

Student Volunteering Week 2010

TUESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY CLOAKROOM CHALLENGE

17 volunteers took on a 'Cloakroom Challenge' at a local Primary School, All Saints. The volunteers helped 'makeover' the cloakrooms by designing and painting a number of colourful murals led by 2nd year Illustration and Animation student Mark Lamb.

In the years 3-4 cloakroom volunteers designed and painted a large solar system with the nine planets orbiting the sun and a space scene with aliens and space ships.



In the older children's cloakroom, years 5-6, a city-scape of Coventry was designed by artist Mark Lamb, showing the iconic areas of the transport museum and Whittle arches, the Ricoh Arena, Sky dome and Coventry cathedral. Mark stated that the activity was *"A great way to use my skills to help inspire others."*



The second wall in the cloakroom was an underwater scene, with the sea bed, buried treasure and ship wrecks, fish and other aquatic life. Both areas made the cloakrooms bright and colourful and first impressions from both teaching staff and pupils were very positive with one child shouting, *"Wow, it's brilliant!"*



WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY READ INTERNATIONAL CAMPUS BOOK DRIVE

The Campus Book Drive is a student led project that supports the charity Read International. Educational resources including books, stationary, calculators etc are collected and sent to Ugandan and Tanzanian schools, with the aim of improving the access to education in the two African countries.



16 volunteers sorted and prepared books, kindly donated by the Coventry University Lanchester Library. Over 500 books were donated by both the library and staff at the Coventry University Students' Union. The books will go a long way in helping improve the access to educational resources for pupils in Tanzania and Uganda, those which cannot be used are sold and the money made is donated to the charity.

SATURDAY 27TH FEBRUARY THE BIG CHALLENGE EVENT

The Big Challenge is Horizon's largest one off volunteering event which takes place each year during National Student Volunteering week. Horizon Volunteering join Warwick Volunteers to carry out one day volunteering projects across the city. This year is the seventh successive year that the two universities have come together for the Big Challenge. Over 70 volunteers took part and projects included winter clearance work with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, tree planting at Rough Close Scouts Activity Centre, and mural painting at Wyken Croft Primary School.



