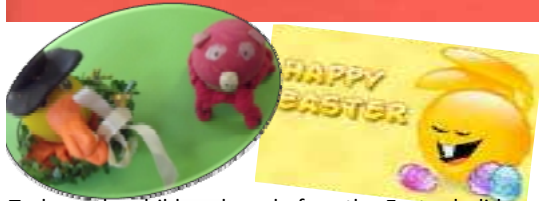




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To keep the children busy before the Easter holidays, the Friends organised an Easter Egg Competition. The children had to decorate an egg and CAREFULLY bring it to school. We were overwhelmed by the huge number of entries, and astonished and delighted by the creativity shown. Mr Cooper had the difficult task of judging all the entries. The lucky winners were: **Dae Hun Kim Rec**, **Asmita Thareja Yr 1**, **Greta Feige 3R**, **Alessia Zappa 4I**, **Margrit Geiger 5B**. Congratulations to all the winners, and to all those who took part; well done and thank you. All that remains now is for the children to take their eggs home as quickly as possible as I believe they are creating a bit of a stink! The **Friends** wish all a very **HAPPY EASTER!**



Support Haiti

As you might have noticed, many students and teachers around the school were wearing T-shirts with this message on them over the last few days. These shirts are the product of the main charity project of four students in **Year 12**, to raise money for the huge earthquake that struck Haiti more than a couple of months ago. The shirts have been designed entirely by us and sponsored (produced for free) by Stone Island. Our aim is to collect around 6000 Euro, thanks to the selling of all 400 shirts we have produced. All the proceeds will be directed entirely to the Fondazione Francesca Rava N.P.H Italia Onlus, an Italian charity association which works in direct contact with the Haitian government, and which has built the main hospital in the Haiti capital, Port au Prince. The shirts are being sold around school everyday and cost **15 Euro each**. All the money will be devoted to the Haitian children, and one shirt will grant one of these children, a daily meal, medical supplies, education and a land mark in their district. Buy a shirt for yourself, for your parents, for your siblings, buy as many as you can and do your part too. If you want to buy a shirt look for **Gregorio Marini Clarelli**, **Francesco Dal Verme**, **Edoardo Serafica** or **myself**. Please help us!! Thanks for your support!
Tommaso Caprotti



Lower School Book Week - March 2010

Lower School held their annual **Book Week** celebrations from Monday 22nd March until Friday 26th March. This year the theme to inspire us all was "Book Characters". British author and illustrator, **Shoo Rayner** visited the school in order to run a series of workshops with each of the year groups. These were very much enjoyed by everyone – teachers and students alike and certainly created an interesting and exciting atmosphere for the rest of the week! Towards the end of the week, all the staff and children had a dressing up day, coming to school dressed as their favourite character and bringing their book with them to discuss with their classes. Prizes were awarded to children who had really made an effort with their costumes and everyone took part in the playground parade, to show off all their hard work. Book Week was a very enjoyable experience for the Lower School, the children produced some lovely work as a result of taking an interest in books and from having the chance to work with a successful author.



Sally Ellis
KS2 Literacy Coordinator



Intermediate Maths Challenge

This, now regular, once-a-year cerebral celebration took place at school last February. Just fewer than 100 students from **Years 9 10 and 11** sat down for an hour to answer the 25 teasing and challenging questions which emanated from the UK Maths Trust. For those who do not know, this is a UK registered charity whose aim is "**to advance the education of children and young people in mathematics**". The UKMT organises national mathematics competitions and other mathematical enrichment activities for 11-18 year old UK school pupils. It was established in 1996 and last academic year over 600,000 pupils from 4000 schools took part in the three individual challenges, the UK's biggest national Maths competitions. SJH uses the questions, during our period preparing for the event, to extend our students and to give them experience in problem solving requiring, sometimes, a degree of lateral thinking and some flexibility of mind. We are very proud to let you know that the **SJHS Y 11 and 9** students have won **6 gold, 16 silver and 22 bronze medals!** Three students have been asked to do the follow up on the next round. They are: **Jeehwan Ahn** who came best of school by a long way!! 2hrs needed; **Jahyun Koo** 1hr needed; **Maddalena Ardissimo** 1 hr needed.

Jeremy Husdon

THE POETRY COMPETITION

Congratulations to Anna Brodsky (Yr 12) for her First Place in the Senior Poetry Competition 2009

Anna was also the winner of the inaugural competition in 2007 when the theme was 'Through My Eyes', and this year's highly personal and evocative poem demonstrates again how effectively she uses the medium of poetry so that it becomes what Wordsworth referred to as "the spontaneous overflow of feelings which takes its origin from emotion reflected in tranquillity."

Hero



My hands are smaller, colder
Pressed against a wall of things that I
Can't seem to hide behind...
This pedestal's unbalanced and
Far too precariously high
And there's too little space, so I
Can't move at all, or I risk falling.
To talk me up until I start
To gain a fear of heights is far
beyond your initial motivation
I still don't know, I don't I think I
Will ever gain that information.
I start to shuffle sideways, then
Hear you, calling.
To be the stronger one, to bear
The weight of too many first place medals
I never found it fair
But I still seem to fear all
Words that could compare me to a hero...
Strangely, alone, I look down
And realize I was never really that high
above the ground and I've lost my fear of falling

"Personally I'm always ready to learn, although I do not always like being taught"
(Sir Wiston Churchill)

First impressions of Sir James

Changing school had always been one of my biggest fears. I attended the St. Louis school for practically all my life and had become a bit like my second home. I thought no school would have ever be as good and as welcoming as St. Louis was for me. When I had to face the fact that I had to move to another school, I was afraid. I thought of it as a horrible experience which would mess up my whole life, and I thought I would never feel at home as I felt in St. Louis. Needless to say, I was in for a surprise in September 2009. When I arrived, I was immediately struck by the welcoming atmosphere and the great teaching staff. I had thought no school would ever be as good as St. Louis, but I was wrong. From the first day at this school I felt at home and I realized I am happy to be spending the next four years of my life here. I feel comfortable with all my teachers and subjects and have never had problems of any sort. The staff is always very helpful when the pupils need help and the amount of extracurricular activities and clubs the school gives us the possibility to join in is amazing. I thought I would never find a school that was as good as Louis, but I did. In just a few months it has made me feel at home as much as I felt at home in my old school. I love Sir James!

Maddalena Ardissimo Y10

Y7 Charity Project

As part of PHSE **Patrick Foster 7C**, created a **Treasure Map** to raise money for the **Esther Benjamin Trust**. The children paid 1 euro to guess where they thought the treasure might be. **Pietro Lombardi 4H**, was the lucky winner of the 50 euro prize. **105 euro** was raised for the Esther Benjamin Trust.

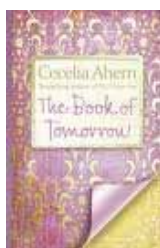


Sport News



The **Senior Girls Basketball Team** travelled to Holland to participate in the ISST Division 2 Girls Basketball tournament being hosted by the International School of the Hague. After spending the first evening getting acquainted with their host families the tournament started the next day. The team was drawn in a tough group including the eventual winners, the American School of the Hague, Zurich International School and Bonn International School. This represented a real challenge for the new coach Benedetta and the inexperienced team led by 'veteran' captain Giulia Zecchini. The closest the girls came to winning a game was a 24-23 defeat against Bonn International School but the experience of playing against teams of this quality has shown them the level they need to aspire to. Giulia Zecchini was picked for the 'All Star' squad despite her tournament being affected by the dreaded Sir James cramps as well as finishing prematurely because of an ankle injury. After three days of hard competition (and a little socialising) the girls arrived back in Milan all "in agreement" that despite the cramps, injuries, and more injuries, the trip had been a great success. Congratulations to: **Giulia Zecchini, Margherita Perrone, Alice Caprio, Rachel Costa, Beth, Hadley, Francesca Prestinoni, Olimpia Santini, Francesca Fanciulli**

RECOMMENDED READING



The Book of Tomorrow – Cecelia Ahern: Have you ever wondered what it would be like to change the future, to know what was going to happen and change it for the better, to learn about yourself, and figure out what was the best thing to do. Tamara, finds herself grief stricken when her father takes his own life, and it is a journey of discovery about what is really important in life. Tamara finds a book that tells of her day by day future which allows her to discover and change herself.

Field Trip To Holland



On the 7th February we all woke up early in the morning to go to Malpensa to catch the plane at around 8.30 am. We arrived in Holland around 11 am. Then we took the train to The Hague and then the tram to go to the hotel. The hotel we stayed in was a very nice family run hotel. During the first night we went to the centre of the Hague to have dinner and then on the way back to the hotel by foot we collected data. This was the first set of data that we gathered to investigate if the Hague has an urban heat island. Mr Ingram and Miss Walker had explained the theory that this effect could be more pronounced at night which is why we did the field work after dinner!!! The next day was quite hectic as we woke up early to collect data in the morning. The aim of the morning was to gather land-use, environmental quality and accessibility data so that we could create a range of hypotheses to test. We then had McDonalds although the girls decided to go to other decent places for all their lunches. Then in the afternoon we collected even more data. This time the aim was to look at the land use to try to decide where the edge of the CBD of The Hague was. The days became easier as we worked hard initially. On day three we sampled Dutch culture by carrying out our data collection by bike as cycling is very popular in Holland. Then we went for pancakes for lunch and on the way back we collected data on sand dune ecosystems. This data could be used for our Geography projects or even an Extended Essay. On the last day we had time in Amsterdam where we went shopping eating, eating and eating and we wondered around Amsterdam. We managed to compare the geography of Amsterdam to The Hague as we shopped!

The breakfasts at the hotel always gave us a good start to all the days – and they were needed as it was so cold! I have to mention the fact that it was one of the best trips we've ever been on and I speak on behalf of all my friends who were on that trip and would like to thank **Mr.Ingram** and **Ms.Walker** for making it possible.



LOWER SCHOOL SWIMMING GALA

A great time was had by all at the lower school swimming galas this year. Once again we were at Pioltello's Swimming pool. Crocodiles were the victorious teams in both the Year 3/4 gala and the year 5/6 Gala. We were supported this year by a number of parents who really helped to make the events run smoothly, so a huge "thank you" to them.

Well done to everybody that took part in the races it was great to see so many pupils swimming and doing so well. It is real proof that our swimming programme is working well!



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