

Heartbeat



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Primary mission not impossible for youngsters

Solving mathematical problems was enjoyed by pupils from three of our local primary schools recently, as they arrived at the College to try and solve Mission Impossible.

The young number crunchers from Great Crosby, Ursuline and St Edmund's and St Thomas' arrived eager and enthusiastic as they attempted to get to the bottom of a mathematical conundrum by solving various numerical brain teasers.

The youngsters certainly made light work of the task and found the day to be an enjoyable experience, as one pupil explained: "All the quizzes were really

challenging but I really enjoyed it. Mission Impossible was really fun and I absolutely loved it."

Another pupil said: "It was an amazing experience and I learned new things. This helped me a lot and it was really fun too. Thank you Sacred Heart."

Mathematics teacher, Mr Douglas, who helped organise the event, was thrilled with how successful it proved to be. He said: "All the pupils from the primary schools really enjoyed themselves and worked really well on the puzzles. They were a great credit to their schools and we were delighted to welcome them."





Theatre company gives Y7 a French connection

Year 7 had a French lesson with a difference recently as they were treated to a performance from a theatre company.

Using full theatrical props, the show, entitled *Vive la France*, was aimed at helping to motivate the learning process and inspire the use of French.

During the show, which featured mime, comedy, illusion, juggling, balancing, music and dance, pupils were able to use vocabulary related to food, the weather, numbers, time, colours, gender and parts of the body.

French teacher, Mrs O'Grady, explained more: "*Vive la France*, was directed towards interacting with the audience using their language skills and was an engaging

experience of the French language."

Vive la France was certainly a hit with the students. Bronte Kennedy and Alisha Webster (both 7R) said: "We really enjoyed it and it was very funny. We especially liked the French Rap."

Caelin McDermot and Rebecca Martlow, (both 7R), echoed Bronte and Alisha's comments by saying: "We thought it was a fabulous opportunity to learn French and it was a great play."

Similarly, Kady Garrett (7E) said: "The play was good and funny because it was very interactive."

Mrs O'Grady added: "Even though some of the students had difficulty understanding all of the performance, it still proved

popular."

Charlie Rannard (7E) agreed, he said: "Although I didn't understand all of the play, I still enjoyed it. It was very funny."

That sentiment was shared by Joe Porter, who added: "I thought the French play was very enjoyable and funny. Although I couldn't understand some of it, they really engaged us in the performance and there was a lot of audience participation."

The overriding feeling about the play was that the students enjoyed the performance and were glad Théâtre Volant visited.

Mrs O'Grady summed up the mood by adding, "tout le monde s'est bien amusé", which, for those not fluent in French, reads, "a good time was had by all".

Stage star drops in

Acclaimed actor Ian Redford visited the College recently to give our aspiring thespians an acting workshop.

Mr Redford, who has performed in every theatre in England and whose television credits include *Only Fools and Horses*, *Coronation Street* and *Eastenders*, said he was 'impressed' by the students' enthusiasm and added he always enjoys his visits.



News in brief

The Senior Citizens' Christmas Party takes place at 4.30pm in the Lower Site Hall today. This evening, there is a Year 11 Drama Night at 6.30pm in the Drama Studio. The 9 Lessons and Carols concert takes place tomorrow and the Christmas Cabaret Concert is at 7pm on Wednesday, rehearsals from 1pm. Term finishes for all pupils at 12.05pm on Thursday.