

# Mangotsfield Newsletter



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# TRY CYCLING!



## Dr Bike and the Cycle Mechanics

We were visited this week by an engineer from the Lifecycle organisation who helped the Level 2 Engineering Diploma students to run safety checks on their own bikes and taught them some maintenance techniques as part of the Maintenance Unit of their two year course.

We also had a visit from "Dr Bike" of the Sustrans cycling charity who came and did similar checks on students' bikes during the day, making sure they were roadworthy and helping to encourage more students to cycle to school instead of catching the bus or getting a lift. Good exercise and good fun at the same time!



## Cycle Training

A group of students recently enjoyed a session of cycle training.

# THE APPRENTICE

**The four apprentice candidates visited UWE Ventures recently to compete in the penultimate challenge.**

The students were paired as follows: Ashley Russell and James Taylor vs. Mitch Brain and Harley Vardakis and each team had a UWE student mentor. Both the UWE mentors had won a national enterprise challenge.

The challenge was “to create a sustainable, environmentally friendly solution to the transport issues faced by Mangotsfield School that is feasible in terms of costs and safety and will be accepted by students, parents, the school and community.”

Both groups had two hours from introduction to completion, including a presentation in front of a panel of entrepreneurs. All four students rose to the challenge, quickly getting to work and developing their ideas.

## Solutions

Ashley and James came up with a range of solutions including a “walking bus”, a “cycle bus”, facilities for students and a detailed car-pooling idea that parents and teachers could be involved in.

Mitch and Harley came up with a new student enterprise; buying disassembled bikes wholesale, training and paying students to assemble the bikes, selling and renting the bikes to students across the school, a new bike shed for storage and a financial reward for students to motivate them to cycle as much as possible.

The panel was impressed by both groups and amazed by the speed with which they produced the solutions and how they performed almost seamless presentations.

## Two Finalists

Choosing the two finalists was a very tough decision and was based on the feedback from the panel and the student mentors. Mitch and Ashley have made it through to the final challenge and will go head-to-head for the title of Mangotsfield Apprentice 2011.

Although James and Harley now leave the competition, they can be proud of their achievements and their performance. They have both developed in understanding and knowledge but also personally, with improved skills and abilities. Both have the potential to be very successful entrepreneurs.

Many thanks to UWE for their help with this round of Mangotsfield Apprentice.



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## Mobile Phones



**Please note mobile phones should not be used or switched on in school.**

Any phones that are seen will be confiscated.

### Parents

Parents should not phone or text to a student's mobile during school hours (even during break and lunchtime).

A number of students have had their phones confiscated as a result of responding to parents ringing them in lessons.

**If there is an emergency please phone the school office and we will get a message to your child.**

## Japan Disaster Appeal

Over £800 has been raised so far for the Japan disaster appeal.

### NEET

Most was from the non-uniform day at the end of last term but £30 was also raised by TAG students selling the NEET magazine.

Thanks to all those who helped to raise this money.

## Primary Science Lessons

Local primary schools have been visiting us again for lessons in our science labs.

Students from Barley Close, Emersons Green, Mangotsfield, Pucklechurch and The Tynings Primary schools used Bunsen burners and other equipment to carry out some interesting scientific experiments.



## GRAFFITI PROJECT

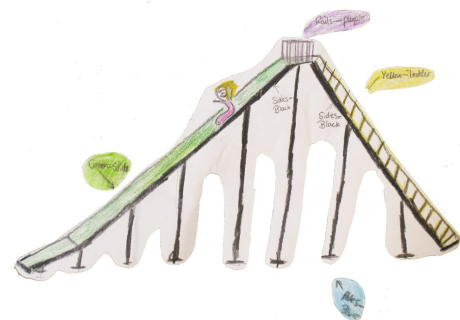
Some of our Year 10 Graphic Art students have been helping students at Pucklechurch Primary to design graphics to be used in a mural celebrating outdoor play that will decorate fencing at their school. The fencing is surrounding the new classrooms being built there.



The Graphic Art students have visited the primary school twice and helped with designs created by the children.

### Spray Paints

They will return and help transfer the designs to the fence using spray paints later this term.





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## BOXING CHAMPION?

Boxer Adelaide Baker (9.6) is fighting in the ABAE Female Schools' National Championships this weekend.



She will be fighting Paris Dunford on Saturday 11th June at The Lindhurst Rooms, Mansfield Civic Centre, Mansfield.

### National Champion

Adelaide, a member of Downend Amateur Boxing Club, is only three rounds away from being 2011 National Champion.

Downend Amateur Boxing Club is based at the new Pomphrey Hill Pavilion.

## Dates for your Diary

Tue 28 June	School Council, Period 4
Wed 29 June	Summer Concert 7.30 pm
Thu 30 June	Primary Transition Day and Year 6 Parents' Eve
Fri 1 July	Non-uniform Day and Sponsored Walk
Tue 5 July	Sports Day
Wed 6 July	Reserve Sports Day
Mon 11 July	India Day and Year 10 WEX week
Thu 14 July	Curriculum Enrichment
Fri 15 July	Curriculum Enrichment
Thu 21 July	Last Day of Term

In the last 2 years our sponsored walks have raised over

**£15,000**

for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research!

Well done and thank you to everyone that helped!

The next sponsored walk is on Friday 1 July - sponsor forms will be available soon - but you can start thinking about who will sponsor you NOW!

