



SDC - The Week

28 January 2010

Haiti Earthquake Appeal

Over £200 was raised by Year 11 at their cake sale last week, in support of the Haiti earthquake appeal. Thank you to everyone who participated.

To further support the appeal, Friday 29 January will be an own clothes day. Please wear the colours of the Haitian flag (red, white and blue), and bring in a minimum of £2 in order to participate.

Junior School Netball

Year 5 (and two Year 4 children) spent an enjoyable afternoon playing netball last Thursday at Alleen's.

SDC's first team made an excellent start against Alleen's second team, making many fluent passes and showing real determination. At half time the score was 5-1 to St Dunstan's. Unfortunately the girls found the second half against Alleen's first team a little too fast and furious, and the final result was 5-15. Well done to Rebecca Beardsworth and Megan Twist for improving their game play.

SDC's second team took the opportunity to show off their skills, and their solid footwork was praised by the Alleen's teacher. The girls won their match 4-0 and a special mention must go to Rebecca Birch who used the space in the court very well indeed. Good work Year 5!

Year 5 and 6 Design Technology Club



A group of Prep children enjoyed expanding their Design Technology skills in one of the Senior School work rooms. In the first session Mr Davies instructed the children in the use of a bench hook, vice, tri-square and saw.

Reception children have fun learning about their senses



Children in Reception have been exploring the sense of touch. Great fun was had by all when they walked blindfolded through a variety of materials such as corn flakes, sand and jelly, and had to explain how it felt.

Trinity Schools Swimming – Years 7 & 8

On Thursday 21 January, SDC's swimmers set out to compete against the other member schools of the Trinity Group. Competing over 50m for the individual events, the boys and girls swam excellently.

For the girls, Year 6 pupil Beth Henderson (swimming for Year 7) was just tipped out in the freestyle in an excellent race, whilst Miranda Baird worked hard throughout the butterfly. In the breaststroke it was good to see Elsa Meryon power her way to second, just being pipped in the final inches of the race.

In Year 8 Lani Davies won the butterfly in 35.17 seconds, with Wiu Lin Lee missing first in breaststroke by just the length of her hand. For the boys, Jake Sulch swam a very good butterfly (38.77) to finish second, with Donovan Gervais taking third in his fly. The Year 8 boys had a very good gala with Armen Brown (freestyle) and Drew Macdonald (backstroke) taking third and second respectively.

Special mentions also go to Callum MacLennan (Year 6 pupil), Tom Fagg, Chris Booth, Aneira Harrild, David Borretto, Rosanna Lee and Anna Marlow, for their strong swims.

The relays were exciting with the judges unable to split the Year 7 girls in the medley relay, and the Year 7 and 8 boys coming second in their medley relay.

Whilst SDC did not win the gala, it was good to gain enough points to beat Dulwich College in the boys, whilst the girls came second to Caterham. The pupils were a credit to the College and their efforts made Mr Bodenham very proud. Thank you to Beth Henderson and Callum MacLennan who stood in at the last moment when illness affected the team. Both children are Junior School pupils and they performed brilliantly in an older age group.

Year 3 connect to the World



Year 3 children have recently brought a fantastic selection of objects in to school as part of their

Humanities topic "Connections to the World". The objects have provoked much curiosity and certainly developed the children's questioning skills.

Hope UK visit for Year 5

The volunteers from Hope UK came to visit Year 5 to talk to them about the dangers associated with drugs. They learnt that all medicines are drugs but not all drugs are medicines. They sorted objects in to those that were and were not drugs, and heard about the damage drugs can do to people's bodies. Thank you to Hope UK.

U13 Rugby v. Hayes School

As the U13 rugby team played Hayes School for the first time, SDC's new captain, Sam Reib-Smith, won the toss and the boys set about playing as they had trained. The forwards were ably marshalled by Liam Abbott, and his pack set about winning the ball, with the backs successfully getting the ball wide. The scrummage started well with the James Corbett, August Koschak and Alastair Greaves giving a firm foundation to the locks and back row. Frank Plummer called many good options and Kieran McGarrigle looked dangerous every time he had the ball in his hands.

In the fourth phase of play with Shaquille Gray to the fore and some quick hands, Kieran McGarrigle plunged over out wide with Frank Plummer converting. The pattern repeated itself on a number of occasions until SDC got their second score, when this time Tom Owen was the beneficiary of some good interplay.

In the second half Max Henderson took all the high balls and tackled well. He also made a number of incursions into the line to great effect. The opposition forwards came out hungrier in

the second half but strong defensive work from Simon Royle and Alfie Davies kept them at bay, until Hayes School's number eight finally crashed over for a deserved try.

Kai Landolt made a number of very good breaks as he grew in confidence, presenting the ball extremely well. Kai crossed deservedly after Tom Owen picked up a loose ball from the lineout, which was too far out for a conversion. Liam Abbott finally got a converted try, one he fully deserved as he had covered many yards and made many tackles.

SDC won the match 24-5. Well done to all the players for their fantastic win and for following the game plan.

U12 A Netball v. Haberdashers

The U12 team played a successful match against Haberdashers on Thursday. The team quickly took the lead and were able to maintain this assertive nature throughout the game. Passes were accurate throughout and the girls were really developing their confidence as the match progressed. Amie and Mir's skills in defence were definitely enabling the ball to inject back in SDC's possession, coincidentally providing Lauren and Aysel with the ball in the shooting circle. Congratulations to all the girls who played in this match. Final score, 6-3 to SDC! Well done girls.

Parents' Prayer Meeting

All parents are warmly invited to join a parents' prayer meeting to pray for the children, teachers and the school. This term we plan to meet on the evening of Thursday 25th February. To find out more contact Richard and Lois Evans on 020 8776 5463 evans@portlandsquare.co.uk

Lower School Disco and Parent Get-together

The Family Society warmly invites you to the Lower School Disco and Parent Get-together on Friday 29 January, 7-9pm. Tickets for the disco are £5 per pupil and include a free drink. Soft drinks are also on sale throughout the evening. The disco takes place in the Refectory and this year features a new DJ.

The Family Society will also be hosting a get-together for parents in the Sixth Form Common Room at the same time. Instead of just dropping off your children, come and meet fellow parents and enjoy complimentary drinks and nibbles.

For ticket applications please download the form: www.stdunstans.org.uk > Welcome > Family Society > Ticket applications



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