



# SDC - The Week

8 October 2009

## Pre-Prep Harvest Festival



On Thursday 1 October, the Pre-Prep celebrated Harvest Festival. Our little squirrels (Nursery) gathered their food parcels from under the branches of the big oak tree (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)! Our celebration was performed 'in the round' and the children sang and danced with enthusiasm.

In the afternoon, Year 1 and Year 2 walked along Stanstead road, carrying all the Harvest gifts. The Lewisham Voluntary Centre will distribute the food amongst the families who need it within the local community. We would like to thank parents and children for all the generous donations that we received.

## Armstrong Society welcomes guest speaker Dr Theo Kreouzis

Harry Phelps (13F) reports: "On Friday 2 October, the second Armstrong Society meeting of the year was held in the Sixth Form Common Room. Dr Theo Kreouzis from Queen Mary, University of London, gave a fascinating insight into the ever-changing world of LCD TV development.

With numerous experiments, he demonstrated how the liquid crystals in LCD TVs manipulate polarised light on a microscopic scale to give us the High Definition experience. Many thanks to Dr Kreouzis for a brilliant lecture, and we hope to invite him in future years for an update."

## U15A Rugby v. Emanuel

With four key players missing due to injury and Alex Saleh, SDC's open side flanker, going off after just 15 seconds due to a twisted knee, the team struggled to contain what was a useful Emanuel side.

Emanuel played simple but effective rugby, scoring four tries in the first forty minutes of the game. SDC played some better rugby in the latter stages of the first half, and Robert Lavelle scored a well worked try following some excellent support play and fine handling. Michael Wilgoss kicked the conversion, putting SDC just ten points behind their opponents. Emanuel scored another seven points just before half time. In the second half, Emanuel continued to score, finishing with a 50-7 win.

With so many important players missing from the side, it was always going to be difficult to win away from home. Mr Kinnear would like to congratulate the Player of the Match Gregg Burr, who captained the side well in Eddie Jones' absence.

## Languages Day in the Prep

Languages Day this year was celebrated with a traditional French Breakfast. The whole Prep department feasted on delicious croissants and pains au chocolat provided by a nearby French boulangerie. Catering Manager, Steve Jeffs, and his team made excellent hot chocolate, which the children drank from the 'bols' they had brought from home. Each child tried out their French, with some particularly impressive conversations in Year 6.



The topic for the Languages Assembly was the history of the English language and an explanation of why it has become a global language.

However, it was important to keep one's eye on the screen because the pupils spoke in French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Turkish, Ukrainian and Urdu.

Ewan, Leslie, Nick, Alex, Chris, Theo, Leon, Daphne, Gui, Olesya, Will, Ceyhan, Hatti and Khaleel also greeted us in their home languages. The audience was spellbound to hear their friends express themselves so fluently in different languages.

Ms Marcinkiewicz taught us a Maori song to complete the celebration.

### **Music Scholars' and Exhibitors' Concert**

On Monday evening, the Music Department held its first concert of the year, showcasing some of the most talented pupils who learn instruments.

Although there were two pupils from each year group participating, the age of the performers did not necessarily reflect their level of achievement. Saskia Horton of Year 8 produced an exquisite pair of movements from a Handel violin sonata with quality of tone and musicality beyond her years, and Donovan Gervais also of Year 8, startled the audience with an upbeat piano solo, covering the whole range of the keyboard with great vitality.

The two Year 13 students, Clare Skinner and Ben Glass, showed their versatility by each playing two instruments. Both played a movement for violin by Bach with Clare's opening the concert and Ben's being unaccompanied. Clare also played a difficult flute solo by the French Romantic composer Francis Poulenc and Ben played the slow movement of the Haydn Trumpet Concerto. They successfully showed the younger participants what years of dedication and practice could produce. Finlay McBride and Adam McCullen-Khassal from Year 7 both showed that they were on track for great things in the future.

The concert ended with a Strings Chamber Group playing some Telemann and Gershwin's 'I've got rhythm', but when the audience were encouraged to join in by Miss Atkinson, Head of Strings, their rhythm was found to be a little dubious.

### **CCF cadets pass PADI Adventure Diver Course**

On Sunday 4 October, six Royal Navy Cadets spent the day at Holbrough Lakes to take part in a PADI Adventure Diver Course. During the day they enjoyed underwater navigation exercises, and search and recovery tasks. Congratulations to all



six cadets for passing. Well done. Cadets: Fred Dowd, Gregory Burr, George Ellison-Bunce, Alexander Lanes, Izzy Wilken-Smith and Josh Stein.

### **U14B Netball v. Colfe's**



Christelle Clements-Davis (Captain) reports: "We started off with 1st centre pass and had an exhilarating 1st quarter. An amazing defence consisting of Jessica Briggs and Connie Sjödin (GD & WD), allowed us to lead by 3-2.

In the 2nd quarter, some great work from Rebecca Burnet as GK meant we were still up 4-3. Tension was high and some of the team felt the cold and the wind! However, the team showed great effort and support, and had a professional manner.

Rosie Sury and Annie Andrews demonstrated some immense shooting. *Player of the Match* Annie was a fabulous shooter, especially considering that it was her first time playing this position in her life - full credit to Annie! Overall a very successful game was played and we won 10 -5.

### **1st XV Rugby v. The American School**

The team certainly raised its tempo for this home match (the first of the season) and the pack of forwards once again demonstrated its power by dominating the set piece. This allowed room for Luke Coughlan to score off the base of the scrum after just 4 minutes.

The speedy backs went to work with Euan Johnson, Ashley Baxter, and Malachi Connolly soon getting in on the act to score some fine tries; the speed of ball transfer and pace of the individuals being quite evident. It was also comforting to see Ashley Clarke-Walkin kicking conversions to reward the fine tries scored.

Slowly the opposition overcame the effects of their journey and began to create pressure on the team with their fly half at the fore of many good passages of play. Their commitment eventually forced a penalty try, which they failed to convert. The team came back to finish off the game with another try for Ashley Baxter.

It was really pleasing to see the youngsters come into this game and play well and not be fazed by the maturity of the opposition. The American School will undoubtedly improve and SDC look forward to the return after Exeat. Final score, SDC 38, American School 5

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