



# SDC - The Week

15 October 2009

### Year 3 learn about Ancient Egypt at the Horniman Museum

On Tuesday 13 October, Year 3 enjoyed a visit to the Horniman Museum to experience a hands-on session about life in Ancient Egypt. Three of the highlights were travelling in the school minibuses, playing in the new playground in the park opposite the museum and wearing special white gloves to handle the Egyptian artefacts.

Andrew Maclennan (3F) writes: "I particularly liked the "Hands on Egyptian" session because I have never seen or held things that are 3000 years old. We got to hold objects such as a death mask and a shanti."

### Silver salver presented by Theo Usherwood

Staff and pupils were delighted to welcome Theo Usherwood, the great grandson of former long-serving headmaster Mr J F Usherwood (1931-38), who visited St Dunstan's to present an



antique silver salver, which is on loan to the College archives. Whilst here, Theo Usherwood enjoyed a tour of the College and met with red tie prefects and the Headmistress for coffee.

### Year 9 Lille Trip

Parents of pupils in Year 9 should have received a letter about the Lille Trip next March. Parents should contact Mr Newman by the end of Friday if they need further details.

### The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

In aid of Remembrance Day on Sunday 8 November, SDC has its usual collection boxes around the College. As there is not much time before the Exeat break, please can we all make an extra effort to make a donation this week. Many thanks.

### Young Mayor for Lewisham

Obi Juwah (10F) has spent recent weeks preparing his campaign to become the Young Mayor for Lewisham. His policies, which he has explained in assemblies to the whole Senior School, include providing information on Lewisham youth clubs, making the Diploma Scheme better available for secondary schools, and giving a boost for cycling in the Borough.

The voting turnout in Obi's Year group was an encouraging 78%, although the impressive figure of 87% was achieved by Year 7 pupils. The official announcement of the new Young Mayor for Lewisham takes place in the Civic Suite at Lewisham Town Hall on Thursday at 5.00pm.



### U11 Netball success

Last Friday, the U11 A team played in the St Christopher's Netball Tournament. Ten schools took part and there was some fierce, competitive play. In their group, SDC won three games, beating Alleyns, Bishop Challoner and Old Palace. SDC qualified for the semi-finals where they came up against the eventual winners, JAPS. The girls played their best and were the only team in the tournament to get a goal against them.



The team ended up equal third which was a very good result. Well done to all of you and thank you to all the parents who supported the team so admirably especially for providing hot chocolate and cakes!

On Monday, all the Year 6 girls took part in matches against Bromley High. Again the standard of play was very high in both matches and all the girls played extremely well. In the B team match the final score was 5-1 to Bromley High but the A team were really on form and they won 5-0. One of the best results SDC has ever had against Bromley. Congratulations to all the players, you have made your teachers very happy!!

### Modern Languages Society discuss Dreyfus Affair

Laura Smith writes (13J): "On Tuesday this week, M. Blache gave an informative talk on the Dreyfus Affair, a scandal regarding French political secrets in the 1890s which quickly developed into an anti-Semitic campaign when Captain Dreyfus was accused of selling French military secrets to Germany. The students would like to say a big thank you to M. Blache for his presentation of this key event in French history."

### U9 Rugby v. Eltham College

George Brignall Cash (4G) reports: "The U9's played Eltham College on Monday, in a very entertaining game. SDC started slowly and conceded two quick tries. However, we managed to pick ourselves up and gained some confidence.

The match should also be noted for the first girl (Kate Henderson) to represent the school. Kate was one of our best performers on the day.

Eltham proved to be too strong and ended up winning by 6-2. However, the speed to Dara Kuteyi enthralled the crowd with his two tries. The team learnt a lot and hope to improve next time."



### U18 Basketball v. Dulwich

Last Thursday the U18 basketball team played Dulwich in what turned out to be a very competitive game. Despite being short of many players due to trips and injury, the boys did themselves proud, in what was their first match of the season. However, it is clear that they have work to do before their next match against Sevenoaks. Final score, 51-31 to Dulwich.

### Netball 2nd team v. Colfe's

The 2nd team played an excellent match against Colfe's on Wednesday, winning 24-20. All girls played extremely well with channelled assertion.

The match was fairly even throughout, however, SDC were generally leading by one goal at the end of each quarter. Monet really excelled as captain with her fluent passing and control throughout the court, her ability to switch from attack to defence and vice versa was a good advantage.

In the 3rd and 4th quarters, SDC managed to consecutively score three goals, which gave the girls the leading edge. The attacking play from Sally and Rosie was assertive and rapid, leaving Colfe's defenders often left a step behind. Throughout the match the defenders stood strong, many interceptions were made and play was switched from defence to attack.

Well done to all those involved. Special mentions go to Monet as the *Player of the Match* and Guilia for her encouragement and tactical advice throughout the game.



### U15A RFU v. Bancroft's

The U15A team notched up another win against Bancroft's School last weekend. SDC started well, scoring three early tries, and were unlucky not to score again just before half time, when the ball unfortunately dropped over the try line. Bancroft's came back at SDC in the second quarter and scored two well-deserved tries, to take them within a score of the team.

Following the break, Bancroft's continued in the same manner, scoring the first try of the second half, putting them two points ahead. SDC showed great strength of character and upped their game, scoring four more tries to Bancroft's three in the second half. The final score was a tremendous 42-27 to St Dunstan's.

It was a great game to watch and to win. The team have really bounced back, following disruption due to the various injuries sustained at the start of the season. With the Italy tour only a week away, it is good to end this half of the term on a high.

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