



# SDC - The Week

14 May 2009

## Junior School Festival of Song

On Thursday afternoon, the Junior School hosted the second 'Festival of Song'. This year, choirs from Rathfern and Stillness Junior Schools collaborated with St Dunstan's Junior School choir and orchestra to create a memorable music experience. The first half of the festival was opened by St Dunstan's performing *A Keelie* (Traditional African), followed by Stillness and Rathfern performing *Azikatale* (Traditional African) and *Roller Ghoster* (Alan Simmons) respectively.



During the second half of the performance, choirs from the different schools joined forces to form a mass choir. The children enthusiastically worked together during the afternoon rehearsal to polish the programme, which culminated in a performance for parents and family. The programme included favourites including *Who will buy*, *Caribbean Medley* and *World in Union*. All the songs were expertly accompanied by members of the Junior School orchestra under the musical leadership of Miss Marcinkiewicz.

Our children proved to be versatile musicians, singers and hosts and according to the audience 'clapometer' - the festival seemed to be yet again - enjoyable and successful for all parties involved.

Staff would like to thank the music teachers, Andrina Wright (Stillness) and Elaine Banks (Rathfern), for their contribution in preparing the children. A special thank you to all children on their commendable attitude and dedication in getting ready for this outstanding event.

## North Norfolk – Year 10 Geography Trip

Last weekend, 26 Year 10 Geographers, accompanied by Mr Atkinson, Mr Lea and Mrs Atkinson, visited North Norfolk for their annual trip.

Having left St Dunstan's in grim and overcast weather, by the time the pupils reached Norfolk it was bright and sunny, if somewhat windy. A stop at the Swaffham wind turbine allowed the group to walk up to the top to see wonderful views of East Anglia. Before reaching the youth hostel there was a visit to *Langham Glass* where the pupils watched live glass making followed by some rather eventful glass painting of their own. After dinner at the hostel, Mr Lea led a group down to the beach in Sheringham to look at the coastal management, while Mr Atkinson led a classroom session.

Saturday was again blessed with delightful weather for the visits to sites along the coast, including Weybourne, Overstrand and Happisburgh, where the pupils could see various coastal management schemes, in addition to some very powerful destruction of the coast caused by the waves. The afternoon concluded with an eagerly contested rounders match on Sea Palling beach. The evening was spent watching videos and some free time. Sunday was glorious, and the pupils went on the local seal trip around Blakeney Point - unfortunately the seals were non-existent this year.

This was an excellent and worthwhile trip, with exemplary behaviour by the pupils.



## Yr 2 learn about Medieval life at Tonbridge Castle

On Tuesday 12 May, Year 2 visited Tonbridge Castle. It was a rather cold and blustery day but that did not curb their enthusiasm as they eagerly explored medieval life. The children experienced dark, gloomy and musty rooms within the castle and were horrified to think that the contents of the garderobe were flushed directly into the moat! They were happy to dress up as lords and ladies, servant and knights. They aimed the trebuchet with great skill and much whooping!

The children were particularly impressed with the view from the castle tower and enjoyed looking across Tonbridge, as the lookouts would have done in years gone by.

All involved had a lovely day. Thank you to the parents who came along to help.

## Art Day in the Pre-Prep



The Pre-Prep children took part in an Art day on Tuesday 5 May. The children experienced a variety of activities based on the theme of

water, in fact, you may have seen the colourful fence in the Pre-Prep playground that was covered in tie-dye T-shirts. The children wound elastic bands around a white T-shirt before dipping it into the colour of their choice and watched in amazement as a transformation took place.

The watery world of Monet was visited and as a result the children produced the most wonderful backgrounds for 'A Rainbow Fish'. All the children took part in a dance session run by Mrs Jarlett and judging by the smiley faces, thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Jackson Pollock's method of applying paint to huge areas was tried and tested in the playground by dripping watery coloured paints onto large strips of paper.

## U12A & B Rounders v. Colfe's

A much improved performance was seen on Friday by the U12As. The team are beginning to demonstrate a sound grasp of the more intricate rules and push the tactical aspects of the games to their advantage. With the bat, Maya Collins, Emily Whittaker, Kemi Akinlotan and Lani Davies all did well. Anna Marlow gained confidence as bowler whilst Eva Filrose and Maya Collins created an effective partnership between backstop and 1st post stumping four opponents out who had missed the ball in the second innings. Kemi and Sabrina Keating also did well in the field, on 2nd post and 2nd deep.

The match ended with a much deserved and impressive victory of 13½-9½. The team really seemed to take onboard advice given and alter their actions and decisions accordingly.

Player of the Match: Sabrina Keating.

Rounders: Emily Whittaker (3), Maya Collins, Kemi Akinlotan and Lani Davies.

Catches: Sabrina Keating (2) and Kemi Akinlotan.

The U12Bs played in an interesting and exciting game. As a team the girls began to focus on the tactic of returning the ball back to Rosanna Lee as bowler to restrict the runners on posts. Siobhan McShane was a strong batter and took sensible risks to reach 2nd base and score. Elle McDonnell captained the side effectively, instructing and encouraging others and playing well on 2nd post herself. Likewise, Maude Wright performed an important role in a deep position in the field. Catching and independent decision making skills will remain a focus for their next match.

Player of the Match: Siobhan McShane.

## Simon Thorogood's Farewell Dinner

St Dunstan's College, 7pm for 7.30pm, 19 June 2009.

You may be aware that Simon is retiring from teaching at the College after 41 years of teaching and 11 years as a pupil. A farewell dinner has been organised to celebrate the magnificent contribution that Simon Thorogood has made to St Dunstan's College. Simon has had a positive and major effect upon thousands of pupils in his time at the College not only as an outstanding teacher but also as a friend, mentor and confidant. He has shown versatility and expertise in his professional life and for many of us has been a close friend and support throughout our time at the College. It is intended to hold a dinner in order for us to properly say thank you to Simon and his family and to recognise what a valued member of the College family he has been.

Numbers are restricted and so we will have to allocate tickets on the basis of first come first served. It promises to be an outstanding evening and one that befits such a popular and magnificent servant of the College. The cost of a ticket will be £35 per head and will include some complimentary wine on the table though further bottles may be purchased. If you would like to attend, please download the pdf from the website home page and return the reply slip with immediate effect making the cheque payable to St Dunstan's College with 'SDT' on the back of the cheque.

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