



LATITUDE

The Admiral Lord Nelson School Magazine



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Featuring...

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- Buggy Malone
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CELEBRATING...

Last Term

Our aim is to provide ALL students with a positive and enriching school life, working as a community creating a safe, orderly and inclusive environment based upon respectful relationships.

The benefits of school go far beyond academic achievement. Building students social skills, confidence, resilience and helping them to develop into great young adults is at the heart of everything we do. As this edition of Latitude shows, we always try to give students as many opportunities and experiences as possible to create those positive memories of education that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

None of this would be possible without an incredibly committed staff, amazing students and supportive parents so I'd just like to thank you all for your ongoing support in making this the great school that it is.

Chris Doherty

*Mr Chris Doherty
Headteacher*



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Spinnaker Prefects present fundraised money to The Rowans Hospice!



From Rowans Hospice:

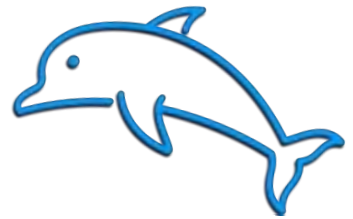
'What an inspirational group of students! We would like to say an enormous thank you to the Prefects from the Spinnaker House at Admiral Lord Nelson School for raising £326 for Rowans Hospice. We were delighted to meet and thank the Prefect representatives Theo, Grace, Mia, Sophie, and Mr Morris for visiting the Hospice recently, it was great to hear about the two bake sales that were held by Spinnaker House. All items were lovingly home baked and must have been very well received to raise this amount of money.'

Billie's

Annual Beach Clean!

One of our amazing students, Billie in Year 7, held an annual Eastney beach clean on Sunday 7th January and it was a huge success!

Her beach clean had over 100 volunteers come down as well as 3 trucks from Southsea Fire Station. Approximately 480 kilos of rubbish was cleared from the beach which is incredible and that will now not make its way into our Solent!



You may have seen her on South Today or Sky News talking about her incredible achievement for a great cause! Well done Billie - Truly inspirational!



Hot Chocolate Friday!

Hot Chocolate Friday is an opportunity for Headteacher, Mr Doherty, to invite learners who have gone above and beyond during the week to share a hot drink and a chat together.

What better way to end the working week than with your hands around a mug of marshmallow topped hot chocolate?

Well done everyone!



Nethara, Billie and Hailey



Evie, Daisy and Louie



Logan, Oscar, Perry, Theodora, Tanisha and Nadine



Eliza, Sam and Freya





School Council Meetings



The School Council met on Tuesday 23rd January to discuss their action plans. They have a really clear plan on how they can make improvements to our school!

If you have any suggestions then please let your tutor rep know.



Mrs Brown



Tuesday 27th February was our final School Council led by the current Year 11 Prefects.

The students worked on the last of their action plans to ensure that all targets are met before the new School Council is launched in a few weeks time.

The atmosphere in the room was amazing; we are so lucky to have such fantastic students putting in extra effort to ensure our school is the best it can be!

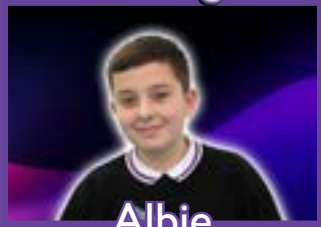
Mrs Brown

Punctuality Pros!

WHAT IS 'PUNCTUALITY PROS'!

We have recently been talking with the students about the importance of punctuality, both for them to be successful themselves but also to show respect and kindness to those around them.

As well as working to support the few who are not yet getting it right, it is important to celebrate those who are so each week one student in each House, decided by random means, will receive an Amazon Voucher and a big well done from us!



Albie



Amy



Scarlett



Raha



Hugo



Aadvee



Mae



Henry



Henley



Finley



Jude



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Isla



Billie



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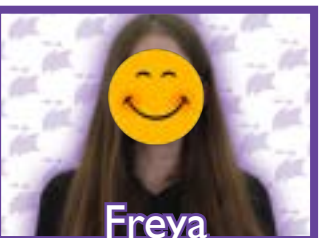
Carter



Eva



Izabella



Freya



Sidney



Rafael



Jessica

ANTARCTICA FLAG COMPETITION!



Last term, we ran a competition for Year 8 and 9 students to design a flag for Antarctica Day (December 1st). The winning entry was Nethara in Year 9, and they have sent us a photo of the flag in the cold continent!

Well done Nethara!

Mr Cleaver





SPORTS CORNER



YEAR 9 & 10 BOYS BASKETBALL!



Our Year 9 & 10 boys basketball team had a full court game against Mayfield and played some excellent basketball both in full court fast break opportunities and by setting up some half court plays. They took a little while to settle into the game and the first quarter was fairly even in score, but the boys knew if they started to regularly take their scoring opportunities, they would be able to start to lead and control the game. Some brilliant shots started going in and they managed to take a well-deserved victory finishing the game 48-26.

A huge thank you to Mayfield for coming to play us and making it such an enjoyable and competitive game. Well done boys, you demonstrated some excellent team play and a very high quality performance.

Miss Cooper

YEAR 7 BOYS FOOTBALL!



The Year 7 boys have progressed through to the semi-final of the Portsmouth Cup following a dramatic win on penalties against Mayfield School.

ALNS went a goal behind in the first half and eventually found themselves level in the second half following a great finish from Hameed. The game then went to extra time with the scoreline still at 1-1 which resulted in a penalty shootout. The boys played really well and deserved the victory. Onto the semi-final!

Mr Probert

GIRLS FOOTBALL: 3-0 WIN!



The girls played against Priory in extremely windy conditions. We ended up with a 3-0 win, goals scored by Hallie, Daisy, And Lily! I am so impressed by the girls performance, the passing is really starting to come together. Defence was solid keeping shape at all times.

Well done girls!

Miss Conaghan

GIRLS FOOTBALL: ALNS 2-0 TRAFALGAR



The Year 10's and 11's played against Trafalgar in one of our last league games at home. The girls started strong with a goal from Layla to settle them down. ALNS had the majority of the possession for the game but couldn't get the ball in the back of the net. Finally a goal came from Mia which resulted in a 2-0 win!

Well done girls!

Miss Conaghan

YEAR 10 BOYS THROUGH TO THE FINAL OF THE PORTSMOUTH CUP!



THANK YOU POMPEY IN THE COMMUNITY!



A small number of Year 11 boys had the pleasure of meeting Portsmouth FC manager John Mousinho at a 5-a-side football tournament at the brand new John Jenkins stadium. Thank you to Pompey in the community for the invite!

Mr Probert

HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS TRIP!



On Monday 26th February, some of the boys basketball team were lucky enough to go to Bournemouth to watch the Harlem globetrotters in action! By the look on their faces they had an amazing time...

Miss Conaghan

GIRLS FOOTBALL: 7-1 WIN!



The girls played brilliantly against Trafalgar. We had real good form and some top goal scores from the girls. Lily had player of the match for her consistent efforts.

GOAL SCORED BY:
HALLIE: 2
LILY: 1
DAISY: 2
EVA: 1

Miss Conaghan





VISIT FROM CITY OF PORTSMOUTH COLLEGE!



On 7th March at Admiral, for our approximately 100 strong cohort of Year 10 GCSE PE students, we invited in City of Portsmouth College to talk through some of the sports courses on offer to them after ALNS. They spoke about various different Level 3 courses like the elite Football and Basketball programmes, the sports coaching routeways and additional NVQ diploma courses in personal training and extended certificates in sport.

They told our students about the entry requirements as well as giving them details about the sports academy programmes. After this they gave our students the opportunity to play some Football and wear the playtek vests to gather some performance statistics that we can then analyse after they have collated them.

It was great to hear from Tyler Monk, an ex PE student about his pathways and experiences in his sports courses after leaving ALNS.



A huge thank you to Brodie Spencer, who is in charge of the sports courses at City of Portsmouth College for coming into help us inspire our GCSE PE students and guide them with some ideas about their future pathways in education.

Our students were really engaged and thoroughly enjoyed hearing about what they could achieve through sport.

Miss Cooper

HENRY'S GYMNASTIC SUCCESS!



#CelebratingSuccess

Our Year 9 student, Henry, has been participating in gymnastics since he was four years old. He remembers that he was very energetic at the time, and his family thought it would be a good opportunity to release some energy!

Henry currently trains five days a week and would like to participate professionally in the future on an international level. 'I'd like to travel' he explained.

When asked if he has any famous gymnasts that he looks up to, he said that he simply focuses on himself. 'I don't really look up to anybody - I just concentrate on what I'm doing.'

We would like to congratulate Henry for his incredible success in gymnastics; on the 3rd March he competed in the Men's English gymnastics Championship. He placed an amazing 12th. All around apparatus (out of the top 52 gymnast in England -u14s). He also managed an incredible 5th place finish on the pommel horse and 7th on rings.



DYLAN'S SWIMMING SUCCESS!



#CelebratingSuccess

Our Year 10 student, Dylan, is certainly a busy young man!

Dylan recently was selected to swim for Hampshire County Championships, he qualified for 5 championships in total this year. To qualify, you must meet the fastest swimming times, as well as be ranked in the top 20 swimmers for that stroke across Hampshire!

He explains, 'This is my 3rd competitive session for Portsmouth Northsea. I have been swimming competitively for nearly three years but have been in the pool since a very young age.' When looking forward to the future, he says he would love to qualify for the National Championships.



Dylan swims 6 days a week, which includes 4 morning sessions. These mornings he gets up around 4am, leaving the house 4:30am, he finishes swimming at 7am. He then cycles to school and on his return completes another 2 hours in the pool!

'I love swimming because you never know how you're going to do - When I'm in the pool, it's like being taken into a whole other world.'

Keep up the good work Dylan and well done!

Journalism Club...

... interview teachers!

What do you think of the new Welcome sign?

Why did we choose to have a sign in different Languages, and why so many and just not the ones we learn?

How do you want people to feel when they see the sign?

Mr Hutton:

"I think it looks really good and everything is nice. I think it is important that everyone feels like they belong and we represent every student. I think we have mostly covered all languages, but of course we don't know every language."



Miss Quinn:

"The new sign is very inclusive and very on-brand with the school and it makes everyone feel welcome. I like the school colours and it encourages students to learn some new languages."



Miss Driscoll:

"I think it's bright and colourful and attention grabbing. It's good that we welcome everybody!"



Mr Mills:

"I like it - I think it makes it far more inclusive for the school. We are making an effort for different cultures."



Mr Doherty:

"It was my idea! I think it was important that everyone feels included. Every language is of our students' origins. The colours represent the Houses at ALNS!"



Miss Rott:

"It's great for inclusivity - It's nice that French is on it!"



Debate Competition!



On Tuesday 30th January, these amazing students took part in a debate comp against two private schools. We, unfortunately, didn't win but their debates were by far the most entertaining and the students were incredible. INCREDIBLE!!! They represented our school so well.

The girls discussed: *'Are serial killers born or made?'*

While the boys discussed: *'Should we be forced to take Maths until we are 18?'*

Well done everyone!

Ms Ottesen

Culture Day!



ALNS WIN DANCE LIVE! 2024!



PD Day 3!



JOB LIKE ME EVENT: CYBER SECURITY

A few of our Year 7, 8 and 9 girls had the pleasure of taking part in a 'Job Like Me' event!

The session was an event for our students to hear from local and global Cyber Security Expert Holly Foxcroft as she explained her role, her journey and the opportunities available for girls in STEM.

Thank you Holly for sharing your incredible journey with us!

#PortsmouththeDigitalCity #GirlsinSTEM #IBelong



'Name our Book Trolleys' Competition WINNERS!



Our trolley's now have names! Well done to our brilliant winners Erin H (Year 9) and Jack R (Year 8) for choosing fantastic witty and literary names for our mobile trolley library service.

The winning names are Speedy McReady and Wonka's Wheels! Thank you to everyone for your entries and look out for the library trolleys later this year when exam season starts.

Miss Rolls



Year 10 (and some Year 9s) were excited to have a visit from the Apprenticeship Bus!

Students were engaged and energised as they had the opportunity to speak to a range of different employers and apprentices and getting the chance to learn about what an apprenticeship is like.

Thank you to @shapingportsmouth and @portsmouthcitycouncil for organising the event.

#NAW2024 #careers #aspiration

KS2 visit ALNS for a session of...

MINECRAFT



On 8th February, we had 40 Key Stage 2 students from five local primary schools visit ALNS for a Minecraft session!

This was to mark Portsmouth Computing Week. Thank you to our IT champions Ben, Sam and Juliet for helping out and making our guests feel welcome!



Year 10 Child Development class visit...

Little Admirals



We have recently been back to Little Admirals, after our initial visit to observe the children and watch how they learn and play. We went back to school to plan our own activities to try to help improve their physical development in some way. We have learnt about the children's fine and gross motor skills, how children play and what their expected developmental norms should be at the ages of 3-4 years old. They then used that knowledge to plan and resource a session to run with the children.

Our year 10 students were amazing and planned some really interesting and engaging activities where they had resourced things themselves, leading the children in their chosen session. We did some slime making, painting, play dough, mask making and assault courses to name a few.

I am so proud of how these groups have used their knowledge to plan, organise and lead such brilliant activities. Well done to everyone involved, the Little Admirals pre-school children loved you being with them.

A huge thank you from all of us to the Little Admirals team, who have been really supportive and helpful in assisting us with our course, we really appreciate it!

Miss Cooper



Box Clever Theatre perform...

Macbeth



The Macbeth Box Clever performance was incredible! As well as this, we found it engaging and very useful for our Macbeth GCSE. It was really well crafted and the actors were very passionate about their roles. We were left truly inspired after this performance, and we would love to see it again!



Vicky T, Head Girl

Macbeth at... **KINGS** PORTSMOUTH THEATRE



Despite arriving at a later hour than most school trips, the cold air on Albert Road kept us awake - for the most part, and after taking a few very flattering, and again cold, photographs just outside the theatre, we prepared for the performance. Some prepared with marvelling at the sudden burst of warm air, while others prepared with packets of sweets, and in one notable case, cheesecake.

The performance began with the darkening ambient lights and the spotlights brightening the stage. Hence, the audience expected a performance alike to what had been studied, and it was the usual yet insightful exploration of guilt and biblical punishment, but what none of our party expected was the porter (who was famous for very few lines) to open the play in modern english. The porter spoke of drinking to horrors, but his promise to uphold Shakespeare's iambic pentameter was kept throughout.

The play was clearly thought out and well adapted to fewer actors with swift costume changes, and the worst thing about the experience was the legroom for taller folk, which considering that is far lower on any priority list regarding a theatre experience, the fact nothing else was negative clearly means all who arrived had left with smiles, a newfound knowledge of the classic tragedy, and yawns which were quickly abolished with the icy adrenaline of the outdoors.

Randolph H, Year 11



Portsmouth Literature Quiz WINNERS!



On Thursday 14th March, a group of KS3 students took part in the Portsmouth Literature Quiz 2024. They had to prepare for the quiz by reading 4 selected books by different authors: Nikesh Shukla, Alex Bell, Kieran Larwood and Lou Abercrombie, who were also attending the event. Both of our teams had a great time and, incredibly, the Year 8 team won the whole competition!

“I can picture exactly what happened before the winners were announced, we were all so happy and a bit shocked that we had won! I know that we were constantly working together as a team and reassuring ourselves that ‘no matter the outcome, we should be proud’ and even though we were not expecting to win, we came out with a trophy and signed books as prizes!”

Congratulations to both teams that entered!

Year 7 team: Ibrahim Bin S, Jack C, Lily Cand Niamh W

Year 8 team and competition winners: Beth S, Emma B, Luka D and Theodora P

Written by Beth, Emma, Luka and Theodora

Talia wins Young Inspirational Young Person Award!



We'd like to give a huge congratulations to Talia in Year 11 who recently won an Inspirational Young Person Award at The Pamodzi Creatives Inspirational Women of Portsmouth Awards.

The awards took place on Friday, March 10, at the Portsmouth Guildhall and saw people across the city come together to celebrate inspirational women who have been doing amazing things with their time.

Talia was recognised for her passionate work for Portsmouth Youth Cabinet. She has been doing lots of community work and activism for the past three years.

Well done Talia!





Portsmouth Schools' Spelling Bee!



On 20th March, 6 amazing students went to St. Edmund's Catholic School to compete in the inaugural Portsmouth Schools' Spelling Bee!

All participants were awarded a book from Hayling Island bookshop (which brought a little stand) and winners were allowed to choose a book for themselves AND a book for their school libraries, so we'll have 2 extra books in there soon.

Mr Holmes says, 'I was so proud of our students who conducted themselves with confidence, professionalism and kindness for the entire evening. Every single one of the them was a true credit to our school.'

Year 7 Spellers: Niamh W and Harry R

Year 8 Spellers: Ted W and Alyssa L

Year 9 Spellers: Summer W and Kieran R



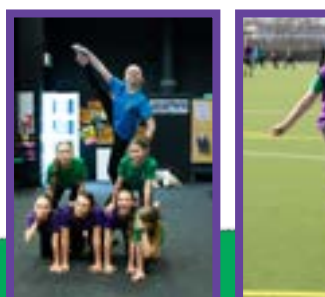
A special congratulations to Niamh W, who won Best Year 7 Girl speller, and Kieran R, who won Best Year 9 Boy speller!

I also feel a special mention is due to Ted, who got all of his first spellings correct (with what seemed like ease!) and then had to battle through 5 extra rounds of quickfire spellings that were not on the word list (and they were REALLY hard words!) He unfortunately didn't come out on top, but he certainly gave it his absolute best shot!

Thanks everyone for supporting them and giving them the confidence to do it!



WINTER SPORTS DAY!









Soundsational 2024!



On Tuesday 12th March, Year 10 and 11 students from ALNS performed at Portsmouth Music Hub's annual Music celebration 'Soundsational'. Schools and colleges from all across the city performed songs and other elements of musical theatre in what was a fantastic evening.

Year 10 students Oliver S, Oliver E and Maya H performed songs by Sam Fender and Arctic Monkeys, whilst Year 11 students Dale C, Lucas C, Alex M, Sophie D, Raha M and Dan E performed Treasure by Bruno Mars and Easy to Love by Couch.

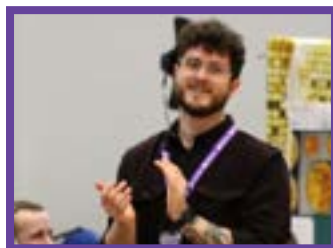
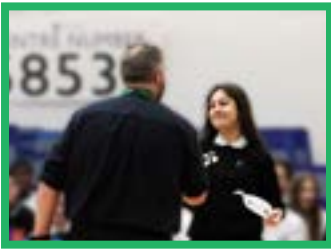
The students played incredibly well and represented ALNS magnificently in their professionalism and attitude.

Photos from the evening are courtesy of Paul Taylor from the Portsmouth Music Hub.

Mr Ward & Mr Waldren

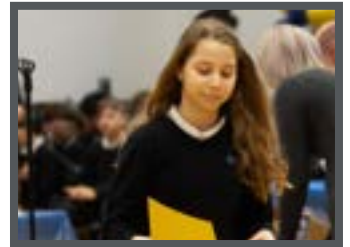


Merit Assemblies!





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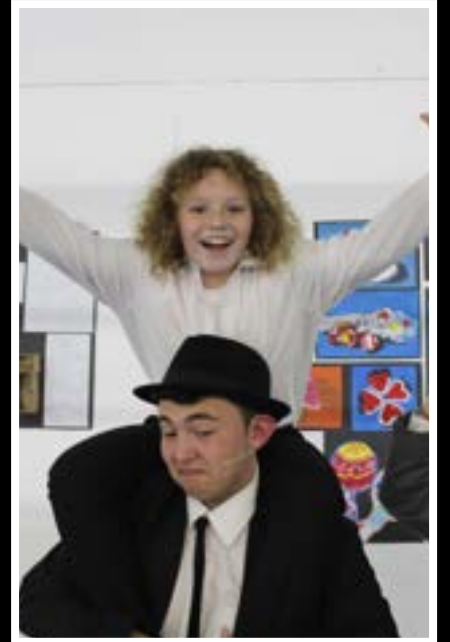


BUGSY MALONE

THE MUSICAL









Community Corner

MOTIVE PORTSMOUTH & SKILLS HUBS

| WHAT | WHEN | WHERE |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| TUESDAY HUB | TUESDAY 9-11PM | CORSELAND GATE |
| WELSEA WELLBEING HUB | TUESDAY 4-6PM | HONARD ROAD |
| WELSEA WELLBEING HUB | WEDNESDAY 4-6PM | HONARD ROAD |
| CREATE HUB | WEDNESDAY 5-8:30PM | CORSELAND GATE |
| WELSEA HUB | THURSDAY 4:30-6PM | ST MARGARETS |
| FROTTON HUB | THURSDAY 4-6PM | CORSELAND GATE |
| WELSEA WELLBEING HUB | THURSDAY 4:30-6PM | HONARD ROAD |

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| Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
| Ages 10-12 | Ages 13-15 | Ages 16-18 |
| 9 - 4pm | 4.30 - 6PM | 6.30 - 8.30PM |

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