



SDC - The Week

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Taylor rides to Cyclo-Cross success!

Congratulations to Taylor Johnstone in Year 11, who came an excellent 2nd at the final round of the National Cyclo-Cross Trophy in Derby last weekend. This was his best placing to date and was a fitting way to end the cyclo-cross season. Earlier this month Taylor came 4th in the Under 16s race at the National Championships. The race was described as "a classic encounter, a wonderful race to watch and testament to the strength in depth and ability of the current generation of Youth riders" on the website www.britishcycling.org.uk. To read more about the race go to: <http://www.britishcycling.org.uk/>



Taylor is now focusing on the mountain biking and road-racing disciplines as these seasons get underway, his next goal being selection for the Olympic Development Programme.

Prep Department Swimming Gala

Swimming Captains Jake Sulch and Daniel Newhouse report:

"Last Tuesday Years 5 and 6 hosted a swimming gala against Blackheath Prep. This was the first gala for both schools so everyone was very excited.

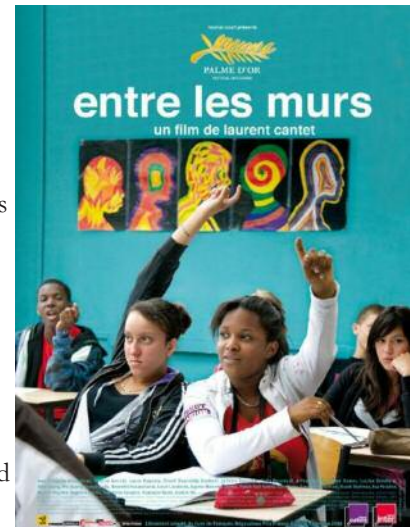
There was a buzz of anticipation, as the races got under way with each school cheering on their swimmers. There were some excellent performances from both teams but St.

Dunstan's had the edge and won all their races! The final scores were: SDCJS 149; Blackheath Prep 86.

This was an excellent start to our season and bodes well for our forthcoming events. Well done to everyone!"

French Film Trip

Irem Ishlek writes: "On the evening of Thursday 15 January, twenty French students from Years 9 and 10 went to the Institut Français in South Kensington to see the highly acclaimed Palme d'Or film *Entre les murs* (The Class). The film is about a French teacher's negotiations, trials and tribulations with his extraordinary but difficult class in a tough collège in the Parisien suburbs. The film fully lived up to expectations with a lot of humour and some poignant moments. We all picked up a few French phrases mentioned in the film that will be used in the future and the film was liked and recommended very much by all who saw it. Overall, it was an unmissable event and a brilliant treat for all. A massive thanks to Ms Scarantino and Mr Blache for arranging the event and accompanying us!"



U12 A&B v. Blackheath

Two very excited Year 7 teams took to the hockey field this week, full of energy and enthusiasm for their first match against Blackheath.

Maya Collins captained the A's from the goal and did not touch the ball thanks to the strength of the defence in front of her. Lucy Griffin was excellent in distributing the ball to the midfield who tirelessly worked to feed the forwards into the D.

Eva Filrose showed close control through her dribbling and it was her assist that allowed Anna Marlow to put SDC 1-0 up.

Full of confidence, the team began to use the width of the pitch and worked together in defending free hits well. Right up until the final whistle, the ball was in the attacking third encouraged by the vocal support from on-looking parents.

Meanwhile, the B team took an early lead through an excellently struck shot from Atheny Cameron. Emily Whittaker added to the score sheet, driving forward from defence and Atheny scored again after Elle McDonnell was unlucky to concede as goalkeeper for the day. Maude Wright added structure to the side in defence and Jessica Lewins tracked back well to help clear the ball. Final score was 3-1 to SDC.

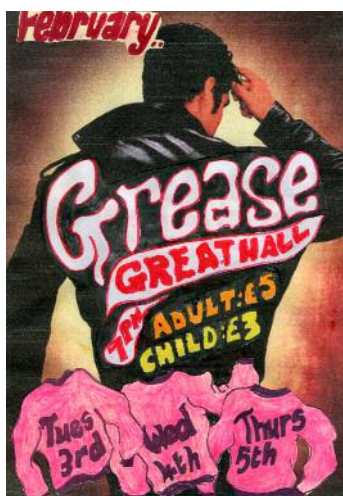
A very promising start to the season for both teams, well done!

Grease is the word.....

Tickets go on sale next week for the eagerly anticipated production of Grease, which runs from 3-5 February.

Performances start at 1900 in the Great Hall and we expect it to be a sell-out so do get your tickets early!

Prices are £5 for adults and £3 for children.



U11 Football Tournament

The U11s opened their football season by taking part in an annual tournament at Eltham College. A squad of 12 boys travelled and played in this 9 a side event.

The first game was against the hosts. Playing downhill in the first half, SDC made some good inroads into the opposition half. This was supported by quick thinking in defence on the few occasions that the ball came near the SDC goal. A great through ball put Daniel Newhouse clear, but his shot went wide. Moments later, an error at the back allowed Daniel to score the first SDC goal of the season. Playing uphill in the second half, SDC started to play with real conviction and skill. Determined tackling, sound positional awareness and controlled passing paid off as Jake Sulch set up a great shot and goal from Keita Orelaja. Final score 2-0 to SDC.

Next the boys played Alleyn's, who have been playing football since September. A close game ensued with both sides attacking and defending well. Alleyn's went close a couple of times and Ricardo King had a tough chance at goal but the game ended 0 - 0 which was a fair result.

Lastly came St Christopher's. SDC attacked well in the first half and went close on several occasions. St Christopher's then broke away and SDC conceded a disappointing goal. In the

second half, playing uphill, SDC were back to their best and had three or four excellent chances. Good defending kept SDC behind but with two minutes remaining, Keita Orelaja scored again with an outstanding 15 metre drive from outside the box to end the game at 1-1.

SDC finished joint first with Alleyn's, an excellent result. It was particularly pleasing how the boys kept their team shape, communicated positively at all times and defended with commitment and skill. Congratulations to Sam Lempp, Charlie Ferguson, Benoit Jauniaux, Max Harbord, Kamal Less, Demi Kuteyi, Haydn Davis Bell, Keita Orelaja, Ollie Beswick, Daniel Newhouse and Ricardo King.

Fives v. Eastbourne College

The school season got underway last Saturday when the 1st and 2nd IV entertained Eastbourne College at home. Unfortunately, the U14 & 15 games had to be cancelled due to wet courts at Eastbourne. The 1st IV dominated their fixture, losing only one game in the whole match. After the singles the team were 36-17 up so we had a buffer for the doubles, which can often throw up results out of kilter with the singles' results. However, this was not to be as the partnerships of Finn Rafter-Phillips and Chris Murray (1st pair) and Tafara Golding and Malachi Connolly (2nd pair) took the doubles convincingly, though the latter pair had an epic first game against Eastbourne's number 1 pair, winning 12-10 after being 7-10 adrift. Final score 125-55.



The 2nd IV did not want to be outdone, with Matt Frankis conceding only one point in all his matches. The singles were won 44-10 and then Matt and George Kamenou (1st pair) and Alex Wood and Peter Mears (2nd pair) rampaged through their opponents to register an overall win 132-25. Congratulations to all involved, especially Peter who is in Year 9 but fitted in extremely well. The match was played in a truly sportsmanlike atmosphere and was a pleasure to watch, with the captain, Finn, rounding off the match by thanking the opposition at tea. Alleyn's are our next opponents.

Junior School Parents' Prayer Meeting

All parents are warmly invited to join a Junior School Parents' Prayer Meeting to pray for the children, teachers and the school. To find out more contact Richard and Lois Evans on 020 8776 5463 evans@portlandsquare.co.uk

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