



SDC - The Week

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Former pupils reunited at Old Dunstonian Association's President's Luncheon

St Dunstan's College welcomed back over 170 former pupils and their families, at its Old Dunstonian Association's President's Luncheon on Saturday, 6 June. The reunion took place at the College to provide, for the first time in many years, a family friendly opportunity for Dunstonians of all generations to return to the College. Mr Ian Burgess, Director of ICT, is this year's President and it was his hard work that made the day an outstanding success.

Staff were delighted to welcome back pupils who had not been to St Dunstan's since the 1930s onwards, and all enjoyed a drinks reception, lunch, exhibitions and tours of the facilities with Junior and Senior School pupils. Many guests also took part in sporting activities including cricket and fives, before watching current pupils involved with the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) performing a flag lowering ceremony.



rubbing of a few Roman soldiers and standards. Both classes then sat down and listened to a lady talking about Roman clothing and food. Mrs Woodhams and Mr Barnard chose two boys and two girls to dress up in Roman clothes. I was one of them as I was a senator, Harry was a farm boy, Anjali and Rachel were rich Roman girls."

Second SDC success in Vellacott History Prize

In last Thursday's SDC The Week, it was reported that Jake Richards' essay for the Vellacott History Prize was awarded the 'Highly Commended' level of prize. There is further good news this week as Year 12 student Benedict Glass also made the prize shortlist with his work. Both students have been invited to Peterhouse College to celebrate their success in July. Well done to them both.

U10 Cricket team win twice against Harenc

The U10A team continued their good season with a convincing win against Harenc. Playing on the main square for the first time, the boys produced an excellent all round display. Dele Aladese set the tone with an excellent 31 before retiring, and he was backed up by Eoiun O'Sullivan's 18 and Jordan Waugh's 10. All the batsmen scored as they reached 120 for two wickets.

They then fielded superbly taking all their catches, and bowled with good pace. James Williams bowled very quickly and Ozkan Dervish's accuracy was rewarded with two wickets. They reduced Harenc to 45 for 10, winning comfortably.

The B team also won in a much tighter encounter. All the boys



Year 3 visit to Crofton Roman Villa

Marcel Le Gleud (3G) reports: "On 5th June, we went to Crofton Roman Villa. We went on a coach, an orange coach. My partner was Mr Barnard. Well, when we got there we sat outside to have a snack then a group went to the toilet (I was in that group). Then we went inside and a man talked to us about the villa (farm house). I learnt that the Romans had central heating. The first thing the Romans did was put a fire under an arch, the hot air then travelled under the other rooms. We also did some activities, our class made Roman mosaics for a few minutes then we changed to do brass

bowled, batted and fielded in this pairs cricket game and Harenc scored 75 runs for the loss of 5 wickets (50). The match went down to the last ball - if Harenc took a wicket, they would have won – however, Khalil Saif struck the winning run. SDC scored 75 runs for the loss of 4 wickets (55), winning by 5 runs.

U12 SDC Rounders Tournament

Monday provided an opportunity for the ever-improving Year 7 rounders team to participate in a number of matches against a range of teams who tested their ability in the field and when batting.

A sound first win against Colfe's gave the team confidence and the recent focus on fielding proved useful with a good team performance. Kemi Akinlotan continued to build upon her catching record, which went from strength to strength throughout the tournament. Sabrina Keating also impressed all and set herself as a solid second base.

Up next, Dartford. This is when SDC came into their own! A better all round performance was seen from the team with rounders from Kemi, Eva Filose, Maya Collins and Rachel Adebisi. Anna Marlow bowled well and Maya proved a worthy backstop.

Their toughest opposition, JAGS, resulted in a draw (5-5). This team put pressure on SDC and forced them to play a tight game. It will be interesting to see the result of a proper match scheduled in a week's time between these two teams. In this match, rounders were scored by Eva, Elle McDonnell and Rachel, as well as a catch by Sabrina.

From the first round robin matches, although SDC and JAGS drew on points, JAGS finished first in the group as they had gained two more rounders in total compared to SDC. This meant the girls had to beat Alleyn's if they were to still be in the running for medal position.

Although the match was really close, sadly, SDC lost by half a rounder. SDC really put the pressure on their opposition, but did not always back up one another in the field - team work is essential! Special mention must be made to Maya, however, who gained another full rounder, and Kemi who caught two great balls deep in the field.

The team's final match was against Blackheath to decide 3rd and 4th position. SDC were worthy winners and proved once again to be the better of the two sides. Again, Maya and Kemi dominated play and gained a rounder and two catches between them.

Throughout the tournament Kemi Akinlotan impressed all and was named 'Player of the Tournament'. Maya Collins did some superb batting and Sabrina Keating fielded exceptionally well. Anna Marlow is becoming more consistent in her bowling and Eva Filose deserves a mention for putting the pressure on and scoring half rounders thanks to some agile and fast running, which can also be said for Rachel Adebisi.

Future targets for the team to concentrate on include backing

up in the field, especially of 2nd base, and some improvement must be made on throwing accurately from a deep position.

Morning Childcare Provision for the Junior School

The College Management Team is currently considering an exciting new development in the Junior School – the provision of morning childcare.

Junior School parents have recently received a questionnaire to help assess the level of interest in this idea. Please can all questionnaires be returned to the Junior School Secretary by Monday 15 June. Once the questionnaires have been returned, the decisions made will be communicated to parents.

U14A Rounders v. Emanuel

Depleted in numbers due to the CCF trip, a 'new look A-team' took to the field against Emanuel in a highly spirited game.

Batting first, Rhiana Sheth was the main source of rounders, scoring 3 of the innings' 5. Katie Payne also hit a well placed rounder deep into the left-field to add to the tally.

Although the SDC fielding was questionable at the beginning of the innings, the girls grew in confidence and began to think more logically in their throwing. Emanuel scored 7 to take the lead going into the second innings.

After taking 4 catches in the field, Lana Richards scored an impressive 4 rounders, finding gaps in the Emanuel field. Hannah Llewellyn also got onto the score board, screaming around the bases. The final tally to defend was 13 as Emanuel went into bat.

Lana Richards was again the star of the show, leaping to catch out a well struck Emanuel ball to have both sides in ore of what they had witnessed! Jess Twist bowled well and Katie Payne was again on top of her game as backstop. Errors from the field, however, meant that Emanuel finished with a total of 17 and the win.

Player of the Match: Lana Richards.

Catches: Lana Richards (6) and Rhiana Sheth (1).

Full rounders: Lana Richards (4), Rhiana Sheth (3), Katie Payne (1) and Hannah Llewellyn (1).



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