

Children in Need

Due the efforts of staff and students in the DFA and donations from 8HN, a sum of just over £200 has been raised. There was a range of money making ventures, including Mr. Tomson and the guy at the Carshalton Firework display and Pudsey being raffled: congratulations to the winners Mr Taylor, Mr Stapleton and Corinne in the 6th Form. Cake selling raised further money, with some students becoming regular customers and others donating loose change very generously.

Well done and thank you to everyone who either took part or made donations to this very worthwhile cause.

Diamond Riding Centre

Following the brilliant fund raising of two enterprising students in Year 8, Jamie Manning and Alfie Brown, the Diamond Riding Centre received a cheque from the boys recently. They were given a VIP tour of the Centre by the President himself. On arrival they were interviewed and their story and picture will appear in the next DRC Newsletter. They were impressed with what the DRC achieves and the range of people they help. The DRC is reliant on donations every year and has to raise over £350,000 a year just to keep running, every donation is warmly received. Jamie and Alfie are to be congratulated on their efforts as they were also able to give a donation to Cancer Research.



Mr Wardle Head of the Department for Autism

The Mathematics Department would like to congratulate November's Mathematicians of the Month

Year	Name
7	Bonnie Frost
8	Lily Grindrod
9	Terry Tingley
10	Grace King
11	Yunus Tezgel

November 2009

Year 9 Trip to the Natural History Museum

On the 7th December a group of Year 9 Geography students went to the Natural History Museum. We started our journey at Wallington station where we got the train to London Victoria. We then travelled by tube to Kensington South where we walked to the Museum. When we got to the Museum we started the day off by visiting the 'Power Within' and 'Restless Surface' galleries where we took part in experiments and even experienced an earthquake. In the second part of the day we had the chance to look around the Museum in small groups.

It was a fun and insightful day. We learnt about our past and how we can shape the future.

By Conor Sims

Calendar of Events

Last day of Autumn Term for Students
Tuesday 15th December 1pm

First day of Spring Term
Monday 4th January 2010 8.30am

External Examinations for Years 12 & 13 begin
Monday 4th January until Friday 22nd January

Year 11 Parents' Evening
Thursday 28th January



Stanley Park Achiever

December 2009



The students finish their Autumn Term today. I would like to thank you for supporting your child and helping ensure another successful term for Stanley Park High School. On behalf of the staff and governors I would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

The New Term begins at 8:30am on Monday 4th January 2010

Mr D Taylor Headteacher.

Out of Africa

One wet Friday in late November, the Year 8 students took part in an activity that simulated living in an African village for a day. The aim was for the students to live the life of young people in a small village in Africa, to evaluate their experiences and to understand some of the educational differences between developing countries and the UK.

The day began with an early morning start – several walks around the school site to fetch water (in our case, two bricks that 'acted' as water barrels!). Lessons then began at the usual time, but they were very different...

The boys were all together in one room – sitting still for most of the morning – having traditional lessons in Mathematics, Geography and RE. The girls, on the other hand, adopted traditional roles – participating in a cycle of three events including cooking, sewing sections of a quilt and doing 'jobs' outside such as sweeping, gardening and grass cutting!

The lessons culminated in a session with tutors where students evaluated their experiences of the day. Luckily, they were able to go home at 1pm because of the early start.

Some of the comments were:

"I thought it was unfair because the boys got to have an educational day whilst the girls did all the hard work!" (Paige)

"I don't think it was fair that we were separated, but I would rather be doing what the girls did as it was more fun than school work!" (Laura)

"I thought it was not fair because the girls deserve an education just like the boys so that they too can get jobs and money for their children" (David)

"I didn't like getting up early, I felt tired"

"Today made me able to see things from an African child's point of view. I didn't mind being with all boys, but the class was too large and there weren't enough chairs. The girls had to do chores which were unfair. I didn't mind the early morning, it was only an hour's difference" (Owen)

Food for thought...



Celebration Evening 2009

Stanley Park's Celebration Evening 2009 was a great success.

We celebrated the efforts and achievements of our students during 2008/2009. Students were presented with certificates and prizes by Nadine Matthias from Haverstock Associates, the architects of the new school.

Over 250 students, parents and staff attended the evening and were entertained with some fantastic musical and dramatic performances.

Well done to all the students who received an award and thank you to all students and staff who helped make this a very enjoyable and successful evening.



Stanley Park Radio goes LIVE!

On Friday 4th December, Stanley Park Radio hit the airwaves with the Coxy and Caramel show broadcast throughout the school during lunchtime. The hosts of the inaugural broadcast were DJ's Coxy (Daniel Cox) and Spikey (Riyadh Mamdeen) from Year 9. DJ Spikey stood in for regular host DJ Caramel (William Hampton) for this broadcast – don't worry listeners, Caramel will return soon!

Playing a selection of new and old hits mixed in with chat, the boys were a resounding success. Fans have already besieged the studio with requests to play songs and mention their name live on air. Their success inspired the staff to join in, with Mr Sullivan and Mr Kermally taking to the airwaves with their own unique mix of humour and classic hits!

Listen in for future shows including news and sport updates from ace reporters Howard Newcombe and Daniel Gessey.

The radio station also has its own page on the school MLE. You can find DJ profiles here and e-mail any song requests to the studio. Please also submit a new name for the radio station, you could win a Sony PSP if yours is the winning entry!



On Thursday 26th November thirty Year 9 Leisure & Tourism and History students visited the London Dungeon. We spent most of the tour screaming and being scared by characters such as Jack the Ripper and Sweeney Todd. The trip helped reinforce the Jack the Ripper work that the History students had been studying and the Leisure & Tourism students saw how a well run tourist attraction promotes and markets itself.

The tour ended with a ride and we all agreed that the London Dungeon had been seriously scary fun.



Mrs Jackson & Miss Thornton

Sierra Leone Fundraising Project

In conjunction with our Africa theme in Year 8, we are raising funds for a school in Gbendembu in Sierra Leone. Specifically, the funds will go towards building and resourcing a Library for the school. The library will not only stock books and educational resources for the children of this village, but will also serve as a vital training centre and meeting venue for the local community.

Members of 8JA will be contacting some of the students at the school in the new year, and we hope to nurture this link into the future.

Comments from 8JA students



We went down to Glazed All Over to paint mugs for another fund raising activity. It was really good and interesting. Everyone was concentrating and doing really well. I thought it was fantastic and would like to go there again. Thank you to Clare the owner of Glazed All Over for helping us with this event.

Demi Hall and Lucy May 8JA

We made £125 from selling our cakes. From this the school has helped the children in Sierra Leone to get a better chance to have an education. Hopefully Stanley Park will raise more money in the years to come. Thank you to everybody who bought or donated cakes.



Coco Fahey, Helin Ergin and Jade Millar 8JA

Basketball Cluster Workshop

Once again P.E held a Basketball workshop for our four Cluster Schools. Approximately 50 students attended the workshop, and they all took part in various basketball skills and drills. Everyone who was involved had a great afternoon. A big thank you to Jeff Landgridge, Charly Jo Stanbrook, Emma Brown and Leanne West for all their support and efforts on the day.

Sutton Girls 5aside Football Championships

On Friday 27th November, a Year 7/8 team embarked on the annual Sutton 5 aside Football Championships at North Cheam Goals. The girls were in a tough group, but came away as group winners without losing a game. They drew last years finalist in the semi finals and beat them 1-0. In the final they played last years winners Overton. It was a nail biting final, with Stanley Park taking a 1-0 lead. As the close drew nearer Overton were awarded a penalty and equalled the score. In the dying stages of extra time Shivani's shot hit the post and Overton broke quickly to score the winner. A huge well done to Georgia Edwards; Paige Kirby; Rhianna Stalley; Charlotte Johnson; Chloe Hebben; Sarah Dowman; Taylor Gray; Shivani Patel and Rebecca Langford. The organisers announced that Stanley Park were very unlucky and played the best football on the day.

Skiing in Tulfes Austria

Just a reminder to all students who are going on the ski trip to Tulfes Austria during February half term, fitness training will start the first week back after the Christmas holiday. This is compulsory for all students to attend as it will have a massive impact on your fitness and skiing ability during the trip. The first session will be on Wednesday 6th January 2010 from 3.30-4.30.

Young Leaders

The Young Leaders Level 1 Award in Sports leadership will start on Monday 4th January 2010 from 3.30-4.30. To achieve this award students must complete 30 hours of volunteering work, this can include workshops and theory sessions based in School. I encourage all students to attend every Monday to get the most out of the Award.

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh.

The Bronze Duke of Edinburgh will start on Thursday 7th January from 3.30-4.30, if you are interested in completing the Award please come along. We will meet in the sports hall.

Dance Show

Thursday 4th February 2010 will be the dance showcase. Auditions will be held in the first week of the Spring term on Thursday and Friday lunchtime and rehearsals for the performers will take place Wednesday and Thursdays after school as well as Thursday and Friday lunchtimes.

Miss Morris PE Department