

SUNNINGDALE

E-NEWSLETTER

MAY 2009

FROM THE HEADMASTER:

"The world's favourite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May." We seem to have attempted to do all things this May. It has flown by and so much has happened that I barely know where to start. These pages are full of all the fantastic things the boys have been up to from sport to music to visits. Common Entrance is already upon us and the CE candidates have worked very hard in the run up to their exams. The festival of song was a terrific success, enjoyed by a large number of parents and friends. The cricket and athletics teams have been doing very well and the tennis team remains undefeated. Preparations are well under way for Sports Day and all we have to do now is pray for good weather. I hope you enjoy this month's *enews* and we hope to see as many of you as possible on Sports Day.

T.A.C.N.D

FATHERS AND SONS CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING



Five pairs took part in this year's clay pigeon competition which was fiercely fought. It came down to the last round. The competition was followed by a terrific lunch which the adults washed down with some of the school's claret! The

boys disappeared just in time to get their Sunday grub!

CHARITY DAY 2009

This year's charity day was a great success and we raised over £1000 for the Red Balloon Learner Centres. Red Balloon Learner Centres provide a safe learning environment for children who have been severely bullied and are unable to attend mainstream schools. You can read about the work they do on their website: www.redballoonlearner.co.uk.

Favourites at charity day included "Soak the Teacher", although poor aim led to many staff escaping the worst of the soaking, and Pillow Fighting whilst balancing on a slippery pole.

Many thanks to all of the parents who came to support us; and to those who provided prizes for the Boy's stalls and the Tombola.

MOUNTAIN BIKING AT THE LOOKOUT



The Sunday activity on May 10th was Mountain Biking. A great time was had by all on the tracks at the Lookout in Bracknell Forest. The weather was superb, and we returned to school fairly exhausted

after tackling several mighty hills.

BUSHCRAFT SURVIVAL DAY

J. Lane

On Sunday we got up early in the morning to drive for an hour to the Bush craft centre. We were taught how to light a fire using a Blow Drill and a Steel and Flint. We then learnt to build a shelter called a "Two Man Kennel", and had a team competition to build the best one, which ended up as a draw. We had fantastic weather and it was a really good day out. Thank you Mr Clarke for driving us.



Graham soars to victory in the U10 Long Jump against Woodcote House

FESTIVAL OF SONG

This year's Festival of Song was held on Wednesday 27th May. Masterminded by Mr Elgie, it was a spectacular evening of entertainment. It was standing room only in the Library as Form I got the proceedings going, dressed in very authentic looking American Indian costumes, with "Land of the Silver Birch". We heard some superb solo performances from Boys of all ages, and two very well done duets. It is good to see so many of the Boys participating, and a great deal of effort had clearly gone into preparing for the Form songs.

Junior Solo

1 st	Hatherley	The Bottle-Nosed Whale, Flanders & Swann
2 nd	Hart mi.	In the Warm Light of a Brand New Day, May
3 rd	Lindsay	Cockles and Mussels, Traditional Irish

Senior Solo

1 st	Darling	You're a Mean One, Mr Grinch, Hayne & Geisel
2 nd	Baydur	Tomorrow, Paul Williams
3 rd	Gajland	Gimme, Gimme, Gimme, Andersson & Ulvaeus

Ensemble

1 st	Baydur & Hart ma.	Pie Jesu, Lloyd-Webber
2 nd	Hart mi. & Cartwright mi.	Ob-La-Di, Lennon & McCartney

Form Song

1 st	Form Va	Adiemus, Karl Jenkins
2 nd	Form II	Mister Mistoffelees, Lloyd-Webber
3 rd	Form IV	Wade in the Water, Spiritual

HOUSE CRICKET

The Junior House Cricket competition was won by Fox, and the Senior by Sheepshanks.

TENNIS FIXTURE RESULTS

Hall Grove:	Won
Papplewick:	Won
Woodcote House:	Won

ATHLETICS FIXTURE RESULTS

Thursday 7 th May:	Lambrook Haileybury	1 st
	Ludgrove	2 nd
	Sunningdale	3 rd
Tuesday 12 th May:	Sunningdale	1 st
	Bishopsgate	2 nd
Thursday 28 th May	U14: Sunningdale	1 st
	Woodcote	2 nd
	U12: Woodcote	1 st
	Sunningdale	2 nd
	U10: Woodcote	1 st
	Sunningdale	2 nd

MOTHERS AND SONS TENNIS

Mothers and Sons Tennis was held, in excellent weather, on Sunday 31st May. Following some excellent games and closely fought matches, the final was won by Mrs Collins and De Sebastian.

CRICKET FIXTURE RESULTS



1st XI

Woodcote House: Drew
St Andrew's Pangbourne: Lost
Cothill: Lost
St George's Windsor: Lost
Bishopsgate: Won
Merchiston Castle: Drew
Woodcote House: Drew

2nd XI

Woodcote House: Lost
St Andrew's Pangbourne: Won
Cothill: Drew
Bishopsgate: Won
Woodcote House: Lost

3rd XI

Woodcote House: Drew
Cothill: Lost
Woodcote House: Lost

U11

Woodcote House: Lost
St Andrew's Pangbourne: Drew
Cothill: Drew
St George's Windsor: Lost
Bishopsgate: Lost
Woodcote House: Drew

U11B

Woodcote House: Won

U9

Woodcote House: Won
St John's Beaumont: Won
Cothill: Won
Woodcote House: Lost

FORM CONCERTS



The Form II concert was held on Saturday 16th May, the Form II Concert on Tuesday 12th May, and the postponed Form I concert

on Saturday 30th May. All events were well attended, and the Boys achieved a very high standard with their music. Form I impressed with their song from the Form Competition, “Land of the Silver Birch”, dressed as authentic looking American Indians. Form II showed off some fine talent including some impressive performances from Hart mi., Ndzi mi. on the Violin, Thomas on the Piano, and Bannister mi. on the Guitar. There was so much excellent music offered up that there simply isn’t room to mention all of the performers here, but tremendously well done to everyone. The music at school continues to go from strength to strength as showcased in the Festival of



Song, and we thank Mr Elgie for all of his hard work, and all of the Boys for putting in so much effort to provide such an excellent evening.

LEAVERS TRIP TO LA VACQUERIE



The Leavers took a trip to La Vacquerie at the beginning of term to prepare for their Common Entrance Examinations. As well as plenty of French revision, they enjoyed some trips out, including a visit to the Cinema Circulaire and the Museum at Arromanches. Along with plenty of cricket on the beach in excellent weather, they had a very productive few days. As we go to press, they are just starting their Common Entrance examinations, so we wish them all the best of luck.

STOWE CHORAL FESTIVAL

D.C.S

On Tuesday May 5th, the Choir attended a Choral Day at Stowe. The day was a great success, and the boys gave an excellent showing of their talent and enthusiasm for singing. The day culminated in Choral Evensong, a new service for many of the Boys, in which we performed Parry’s ‘I Was Glad’, complete with Brass Band accompaniment. Well done to all of the Boys who took part, and many thanks to Mr Elgie for providing us with this opportunity.

MATCH OF THE MONTH

D.C.S

The U11B Cricket Team played their first match of the season on Saturday 30th May at Woodcote House. It was a tremendous success, with every member of the team giving their absolute all throughout. On winning the toss our redoubtable captain, Campbell, put the opposition into bat, and they achieved a total of 58 runs for 5 wickets in their twenty overs. Campbell gave an impressive bowling performance, taking four of their wickets in his five overs for an economical nine runs, and Bannister mi. also bowled well, taking one wicket. After tea, we went out, confident we could achieve their total with ease. After a shaky start, losing three of our wickets, Bannister mi. took a stand at the crease with Garay mi., and in just fourteen overs, we had scored the required runs. Garay mi. made 32 runs, and Bannister mi. backed him up with a well considered nine runs. Well done to the whole team for making such a tremendous effort on the day, we look forward to more success at Ludgrove this week.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

June 6 th :	Sports Day	12.00 pm
June 21 st :	Fathers’ Match	2.30 pm
June 26 th :	Summer Exhibition and Concert	6.15 pm

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