

School Sports Co-ordinator Programme

Basketball workshop

SPHS hosted a basketball workshop for our cluster Primaries on Tuesday 24th November. Children from Carew Manor and Stanley Park Juniors were taught in teams consisting of children from each of the schools. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed learning the skills which were then put into a competitive situation in the form of team races, thus creating an inter school competitive experience for both schools. The session was run by Miss Morris and we thank several Step Into Sport Young Leaders for leading the teams and working so well with the children.



Have a go Olympians coaching day at Sutton Arena

A group of Step Into Sport Young Leaders at SPHS were given the opportunity to attend with the SSCO and help at this unique event at Sutton Arena in December. Kitted out with complimentary new Adidas T-shirts, each of the Young Leaders was assigned to a group of children from other schools in Sutton, Croydon and Merton. Each activity was run by an Olympian, some having participated in the Olympics several times, and therefore the standard of the coaching was of an exceptional level.

The Young Leaders worked alongside their group for the entire day, rotating around the five activities on their timetable. Students could participate in basketball, shot putt, high jump, long jump, triple jump, sport and fitness, sprints, hurdles and relay. Most reported that at the end of the day they were very tired but that they had had a wonderful day.



Dance workshop for Stanley Park Infants

A group of Reception children from Stanley Park Infants, one of our cluster schools came to us for a dance workshop on December 8th. Miss Dodd and two dance students, C.J. Stanbrook and Emma Brown taught the children a Christmas Dance which they all thoroughly enjoyed.

Thank you goes to all who organised, delivered and helped at our workshops this term. Our cluster Primary schools and our SPHS Young Leaders gain valuable experience from their participation and we hope to run another full programme of events next term.

More pictures of these events will be available to be viewed on the School Sports Co-ordinator page on the SPHS website.

Sue Baker (SSCO)

Calendar of Events

Half Term
Monday 15th to 19th February

Ski Trip to Tulfes, Austria
Friday 12th to 20th February

Preparation for Learning Interviews
Friday 26th February



Stanley Park Achiever

January 2010



We Receive Top School Accolade

Following on the back of our successful Ofsted we were recently informed that we are amongst the most improved schools in the country. Letters of congratulations have flooded into the school and our success was even referred to in a House of Commons debate on 20th January. An extract from one of the letters by Vernon Coaker, Minister of State for Schools and Learners, states:

'I am delighted to congratulate your school on the excellent performance you have demonstrated at Key Stage 4 in the 2009 Achievement and Attainment Tables. The results for your school show that you are amongst the top schools this year based on sustained improvement in 5+ A*-C including English and Maths'.

Whilst attainment driven league tables are not important to us and the education of our students, we are delighted to receive praise for the progress the school has made. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their continued support in helping us achieve this recognition. It goes without saying that we will not stand still. We will continue to improve, thereby, maximizing the achievement of all our students and making our school the preferred choice of our local community.

Snow Closure Decisions

Like virtually all schools we have faced difficulties as a result of the adverse weather. Wherever possible all Headteachers and their staff try to keep schools open whenever possible. However, in some circumstances closure is advisable. The Government's guidance emphasises the importance of taking a proportionate approach, balancing any risks arising from less supervision and minor slips and bumps against disruption to pupils' learning.

We decided to close on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th January because there would not have been enough staff, including support staff, on the school site and travelling conditions for staff and students were unsafe. Following consultation with appropriate individuals including the Chair of Governors it was decided that we open late and close early on Friday 8th January. This decision was based on the need for us to prepare the site after snow and a heavy overnight frost as well as allow staff and students additional time to travel, particularly as many do not live locally.

I fully appreciate that we cannot please everybody and that the decisions that were made will have been inconvenient for some parents. However, I hope the above explains why those decisions were made and that the notice you received via the school web site was appropriate.

Mr D Taylor Headteacher

Lille Christmas Market

On Friday 11th December we went on a daytrip to Lille. We set off from school at 6am! We drove by coach to Dover where we took the ferry to Calais. On the ferry there was lots of entertainment and things to do. After the ferry journey we drove to Lille Christmas Market.

Once in Lille we split into small groups and had some time to explore the market. There were lots of stalls and a Ferris wheel as big as the London Eye. There were a variety of shops for us to visit although some were quite expensive!

During the afternoon we travelled to a hypermarket. It was massive. We had one and a half hours to explore it. The hypermarket was a lot cheaper and we had a good time shopping.

Finally we jumped back onto the coach and began our journey home.

It was a fantastic day out, which we all enjoyed.

Josh Double 8PJ



Stanley Park Radio Live!

Stanley Park radio is now broadcasting live every day during breakfast club and lunchtime. If you haven't heard it yet, tune in now for a great mix of chat, music, comedy, news and sport.

Watch this space, the radio station will soon be launched under it's new name. The competition to rename the station has now closed and the new name will be announced shortly. There were a lot of great entries and the winner will receive their new PSP with Buzz game shortly.

We would really like to hear your song requests and comments about the radio station. You can also vote for your favourite DJ's and read their profiles on the radio station MLE page. The MLE can be accessed via the school website.



Finally, we would really like more students to become involved in broadcasting on the radio station. Have you got a talent you would like to broadcast to the school? Can you put together a comedy programme to broadcast? Have you written a play you would like to share with the school? Would you like to review a film you have seen or a computer game you have recently played? If so, we would love to hear from you!

Mr Atkins & Mr Sullivan

Preparation for Learning Interviews

Friday 26th February

Please be aware that students are only required to attend school with their parents/carers for a 10 minute interview on Friday 26th February. A letter will be sent home prior to this day with your interview time. Students must attend wearing full school uniform.

Parents' Evening for Years 7 & 8

In response to parental requests, it has been decided to arrange Parents' Evenings for Year 7 & 8 on the following dates:

Year 7

Wednesday 30th June from 4.30pm

Year 8

Wednesday 16th June from 4.30pm

Arts Council Festival of Youth Art Exhibition 2010

The Art Department have entered art work from Years 8 to 13 into this exhibition. The public viewing takes place from Tuesday 9th February to Friday 18th February during normal opening hours at Sutton Library.

Well done to all those students whose work has been selected. Unfortunately we are only able to enter a small amount from each year group which made choosing very difficult.

All our students will receive a certificate of merit. Watch this space for commendations.

Well Done

Art Department

Spelling Bee Finalists

Four students in Year 7 will take part in The Times Spelling Bee Championship which is part of a high-profile nationwide contest which will give the students the opportunity to display their talents and mastery of spelling.

The live spelling competition comprises three rounds of spelling contests: local knockout heats, Semi-Finals and a Grand Final and will commence March 2010. Families and parents of students in the school team will be welcome to come and watch.

There will be prizes for both the winning school team and their school.

Entrants

Abigail Jones 7XV
Daniel Harris 7XV
Rebekah Kruger 7CP

Reserve

Michael Atkinson 7AR

Congratulations and good luck!

Ms Xavier



The David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation

Our Year 8 students have taken part in an Art competition 'Global Warning'. Selected work will be exhibited at the Natural History Museum. Watch this space for details of any winners.

The Art department have made a donation to the DSWF Trust to save endangered creatures.

Well done to all students who entered.

Art Department