

SUNNINGDALE

E-NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2009

FROM THE HEADMASTER:

Term has started very well. It seems amazing that we have only been back for a couple of weeks and already so much has happened. The rugby season got off to a very rapid start on the very first Saturday of term and despite the miserable weather we have still managed to play a number of matches. The U11 have done particularly well. The fives and squash teams have both had two matches already and they are very keen. The visit to the Houses of Parliament was a rare treat and that looks set to become an annual fixture. In between all of this we have even managed to do a bit of work and preparations are in full flow for Smike.

GO KARTING



On Sunday January 18th, several boys went Indoor Go-Karting at a nearby circuit. A great time was had by all. There was much tyre squealing and a few near misses, but the race was run without incident. Pletin showed tremendous skill in fast corners, and made some impressive overtaking manoeuvres. Mr Leschallas was typically competitive and blamed his poor lap times on the extra weight he carried over the boys. Final results though, for careful and fast driving: 3rd place, Hagg-Davies; 2nd place, Milner mi.; and in 1st place, Lane.

SKI TRIP 2009



Four boys took part in the annual British Schools Ski Championship in Meiringen. Against some very professional opposition Sunningdale performed well achieving some excellent times on the slalom, particularly from Hart ma.

SQUASH

A convincing win against Woodcote House on the 18th of January, with Curtis-Green, Dhaliwal, and Spear winning their games to produce a final result of 3-2 to Sunningdale.

ISI INSPECTION 2008



The final report on the inspection of November 2008 has now been published. Click here to view the highlights on the school website.

FIVES

Ludgrove: 1st Pair: Won 2-1
2nd Pair: Lost 0-2
Harrow: 1st Pair: Lost 0-2
2nd Pair: Lost 0-2

RUGBY FIXTURE RESULTS

1st XV

St Andrew's Pangbourne: Lost 7-37
Bishopsgate: Lost
Horris Hill: Lost 21-32
Bruern Abbey: Won 7-0

2nd XII

Bishopsgate: Lost 7-18
Horris Hill: Lost

U11

St Andrew's Pangbourne: Lost 0-12
Bishopsgate: Won 14-0

U9

St Andrew's Pangbourne: Lost, 5-30
Bishopsgate: Lost, 10-30

POSSIBLES TRIP: HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

J.Heffer

We woke up at ten to seven as we had to catch the train at 8:00. We quickly had breakfast and then we headed off to the station. The journey was about an hour long and soon we arrived at Waterloo station. We walked briskly to the Houses of Parliament and got our tickets. We met up with Mr. Wade who had kindly arranged the whole trip, and we saw our tour guide and met Lord Hodgeson who also went around the tour with us.

Firstly we were told about the main hall and how Winston Churchill and the Queen Mother had lain in state before being buried somewhere else. Following the main hall we went to St. Stephen's chapel where Charles I had started the English civil war. Then we went to the Queen's dressing room and we found out about all of the paintings of which 5 were painted by a man who was going to paint 7 paintings for the room but after 5 he sent the bill to the Queen and it was so expensive that the Queen decided to have 5 instead of 7. Also we saw the Queen's chair which she sits in when she has her robes changed. Then we went to the office which had lots of tables for writing and for holding conferences. Also we saw two paintings, each 45 by 12 feet, that each had the same amount of people in them. In remembrance of the artist's wife, Polly, her name was engraved in a bar of soap in one of the paintings. We then went in to The House of Commons, which is all in green leather, and we were told all about it and the lines in front of the first row of seats which stop people from getting too close to the other person they are debating with. We then went into the House of Lords which is much the same as the House of Commons except it is in red leather and is a lot grander than The House Of Commons as there is 22 carat gold leaf everywhere. We were told about this big mace which sits on a table in the House of Lords when the Queen is present, and in front of the Prime Minister is a box which holds The Bible, various laws, The Qur'an and The Torah. We rounded off a brilliant trip by visiting a few other rooms, and then met the Conservative MP for our local area. He talked to us about his job, about how he started off, and he gave us a few tips. Then we headed for a church which was designed as a footstool that had been kicked over! We had lunch in the crypt of the church and then looked around. It is now a concert hall and has a very impressive organ. After seeing the church we headed to Waterloo station, got on the train and headed back to school. Overall we all had a great day and were very happy to have had the chance to go.



MATCH OF THE MONTH

H. Pakenham

After the disappointment of losing to St Andrew's Pangbourne, it was something of a relief to register a win against Bishopsgate. The boys had worked hard on their tackling between the matches and we showed great heart in keeping the boys in black try-less. The forwards, led by the magnificent captain, rucked, scrummed, and savaged the Bishopsgate pack. Other forwards were particularly ferocious in contact, whilst the backline showed the requisite discipline to counter the threat provided by the opposition's three quarters. Our simple but effective kicking game, orchestrated by the scrum half and fly half, gave us territorial control, and ultimately, a most deserved win!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| February 2 nd : | Parents' Meeting Forms VI & V | 6.00 pm |
| February 12 th : | Informal Concert | 6.15 pm |
| February 14 th : | Parents' Meeting Forms Va & IV | 1.00 pm |

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