

Mathematicians of the Month

Year	Name
7	Chloe Hackett
8	Zak Lyons
9	Sharron Kembinzita
10	Jonathan Austen
11	Naema Sufi

February 2010

PSHE Workshops

On Thursday 25th February, we welcomed the Box Clever Theatre Group, who delivered PSHE-themed workshops, focussing upon Bullying with Year 8, Relationships with Year 9 and Drugs with Year 10.

"The workshop showed us different scenes which are common during a normal day at school and how bullying could take place. The production was about a boy who was being bullied so much that he caused himself bodily harm. We had to discuss how to help him find someone to talk to and then play the parts of people who were surrounding the bully. Overall we thought that the workshop was very good at describing the effects of bullying; it also helped us to understand how the effects could feel and how we could get involved to stop it occurring."

Samuel Evans, Robert Fruin, Jack Rance, Billy Norris, Lorraine Fruin & Jade Millar 8JA

"The workshop for Year 10 discussed the issues of drugs, alcohol and smoking and the different factors that could influence people to begin taking these substances. We took part in different activities including ranking different drugs in the order that we thought were the strongest to the weakest. The actors then acted out various situations which involved different, realistic problems that teenagers face and how we could avoid them. Overall, it was a very enjoyable afternoon where everyone could get involved, exchange their opinions and be educated on the topic at the same time."

George Curtis 10AS

We look forward to welcoming back Box Clever to SPHS next year!

The Stock Market Challenge

On Friday 12th of March a group of our Year 10 students went to Greenshaw High School for a Stock Market Challenge.

There were three other schools also taking part they were: Greenshaw, John Fisher and Nonsuch. The challenge started at 9 am with the students having to invest the imaginary £20,000 in firms on the stock exchange and to make as much profit as possible by buying and selling shares. The students who took part experienced what its like to be a trader on the stock market. Although we did not win the competition (the title went to John Fisher) we were given use of the stock market challenge game for a year for taking part.

The students representing Stanley Park High School were: Miguel Coelho, Arun Kumar, Elias Adili, Jordan Walkinshaw, Natasha Shaw, George Curtis, Alex Landsdown, Priscilla Musuele and Rutendo Nyagumbo.

Miss Walsh Business Studies

Looking forward to Summer

Year 9 Horticulture students have been busy in the polytunnel this month, potting on individual summer bedding plants including Busy Lizzies, Geraniums and Begonias.

These will go on sale in late spring, early summer.

Advanced orders welcomed.



Dates for your diary

Last Day of Term
Thursday 1st April
School finishes at 12:20pm
Summer Term commences
Monday 19th April at 8:30am

Details of upcoming school events can be found on the school website, at www.stanleyparkhigh.co.uk

Stanley Park Achiever



March 2010

Huge step forward for Stanley Park building

Our new building is a huge step closer after the sale of the land at Orchard Hill was finalised by NHS Sutton and Merton and Sutton Council. A final contract between both parties was completed this week (17th March) and the sale of the land can now ahead.

Clr Tony Brett Young, Executive Member for Young People on Sutton Council said: "I am delighted to announce that the sale of the land on the Orchard Hill site has now been completed. This is an important step for Stanley Park High and I am delighted that we are making significant progress towards building a world class school."

We are obviously delighted. Our school community deserves the very best. It will support us in developing an outstanding experience for the increasing number of students in our local community who, as you will see from the article below, are choosing our approach to learning.

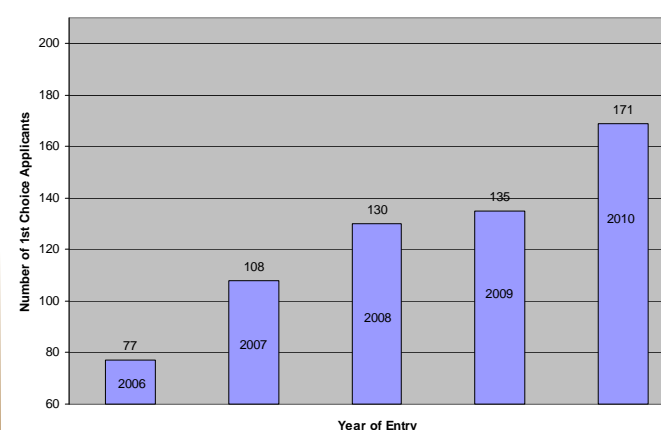
Our new state of the art school will cater for increased numbers of local children each year, with 350 places in the sixth form and 91 places for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders.

As well as providing ample external open spaces, a key priority for the new school is to ensure a cleaner, greener and more sustainable school environment. This school is innovative in its design by being one of the first schools in the country to be designed to both the DCSF's Carbon Neutral Standard and to a Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method sustainability standard of at least 'Very Good'.



Intake numbers rise again

TTHS First Choice Applications



We are delighted to announce that we are again full in year 7 for September 2010. This is despite us also increasing our intake number from 180 to 210 students.

This graph shows the number of first choice applicants over the last few years. In total we had 660 applications, the best we have ever achieved. Both of these statistics clearly emphasise the increasing trust of the local community in our school.

Invitation to join Elite Innovation Group 2010

We were recently informed that we have been invited to be a part of the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust Innovation Group. This is highly prestigious as we are only one of fourteen schools nationally to receive such an invitation. In their letter inviting us to join, the SSAT state that it is deserved recognition for the contribution we are making to the development of Applied Learning nationally.

A key benefit is the opportunity to showcase the work of the school in Applied Learning at various meetings including the annual conference at Sony Headquarters in Weybridge, Surrey on 7th/8th July 2010. On these days a group of Year 9 students will be the first to use our new lorry as they demonstrate its capabilities through innovative media work. This, of course, will be a fantastic advert for the school, as the conference will be attended by over 200 schools.



Mr D Taylor Headteacher



Free Theatre Tickets for Young People Under 26

If you are under 26 and want to try something different, then Arts Council England in association with Metro brings you a new scheme, 'A Night Less Ordinary'.



The scheme offers thousands of free theatre tickets to anyone under 26 for all sorts of theatre events including comedy, tragedies, musical theatre, dance, modern mime, plays, circus and much more. There are more than 200 venues participating throughout England and you can search them all from the 'A Night less Ordinary' website.

So what are you waiting for?

<http://www.anightlessordinary.org.uk/>

Religious Education Trip

On Tuesday 2nd March Mr Towse took fourteen Year 9 students to Wimbledon to visit places of worship.

The day started early as we had to arrive at 7.30am. From school we took 2 buses to Wimbledon. Throughout the day we visited a Hindu Temple, a Mosque, a Synagogue and a Buddhist Temple, where we learnt lots more about each religion.

Overall the day was fun and interesting.

Kayleigh Miller 9KW



Science Challenge

Six students from Stanley Park went to the Phoenix Centre in Roundshaw to participate in three challenges set against nine other schools. Gus Curtis said this about the day: "It was very enjoyable. Jeremy King is a wonderfully intelligent man!".

The first challenge was to modify a circuit-driven car, the second to successfully build a replica of a building-block construction through teamwork, and the third to construct a structure that could protrude a long way off of a table without being pulled off by gravity, this had to be built out of rolled up newspapers and string!

The school did not win any trophies, but it was an enjoyable experience and many of the staff members commented on how hard the school's team worked.

Jonathan Austen 10LM



Indeed I thought the six pupils involved were tremendous!

Especially bearing in mind that I could only give very limited help! Well done, Jonathan, Emma, George, Angus, Aimee and Natasha!

Miss Thornton Learning Leader



PFA News

Vouchers

It's voucher time again and we would appreciate it if you would donate any supermarket vouchers, the current promotion being Sainsbury's, to the school. This will be added to our 'banked' vouchers from last year to enable us to purchase, for the school, a choice of equipment.

Table Tennis Tables

Having spoken with Mr Taylor and Mr Humphreys, we are pleased to be currently in the process of purchasing 2 further table tennis tables for the school; due to their popularity. This will enable more students access to play table tennis during their breaks.

Ideas for PFA Events

The PFA committee would like to hear from you if you have any ideas for future events. Please email us your suggestions at pfasphs@suttonlea.com.

Karen Cox PFA Chair

Cancelled trains, Chaos, Students, Teachers, Oh and of course a performance of the Poetry Show!

On Tuesday 23rd February, a group of Year 11 students along with 5 staff went to watch an afternoon performance of 'The Poetry Show'. We left school at around 11 o'clock to catch an 11.20am train to London Victoria. When we arrived in London Victoria, we had a bit of time to have lunch.

After lunch we travelled to Baker Street and then walked a short distance to the Steiner Theatre where we were booked in for a 1.45pm performance. The performance lasted till around 4pm when, shortly after, we travelled back to London Victoria. This is when the chaos began.

When we arrived back at London Victoria, we were greeted by a pleasant list of 'Delayed' and 'Cancelled' trains. A group of Year 11 students and teachers stuck in London in rush hour! We had no clue what to do, so we just waited and waited for over an hour and a half until suddenly a train popped up. We ran to the platform and found a little gap to squeeze onto the train. Once on the train, we were all sandwiched in and able to taste the windows! We all finally reached home at around 7 - 8pm. Unlucky for Miss Simpson, she didn't get onto our train, she was left in London Victoria and had to take a longer route home. She finally got home around 8.30pm!

The Poetry show was a great way of drilling these poems into our minds. With our upcoming literature exam; it was a very good means of revision as well as learning. Many of the poems that were performed are poems that we are studying for our exam, so to see the poem performed in such a way was really good. It bought the poems and their meanings to life. The performances were organised into an X-Factor competition with each school providing a judge who scored the performance and made comments. In the middle, there was a short section on how to answer exam questions. At the end of the performance we were all given a booklet with key hints and information to help us achieve the best we can in the poetry part of the literature exam.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the teachers and support staff that made this trip possible, especially Mrs Weatherseed.

Grant Fulker 11GO

