



SDC - The Week

10 December 2009

SDCFS Christmas Market

Over 600 shoppers, 100 sellers and a small army of volunteers, including many Sixth Formers, created a fabulously buzzy and extremely busy Christmas Market last Friday.

This year's stall holders excelled themselves in their variety of offerings – with soft toys, PS2 games, jewellery, books, numerous toys, sweets, curry sauces, handbags, cards, more toys... The second hand uniform "store" did a roaring trade and the new PickaPresent will be presenting some parents with very interesting gifts on Christmas morning!



Common Room hosted a “Beat the Santa” competition. Live music filled the corridors and we nearly had dancing in the street.

Thank you to everyone who came, shopped, helped, baked, donated and took part. We raised at least £2,000. We welcome any feedback you may have.

Pre-Prep Nativity - The Little Donkey

Something rather special happened in the Great Hall on Wednesday evening. Staff and parents were all thoroughly



The bottle tombola hosted by Judy Bate and her Junior School colleagues was a complete sell out; the Christmas plant stall has provided many homes with their annual Poinsettia – and Santa's Grotto was worthy of an OK magazine photo shoot! Father Christmas was judged “outstanding” by all who met him.

Meanwhile, in the Refectory, yet again over 1000 pieces of cake were being consumed accompanied by large quantities of fizzy drink, mulled wine and Winter Pimms. Biscuit decorating was a great hit with our younger guests, while the Sixth Form





entertained by a little donkey searching for the magic of Christmas.

Guided by Jack Frost, she wandered into a flurry of snowflakes, who mesmerised everyone with their beautiful dancing and singing. A group of party children sang and danced around the Christmas tree, as the donkey

watched in amusement. Father Christmas, along with elves and reindeer, visited whilst all the children slept. In the land of dreams, sweets, puppets and dolls danced.

The little donkey felt sure that she had discovered the magic of Christmas, until she came upon Mary and Joseph. All watched in awe, as kings and shepherds, guided by the angel and the star, came to worship baby Jesus.

What a lovely start to the festive season. The children performed fantastically and really enjoyed themselves. Who will forget the experience of dancing 'The Jitterbug' at a Nativity! On behalf of the Pre-Prep we wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols – date for your diaries!

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will take place on Tuesday 15 December at 7.30pm at St. Laurence's Church, Catford.

U12A & B Netball v. Blackheath High

On Tuesday, the U12A and B netball teams played their last fixture of the season against Blackheath. Due to weather conditions, the games were played back to back in the sports hall, with the A team starting first.

Early spells of possession saw the girls go 1-0 up, but Blackheath fought back well towards the end of the half taking

the lead 3-1. A revived SDC team took to the court in the second half though, and a dramatic late finish saw Lauren Bacon net three goals in quick succession. The on looking crowd went wild...what a great way to finish the term!

It was then time for the B team to face their challengers. Fantastic shooting from Verity de Cala was complemented by some excellent linking play from Orlaith Rogers and Hannah Stafford in the centre court. The girls also did well in defence, adopting good stances in distracting their Blackheath's shots. Final score 11-0, and another team ended the season on a high!

Well done to all, lets hope the girls get the same enthusiasm going into the hockey term!

U12A Rugby v. Emanuel

The U12A rugby team played Emanuel on Friday. SDC played some fine rugby at times, but unfortunately did not get over the try line in the first half, due to the strong defence of the opposition. Emanuel scored three tries.

Despite playing uphill in the second half, the boys played some wonderful running rugby and Finley Chambers powered his way over from a short range penalty. Unfortunately, Emanuel scored again to finish the match 36-5.

Mr Kinnear was impressed by the way in which the boys conducted themselves on the pitch, showing true strength of character. He looks forward to seeing the boys in action after half term. It has been a steep learning curve for many of them this term, but they have made good progress.

U12A Rugby v. John Fisher

John Fisher made a strong start to the game scoring four tries to nil in the first half. The second half proved to be a very different affair as St Dunstan's fought their way back into the game, scoring three fine tries, courtesy of Finley Chambers. The final score was 36-19 to John Fisher.

Despite not winning the match, the boys won the second half by three tries to two, showing true strength of character. Well done to all involved.

U15A Rugby v Kent College

The weather conditions made it difficult when the boys played Kent College but this did not deter them.

Kent College scored first but SDC came back in the second half to draw the match 15 all. Tries courtesy of Robert Lavelle and Robin Loo.