



SDC - The Week

29 January 2009

Year 8 Armada Day

On 21 January 2009, the whole of Year 8 went to the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich to experience some "hands on learning" about why the Great Spanish Armada of 1588 failed.



They had four separate activities; learning through contemporary paintings, manuscripts, artefacts and an actor led session. The day is described by members of 8F:

Cormac O'Sullivan reports...

"My favourite part of the trip to the museum was the manuscripts. We got to see how people wrote in Elizabeth's time. We also saw some very interesting pieces of writing. We learnt how to translate what people wrote and also see how different letters were written."

Ben Sulch continues..."My favourite part of the history trip was meeting Dan Pew. This is partly because I have read a lot about Frances Drake and it was good hearing about him from a person on his ship in the Armada. I also enjoyed him because he was great and got people involved. When it got to the end he answered all the questions we asked. He was very good."

Andrew Rogers considers his favourite part of the day...

"I found the most interesting activity on the Armada Day the handling of objects because it felt as though we were not just looking at history, but holding and touching it. It was really interesting to know that it was holding the same object that a sailor could have used just under 500 years ago."

U12 Hockey A & B v. Alleyn's

High on confidence after last week's displays, the girls soon began to utilise the whole of the pitch, getting into good, wide positions. The sheer strength and playing experience of Alleyn's though meant that the girls were under pressure throughout the game and goalkeepers Sabrina Keating and Ishbel Fountain were kept busy for the duration. Alleyn's won both games, 6-0 and 11-0.

The A team had their share of the game and compliments were paid by Alleyn's staff on their determination throughout. With Alleyn's having so many more girls to choose from in a Year group, SDC must build on this defeat going into the next game against Sydenham and get back to winning ways!

Junior School Swimming

On Wednesday evening, 12 girls from the Junior School took part in the South of the River Gala at JAPs. Everyone was feeling nervous particularly the Year 4's as this was their first gala representing the school. Each swimmer competed in an individual event and two relays with medals at stake. All of the girls performed well and put in their best effort against fierce competition. Medals were won in the Year 5 races by Lucy Sands who came fourth in 25m Breaststroke and Ellie John who came fifth in 25m Butterfly so a huge congratulations to them both. Beth Henderson showed much improvement in both of her relay swims and narrowly missed a medal in her individual finishing seventh. Overall the team finished in ninth position out of 12 schools.

Everyone deserves a mention for both their swimming and their impeccable behaviour on the poolside. Well done to Daphne Pratt, Megan Twist, Fiona Watt-Cooper, Beatrice Swordy, Grace



Hankinson, Sophie Jackson, Ciara O'Sullivan, Lauren Bacon and Ellie Nevin.

U13 Hockey v. Latymer Upper

After a first half of Latymer attacks coming in waves, it was through the team's resolute defending, particularly from Courtnie Wilks that allowed SDC to be just 2-1 down going into the break. Elyse Jones scored a well-struck goal and Georgina Tayler was unlucky to hit narrowly wide.

A rejuvenated team took to the field for the start of the second half displaying much better movement, and looking up before passing. The game was well fought for the next 15 minutes, but then Latymer scored twice in quick succession. Georgina Tayler scored what was to be a consolation goal before Latymer finished the game with a final strike to win 5-2.

Many positives came from the second half, with match fitness the only hindrance to otherwise a beneficial game.

Year 1 take a trip to Catford

Last Thursday, Year 1 children braved the rain and walked to Catford library with their teachers and some parents. It was worth the trip as the children had a very interesting talk from Tim Parkin. He also read a story and everyone sang a couple of action songs. The pupils spent some time looking at the books and everyone chose a favourite to borrow for a few weeks. They are learning about their local area as part of their topic work this term

and the children took the long way back to school so that they could learn about all the different places in Catford. They now know that Catford has a Post Office, a theatre, lots of shops and offices and two railway stations!



U14 A Hockey v. Blackheath High

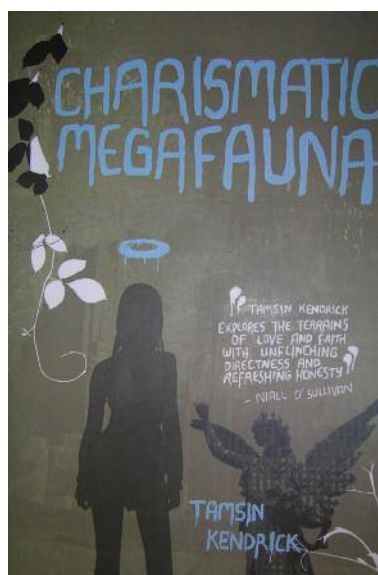
This was a promising start to the season with a strong performance from the U14 A team. Considering this was the first match the girls played well in their allocated positions and kept their shape throughout the game. Having stressed the importance of passing wide, back and diagonally (not just forwards in a straight line) and moving onto passes into space, the whole team demonstrated this skill and worked well as a unit. Player of the Match was Georgina Hall who played an important role in the central defence making countless interceptions and breaks into our opponent's territory to create SDC opportunities in attack. Next week Alleyn's!

SDCFS Quiz Night

The ever popular Quiz Night - Saturday 28 February, 8-11pm in the Great Hall. Select your brainiest friends to make up a team

and pit your wits against the Quiz Master, Mr Austin, or join up with others on the night. Bring your own food and drink - glasses provided. Tables for the teams will be set up by 7.30pm so do join us early to prepare and have a drink before the start. A very fun and popular event so get those applications in quick and start swotting up. £7.50 per person. Ticket application forms can be downloaded from the website.

OD Tamsin Kendrick has first book published



Old Dunstonian Tamsin Kendrick (2001) has just had a first book published, titled Charismatic Megafauna. In the book Tamsin Kendrick ponders the romantic potential of Peter Pan and Captain Hook, liberates Mr Tumnus from his snow-bound Narnia, composes urgent communiqués from a post-apocalyptic city, and documents the struggle to find love. Kendrick's unique poetry is characterised by vivid, surreal imagery,

brimming with references to myth, legend and pop culture, and underpinned by a genuine, if fraught, search for the divine.

Years 7 & 8 Trinity Schools' Swimming

This annual event was held at Whitgift School with seven boys' teams and 6 girls' teams. The swimming season has started very well for the College and so hopes were high despite losing the Year 8 girls team and some swimmers to illness. In true Dunstonian tradition other pupils stepped into the breach and SDC went full of optimism. The Year 7 girls swam exceptionally well with Anna Marlow and Lani Davies producing very good swims in freestyle and fly, respectively. The result of the evening for the team (with Luma Georgis and Cameron Atheney) was the freestyle relay where they narrowly finished third behind Croydon High and JAGS. So overall a sixth place finish but with no Year 8 team this was to be expected. This does not detract at all from the excellent performances they put in for the College.

The boys had a really good day and praise must go to Armen Brown who stood in at the last moment and swim an excellent backstroke over 50m. In fact, all the individual events were over 50m so this was indeed a sterling effort. Donovan Gervais, Zac O'Brien-Manley and Tom Redfern along with Armen combined very well to finish third in the relays. In the Year 8 boys, it was a similar story with the team well lead by Toby Seriki (fly) the team of Cormac O'Sullivan, Jordan Marriotti-Wood and Max Rundle. Again the team performed extremely well especially in the relays to claim third place overall just behind Whitgift and Trinity, but beating other very good schools such as Alleyn's, Colfe's and Wimbledon College in the process. All the students were excellent in their behaviour and commitment to the cause for which the PE Department thanks them. Thanks also to Mr Gervais and Mr Davies for their support on the poolside. More swimming to look forward to...

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