



WE ARE A ...
FAIRTRADE
SCHOOL



Newsletter
June 2011

Dates for Your Diary

13TH JUNE to 22ND JUNE

Multi-cultural days

Year 4 13th and 14th June

CHINA

Year 5 15th and 16th June

MIDDLE EAST

Year 7 21st and 22nd June

INDIA

Year 6 23rd and 24th June

NATIVE AMERICANS

17TH June—Children's
Summer Fair (1:00 to 2:30)

20TH JUNE—Tennis group
to Wimbledon

22nd June—Year 5 Beach
Visit

28TH JUNE—Year 7 to
Bodiam Castle

30TH JUNE—New Parents'
Evening

1ST JULY—Sports Day

6TH JULY—Transfer Day

7TH & 8TH JULY—Rocky
Monster Show!

8TH JULY—Reports Out

11TH JULY—Year 7
Residential to Devon

18th July—Year 4
Residential to Lodge Hill

19th July—Year 7
Celebration day

20TH JULY—Last day of
school and book prize
assembly

21ST & 22ND JULY—School
closed for Inset

Orchards has got talent...part two!

I'm now at the stage where I have been reduced to tears by the sheer brilliance of our children for the seventh time this year—not good for a hard man like me. During half term, the school entered the 'Portsmouth Be Your Best Junior Rock Challenge' and for the first time in our history won overall first place.

The picture does not do justice to the sheer energy and precision shown by the dancers—you have to see the video to gain that perspective. Roared on by a huge travelling support, The Orchards dancers took the stage by storm and left everybody in the large auditorium exhilarated by the time they had finished. As well as overall winners we gained first place in three other disciplines—Choreography, Hair Design and Concept Interpretation. Our congratulations go to the dancers and key organisers Ms. McCue, Ms. Draper and Ms. Rogers as well as the dozens of

staff who helped to make scenery and helped on the day.

We have also enjoyed a great number of other events. Two of our residential visits have been a great success—Year 5 to Windmill Hill and Year 6 to Paris. The children have been a pleasure to be with and received many positive comments from members of the public—tres bien mes enfants. Year 4 and Year 7 go away in July and I know they are all looking forward to their visits.



Orchards Rock Challenge Winners 2011

Year 5 took over Portsmouth Harbour and conquered a few fears of heights with a trip up the Spinnaker Tower!

Year 7 Netball girls returned from a National Netball Competition in

Swindon with second place which is an amazing achievement—well done to the girls and Coaches Healy and Beaney. Year 7 children have also enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Globe Theatre in London to see Shakespeare in action. All in all a very busy month—no rest for the talented!

Next issue— new classes for September 2011



Sparkle at Orchards Community Middle School