Bake Off Competition which will be judged by Governors, Trustees and members of the Central Team!

Headlining in this edition of Solent News are the following exciting updates:

- The long awaited but extremely positive Mary Rose Academy Ofsted report is now available for you to read in the link on page 2
- Cliffdale Academy Giraffe Class have a surprise celebrity visitor join their fitness fun, page 3
- Littlegreen pupils promote healthy living and encourage participation in a broader range of sports, page 5
- Mary Rose Magic strikes again with impressive performances at the Dance Live Event, page 6
- Redwood Park pupils demonstrate their maturity and employability skills at the Shaping Portsmouth Conference, page 7

And finally.....! We are really looking forward to sharing a very exciting update from Cliffdale Academy following our recent Ofsted inspection 😊

With very best wishes and sincere thanks for all your ongoing support.



**Sharon Burt, CEO**

Sharon



The Trust have been working hard to review the current fleet of minibuses.

Two new buses have been purchased to replace existing vehicles to be used across the Trust.

Thank you to Richard Galloway for taking a lead on the minibus review.



I'm delighted to announce that Mary Rose Academy were rated as Outstanding in their recent Ofsted inspection in December 2021. The inspectors highlighted that: 'This is a kind and caring school', 'Pupils feel safe and secure', 'Quality of education is exceptionally high', 'There is a strong culture of safeguarding embedded across the school' and 'Behaviour is exceptional'. This is a direct result of the contributions and relentless determination to achieve the very best outcomes for our pupils and their families, with an unwavering belief that 'it's got to be possible'.

The official report can be accessed in this [link](#).



# Promoting Independence



Zebra class have been busy exploring different designers in creativity. They have been inventors themselves by designing their own t-shirts in choosing and using paints and pens.

During bucket, our pupils took turns to tie dye their own t-shirts and practiced putting them in the washing machine. Everyone demonstrated fantastic independence when trying on their t-shirts!!

Freddie, Alfie and Ryan from Gorilla class achieved lots of independence at home.

They completed a "Home Learning Bingo," completed tasks such as making their beds, brushing their teeth and buttering bread.



Giraffe class have been learning about the importance of keep fit and healthy. They have been regularly following the workouts from Joe Wicks. Joe even sent them a video message!!

Click [HERE](#) to view the full video.



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The weather has been glorious this half term, which has enabled us to do lots of different sports and games outside. Recently, with the six nations as inspiration, some classes have started to play tag rugby and work on isolated skills within the game of rugby. Key stage 3 and 4 pupils have been developing their techniques and consolidating skills in a variety of individual sports such as golf and swimming.

There has been a strong focus on building relationships so that we can all work together as a team and develop values such as teamwork and sportsmanship.

We are working hard to promote healthy living and encourage participation in sport.

Art continues to be a firm favourite with many of our pupils.

Kallum and Hedley spent several lessons reproducing a mermaid painting and a tiger. Both pupils showed perseverance in their painting by coming back to it week after week until it was complete. The results are fantastic. Well done!!





World Book Day is always a great day at Mary Rose Academy. This year the focus story was 'The Dot' by Peter Reynolds. Lots of activities were enjoyed throughout the day including video story, message story and symbolated story.



What an amazing performance the students of Mary Rose Academy gave the audience and the judges at the Guildhall Portsmouth in February in the first Dance Live! for 2 years.

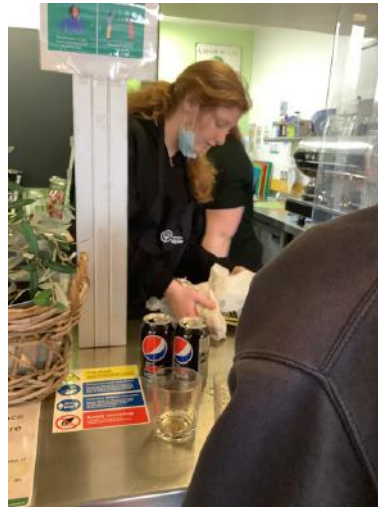
They were 0.3 points away from placing 3rd with their concept based on the Invictus Games.

Mary Rose Academy won 2 awards; Concept and Video Journey.

A huge well done to all the amazing students and staff that took part in this years performance.



# EMPLOYABILITY AND SKILLS



Museum class are 2 weeks into a 4-week work experience at Lilly and Lime Cafe in Guildhall Library. The pupils are learning in the training kitchen by preparing different bakes and using catering equipment. They have also helped prepare food for sale. This week the pupils learnt how to make coffee on the posh coffee machine.

Quotes from the class, best moments so far: Alexis meeting new customers and practicing asking questions, Evie making cookies, and working in a real catering kitchen, Yahya i feel more confident to get a job now.

## SHAPING PORTSMOUTH



Thank you to the wonderful year 11 students of Redwood Park Academy who helped steward the Shaping Portsmouth Conference at the Guildhall on the 28th January 2022.

***Sarah Jones, class teacher asked Kenzie what the impact was for the day - Kenzie said 'to show that children with special needs are employable!!'***



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Last year we enjoyed the virtual assembly sharing the results of the eggciting Easter egg decorating and best Easter garden competition.

This year we would like to invite you to get baking!!

There will be a special judging panel who will award prizes in:

- # Best decorated cake
- # Most inventive cake
- # Star bakers
- # Tastiest & most delicious cake



Further details will follow shortly!





We have the following vacancies:

**Littlegreen Academy – Teaching Assistant**

Littlegreen Academy is seeking to appoint high quality, compassionate and committed teaching assistants to join our Academy, a SEMH school for boys aged 7 – 16 years, near Rowlands Castle.

**Redwood Park Academy – Teaching Assistant**

We wish to recruit enthusiastic and highly motivated SEN Teaching Assistants to work collaboratively with our teaching team. You must be passionate and have the ability to inspire learning, and support the development of our amazing pupils!

**For further information visit our careers page [here](#)**

Since January 2022, Solent Academies Trust have recruited 15 new members of staff across the trust at the time of publication. We would like to give them a very warm welcome to the team!



Meet the HR Team; from left to right Helen, Director of People, Culture & Development, Sarah, Trust HR Lead, Lizzie, HR Advisor and Kelly Recruitment and Admin Officer



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All academies have a Facebook page and this is a great way to keep up to date with school information and exciting news.



Our new interactive websites have now launched across the Trust, click the links below to explore further:

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<https://redwood-academy.net/>  
<https://maryrose-academy.net/>  
<https://littlegreen-academy.net/>

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