



Mathematics Competition

Ella Richards reports: On Thursday, 8 November, the school's senior mathematicians attempted the UK Senior Mathematical Challenge. This year was harder than last, and it tested our mental powers to the limit. There were a number of excellent performances. In Year 13 a Gold award was won by Alex Rush while William Bott, Oliver Kay, Jamie Harding and Dominic Cottrell all gained Silver. Bronze awards went to Amy Su and Krishna Coopamah.

Among the Year 12 students Rajiv Patel and Edward Davenport both were awarded Golds with Rajiv also taking the best-in-school honour. Hannah Redler and Thomas Tribe were both awarded Silver and there were Bronzes for Harry Daniels, Kofi Ohene and Bethan Page. Rajiv and Edward have both qualified for the next round of the Challenge - the Olympiad. This will take place on Friday, 30 November. Good luck!

Here are two typical questions for you to try, (answers at the end of the newsletter):

1) Cheryl finds a bag of coins. There are 50 coins inside and the value of the contents is £1.81. Given that it contains only two-pence and five-pence coins, how many more five-pence coins are there inside the bag than two pence coins? A 4, B 6, C 8, D 10, E 12

2) How many whole numbers between 1 and 2007 are divisible by 2 but not by 7?

A 857, B 858, C 859, D 860, E 861

Lambeth Awards



Congratulations to Austin Laylee of 7I who this week received an award for academic excellence at a ceremony organised by Lambeth Council. His award was in recognition of his performance in his Year 6 SATS when he was a pupil of Reay Primary School. He was presented his award by former Blue Peter presenter, Diane Louise Jordan.

Careers Convention

Year 11 students had the chance to find out about university life, gap year options and many different professions at the Careers Convention on Tuesday evening. The careers represented ranged from the armed services to retail banking and from dentistry to journalism. Students were encouraged to talk to as many people as possible. Thanks to all the parents, Old Dunstonians and friends of the College who gave up their time to help the students.

Lewisham Sports Awards

Six St Dunstan's students were honoured at last week's Lewisham Borough annual Sports Awards evening. Isabel Wilken-Smith won an award as part of a successful netball team. Basketball player, Anum Malik (Year 13), received an award as a member of Lewisham's girls' basketball team which came second in this year's London Schools Youth Games. She was also her team's player of the season. Luke Coughlan, Ashley Clarke Walkin, Malachi Connolly, Nathaniel Johnson and Sally Duggan of Year 9 all won awards for their performances as part of Lewisham's winning athletics team in the London Youth Games. This team also won a special award as Lewisham's team of the year.

Golf

Anna Denvir (Year 9) made a piece of St Dunstan's history on Wednesday when she became the first girl to represent the College at golf. She joined five Sixth Form boys in the HMC Foursomes against Hampton School at Royal Blackheath. Richard Tatum and Josh Waters won the first match. Four up at one point they ended up winning two and one. Kurt Higgins and Peter Jefferys came up against strong opposition and lost. The third match saw Anna paired with Callum Stevenson. After a shaky start the two fought back playing excellent golf in the back nine. They lost but only narrowly.

House Swimming

Congratulations to all the swimmers who took part in Tuesday's Senior House Swimming competition. The Year 10 contest was won convincingly by Hecker with 43 points. Usherwood came second with 36.5 points followed by Forder on 27 and Stuart on 24.5. The Year 11-13 competition was much closer with Forder winning with 54 points, just three points ahead of Usherwood.

Stuart came second with 49 points and Hecker with 46. The event began with two exciting Open Individual Medley events. James Hibberd of Forder won the boys event just edging out Nick Keppe. In the girls' race it was hard to separate any of the four contestants but Jessica Pierce of Hecker was adjudged the winner. There were a number of other excellent individual performances including the free style swims by Noor Jan Mohammed and Mark Wilgoss.

Please note the Lower School House Swimming Competition has been moved from Tuesday, to Wednesday, 5 December.

Netball

On Friday all the Year 7 girls represented the College in a competitive fixture against Emanuel The A team had a narrow 2-0 lead at half time. In the second half the girls passed carefully, dodging free of opponents, rather than relying solely on overhead passes. The final score was a convincing 11-2 win. Elyse Jones impressed while Rhiana Sheth's outstanding defensive play as GK earned her player of the match. The B team played extremely well in the first quarter with many interceptions from Jessica Briggs, Rosie Sury and Georgina Tayler. In the second their confidence increased and they went up 6-4 with good linking between Rosie, Georgina and Racine Peters. The girls entered the final quarter with an 8-5 lead but Emanuel pulled back to 8-8. A late goal from Morgan saved the day for a 9-8 victory. Rosie and Jess were voted players of the match.

The C team was a player down and although Emanuel kindly lent a player, she was no replacement for Laura White! Emanuel took the lead in the first quarter and the girls struggled to respond. In the last quarter Thibine Tharmaraj, as GD, made a significant impact on the defensive play. Jess Biele was nominated as player of the match.

The D team's defence was kept busy throughout its match. Jemima Davenport and Claire Greenhalgh worked well together, Well done to Connie Sjodin, who worked tirelessly in the centre. Sarah Selley scored the team's only goal and was voted player of the match.

The U14A and B teams played Alleyn's on Tuesday. The A team entered the final quarter with the score at 10-10. But mistakes crept in under pressure and the game ended 14-11 to Alleyn's. Special mention to Charlotte Williams and Sally Duggan, but player of the match went to Georgia Llewellyn for her movement and passing. In the B team game Alleyn's quickly secured a

two goal lead which it held on to until the end despite excellent work from the SDC team which improved as the game progressed. All the girls made important interceptions but tended to slip up on the easier moves. Ella Saunders had a great game, as did Rosie Peck at GA. Player of the match, Elpha Perkins, created space and provided probing passes.

The U12A and B had more success against Alleyn's on Monday as both teams secured victories. Despite having the most of possession and more scoring opportunities, the SDC A team trailed by a goal or two up until the last quarter. The girls managed to pull it together in the final minutes scoring twice and blocking any shots on goal from Alleyn's. Jessica Twist and Racine Peters both impressed all, but player of the match was Georgina Tayler who intercepted passes and provided thoughtful balls to the attack.

The B team finished its 2007 netball season unbeaten. The girls played well throughout the match, dominating play and possession. The shooters, Racine Peters, Rosie Sury and Morgan Ashley, made use of scoring opportunities to finish the match 12-3. Player of the match was Aliya Foster, with special mentions to Jessica Briggs. It was a fantastic end to a highly successful season.

On Wednesday the U12A team achieved a brilliant 14-9 victory against Sydenham High - the team's best performance of the season. Movement around court, positional understanding and accuracy on goal all came together. Despite leading throughout the game the girls never relaxed, keeping the pressure on until the final whistle. Well done!

Rugby

The U12A team had a titanic struggle against Beths Grammar School in its first competitive fixture and deservedly registered a win. The boys put in an excellent performance. They have vastly improved their set piece and rucks since the beginning of term. The backs have begun to stand in the correct positions which helped them in both defence and attack. The tries came from Kaspar Davy and Cormac O'Sullivan. Both were converted by Ben Allen. Cormac was named man of the match.

The U13A and B teams both recorded victories. The As won by 10-0. The first try was an excellent effort by forward Ben Syrett who picked the ball up from a ruck and powered through on the blind side knocking aside all challengers. Joseph Akinlotan scored the second. The B team continued its successful season with an exciting 34-21 victory. Andrew Peachey scored three times while Obi Juwah, Nathaniel Campbell and Joe Hills O'Reilly got one apiece. Joseph Clayden and Conor Strutt-Clare kicked a conversion each.

The U14A team took part in an evenly matched but mistake-ridden contest which ended as a 0-0 draw. Albert Smith was the man of the match.

Mr Kinnear reports: The U15 rugby team played Wallington Grammar away last Thursday in what was to be their last Daily Mail Cup match of the year. The boys kept the score line at 0-0 until just before half time when, with the defence stretched, Wallington managed to score. Matters got worse when Jack Train and Luke Coughlan clashed heads resulting in a broken nose for Luke. Early in the second half, James Burley also had to come off. With two key players down it was only a matter of time before the match slipped away. The boys were unlucky not to score a couple of times but just couldn't quite get the last pass away. The final score of 29-0 does not do the boys justice. I am very proud of what they have achieved - they were a tad unlucky at times, but that's sport for you.

Junior School News Old Operating Theatre



Savvas Savvas reports on Year 5's trip to the Old Operating Theatre Museum: We had a massive talk on how to make pills. The creator of the pill would put gold on the top to make it more attractive. And others put sugar on them to make it taste better. Even sometimes poisonous plants make the pills.

Most illness and diseases were started by the water. Yes that's right the liquid they most relied on was bad for them. So then they started to drink alcohol instead. Kirsty told us that conditions in towns hit rock bottom. Thanks to this diseases became so bad that 50% of babies died before the age of two. Most medicines didn't cure anything - all these greedy chemists wanted was money and lots of it.

In the operating theatre Jake Sulch was called to the operating table where he nearly lost his leg! First they would tie a belt around the part of the body they were amputating. Next they would cut through the flesh and bone. They then would put a hook underneath the skin to grab the arteries and tie them together in a knot using cat gut. We were showed the tools. In the early 19th century you were considered mad if you didn't drink alcohol. At the operating theatre we saw pickled human organs.

This trip was probably the best trip we have had since Legoland in Year 3. It was factual and very interesting.

School Council

Every class in the Prep Department recently elected a representative to the newly formed Junior School Council. Members of the

Council will be able to discuss issues relating to the Prep, make recommendations on policy and manage a budget! In Year 3 the reps are Jonathan Bruce (3F) and Ewan Lewis (3G). Year 4's reps are Reni Osibamowo (4F), Jordan Waugh (4G) and Dele Aladese (4H). Amy Greenshields will represent 5F and Haydn Davies Bell 5G. The Year 6 representatives are Augusto Koschak (6F) and Rowan Hancox (6G).

Rugby

Mr James reports: On a chilly morning last Saturday SDC hosted nine other local schools for its annual U11 Tournament. Our guests brought a wealth of talented rugby players, making for an excellent morning's rugby. One might think that the SDC team had had a poor tournament, playing five and winning only once. However this could not be further from the truth. The boys do not necessarily share the same skills as their guests but they certainly matched them for commitment and spirit. Jonny Regnier and Erran Gordon were reliably excellent as always, forwards Lawrence Gordinsky and James Corbett were strong and dynamic and Zac O'Brien-Manley and Iziah Yarde played good, solid rugby. The real stars however were the fringe players who were playing B team rugby last year. Kadim Khan, Matthew Feuer, Alasdair Greaves and Augusto Koshak ran, tackled and played themselves to a standstill, performing above themselves. They represented the College magnificently and such performances make the running of these events worthwhile. Thanks to Mr Bodenham for refereeing the final.

On Thursday the U10s hosted Eltham's B team. Both sides played very physical rugby and many of the tackles were not for the faint hearted. The SDC boys really worked hard in the contact area and managed to win almost all of their own ball for the first time. On the stroke of half time Demi Kuteyi escaped down the touchline, managing to stay in field by millimetres, and scored the first try. The second half was even better as SDC went two tires up but poor tackling from the restart let Eltham back in straight away and they scored again towards the end. With the scores tied, SDC forgot to tackle in the last minute, allowing Eltham to snatch a late victory. Despite the loss, this was the best performance of the term so far and bodes well for the future.

Notices and Reminders

The Family Society is currently reviewing its activities and organisation and needs your views. The Society's Committee has drawn up a survey to find out what parents want. Please do fill in and return the questionnaire - you could win five bottles of champagne for your pains!

Answers to the Maths questions: 1: A, 2: D