



# SDC - The Week

4 February 2010



### Mrs Packer visits Year 3 to talk about Teeth



In Science the children are learning about teeth and healthy eating. The children were fascinated with Mrs Packer's talk and were pleased to have their questions about keeping

their teeth healthy answered. Thank you Mrs Packer from everyone in Year 3.

I really enjoyed listening to the dentist and looking at the pictures of the disgusting teeth – Aaron. I enjoyed learning about the inside of the tooth – Patrick. My favourite teeth are molars because I use them most – Harry. Since the dentist told us that the most important part to brush is where the tooth meets the gums, I will always brush there – Sophia. Mrs Packer made it fun to learn about teeth, I liked the nerves she pulled out of the jelly – Jakob. When the dentist told us that you really can't buy any toothpaste without fluoride protection, I thought that was amazing – Megan.

### Guy Burgess visits the Houses of Parliament

Report from Guy Burgess (5G): "On 20 January, I went to the Houses of Parliament for an IGF (Internet Governance Forum) internet improvement meeting about the future of the internet.

I was invited by Childnet International (a charity for keeping children safe on the internet) along with 30 other school children from all over the country to talk about what we want from the internet in the future. Children have not been asked what they think before and this meeting was the first time this has happened.

There were many companies there including Ask Jeeves, Club Penguin, Google, Facebook, Bebo and My Space. We were set a challenge to find out as much as possible about the

companies by asking questions and telling them what we thought about the internet. I talked to Club Penguin who were happy that they are very popular with children and the fact that we like the video games, trading cards, t shirts and plush toys. We also talked to Facebook about age limits.

The meeting took place in the 'Strangers Dining Hall' and we had food like mini fish and chips in cones and tiny shepherd's pies. It was a great day and we were all a help to the adults."

### 1st team Netball v. Eltham College

SDC's first match of the lent season started with a bang, as despite not having their captain present, the girls went out with energy and a clear vision.

The first quarter was by far the best, as attacks were forceful, rarely intercepted and the play had such flow from one player to another. Yeri provided all the necessary links in the centre court.

The second quarter was again very strong, as much like the first the girls played an energetic game. Rosie, Meryl, Georgia and Clare kept the ball away from the Eltham defence, and at half time were leading by 20 goals.

The third and fourth quarters were played in a versatility set-up, as SDC played out of position. The final score, 28-5 to SDC.

### Year 5 sponsored pyjama swim



On Wednesday, Year 5 completed a total of 1,712 widths, swimming in their pyjamas. All the money raised will go to support the Earthquake appeal in Haiti. Well done Year 5!

## Year 11 Poetry Live Trip

Charles Brook and Murat Mullali (Year 11) report: "On Friday 22 January, Year 11 pupils took the train to the Dominion Theatre on Tottenham Court Road to see 'Poetry Live.' It was a very interesting event as the actual poets for our GCSE Anthology were present, as well as two of the Chief Examiners for English.

Listening to the poets read their poems in such a charismatic way, and explaining the techniques they employed, was both interesting and valuable. We found out more about their poems and got a chance to ask them questions about parts of their poems we did not understand because it was very personal.

Furthermore, listening to the poets' stories of their life experiences was very interesting, as many of their experiences link into their poems as key themes. The Chief Examiners' sessions were also very valuable as they explained to us what makes a good essay, and what would make our exam scripts stand out from the rest. Carol Ann Duffy, Grace Nichols, Imtiaz Dharker, John Agard, Gillian Clarke, and Simon Armitage were all present; John Agard and Simon Armitage in particular impressed everyone with their comic skills! Particular thanks go to the English staff who accompanied us, and made the experience possible."

## Junior School Swimming



On Wednesday evening, 13 girls from the Junior School took part in the South of the River Gala at JAPs. The atmosphere was tense and the noise indescribable. Swimmers could compete in individual events and relays, with medals at stake. All of the girls performed well and put in their best effort against fierce competition. Daphne Pratt in Year 5 won a medal after finishing third place in 25m Freestyle. Overall the team finished in ninth position out of 12 schools.

Everyone deserves a mention for both their swimming and their impeccable behaviour on the poolside. Well done to Shola Douglas, Kate Henderson, Grace Robinson, Fin Bird, Daphne Pratt, Fiona Watt-Cooper, Beatrice Swordy, Emilie Jones, Grace Hankinson, Sophie Jackson, Lucy Sands, Ellie John and Beth Henderson.

## U9 Football v. Farringtons

Last week, the U9 boys enjoyed a friendly match against Farringtons. They displayed promising team work and had many good opportunities to shoot at goal. Special mention to Freddie Canton who demonstrated good defence techniques. Well done boys!

## Modern Language Society talk

Aldo Piscina (Y13) reports: "In this week's meeting, students and teachers alike learnt about the interesting and vibrant world of Flamenco dancing! There were two short speeches, from the well-informed Mr Johnston and the enthusiastic Domingo, our Spanish language assistant. First of all, we learnt about the origins of Flamenco which started in Andalucia in Southern Spain and has taken many influences outside of Spain such as North Africa, gypsy music and even Indian beats! It started in the 18th century and is still developing to this day. Some Flamenco music has singing in it and the singer known as the El Cantaor or La Cantaora. They sing with a strong, emotional content in both words and delivery. We also learnt about the numerous variations of the Flamenco, the umbrella term for dances such as Fandangos and the Bulería which are lively, yet there are softer versions such as the Soleá. There are also Spanish tangos such as Tonás and Trillas, which should not be confused with Argentinean tango.

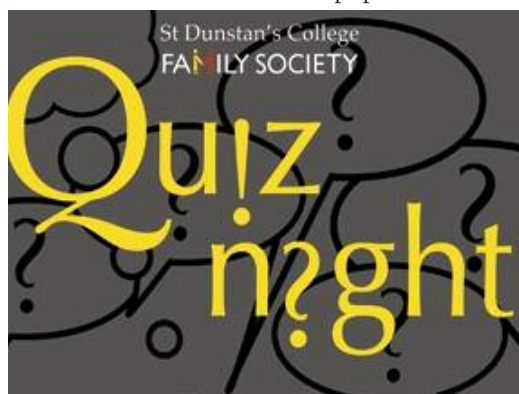
Next we moved onto Domingo's speech on how Flamenco is reflected in modern society such as a popular group called Chambao. Finally we were treated to a live performance of flamenco dancing by two young talented Spanish ladies. They gave us a few tips on how to clap and taught us the basic movement of the arms, which involves taking an apple from the tree, eating it and then throwing it away. After the performance, we applauded them and gave a gift as a token of our appreciation. I'm sure this informative speech has inspired some of the more adventurous to step into the animated world of Flamenco!"

## Junior School Netball

Year 5 have been busy again this week and have played two fixtures. The first against Sydenham High produced mixed results, as the A team battled hard but lost their match 10-2. The B team won 5-1 and displayed some fluent passing. The first team also played JAPs, where the shooting opportunities were few but successful, resulting in a 3-3 draw. Well done to all involved, including Shola Douglas and Kate Henderson from Year 4.

## SDCFS Quiz Night

Saturday 27 February 2010, 8 - 11pm in the Great Hall, £8 per person. Pit your wits against Quiz Master, Mr Austin. Always a great FUN event so select your brainiest friends and make up a team. Bring your own food. Reintroducing by popular demand, The Bar! Enjoy perfectly chilled bottles for your convenience. Provisional orders can be made on the form. Tables will be ready from 7.30pm so there will be time to layout food and purchase drinks from the bar. This is a popular event so please book early



to avoid disappointment. A copy of the application will be sent out on email (please note there will be no flyers) but you can also download the form from the website.

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