



# "Living and Learning"

## Quayside E.V Unit

### 2013 Newsletter

This is a term of hellos and goodbyes. The Summer school term always brings pressure in the form of exams, but also fun with the activities that can be done in good weather (and it seems the Great British Summer is shining on us this year!). We have had many new starters this term, myself included, but also inevitably we are saying a sad goodbye to many familiar faces.

On my very first day in April, I was warmly welcomed by all the pupils, who have been a pleasure to teach this term and I have very much enjoyed getting to know them all. Starting any new job mid-year is a rollercoaster ride but thankfully we have an amazing, skilled and experienced staff team here at EV Unit, who helped me to settle in quickly. I have really appreciated all their support this term.

We were all sad to say goodbye to our Year 11 pupils in June. They worked extremely hard in the build up to their exams, and performed well during the exam period. I was particularly impressed with their efforts in fundraising over £150 towards their celebratory trip to Paulton's Park (a highlight of the term for me!). Results day is 22<sup>nd</sup> August 8am-9am and I look forward to seeing the pupils at Quayside Gosport to celebrate their achievements.

Sadly we are also saying goodbye to two EV staff this term; Mrs Foster our PSHE & RE teacher, and Mr Townend, one of our Teaching Assistants. These two hardworking and dedicated members of staff will be sorely missed by all of us. We wish them all the best for the future and hope they come and visit us at our new building.

Looking ahead to the new academic year; we are all excited to be planning for the move to our brand new facility The Key Education Centre. Pupils will be starting at The Key on 7<sup>th</sup> October and for the first time, there will be specialist facilities to study Art, Food Tech, Design Technology, PE and Drama.

I wish everybody a happy and safe Summer break, see you on 4<sup>th</sup> September!

**Miss Eveleigh**

### Northney Farm trip

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 2013 we went to Northney Farm. Northney Farm is a dairy farm on Hayling Island. It has 120 Ayrshire cows and lots of cute calves that kept sucking Mrs Barker's hand!! The cows are mainly fed on maize, but also eat hay, grass and corn. Each cow produced approximately 25 litres of milk each day, which is collected by a milk tanker every other day. They make ice cream at the farm. We tried some ice cream and it was gorgeous. The cows are identified by chips in their ears. The milking parlour is controlled by computer. The pregnancy of cows takes 10 months. We had a tour of the farm on a trailer. I was very hot but I still really enjoyed the day.

**By C.H. Year 7**

Mrs Barker made a new friend



Having fun with the fuzzy chicken



## The New Band

I have recently started the E.V unit, and already I am starting in the band. In the band we have keyboard, drums, guitar, and bass, we have not got a vocalist yet. we are hoping to run an after school band session at the new place in Gosport. So far it's been really good !

**By O.L.G. Year 9**

## Paultons Park year 11 leaving trip

Year 11 pupils were creative when trying to raise money for their end of year trip. Miss Stanton brought in sweets confiscated from her father to be raffled and the pupils got orders from friends and families for the cakes that we were baking. Mrs Hoade priced the cakes at £ 5 for 4 cakes and ended up with 20 orders and by some miracle by the end of the morning we had made exactly the right number of cakes. The cakes we made were Chocolate Brownies, Lemon drizzle, Sponge, Marble, Chocolate and Cupcakes. Mrs Hoade looked a little greyer at the end of the event but there's no doubt that she managed to pull off an amazing feat!

In the end we managed to raise the £150 we needed to go on the trip.

The trip itself was filled with fun and the thrill seekers rode the scary rides whereas Mrs Barker kept to the Teacups. Everyone had a fantastic day and all the pupils were beautifully behaved and it was with real regret that we had to say goodbye to them at the end of the day.

## Mr Townsend and the thrill seekers



## Mrs Hoade's bakers



## New pupils

Since I've been here I've settled in very quickly and enjoyed it a lot. I've met every one in the school and I'm pretty much friends with every one. And I've not had a bad day yet so I'm doing great. We're moving school 3 weeks after the summer holidays and we will meet the new people from Quayside Gosport both pupils and teachers. Some of us will get anxious the 1<sup>st</sup> time we go there but we hope to settle in quickly.

**By C.S. Year 10**

## Lessons

Since I have been at the EV unit I have been learning about things like maths, English and a lot more. I enjoy all the lessons but my favourites are art and maths. I am looking forward to doing more practical subjects like science, technology and art at the new building. On Fridays we have sports lessons and they are all very fun. Most recently we did sit down volleyball and it was really good.

**B.M. Year 9**



On 5<sup>th</sup> July 2013 we went Geocaching; Geocaching is basically a world wide treasure hunt. Some Geocaches have special clues to follow and some don't. In the rules of the Geocaching world, some let you swap an item with another item, e.g. we swapped a Geobug (keyring) for a notepad.

We are only allowed to swap one item at a time. A Geobug is a special object which has been set a target from the computer such as: travel to 10 countries or travel to a certain country. Geocaching is so cool I would love to do it again.

**C. H. Year 7**



## The Key Education Centre

In autumn, on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October, we are moving to a new school in Bridgemaury called The Key Education Centre. We decided to produce a time capsule to be opened in 30 years time for people to say how their life is now or how our lives are.

We included postcards, recipe book, photos, a teddy and other items.

Pupils will be able to see how education has changed.

In 30 years' time we are all invited to open the time capsule.

**By L.H. Year 8**

## Useful Information for Parents and Pupils.

**Parentline Plus**—0808 800 2222

[www.parentlineplus.org.uk](http://www.parentlineplus.org.uk)

**Childline**— 0800 1111

[www.childline.org](http://www.childline.org)

**Motiv8**— 02392 834027

[www.motiv8south.org.uk](http://www.motiv8south.org.uk)

Italk—02380383920

A psychological therapy service

**E's Up**—02392 825140

[www.es-up.org.uk](http://www.es-up.org.uk)

**Frank**—0800 776600

[www.talktofrank.com](http://www.talktofrank.com)

**Prism**

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services/>

## Reminder to Parents

If your child is not going to be attending EV Unit for any reason can you please ensure you inform EV Unit by phoning :**01329 824096**.

In case of emergency it is important that we have your most recent contact details. Please notify changes of address and telephone numbers to EV Unit on **01329 824096**.

## Mobile Phones & I-pods

Parents/carers please would you remind your children that mobile phones and I-pods are not to be played during lessons. This is distracting to them and the others in the class.



"It's called 'reading'. It's how people install new software into their brains"

## College Co-ordinator

Advice for all year 11 pupils about plans for when they leave Quayside is ongoing so please make the most of this, ask a staff member to see Mel Walker to arrange an appointment.

## **EV Unit Address**

EV Unit X–perience Centre  
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PO16 7SJ

Have a great summer from all at the EV  
Unit

**Kayaking:** At Motiv8 a few of us did Kayaking at Wood Mill. The weather was dry and some of the day was raining there was only three people at the Motiv8 session. Only one person went into the water.

**Raft Building:** At Motiv8 we all went to do a bit of raft building at Wood Mill which was the same place that we did Kayaking. We all built a raft with our own designs and took it into the water; the Raft was unsuccessful the right way up and fell as soon as everyone got onto it. The raft worked better when it was upside down.

**Golf:** On the 5<sup>th</sup> of July Motiv8 went to 10<sup>th</sup> Hole golf course. We had two teams of four. After about 2 hours of golf we went into the restaurant and had a slice of cake and a drink.

**By R.M. Year 9**

**Edited by Miss Stanton**