

# SUNNINGDALE

E-NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2009

## FROM THE HEADMASTER:

February has been an interesting month to say the least! During the first exeat we had the most enormous dump of snow and many families had difficulty returning to school. The snow was great fun to start with, with snowman competitions, sledging and snowball fights but we soon had enough of it with so many fixtures cancelled.

We did have reason to celebrate though, with the fantastic achievement of Elliott Perks who won a Music Exhibition to Eton. This is a terrific achievement and everyone at Sunningdale is so proud of him. There have been so many other events which you will be able to read about and all this in a short month which included Long Leave. March looks set to be no less frantic with the Concert just around the corner!

## HOUSE CHALLENGE: GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ



On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February, the boys took part in a hotly contested "University Challenge" style quiz. Mr Brooks ably took on the role of question master, but showed his weakness when it came to French and Latin grammar. In the end, it was a down to the wire contest between Sheepshanks and Crabtree, with Sheepshanks just edging ahead in the final round. A great time was had by all, and the quiz looks set to become a regular feature.

## ART & MUSIC



Congratulations to Perks on his achievement of a music exhibition to Eton. We have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to hear some of his scholarship pieces at the informal concert this month. Meanwhile, Billot has been hard at work preparing for his forthcoming art scholarship to Radley, producing some outstanding pieces. This piece was inspired by African Face Masks and is entitled Zulu. We wish him the best of luck for his scholarship on Tuesday.

## RUGBY FIXTURE RESULTS

### 1<sup>st</sup> XV

Wellesley House: Lost  
Brockhurst: Lost  
Ludgrove: Lost  
Pangbourne College: Lost

### 2<sup>nd</sup> XII

Brockhurst: Won  
Ludgrove: Lost

### U11

Brockhurst: Lost  
Ludgrove: Lost

### U11B

Woodcote: Lost

### U9

St George's Windsor: Won  
Brockhurst: Lost

## PRE PREP HEADS LUNCH

## T.A.C.N.D

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of March 12 Heads of Pre-Prep schools came to Sunningdale to have lunch and get a feel for the school. Many of our boys had attended some of the schools and they were able to catch up with their former schools. Darren and Bertha put on a fantastic lunch and the Choir and Perks and Motion performed brilliantly. After a tour of the school the visiting heads left with a very positive impression of the boys and the school.

## HARROW FOOTBALL



The Sunningdale staff played a bruising game of Harrow football against a Harrovian side keen to show how the game should be played! Despite being a bit shaky on the rules of the game, the staff put up a good fight and held Harrow to a 5 all draw.

## FIVES

Ludgrove:

1<sup>st</sup> Pair: Won 9-12,12,-7,13-11

2<sup>nd</sup> Pair: Lost 12-5,7-12,10-12

## TENNIS

Congratulations to Curtis-Green who made it to the quarter finals of the Surrey County Boys U14 tennis tournament.

## SNOW COMES TO SUNNINGDALE



What a surprise to find the grounds covered with inches of snow when we returned from the long weekend! Despite the irritating disruption to Rugby fixtures and training we were able to have a great deal of fun. A House Snowman competition was held, and all of the boys and staff joined in. Some were more interested in having snowball fights, but the eventual results were quite impressive. This veritable sculpture was created by Crabtree who won the competition.

## NATURAL HISTORY AND SCIENCE MUSEUM TRIP



On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February several boys travelled to London to visit the Natural History and Science Museums. We strolled through the age of Dinosaurs, marvelled at the immensity of a Blue Whale, and investigated strange phenomena in the Science Museum's "Launchpad" exhibition. We had a fantastic time and it was agreed by all that this is a trip worth repeating.

## INFORMAL CONCERT

Once again, Mr Elgie and the musicians of Sunningdale provided us with a spectacular evening of entertainment at this term's informal concert. It is wonderful to see so many boys performing and showing off their talents. Highlights included the choir's excellent rendition of Ose Shalom, and a sneak preview of the Squeers family from Smike.

## MATCH OF THE MONTH



The Under Nines played a stunner against St George's Windsor on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February. The team played well together, the forwards rucking effectively and managing, on occasion, to move the ball out to the backs. Some stunning tackles were made, notably by Collins and Hart, and when we took possession, we were able to make excellent forward progress. There is still some way to go to produce a properly polished team, but we have made excellent progress, even in spite of the short break in practice enforced by the snow. Final result, 35 – 0 Sunningdale.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| March 4 <sup>th</sup> : | Concert: Smike                      | 6.15 pm |
| March 6 <sup>th</sup> : | Concert: Smike                      | 2.30 pm |
| March 9 <sup>th</sup> : | Parents' Meeting Forms III, II, & I | 5.30 pm |

*More information, including changes to fixtures and team sheets for matches, can be found on the website*