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# Fir Vale Bites Back!

**Fir Vale students have taken the Twilight Saga to new levels by creating their own Gothic stories and movies.**

The budding authors and film makers from Y9 took part in a two month University of Sheffield project enhancing creative writing skills, producing storyboards and learning to film and edit their own mini movies.

They were influenced by the deep and mysterious content of the text written by authors such as Anna Radcliffe and the infamous Dracula story.

The group were so excited to hear they could actually make a professional film using only the storyboards they had created earlier. The groups worked in teams showing leadership and communication skills, whilst also showcasing their passion for writing.

Raj, a member of the University, helped students create the trailers back at school which were screened in front of students, families and



friends on 20th March.

Students enjoyed the project with Thaiba Ayub saying: "It was a great insight into the Gothic world and I would love for something like this to happen again. I was so delighted to find I was chosen for this project – it was awesome!"

The students would like to thank the University of Sheffield and everyone else involved in the process.



**World Book Day was celebrated in the Learning Resource Centre. Miss Leigh invited the Library Services into school to encourage students to sign up to the wonderful public libraries.**

Sue Taylor from Fir Vale Reading Community said: "We aim to increase awareness of the great range of resources for the whole family in our libraries."

## Head Start

**What a fantastic term at Fir Vale School with the students raising money for Red Nose Day and Fair Trade fortnight. Well done to everyone who took part.**

Our Y10 students also impressed the local business community during their two week work experience programme. They demonstrated practical and social skills while acquiring experience of the real world of work.

Our Saturday School has been a valued success for our students and as the year progresses, Y11 students should be spending a considerable amount of time preparing for their forthcoming GCSE exams.

There will be Easter revision sessions during the second week of the Easter holidays.

The support of both school staff and parents is very important for these students.

*Breffni Martin*

## Sweet Success



**Students organised the sale of chocolate bars as part of Fair Trade fortnight.**

Members of the Enterprise Student Voice group created a Powerpoint presentation to be shown in tutor time, showing the benefits of Fair Trade to small producers.

Divine Fair Trade chocolate bars from Kenya were on sale to students and staff and raised £50.

# BEST COMIC RELIEF YET!



Wow, what a day! The atmosphere was amazing in Fir Vale on Friday 15 March as all the school House Councils came together to be **Funny for Money**.

Fir Vale's biggest bake sale yet raised hundreds and the students' non-uniform day made the school more colourful and contributed coins to the coffers.



Staff dined on red nose pasta for lunch and bid on auctioned cakes.

Staff and students raised a fantastic **£1,183** and it took Loxley House form captains a long time to count all those coins!



## Fir Vale School supports Work Experience...

Students gain many life skills from their work experience. Local businesses in and around Fir Vale supported the Y10 students by offering many placements to give our students the opportunity of work experience.

Fir Vale School recognises this commitment and thanks all employers for their continued support.

Mr Ziarat, Work Experience Co-ordinator, said "It is an experience the students never forget and they gain life skills which they take with them when leaving Fir Vale School, as well as assisting with career aspirations."

## Sheffield Champions

Fir Vale students are Sheffield Basketball champions again, and reached the final of the Yorkshire Inclusive Zone Basketball Championships at Leeds Trinity College.

IzB is an adapted game which allows wheelchair users and running players to play the game together.

Playing Leeds in the semi-final, they rose to the occasion and came out 8-2 victors. The final proved to be another tense encounter, after drawing 2-2 at



half time the game finished 4-2 to the opponents.

Fir Vale were gracious in defeat and took a lot away from the day, a great day was had by all and they are now looking forward to competing for the title again next year.



## NEW Community and Business Courses

### Fir Vale School is now a certified Microsoft IT Academy

Courses for the local community and businesses will be launched on **24 April 2013, 3:30 – 6:00pm** at the Fir Vale Enterprise Centre within the school grounds.

**Learn to use the computer | Explore the Internet | Gain a recognised IT qualification.**

Any individual or organisation interested should telephone:

**0114 2439391**

### Dates for your diary

**Thursday 28 March**

Last day of Spring Term  
School closed - Easter Holiday

**Monday 15 April**

School re-opens for all students at 8:40am

**Monday 6 May**

School closed - May Bank Holiday

**Wednesday 8 May**

Y9 Parents Evening

**Fir Vale Enterprise Centre**

Opportunities to obtain **Microsoft Office Qualifications** AT OUR MICROSOFT IT ACADEMY

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