



# SDC - The Week

4 June 2009

## Commemoration Day

On Friday 22 May, staff and pupils from the Prep Department to Sixth Form celebrated Commemoration Day at Southwark Cathedral.



In a carefully orchestrated operation, everyone marched to Catford Bridge station to wait for the specially commissioned train that each year transports the College community to London Bridge station for the short walk to Southwark Cathedral.

The service itself is held in commemoration of the Founders and Benefactors of St Dunstan's College. Prayers are offered to them in thanks for giving their time and gifts for the further enrichment of the College. All enjoyed the welcome and the blessing from the Very Reverend Colin Slee, Dean of Southwark, the address by the Reverend Canon Gordon Oliver, Diocese of Rochester, readings from current pupils, and the singing of hymns.

After the service, many pupils returned to school for the now legendary 'Commem Lunch' of burgers and chips followed by an Ice Cream Factory.

## JS swimmers represent St Dunstan's at IAPS finals

Congratulations to Lucy Sands who represented St Dunstan's at the IAPS finals in Crawley. She competed in the U10 Breaststroke and swam a fantastic race. Although she did not qualify in the fastest eight to reach the final, it was an amazing achievement to reach the last 16 especially as she does not

train with a club outside of school.

Earlier this month, Daniel Newhouse swam in the U11 Butterfly in the boys' competition. He swam 25m in 15.83 seconds which was a really fast time, and touched second in the overall final. Unfortunately due to a technicality he wasn't awarded the medal but the time proves that he will be a force to be reckoned with in the future.

Best of luck to SDC's London Schools individual finalists; Daniel Newhouse, Sam Lempp, Elsa Meryon, Jake Sulch, Callum MacClellan and Thomas Fagg, and to all the relay teams.

## SDCFS Summer Festival poster winner announced

A very big thank you from the Family Society goes to all those pupils who entered the competition to produce an image for the forthcoming Summer Festival. There were some wonderful entries which made the job of choosing very hard.

The winner is Patrick Elliot from Year 2 for his great picture of an ice cream; a perfect image for the Festival. He will



receive a watercolour set and his image will be used for all the promotional items for the Festival on the 26 June so look out for it.

A special mention also goes to the runners up who were Nathaniel St Louis-Mason, Guy Burgess and Dylan Young.

Thanks once again to everyone's hard work and all those who requested their pictures back will get them shortly.

## Jake Richards is 'Highly Commended' in Vellacott History Prize



Congratulations to Jake Richards (12J) who has been 'Highly Commended' by the Peterhouse Undergraduate Admissions Tutor (Arts) for his essay in the Vellacott History Prize. This is a significant achievement as only two entrants are awarded 'Highly Commended' after First and Second Prize. Jake and two guests have been invited to celebrate at a Winners Luncheon at Peterhouse.

The essay title for the prize was "You should always negotiate with your enemies" Discuss. Jake looked at a range of historical situations including the Cold War, Middle East and Northern Ireland, and argued that it would very much depend upon the individual circumstances and the nature of the power balance between the respective protagonists. He concluded that negotiation only works when there is some kind of shared outcome both can agree to.

## Beating the Bounds

Just before Exeat the annual and ancient tradition of Beating the Bounds of All Hallows by the Tower with St Dunstan's-in-the-East took place. Each year a group of specially chosen Year 7 'beaters' armed with bamboo canes beat out the parish boundary of the church in the City of London. This year Wui Lin Lee was chosen to beat the water in the middle of the River Thames from the launch, the Royal Nore. She also got to steer the vessel under Tower Bridge! The other beaters in the party, Luma Georgis, Benjamin Levy, Ishbel Fountain, Kieran McGarrigle, Lucy Griffin, Lawrence Gordinsky, Siobhan McShane, Spike Sinha, Anna Marlow, Zac O'Brien-Manley and Seth Randall-Goddard, carried out their duties with great gusto.

After the ceremony, which involved members of the Clergy, Masters of Livery Companies and Thames Waterboatmen, the children attended the service for Festal Evensong for Ascension Day at All Hallows by the Tower. They got to see the Lord Mayor of London, who, along with parents and various dignitaries, had the pleasure of listening to the College Choir give two splendid performances.



## Junior School Parents' Prayer Meeting

All parents are warmly invited to join a Junior School Parents' Prayer Meeting to pray for the children, teachers and the school on 8 June 2009. To find out more contact Richard and Lois

Evans on 020 8776 5463 [evans@portlandsquare.co.uk](mailto:evans@portlandsquare.co.uk)

## Pupils to represent Lewisham at London Schools Athletics Championships

Congratulations to the following Year 8, 9 and 10 students who, having performed outstandingly in the Borough championships, have been selected to represent Lewisham in the London Schools Athletics Championships at Battersea Park on Saturday, 13 June 2009.

Albert Smith, Alex Hoffman, Amie Sawyer, Andrew Rogers, Andrew Booth, Ben Syrett, Brodie Hibberd, Euan Johnson, Elyse Jones, Jack Howell-Etienne, Jake Whittaker, Louis Phelps, Olive Supple-Still, Rashidah Less and Sally Duggan.

## Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali visits St Dunstan's

On 15 May, Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali visited St Dunstan's and all were delighted by the interest he took in the work of the College and in the pupils. The Bishop came to a Year 10



Religious Studies GCSE class about Christian ethics and answered questions from a lively and enthusiastic audience.

He also visited a Year 8 class learning about Islam and an IB Philosophy class studying nationalism. The staff involved were struck by how much Bishop Michael wanted to share his own thoughts but also how much he wanted to listen not just to questions and perspectives but also to the learning context; what the RS department and what the school more generally is about. The Sixth Form very much valued the Bishop's contributions to discussions and his willingness to be forthcoming about his experience of life.

## SDCFS Summer Festival

Friday 26 June, on the field from 3.30-6.30pm.

Come and take part in the many activities, drink Pimms, feast on strawberries and cream whilst listening to the live band. Something for the whole family to enjoy. Bar and light music will continue until 6.30pm.

Junior School tickets £3 each in advance or £4 on the gate. Price includes a picnic tea. Don't forget to bring your blanket. Senior School tickets £1 each in advance or £2 on the gate. Price includes a drink. Adults free.

Beat the Goalie, Coconut Shy, Face painting, Tattoos, Books, Cakes, Pimms and Pints, Hot dogs, Wet Sponge Stocks, Maggot races, Ice Cream, Games and much, much more....

Hope to see you all there.

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