



April 22nd 2016

PUMEZA MANDELA - NIECE OF NELSON MANDELA - VISITS MANOR FIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL

On Tuesday 19th April we were delighted to be able to take a group of Year 7 students to Manor Field Junior School to visit Pumeza Mandela, the niece of Nelson Mandela.

Pumeza Mandela travelled from South Africa to be a keynote speaker at the Rights Respecting Education Conference in Winchester on Friday 15th April 2016. Prior to the conference Pumeza spent four days visiting schools in Hampshire and we were very excited that Manor Field Junior School was selected to host for the Basingstoke area. Pumeza talked to the children about her work at the Nelson Mandela Museum and discussed children's rights all over the world; sharing with them the work and legacy of her family. The children learnt about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child which is absolutely fundamental as a values framework to unite children and young people from across the globe.

The pupils also took part in various workshops that encouraged them to think about the repercussions of stereotyping and prejudices. They had to consider the various attitudes towards migrants, and even played a game of charades where they acted out typical tourist phrases, thinking about how a person copes when they live in a country where they don't speak the language.

The students from CBEC came back from the visit full of enthusiasm and

admiration for the work of Pumeza Mandela. They have even shared what they learnt to the rest of their year group by planning and delivering an assembly.

It is wonderful to know that the work of Nelson Mandela is continuing and that members of his family are working to ensure that his lifelong vision of freedom and equality for all will, one day, be seen throughout the world.

Well done to all the students who attended the day - Sandra, Keely, Amelia, Chloe, Manraj and Shobim - and thank you to Miss Richard who accompanied the students on the day.



A more detailed report, including comments from the students and lots of photos, can be found in the next issue of the school's magazine, *News @ Cranbourne*.

Dear Parents/Carers,

We do hope that you had a good Easter break; it has been great to see the students return for the summer term full of enthusiasm. This term is, of course, a very important and busy one for our Year 11 students as they make the final preparations for their final GCSE exams. In College all staff are working very hard to support the students and providing as many revision opportunities as possible. As ever, we really do appreciate the support that you give us in helping your sons and daughters to achieve the best possible results.

A group of Year 7 students had a very exciting start to their term when they had a 'once in a lifetime opportunity' to meet the niece of Nelson Mandela – please take time to read about this visit – which sounded fascinating. Year 7 students are having a busy time with another trip scheduled to Oxford University on the 10th May; this is being run in conjunction with students from Costello and Fort Hill.

The LA (Learning Association) have a responsibility to moderate provision for those who are just starting on their teaching career, to ensure that the schools where they are working are providing the necessary level of support and training. On Monday 18th April 2016 we had our visit and we were delighted to be commended on the provision and support we give to Newly Qualified Teachers (NQTs). There was clear evidence of how NQTs flourish and progress at CBEC. It was the third visit for one of the Inspectors, Mr Whittle, who specialises in Science. He commented that every time he comes to CBEC the provision seems to get better and better and there were no recommendations he could make for improvement. He left CBEC saying that he was confident we have the capacity to continue the valuable work of engaging, supporting and training NQTs. I am sure you will agree that this is high accolade indeed!

We look forward to bringing you further news of what is happening at CBEC as the term progresses.

Yours faithfully,

B Elkins, Headteacher

PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: SUMMER TERM

DAY	ACTIVITY	LOCATION & TIME
TUESDAY	Rounders	Front Field 3-4pm
	Table Tennis	Business Centre 3-4pm
	Fitness Suite	Fitness Suite 3-4pm
WEDNESDAY	Cricket	Sports Hall 3-4pm
	Athletics Track	Front Field 3-4pm
THURSDAY	Athletics Field	Front Field 3-4pm
	Rounders Matches	Various 3-4.30pm
	Y10 Trampolining	Gymnasium 3-4pm
FRIDAY	Weak Swimmers	Swimming Pool 3-4pm
	Swimming	Swimming Pool – 7.45-8.15am



Catch Up Calendar

What's on in the weeks ahead!

April 2016

- **Thursday 28th:** Junior Maths Challenge

May 2016

- **Monday 2nd:** BANK HOLIDAY
- **Thursday 5th:** GCSE Concert
- **Monday 16th:** GCSE Season Starts

HALF TERM:

Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June

June 2016

- **Wednesday 8th:** Adventure Week
Parents' Meeting, 6.30 - 7.30pm
- **Thursday 16th:** Year 5 Taster Day for Non-Catchment Students
- **Thursday 16th:** Year 7 and 8 Alfresco Challenge
- **Tuesday 21st:** Swimming Gala
- **Friday 24th:** INSET DAY

BCOT STEM TRIP

I was pleased as punch to take a group of our students (Years 8, 9 and 10) to the STEM event at Basingstoke College of Technology the other week. We entered 3 teams into the fray of some stiff competition including our federated school Fort Hill. We had one team in the base level and two in the intermediates.



The competition was to create a bridge that opened and closed and could support a 1 kilogram mass while not deflecting so much that a boat could not still pass beneath the road deck. This was made more of a challenge for the intermediates as they had to have two openers and a fixed deck. This had to be supported by a design booklet outlining their design and what brought them to these conclusions.



I hope that all our contestants had as much fun as I did, and from the smiles on all the faces I assume that they did. I was very pleased with the behaviour and the professionalism of all our contestants and the pure energy that these students brought to the game. Next year we will trounce the competition and hopefully bring home some glassware!

I am more than willing to accept names for other STEM outings and activities if you are interested. I can be found in the D.T. department Tuesday to Thursday.

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