



SDC - The Week

1 October 2009

Junior School House Cross Country



Last Wednesday, the field was full of excited parents as they waited to see their children take part in the annual House Cross Country.

The air was full of expectation as Miss Morris put the children through a vigorous warm up ready for their races. Although all had been told to start slowly and to pace themselves, as the whistle went everyone shot forward; all good advice forgotten as they strove to be first for their House.

Everyone watching was full of admiration for the runners as they all gave of their best. Every child who took part received a certificate in assembly. Congratulations to you all.

The final overall result was:

- Boys 1st Usherwood
- 2nd Forder
- 3rd Hecker
- 4th Stuart

- Girls 1st Stuart
- 2nd Usherwood
- 3rd Hecker
- 4th Forder

Armstrong Society Meeting with guest speaker Dr Howard Falcon-Lang

Victoria Harris, Armstrong Secretary, reports: "The Armstrong

Society had its first meeting of the year on Wednesday 23rd September. The guest speaker was Dr Howard Falcon-Lang from Royal Holloway, University of London, who spoke about fossilised forests on Antarctica, and what the past tells us about the future

Dr Falcon-Lang talked about the history of the Antarctic, and the evidence that has been found to suggest that in the warmer climate of the Earth over 65 million years ago, there was plant life on the continent of Antarctica. He then explained how there may also have been dinosaurs living there, at a time when Antarctica's seasons consisted of 6 months of non-stop daylight followed by 6 months of almost continual darkness.

To sum up the talk, Dr Falcon-Lang spoke of how the super-continent of Pangea eventually broke up, how continental drift meant that previously neighbouring countries ended up thousands of miles apart, and how the world began to get colder, freezing and preserving fossils into the rock and ice on Antarctica.

The meeting concluded with Dr Falcon-Lang answering questions from the floor. Thank you to those who attended the meeting, as well as Dr Falcon-Lang for coming to talk to us.

The next meeting is Friday 2nd October at 4pm in the Sixth Form Common Room. Dr Theo Kreouzis from Queen Mary College will be talking about Liquid Crystals. All are welcome to attend."

£440 raised at doughnut sale for Macmillan

A fantastic £440 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support in



less than an hour. The Family Society would very much like to thank all those who sold or ate loads of doughnuts.

Due to such popular demand, Years 10 & 11 sadly missed out so The Family Society will be organising a sale of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts exclusively for them on Friday 2 October in the Great Hall at morning break. Doughnuts £1 each. Please don't forget to bring some money! All the money raised will, again, go to Macmillan Cancer Support.

St Dunstan's signs Lewisham's peace and friendship declaration



Jake Richards – on behalf of all of St. Dunstan's pupils – is pictured signing the Borough of Lewisham's peace and friendship declaration.

All schools in the borough are being asked to put their name to the document. St. Dunstan's is delighted to back this extremely worthwhile project.

Junior School Netball v. Alleyn's

Year 6 made a great start to the netball season at Alleyn's on Friday. The first team fought a hard match but they played to an excellent standard and drew 3-3.

The second team really gelled and played flowing netball. They won 1-0 and played far better than ever before.

These results against difficult opposition are a testament to the hard work the girls have put in over the last year. You have made your teachers very proud!

Netball v. Blackheath High (A)

Courtne Wilks (Captain) reports: "We were ready for our first netball match of the year. We were determined to win and regain our winning streak. The game was set in four 7 minute quarters.

We started the first quarter with eagerness. Jess Twist (C) stepped into the circle and we were off. Interceptions were executed, Georgina Tayler's (GK) defending was exceptional, our attackers were at their peak and every shot made went in. We finished the quarter 6-0.

In the second quarter, we slowed our play down and spaced out more. I tried to be constant in my encouragement for the team and offer advice and tactics. At the end of the quarter we were up by 11-0.

In the third quarter, the sun was a real problem but we didn't let it interrupt our success. Blackheath High scored, however, Morgan Ashley (GS) came back incredibly strong and scored

our one goal for the quarter. Blackheath then got another. The whistle blew at 12-2.

After a quick team talk and some advice from Georgia Llewellyn we went on for our last quarter. Movement and catching was good but Blackheath were getting better. Hannah Llewellyn (GA) took a risk at the edge of the circle as she took a shot. Breaths were held and people were silenced. The ball entered the net and went in. Final score, 13 – 2.

Thank you to Miss Halfacree (Head of Girls' Games) for organising the match."

Junior School Swimming

Years 4, 5 and 6 competed in a gala against JAPs on Wednesday and once again swam superbly. It was an enjoyable event for all with many parents cheering on the swimmers.

Year 4 won their age group and overall SDC were beaten by a whisker! An excellent performance so early on in the term, well done.

U11A Rugby v. Bickley Park

By Alex Evangelou: "On Thursday, 24 September the U11A team had their second game of the season against Bickley Park at home. The first half of the match saw St Dunstan's play well with good passing and a few good tackles coming from many members of the team, particularly Eoin O'Sullivan who was fearless in attack.

We got some very close tries indeed thanks to James Williams and Zak Hart. It was a very enjoyable game and SDC worked really hard, though we could have improved in our tackling. The final result was 3-0 to Bickley Park."

U14B Netball v. Blackheath High

Christelle Clements – Davis reports: "The match started off with a bang. Despite Blackheath winning the toss, Laura White was able to tactfully intercept the pass, allowing us to take the lead as Rosie Sury scored a tremendous goal! By the end of the 1st quarter we were up by 2 nil.

In the second quarter, we were still ahead with some immense shooting from Sophie Bellenberg and great passing by Annie Andrews, which concluded with a successful second half. We were all exhausted by the 3rd quarter but the whole team showed great motivation and determination to finish the game as victors. We had some great defending by Rebecca Burnet and well needed encouragement and support.

As the 4th quarter drew near, players got restless and some easy mistakes were made by the opposition, however, we kept our eyes on the ball. This quarter was very short but seemed to drag on for ages! We raised our game as some of the other team players (in the opposition) got a little disheartened but our team held a serene and tranquil manner. We had some awesome play from Jessica Briggs throughout the whole game and she soon found out that she was Player of the Match – a very well deserved title for Miss Briggs. Overall we came out the victors and won 6 – 2."

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