



SDC - The Week

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Helen Keppe gives talk to Modern Languages Society



Last week, the Modern Languages Society was joined by guest speaker Helen Keppe, who left St Dunstan's just over a year ago and is now studying at Nottingham University.

Helen spoke to students about her gap year. After working to raise money, she began to travel all around the world, exploring countries such as India, Cambodia, Thailand, Honduras and many more. Not only did she see the sights (such as the Taj Mahal) but also volunteered at an orphanage in Honduras.

Her talk gave the society an insight into some of the various cultures and languages that she came across as well as her own experiences and thoughts. Thank you so much to Helen, who inspired many Sixth Form students to consider taking a gap year after such a brilliant talk.

U11 Rugby v. DCPS

The U11's played their first game of the season against DCPS, and all the boys showed great enthusiasm and courage throughout the match.

SDC started the game well and were strong in the scrum. As the match came to half time the boys were unlucky in conceding a try. However, in the second half they pulled themselves together and offered more of an attack. In attacking more SDC left themselves open and DCPS scored, resulting in a 14-0 loss.

The U11's should take heart from their performance and look forward to the next match. Well done to everyone involved.

Former pupil Kasey Redler speaks about Mount Kilimanjaro climb

In assembly last week ex-student Kasey Redler spoke to students and staff about her fantastic experience climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, which she completed with another former pupil, Helen Keppe. The venture was sponsored by the charity Childreach International.

This formidable challenge took six days, through many types of terrain - from rainforest to steep rocky slopes. Despite suffering from altitude sickness (illness that results from a lack of oxygen) and its less than desirable symptoms, both Kasey and Helen made it to the summit, an impressive achievement.

In addition Kasey spoke about the charitable side of their visit. Childreach International supports several child poverty alleviation projects, such as helping to fund children, particularly orphans, to allow them to go on to secondary education, thus improving their future prospects immeasurably. Kasey spoke engagingly and warmly about these children, their sunny attitudes and thankfulness to be in school, and about how glad she was that she participated in this scheme.

Overall, her inspiring assembly gave many in the older Years a lot to think about regarding their own possible gap year. Her talk thoroughly promoted the multiple benefits of such schemes and how important it is to not being afraid of taking such a challenge.

Year 4 trip to Greenwich Environmental Centre



Our trip to the Greenwich Environmental Centre

By Honor Kingsnorth and Alec Mason

On Tuesday, 15 September we came to school in every day clothes instead of school uniform. Everything was normal until we went inside. Even then everything was normal, but instead of reading until maths started, we read until the coach arrived. By 9.45 it was raining. I hate rain. When the coach finally came it was raining as hard as anything. It took 30 to 45 minutes to get to Greenwich Environmental Centre.

When we got off the coach, we were met by an instructor called Alex. We put our bags in blue boxes while Alex talked about the centre. After a little while we went outside. By then it had stopped raining but it started again pretty quickly. They had several animals; we saw a goose, some chickens and some very cute chicks. We overturned about six stones. After that we did tree beating. You lay out a white sheet under a tree and then shake a branch to get some creatures out. It works best with pine trees. Then we did some digging around to find worms. I didn't do it because I was afraid of getting my hands dirty. We saw a pig called Pod with dandruff. Mr Jaga, Mrs Henderson and Alex did some pond dipping and then we returned via the wishing tunnel. By the end of the morning we were cold, wet and miserable. I nearly started crying when I found that I couldn't actually get dry. For lunch I had a 'not very healthy hamburger'.

After lunch we went out again to collect the mini beasts. We split up into groups. Two were in the long grass, two were in the short grass. We found newts, frogs, moths, woodlice, spiders, daddy-long legs and harvest men. We caught all of them then we set off back to the building. It started pouring with rain. We got back into the building, took our wet coats off and settled in. The teacher told us to just look at what other people had found. It was very nice looking at their bugs. It was the end of the day and we had to go to school. We learnt a lot at the Environmental Centre. We thought that it wasn't going to rain. Also we were quite surprised to see Pod the Pig!

Macmillan Cancer Support doughnut sale

In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, the Family Society will be selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts to all pupils and staff at morning break, on the Friday 25 September. Doughnuts will be £1 each. We would be delighted if your child would support the event. Please remind them to bring in some money on the day. All the money raised will go to Macmillan Cancer Support.

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Cake sale raises nearly £100 for Project Trust



Last Thursday, Laura Smith and Clare Skinner organised a cake sale at the Year 12 'Meet the Tutors' evening. The sale was a fundraising event for the gap year charity Project Trust, with whom the girls will be travelling this time next year. Laura will be working in a care home with children with HIV in Cambodia, while Clare will be teaching underprivileged

children in South Africa. Both of the placements are for 12 months.

The cake sale was the first of many fundraising ideas to be put into action, and the girls successfully raised just under £100. Thank you to all the parents and teachers for their generous donations and don't forget to look out for the other events!

U15 Netball v. Blackheath High

Mascot Annie Sawyer (10H) reports: "We started with the first centre pass and within seconds the ball was passed down to the attacking circle. Sarah Bingham took the first shot on goal and scored, showing perfect execution. We were soon in the lead 2-1 and with the speed and agility shown by Lana Richards we were guaranteed to stay there. One extra goal from Ellie Shapcott led us to win the first quarter 3-1.

The second quarter showed how capable the girls were of moving the ball into perfect positions for the shooters to then score. Katie Payne was a perfect example of how to hold space; she reads the game well, which proved her worthy of her captaincy. This well performed quarter secured an 8-1 lead.

Throughout the third quarter the girls had to work a lot harder on their defence as Blackheath became stronger and more confident. This gave many opportunities for Georgina Hall to execute some fantastic interceptions. Issy de Cala also intercepted the ball frequently preventing Blackheath from scoring throughout two entire quarters. Olive Supple-Still proved that she was as capable as all the other girls, with effective driving and quick feet.

The final quarter, again showed very hard working defence from Betty Boyse who managed to defend her circle well, only having one goal scored against her. Throughout the entire game, Izzy Wilken-Smith demonstrated great attacking and defending skills, playing at WD,C and GS.

Well done to all girls who contributed to this match. A special mention to Sarah Bingham, who scored 10 out of the 15 goals, and earned herself Player of the Match. Winning the first match 15-2 made us all very excited for the season ahead."

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