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Bonfire Night : Please to remember

By Caleb Negron

*Remember remember the fifth of November
Gunpowder treason and plot
I see no reason why gunpowder
Should ever be forgot*

And a wonderful night it was indeed as the SJHS celebrated Bonfire Night in typical *Friends* style. Gargoyles, Ghosts and pumpkin headmistress, everyone

was in the spirit to celebrate Guy Fawkes' Gunpowder Plot. The weather was agreeable which allowed for a blazing fire in which the "guys", effigies of Guy Fawkes, were burnt.

The food served was savory Indian samosas and pakoras, beautiful creamy Lebanese hummus, spicy Mexican chili con carne, hot-dogs and let's not forget the generous contributions of desserts. Young vampires pinched the moist chocolate-chip cookies as soon as they were laid out! And could this really be Bonfire Night without Mr Orford's mulled wine to keep the grown-ups all warm inside? I think not!

From the scary castle, games, face-painting and parading around, all in all the evening was indeed a night to remember.



Lower School HARVEST FESTIVAL

*Harvest, harvest, harvest is here,
There's much doing, that's quite clear.....*



On Wednesday 21st October the Lower School Harvest Festival took place in Hall. The impressive display of non-perishable food was a beautiful sight. During the Assemblies the children sang harvest songs, played their instruments, showed their drawings and read their poems.

Everything was donated to the Opera Cardinal Ferrari who thanked us with this touching letter:

"On Thursday 22nd October our van came back loaded with many parcels of food: it looked like an artist's colourful painting of Solidarity ... but the subject, the frame, the canvass, all this is your doing; if it hadn't been for your school promoting these initiatives, maybe the good will of the families would not have been awoken to express themselves in this way.

You're truly giving an important contribution to the ongoing growth of not only your students, but also their parents".



Sir James Boys are the 'Backbone' of the Kingsgrove Cricket Club

A number of our boys from Year 5 to Year 7 took part in the National Under-13s Cricket Tournament in Rome at the end of September. They play for the Kingsgrove Club in Milan and it's great to see the growing interest in this sport in school as well.



The Senior Maths Challenge



Once again our senior students took a deep breath and launched themselves into the challenge with their usual aplomb. This year's event took place despite the possible chaos that might have ensued from the UK postal strike, with the papers being sent and received without too much difficulty, thanks to the efficiency of the school receptionists.

The Year 12 candidates put their heads down on 5th November for about 90 minutes, some having to make a quick escape to help with the preparations for the school bonfire evening, and I am sure everyone did their best. The photo of our studious students provides evidence that, just like cricket, it's all in the head! Scores will arrive here in due course. Here are a couple of questions to wet the appetite of future candidates:



- Consider all three-digit numbers formed by using different digits from 0, 1, 2, 3, and 5. How many of these numbers are divisible by 6?
- Four positive integers a, b, c and d are such that $abcd+abc+bcd+cda+dab+ab+bc+cd+ac+bd+a+b+c+d = 2009$. Find the value of $a+b+c+d$!!!

On the 12th and 13th of October, Mrs. Barone, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Orford and a number of enthusiastic Year 12 and 13 students braced the ice cold northerly winds and accompanied the KS3 children to the local ice cream parlour for a very special treat. What was so special about buying an ice cream? Well, the children were raising funds and, most important, awareness for the ANT, an association which brings domiciliary care to cancer patients (pediatrics department). Ice cream parlours all over Italy took part in this event where all the proceeds were given directly to ANT. The children of the SJHS raised **€170**, bringing a large smile to all the children who are in the care of ANT.



Anonietta Barone

"If you carry your childhood with you, you never become older."

(Tom Stoppard)

Recommended Reading

Calling all KS3 students to come and have a look in the library at books you wouldn't normally read, below are a few examples to get you started. Millions by Frank Cottrell Boyce: This is about a young boy who finds thousands of pounds, however England is just about to adopt the Euro currency, so he has to spend the money really quickly before it becomes worthless. Inventing Elliot by Graham Gardner: This is about a 14 year old who has to move schools because he is bullied. He is so determined not to be bullied again, is it possible that he can become the victimizer and not the victim Jimmy Coates by Joe Craig: If you liked the Young Bond and the Alex Rider series, then this is a must read for you. Jimmy Coates is at home minding his own business when two men say "they have come for the boy". The Roman Series by Caroline Lawrence: Young Romans have many adventures in ancient Italy, solving mysteries and saving the world! Come and ask Miss Lillie if you want to try some books that you wouldn't normally read.

The Indian Puppet Show

Monday 12th October students in Years 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 were excellently entertained by a visiting troupe of Indian puppeteers. These spectacular Rajasthan puppets are made of mango wood and stuffed with cotton and are manipulated by the Puppeteers with a whistling, squeaking voice interpreted by the narrator who also provided a rhythmic background. The show was about the great hero Amar Singh Rathore who was exile his native country and went to live in the court of the Emperor where he dies. Our grateful thanks to one of our parents, **Mr. Kurup** whose personal enthusiasm for this venture made this visit possible.



Thank you all for supporting our **Lower School Maths Day!** The children had lots of fun learning through hands on, practical experiences. They worked well in their groups, producing some excellent displays and making good links with other areas of the curriculum and as a result we achieved all our aims. The children enjoyed investigating various aspects of Mathematics, reinforcing their skills in Shape, Number, Measures, Data Handling and Problem Solving. A very big thank you to the parents who gave up their time to make this event so successful.



Miss Woodrow & Miss Verani



The **Y12** Biology students recently visited the Darwin exhibition that took place at the Rotanda della Besana in Milan. The exhibition, which was organised to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Darwin's birth, was developed by the American Museum of Natural History and will be travelling around the globe during the next year.



The students learnt about Darwin's early years, his expedition to the Galapagos and his struggle to consolidate his religion with the theory of evolution that he had developed. We then walked through a tree tunnel to the second section. This part of the exhibition was extremely pertinent to the IB Biology course and the students made notes regarding the evidence for evolution which is part of the Ecology topic. There was also a real armadillo



Y6 River Adda Trip



It was the 19th October, we were all excited for the Geography trip. Once we arrived, the first activity was sketching. Mr. Watson took us to a location where we drew the river and its surroundings. The next activity was measuring the width of the river and the depth with Miss Mordue. We also did the tinfoil test, where we measured 3 metres and dropped the tinfoil ball in the river. We timed how long it took to cover the distance we measured (3m.) The last activity was with Mrs Ingram.

After that we went on the bus and arrived at the ferry. We took it and it brought us to the other side of the river, where we rested, ate a good lunch and had a chance to admire the wildlife.

We tried a test with Mr. Watson throwing an orange north of the power station in the river. We measured 3 metres and waited for the orange to pass, we timed it thinking it was going north because of the ripples on the water created by the wind but in fact it went south as the river was flowing south. We were going to throw the orange in again for the second part of the test. We predicted that it would go really fast. We timed it and indeed it did.

We all really enjoyed this trip a lot, it was fun but we also learnt a lot about Geography, rivers and the river Adda.

Coming Up

By Damia Temri 6

20th Nov – 40th Anniversary Gala Evening - Spazio Pomodoro / 25th Nov – 40th Anniversary Video Show – Teatro Leone XIII / Y11 & Y12 Drama Trip to London / 10th Dec – Reception Xmas Presentation / 11th Dec – The Friends Christmas Fair - School's Gym / 14th 15th Dec. KS4 Christmas Presentation - 17th Carol Service

On 4th November, the **U16 Girls Football** Team hosted and played against the British School from Prague. We had an opportunity to play 5-a-side against a new team and also get to know the girls from Prague. We played very well and this resulted in a 7-2 victory over the Prague school. We started well and took a 3-0 lead but the school from Prague came back strongly and they scored two quick goals, making the score 3-2. This seemed to push us on and we went on to score another 4 goals. It was a very enjoyable occasion and a great experience for us all, and we're all hoping for a return fixture in Prague!! Players – Alice Caprio, Ella Screene, Luisa Pomello, Sasha Adamson, Jasmine Tabarelli, Fiametta Regoli, Goalscorers – Jasmine Tabarelli 3, Sasha Adamson 2, Ella Screene 2 By Sasha Adamson



Halloween Disco !

To celebrate Halloween, the Sixth Form Council organised a KS3 disco on the 19th of October, which was a very successful event. In just a few hours between the end of school and the start of the disco, the 6th form managed to transform the dining hall into an unrecognisable place. We decorated the hall with pumpkins, spider's webs, skeletons and lots of balloons. The preparations involved a lot of team work; from setting up fake webs to obscuring the windows for a 'spooky' effect. The hall was complete with a lighting system and a console for the DJ! Within a flash they were all on the dance floor and from then on, everything was heading in the right direction. Most, if not all, of the 6th formers joined in and had a great time. The DJs worked very hard to keep the young dancers entertained. Many jobs had to be taken care of during the course of the night, including serving drinks, checking tickets at the entrance and bouncers, who guarded the Year 9 'Privé' (a privilege only for the KS3 students). Overall I feel it was a very entertaining evening and we are most grateful to all the people that came along. We are hoping to organise another evening like this one in the upcoming year!



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