

# Bright Times

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## Steve Chalk visit: March 11th 2010



Steve Chalke chatting with Mrs Winterman

When interviewed, he told us: "When I was fourteen I went to school and then afterwards to youth club one day. On the way home I decided that I wanted to set up a school, a hospital and a hostel. From then on I set my heart on it."

We all know about how successful he was from the large family of Oasis schools, hostels and hospitals there are now!

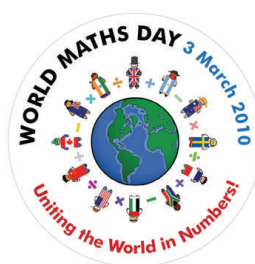
During his visit, he toured the school and was very impressed with the year 7 Spanish class and lots of other lessons.

### Puzzle Time:

Using the numbers 1 to 11 once each, can you place them in this shape so that adding the numbers in any diagonal has the same answer? What is this number? First correct solution to Mrs Ladd wins a mall voucher!



## World Maths Day: March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010



A total of 572, 573, 084 questions were answered correctly across the world during a special online competition to commemorate this day. At any one moment up to 90, 000 pupils were online across the world competing against each other.

98 Oasis Academy Brightstowe pupils correctly answered a total of 77, 071 mental mathematics questions to make up part of this amazing total.

During their lesson, Yr 11 maths set 1 class managed to rank as 19<sup>th</sup> in the WHOLE WORLD in the aged 14-18 category! This is quite staggering given that there were millions of pupils from over 37 000 schools from 235 countries registered to play.

Our top ten mathematicians were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> John Thorne (Yr 11)- 8823 correct answers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Marshall (Yr 11)- 2578 correct answers
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Matt Moseley (Yr 10)- 2025 correct answers
- 4<sup>th</sup> Lewis Hepburn (Yr 11)- 1998 correct answers
- 5<sup>th</sup> Metin Smith (Yr 10)-1931 correct answers
- 6<sup>th</sup> Jess Griffiths (Yr 11)- 1903 correct answers
- 7<sup>th</sup> Georgina Reed (Yr 10) -1574 correct answers
- 8<sup>th</sup> Dominic White (Yr 9) - 1490 correct answers
- 9<sup>th</sup> Zella Gardiner (Yr 10) -1366 correct answers
- 10<sup>th</sup> Bradley Lloyd (Yr 11) -1225 correct answers

A special mention also goes to Thomas Bown in year 7 who answered 886 questions correctly. John Thorne won over 500 games against other pupils who had logged in to play against him from as far afield as China, Australia, Peru and Malaysia. Many thanks to Mrs Ladd for organising the school entry and to all of the maths teachers and pupils who helped make the day such as success.

## **Pupils gain Bronze awards in National Mathematics competition**

Two of our pupils, John Thorne in year 11 and Georgina Reed in year 10 recently achieved a Bronze award in the Intermediate UK Maths Challenge. This annual competition is run by the Mathematics department at the University of Leeds. The intermediate challenge is extremely demanding with questions way above GCSE standard. What makes it harder still is that there is NEGATIVE marking, so you LOSE marks if you get answers wrong!

The Junior challenge takes place in term 5, good luck to all our pupils entering the challenge.

## **VOUCHERS FOR SCHOOLS**

Please can all pupils encourage family and friends who shop at Tesco or Sainsburys to ask for and pass on the vouchers for schools given with their shopping.

Vouchers from Tesco will be used to buy ICT equipment. Vouchers from Sainsburys can be used for sports equipment. There is a collection point at Pupil reception, so get collecting!!

## **Primary Maths Quiz March 24th**

Year 5 pupils from Avon, Weston Park and Bank Leaze primary schools came to Oasis Academy Brightstowe on Wednesday 24th March to compete in a Pop Maths quiz organised by Mrs Ladd. The winners were the Weston Whizzes from Weston Park Primary school. Rounds included a pop music quiz produced by Corey Johnson in Year 11 and mathematical murder mystery to solve!



## **Fair Trade Fortnight**

Staff and pupils sampled a range of fair trade produce including bananas, nuts, coffee, tea, chocolate. Nikki, Jen, Derek and Mel from our Hub team went a step further and ONLY ate fair trade produce for the duration of the event, during the first few weeks of March. They also encouraged staff to buy an extra 2 fair trade items in their shopping that month.



Some of our pupils, led by Sam Edwards in year 9, joined our Hub team at the Coffee Pot on Shirehampton High Street to help raise awareness in the community of the work of Stop the Traffik. They also encouraged passers by to taste some of the fair trade produce available.

Pupils also learned more in their lessons, many completing a Fair Trade project run by the Geography department.

### **Bristol Festival of Sport 23rd March**

There were loads of sports leaders helping younger children in year 7 to year 12. A lady who was an athlete in the Paralympics spoke to us about how good it was to get involved in sport.

The pupils from the Kings Weston centre were there too. They tried a dance mat activity. In the athletics races towards the end of the day we won all except one race. We won most of the tag rugby games. Tom Davies in year 10 was the leader of the Oasis Academy Brightstowe tag rugby teams.

Some of the girls in years 8 and 10 took part in the cheerleading and street dance and performed afterwards. Megan Murdoch-Henry led a group of students in tag rugby also. Toni Parker also helped with the table tennis and all of the helpers assisted with the dance mat. Oasis Academy Brightstowe were 2nd overall in the competition.



### **The Riot Act**

Some university students came in to talk to year 7 about going to university in the future and discussing any reasons we may think that we cannot go to university.

They did a play about school and how to overcome your worries to be successful. A lot of us want to work hard and go to university when we are older.



Some of our pupils with 100% attendance enjoy tea and cakes with Mrs Winterman on 24th March.

### **Free Computers and Internet Access for Pupils!**

See if you qualify, go to the following web-site:

<http://www.homeaccess.org.uk/>

Alternatively, parents wanting to know more can contact Miss Ganner at the Academy.

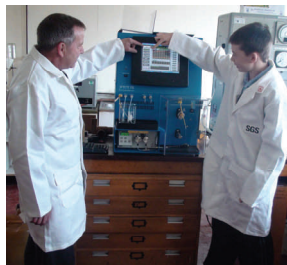
Closing date for all applications is in April, so don't delay!

### **Manga High is coming to Brightstowe!**

Check it out in term 5 at:

[www.schools.mangahigh.com/oasisacademybrightstowe](http://www.schools.mangahigh.com/oasisacademybrightstowe)

### **Year 10 Work Experience**



### Curriculum Collapse Day– March 29th

Some Year 11 students learned about financial literacy today and how to manage their money. They discussed how to budget your money and spend it wisely. It opened their eyes to how hard it might be owning your own house and having to decide what to spend your money on. Shannon Johnson said “It will help me save money and to live on the amount I get paid.”

The materials for this project were planned by the maths department in partnership with LV Insurance. Other year 11 pupils completed a level 2 qualification in Team Leadership, with the course also sponsored by LV Insurance. The company also provided trainers for the pupils to experience a real working context in their studies.

Year 8 were making the decorative eggs for an activity called the Great egg race. One pupil said; “It wasn’t my choice to make the decorative eggs but now I have started I am enjoying it, I think I am talented at it.”

Year 7 pupils were able to experience some glamour, with Vincent Simone and Flavia Caccace from the TV show Strictly Come Dancing giving them dancing lessons. They did this as part of their work on healthy living. they are designing a leisure centre. The pupils said they enjoyed designing the leisure centre and that they have learnt how to sell things.



Mr Haines said, “They are enjoying using their own initiative and creative skills.” He also said he thinks this will help to encourage them to take part in a healthy living and more physical exercise when they leave school.

As part of their project all year 7 students have been given a voucher that they can use to try out the activities and facilities at a local health centre.

A group of Year 9 pupils spent the day making air blasters. Air blasters are things that shoot stuff out and try to hit targets. In the afternoon they held a competition to see which could fly the furthest and was the most powerful.



The activity looked really fun and interesting. Also the year group worked very well. Even though some of their air blasters didn’t work they still enjoyed the day.



Some students went to visit the Bristol Evening Post to see what their jobs were all about and to find out what they do each day. Firstly they were greeted by Richard Coulter, assistant editor. He gave them a copy of the paper and they went through it together as group. Then he told them that EXCLUSIVE means something that only the Post has printed. Next he took them to the room where all the reporters worked and explained to them what they all do. A reporter called Emily answered any questions we had. She told us about some of the court cases she had covered.

Some of our Year 10 pupils spent the day learning all about Media. They were split up into different groups. They made podcasts, visited @Bristol, visited the Evening Post and some became reporters. These pupils interviewed people from around the academy and made their own newspapers. Some of their work is included in this article.

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