

Music and colour in the fight against cancer



On the keys: Raissa Sanchez-Watts entertains during Les Beaucamps School's cancer awareness day. Picture by Brian Green (0278212)

PUPILS at Les Beaucamps School have taken a musical and colourful stand against cancer. Its Year 11s organised a series of lunchtime activities on Friday to raise awareness of the condition and funds to help fight it as part of their GCSE citizenship studies.

They staged a lunchtime rock concert, a piano-busking session and games competitions and encouraged the whole school to make donations to wear loud ties for the day, which teacher Andrea Fitton said had all helped to raise awareness of the cause.

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'Many leave school [soon after their GCSEs] and now is the time that they have to learn about how to look after themselves and their body.'

Organiser Louise Pinchemain, 15, and her peers helped to put up posters, sell awareness wristbands and orchestrate the events.

'We were doing it for our course work and, as it is breast cancer awareness week

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to different groups doing assemblies and organising and there have been people doing the creative side of posters and PowerPoint presentations.'

Pupil Jenni Sanders went to the Princess Elizabeth Hospital to get information about how to promote the cause and pupils Lucy Dorey, 16, and 15-year-old twins Lisa and Sebienne Goman helped out with a cake sale in aid of breast cancer.

Soon after it was open, the stall had almost sold out and Lucy said she felt the sale was for an especially worthwhile cause.

'It does happen to people and it is good to raise awareness of it,' she said.

Pupil Raissa Sanchez-Watts, 15, busked on a piano outside the canteen and school band The Shenanigans, comprising Joe Corbin, Ollie Phillips and Jack Mourant, entertained a crowd which gathered in the hall.

All of the school's 500 pupils were invited to join in the lunchtime events, which also included a penalty shoot-out and a basketball competition, and a Year 7 class held a sponsored silence.