

Year 8 Trip to Brighton

On Tuesday 23rd June, we went on a Geography school trip to Brighton. We left school by coach at 9am. The journey took one hour and we arrived in Brighton at 10am. The day was beautiful, the clouds were clear and the sun was shining.

We were dropped off by the old pier and we started our day with a walk along the beach with a couple of stops along the way whilst Mr Mayanja spoke to us about Coastal Erosion and the characteristics of tourist towns. We discussed how and why the sea has an effect on the coast line and learned that waves are powerful and can erode the coast.

After the walk we went to the other side of the pier and had a small break on the beach. After we finished our lunch we were allowed to go in small groups for walks along the pier, to go into the arcades and on the rides.

We would like to thank the teachers for organising this trip and taking us to Brighton.

Samantha Kent 8DE

PFA NEWS

We would like to say a very big thank you to all the parents and teachers who have supported the PFA this year. You have helped make a difference by supporting us with the donations of your Tesco and Sainsbury vouchers, which we are currently collating and by donating your unwanted Jewellery in our fund raising event we held at the beginning of the year. Look out for our update, in the September Achiever, with what we bought with the vouchers and how much money we raised.

Quiz Night

We are holding a quiz night on the **Friday 16 October 2009** and hope that you will be able to support this event. Everyone is welcome and we would especially like to invite all the parents and pupils who will be starting the school in Year 7. Further information on the quiz will be given in the next edition of the Achiever.

We wish you all an enjoyable holiday!

LRC

Two students have been a tremendous help running the LRC throughout this year. Both have been committed to their work, reliable, and superb role models.

Withya Jeyakanthan 8JC

Samantha Kent 8DE

The following have also volunteered a great deal of their time helping to run the issue desk and maintaining the rota system for the PCs.

Ebony Day 9AS

Adana Ratnakumar 7MI

Michael Terry 8DE

Ryan Weston 7MI

Linzi White 8DE

The Top Year 7 fiction readers this year are:

Leon Amanquah 7MI

Benedicte Kimbokimi 7JA

Mrs Cockcroft LRC Manager

Calendar of Events

Year 7 First Day of Autumn Term
Thursday 3rd September 9.30am
No School for Years 8-13

Preparation for Learning Interviews
Years 8 - 11
Friday 4th September
Interview times to be sent out during the Summer Holidays

Registration Day for Years 12 & 13
Friday 4th September

Year 7 Visit to Painshill Park
Friday 4th September



Stanley Park Achiever

July 2009

School Achieves Specialist Status

We arrive at the end of another school year. It is a year that has again been very successful and there have been many highlights. Significant amongst these have been numerous awards we have been credited with. During 2008 – 2009 we have achieved the Healthy Schools Award, the School Travel Plan and the Investors in People Leadership and Management Award.

Recently we were also granted Combined Specialist School Status in Applied learning, Mathematics and Computing. One of only two awarded such a status in the country, the other being a school in Lancashire. This status emphasises the strength of our work in these areas and will be further used to raise achievement and prepare students for their futures. I am particularly pleased that this will formalise existing positive relationships with Stanley Park Infants, Stanley Park Juniors and Beddington Park Primary. I will write to you early in the next academic year about our specialist status, what it means and how we intend to get the most benefit



from it.

As always many of the things that have given me the most pleasure have been student 'firsts', both within and beyond the classroom. The Excellent futures Curriculum has completed its first year 7. It has been very successful but we will continue to revise and improve it. Also, we recently held our first Culture Evening at which students from our many ethnic groups showed off their dances, music and culinary skills.

More 'firsts' will follow next year. I will, for the first time, issue a copy the school calendar at the Preparation for Learning Interviews on Friday 4th September.

I hope you have a fantastic summer holiday.

Mr D Taylor Headteacher



Sports Personality Awards Evening 2009

On Thursday 16th July we held our annual Sports Personality Awards Evening. We celebrated the efforts and achievements of our students in PE and Dance inside and outside of school over the past academic year.



Over 250 students and parents attended the evening and were treated to some fantastic Irish Dancing by Demi and Danielle O'Donoghue, Tap Dancing from Zoe Basket and a high energy finale by Crystals Cheerleaders.



This year we had a fencing display from Charlotte Wardle and Matt Dean, our guest speaker for the evening.

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

Mrs Kermally

Young Sports Leaders

The future looks bright for sport at Stanley Park High School. Currently we have 38 students in Year 9 and 10 who are undertaking a Sports Leadership Course. On Wednesday 1st July students took part in a training academy where they participated in a range of activities including a variety of warm-ups; all-round sporting skills and tennis specific skills.

They put their new learnt skills to the test on Thursday July 2nd during the Year 6 Induction Day. Students paired up and led a group of ten Year 6 students around 11 activities, where they introduced the basic skills and tactics. All students, Year 6 and Year 9 thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Well done to the Young Sports Leaders, who, time and again have volunteered to help and support at a variety of supporting events, ensuring all students enjoy the day and leave having learnt something new.

Miss Morris PE Department



39 Steps to Heaven

As a reward for their hard work, the English department took thirty or so pupils to see a production of 'The 39 Steps' at the Criterion Theatre in London.

On a blisteringly hot June day we took the scenic route through Green Park, past Horseguards' parade and up Pall Mall under the sterling direction of Mrs Morelli. After our epic journey, we finally made it to the cool of the theatre ready for curtain up.

The play was an amusing parody of a 1920's thriller with the dashing hero facing all manner of perils before breaking a German spy ring and getting the girl. The four-person cast played a kaleidoscope of roles and the action rattled along at a terrific pace. One or two of our more nervous pupils jumped at the pistol shots but everyone enjoyed the comic performances and the novelty of a summer snowstorm in the final scene.

Leaving the theatre, we emerged from darkness to find a giant green dinosaur menacing Piccadilly Circus: but rather than being Godzilla on the loose, it was only a promotional stunt for 'Ice Age - Dawn of the Dinosaurs'.

We strolled back through the park, in glorious afternoon sunshine, to Victoria, then it was home to Wallington in time for tea. A jolly good time was had by all.

Mr Gibbons Subject Leader English



EAL Culture Evening

On Thursday 2nd of July the EAL Department organised the first EAL Culture Evening at Stanley Park High School for EAL students, their families and friends.

This evening was a celebration of the languages and culture of our students for whom English is an additional language. It was a wonderful evening full of dance, music, singing and food from different cultures.

All the students had practised and rehearsed so well for weeks, usually in the EAL room at lunch and after school, giving us a glimpse of their talents and fabulous outfits.

Last minute nerves were starting to be voiced but there was no going back now. All the students gave a tremendous performances from beautiful singing, to reading out emotional poems, playing instruments, talking about their interests and dancing in glorious, colourful costumes.

It would be the hottest day of the year, too, but the participants seemed to take that in their stride.

The parents provided the most appetizing specialities to sample from all over the globe and it was lovely to see so many family and friends there.

We would like to thank all the parents for preparing the lovely food and also all students for coming and performing.

A successful evening we hope to repeat next year.

Ms Zerhauova & Mrs Brough EAL Department

