



SDC - The Week

25 June 2009

Prep Summer Concert



Aysel Bicer (6F) reports: "On Wednesday 17th June, the Prep Department held a summer concert. It included the Prep Choir, JS Band, Prep Strings, Prep Recorders and a show from each of Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Year 3 performed *An Egyptian Escapade*. The Year 4 show was called *Town and Country Mouse*. Year 5 performed a Victorian Music Hall Extravaganza and Year 6 sang a medley of WW 2 songs in *We'll Meet Again*.

Also, the audience sometimes joined in with the singing. The concert was brilliant, amazing and very exciting. A big thank you to everyone who helped to make it such a success!"

"Human Rights and Human Wrongs" IB Conference at St Clare's, Oxford

Georgina Conway (12F) reports: "On Wednesday 10 June, Year 12 IB students were lucky enough to get the chance to mingle with other IB students of over 40 different nationalities and cultures at an international conference on Human Rights in Oxford.

We heard from the distinguished lecturer Dr Rory Joubert who gently introduced us to the topic and central question of the day, "What are human rights?" We were put into small groups, to discuss topical matters of international relevance/ importance such as sweat shops, racial discrimination,

euthanasia, long-term imprisonment without trial and blood discrimination, to name just a few. These highly emotive subjects got the argumentative juices flowing and sparked some lively debate.

This was followed by a thought provoking debate on the Middle East. The panel consisted of many notable and knowledgeable speakers, who answered the queries of many students from the floor.

At the end of an intense day of reflection, the day culminated with a creative poster session, in which all students in their respective groups drew together the day's discoveries of human rights. Although a light hearted session, this allowed students to reflect back on the initial question of "what are human rights?"

The hall was full of colourful illustrations and I'm pleased to say that St Dunstan's students were in the group that won 1st prize. It was an engaging, emotive and thoroughly enjoyable day. Thank you St Clare's!"

SDC hosts Lewisham Schools Cricket Festival

On Wednesday 17 June, St Dunstan's College hosted the Lewisham Schools Cricket Festival. Run on behalf of the Kent Cricket Board with Teachsport and the Lewisham Sports Academy, the annual Festival has grown over the years, and this time round saw a tremendous 19 Lewisham primary schools take part. Each school had a squad of approximately ten boys and girls from a range of ages, with the majority



being between 10 and 11 years old. The children enjoyed an exciting day of soft ball cricket which they played in pairs.

In a dramatic final, Edmund Waller Primary School beat Ashmead Primary School in a very close match with a final score of 219-211. All the finalists were awarded medals by the Headmistress, with the winning school also being presented with the St Dunstan's Cup.

John Palmer, Head Coach for Lewisham District Cricket, commented: "The final this year was very good and incredibly close, coming down to Ashmead losing a wicket. We have had a strong link with St Dunstan's College over a number of years, as we use the grounds and cricket nets on a regular basis. The groundsman's presentation on the day was superb and we hope to hold next year's event at St Dunstan's again."

Mr Wilkins runner up in Teachers TV Competition

Congratulations to Mr Wilkins, Deputy Head of the Preparatory Department, who has been made runner up in a competition to imagine 'Tomorrow's Teacher' for Teachers TV (the digital channel for those in education).

Launched in January 2009, the national competition invited both students and school staff to describe what the teacher of the future might look like, with hundreds of pupils and staff participating from all over the country. Mr Wilkins wrote an essay entitled "Timeless Values" in which he described how technology cannot replace human interaction and how social skills will still remain the most important part of education.

Year 7 Cricket Update

The Year 7 cricket team recently had two fantastic games which left Mr Atkinson initially frustrated but by the end, extremely enthusiastic and proud of every single member of the team. On Thursday, the team played Bexley Grammar in the cup. SDC batted first and were bowled out for 55 with the majority being in extras. However, the bowling performance was exceptional. Bexleyheath went from 33 for 1 to 55 for 9. Needing one to win they managed to scrape home. There was some excellent bowling and fielding. Well done to Frank Plummer who achieved his first hat trick and finished with 4 wickets.

On Saturday, the boys batted much better in a 25 over game against Allyn's. Rahul Reddy and Frank Plummer gave the team a solid start, 32 off the first 8 overs. After a mid innings collapse Armen Brown, Kieran McGarrigle and Sam Rieb-Smith did well to take SDC to 65. Unfortunately, Allyn's reached the target with 4 wickets left, although at times it seemed that St Dunstan's may sneak a victory. All the team have been impressive in the last week and Mr Atkinson looks forward to determined batting displays in the final two games of the season against Dulwich and Bancroft's, backed up by the continued enthusiastic fielding and penetrating bowling of recent weeks.

ODs raise £240 towards Mount Kilimanjaro climb

Thank you to all the pupils, parents and staff who helped former pupils Helen Keppe and Kasey Redler raise £240 at their recent cake sale. The girls held the cake sale at St

Dunstan's to help raise funds for their climb up Mount Kilimanjaro in August for the charity Childreach International. www.justgiving.com/helenkeppe www.justgiving.com/kaseyredler

Royal Navy Section CCF Scuba Diving

Many congratulations to the following cadets who completed their PADI Open Water scuba diving qualification over the weekend of 13-14 June. Greg Burr, Alex Lanes, Ronan O'Leary, Louie Silver, Oscar Lozada, Josh Stein, Natalie Robertson, Ben Syrett, Imogen Clark and George Ellison-Bunce. The cadets spent the Saturday and Sunday completing four dives and some theory work in order to gain their qualification.

Year 9 Natural History Museum Trip

A group of Year 9 students visited the Natural History Museum on Wednesday 17 June to take part in the Great Debate Workshop. On arrival at the museum, the students were divided into groups to represent the great men who fought either for or against the theory of evolution; Darwin, Huxley, Wilberforce and Owen. Each group used the exhibits in the museum to put forward their case and transported themselves back in time to 1860, getting into character and sparking lively debate. It was a very entertaining and engaging trip and a good time was had by all the students.

U14 Rounders v. Blackheath

For the first time this term, the U14s were able to field their strongest side. SDC started well against Blackheath with Izzy Wilken-Smith scoring 2 full rounders of the innings's 6. Going in to field, Connie MacDonnell and Katie Payne formed a formidable partnership between backstop and first base, contributing heavily to getting Blackheath all out. The second innings was not as successful, with the girls scoring fewer half rounders. SDC took to the field with a total of 11 rounders to defend. Blackheath batted well and in a nail-biting finish, their last batter scored ½ a rounder to win the game 11½ - 11!

Meanwhile, the B team were playing a highly spirited game, putting into practice the fielding techniques learnt in Games lessons. Olive Supple-Still showed experience at 2nd base, and Georgina Morton made some decisive throws at backstop. Natalie Robertson and Shacaz Benn scored full rounders, and Betty Boyse stumped out several players on 4th base. Final score: SDC 5 ½ - Blackheath 11½.



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