



SDC - The Week

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Doing something yummy raises load of money!

A magnificent £700 was raised from the Family Society's Red Nose Cake Sales and Coffee Morning. Huge thanks to everyone that helped and to all the parents, pupils and staff who baked and ate an incredible quantity of cake! Thank you!



Staff v. Pupils Hockey Match

Friday provided an opportunity for many staff to dust off their trainers and dig out some shin pads to face an enthusiastic Sixth Form X1 at KCCC. Both sides made some last minute changes, including the drafting of Mr Atkinson and ex-student, Kurt Higgins to the front line of the staff team.

Mr Adriano and Staggy donned the goal-keeping kit for their respective teams, amusing the defence and intimidating the opposing forwards to the best of their abilities.

The first half saw the staff team just edge the possession statistics, with Moody the midfield maestro working tirelessly for the staff. Miss Molteni showed determination through her tackling and a resultant penalty corner proved costly to the pupils. Mr Brown was frequently seen soaring down the wing, latching onto the firmly hit through balls from Mr Kinnear, as was Mr Duckworth... during the early stages of the game!

The pupils were resolute in their defence and began to play the ball out, creating good space and captain Rhys Evans demonstrated nice close control. Sam Meddick's hit outs

gained much needed territory, with Callum Stevenson and James Middleton moving well against the back line. Megan Prynne Petit and Rosie Taylor demonstrated some strong ball control and got pleasure from taking possession from the staff team. Half time score, 1-0 to the staff.

An inspired team talk ensued from late arrival Mr Bodenham, who came on to strengthen the defence, but it was Miss Brady's perfectly timed pass that forced the penalty corner, with the staff again exploiting the students goal from another bottom corner strike.

As the game went on though, cracks began to show in the staff side... namely through injuries and a substantial age difference! This allowed for the students to capitalise, with a well-worked move allowing Callum Stevenson to convert what ended up being a consolation goal for the students. It did however give hope of a comeback with just 7 minutes left on the clock, but it proved to be too little too late as the staff took the points. Final score, 2-1 to staff.

Well done to all who played, and many thanks to umpire Mr Sharp for maintaining a good flow of the game and rightly putting Luke Coughlan in his place! Bring on the rounders and tennis...

Comic Relief in the Pre-Prep

'Do something funny for money' was the challenge this year and the Pre-Prep certainly had a very jolly day! The playground was a sea of red and the children were sporting



big, red noses. In assembly we were treated to some hilarious jokes from the Year 2's... "What did the vicar say to the

nose?.....Bless You!" and "What did the traffic lights say to the bus?.....Don't look now, I'm changing."

At playtime, everyone enjoyed tasty homemade cakes. Thank you to the Family Society for organising this and to all the parents who baked a cake. Whilst having lots of fun, the children understood the meaning behind this charity event and staff would like to thank everyone for their donations.

Year 4 Reading Scheme



Since November, a keen group of Year 7 volunteers have been going over to the Junior School during lunchtime to listen to pupils from Year 4 read. Mr

Harrild, Head of Lower School, has been impressed by the commitment shown by many of those involved and he said it is clear that both the older and the younger children enjoy the opportunity to interact with each other in this productive way.

U11s Football Festival

On Saturday morning, three SDC teams took part in this annual event. Despite a variable temperature and threatening clouds, the weather stayed good and the football was very entertaining. A good mix of seven state and independent schools attended, with five bringing B teams.

The A team played seven matches against other A teams. The boys started very well against Dolphin and Royston, winning both games at a canter. However, against Southborough they met their match. Despite a competitive game they lost 0-3, their first defeat of the term. They responded well against Blackheath, winning 1-0 and dominating for much of the game. The final three games against Bickley Park, Allyn's and Oakfield were tough as they were clearly feeling the pace of the morning. They lost all three, but played an excellent second half against a good Oakfield side.

The B team played in a separate event. They played six excellent games, drawing four and losing two. Although they did not win, the team played very well. Special mentions go to Thomas Fagg, Etienne Balland and Savvas Savvas - who were excellent.

The U10s also played in the B team event. They played above themselves at times and were certainly not overawed by the occasion. They also drew four and lost two. This was good preparation for next year when they will be hosting the event.

Thanks go to Mr Dickson, Mr Redmond and Mr Duckworth for running the three teams and to Ms Bate for taking photos. Thanks also to the SDC parents who helped keep the crowds warm with tea and coffee.

A Squad - Haydn Davis Bell, Keita Orelaja, Sam Lempp, Max Harbord, Kamal Less, Daniel Newhouse and Demi Kuteyi.

B Squad - Charlie Ferguson, Savvas Savvas, Oscar Bowden,

Benoit Jauniaux, Archie MaGillivray, Thomas Fagg, Ricardo King and Etienne Balland.

U10s Squad - James Williams, Callum MaClennan, Dele Aladese, Leon Crowley, Nick Lempp, Will Scrad, Eoin O'Sullivan and Zack Ajikobi.

U14A Hockey v. Croydon High

A really pleasing result and one the team whole-heartedly deserved. Positional play was much improved, which allowed links and passing between players to become easier. The ball was passed between the left and right hand side of the pitch thanks to some effective communication and vision, which has not been seen up until now. Both goals were scored from penalty corners, highlighting again the importance of winning the penalty in the D – both with sneaky touches by those sweeping in on the post. Final score, 2-1 to SDC. It is hard to name a *Player of the Match* this week, but Georgina Hall must gain a special mention, as should Katie Payne, both of whom had a great defensive game. Well done team!

Junior School Netball

Years 4, 5 and 6 have each represented St Dunstan's College in recent netball tournaments. Year 4 played at St Christopher's and learnt a great deal from their experience. They passed the ball with confidence and developed their teamwork. SDC came fourth overall. Well done to Daphne Pratt, Temi Orelaja, Beatrice Swordy, Francis Elliott, Sasha Burgess, Emily White, Emily Lambert, Shakira King and Fiona Watt-Cooper.

Year 5 visited Farringtons for an exciting and nail-biting series



of matches with some excellent score lines of 11-0, 8-1 and 5-0. The pace of the games was fast and the SDC girls played some outstanding netball as they fought

hard for every ball. They also showed versatility when asked to change positions on three occasions due to injury. SDC finished joint third, only losing to the eventual winners Bromley High by one goal, which demonstrates the strength of the team.

Congratulations to Lucy Sands, Sophea Shelley-Everett, Sophie Jackson, Sophie Outten, Lily Pennington-Joseph, Hatti Jago, Ellie John, Grace Hankinsson and Beth Henderson.

U11 Netball Tournament

Year 6 finished their time of playing netball for the Junior School by taking part in SDC's U11 tournament. Five schools took part last Friday on a cold and windy afternoon. The girls started off well by winning their first match but then the other oppositions proved too strong and that was to be SDC's only victory of the afternoon. The final winners were JAPS with SDC coming fourth. It was a very enjoyable afternoon of netball with some outstanding play from all teams.

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