



# *The Schools At Somerhill Newsletter*

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### Tonbridge Scarecrow Trail May 2010

The theme for this year's trail was 'Stars of Stage and Screen' and once again SAS entered three scarecrows; DL entered 'The Joker', YC produced 'Shrek' and SPP contributed 'Mickey Mouse'. The entries were judged by the Mayor of Tonbridge and Shrek was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the 'All comers' category and Mickey Mouse 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the Primary Schools category. The event was organised by the Rotary Club of Tonbridge.



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### **SAS Second Hand Uniform Shop**

DL & YC Summer caps are now available from the second Hand Shop and cost £3.50 each

Shop Opening Hours: Mondays 3.15pm—4.15 pm and Wednesday 8.15 am—9.00 am

'New' stock is always appreciated and can be left in Reception when the shop is not open. Please ensure items are in a good, clean condition and are still clearly marked with your child's name. Parents receive 75% of the sale price and the remaining 25% goes towards school funds and is used to purchase equipment for all three schools.

The shop particularly needs items of winter uniform this term (all those new pupils in September) eg Year 2 Cord Pinafores and blouses, DL skirts and blouses, YC Year 6/8 new style rugby shirts and smaller sized blazers.

The shop is run entirely on a voluntary basis by parents as a service to other parents, and they are not able to accept credit cards.

Mrs Osman's Year Two class went out into the beautiful school grounds to hunt for 2D and 3D shapes. The children looked closely at the building, but also found many shapes in the grounds and in everyday objects!





### Somerhill meets 'The Bill!'

On 30<sup>th</sup> April, Kent Police came to The Schools at Somerhill to talk to Years 3 and 4, as part of their PSHE scheme of work, about what the police do in our community.

The boys and girls had an excellent morning; they chatted with the officers, asked lots of questions and had great fun in the police cars, sounding the sirens, using handcuffs and police radios— they eventually allowed the poor exhausted policemen to go and get their lunch!

Many thanks to the police for providing our children with an informative morning.



### PARENTS, PUPILS and TEACHERS' GOLF DAY

This year's Golf Day will be held on Sunday, 16th May at Hemsted Forest Golf Club, Cranbrook. This has always been a popular event where pairs of parents and pupils play another pairing. There are still a number of tee times available for this year's event. You do not need a handicap, but you do need to know the rules of golf and be able to play to a reasonable standard. The afternoon starts with bacon sandwiches at 12.00 and should finish by 5.00pm If you are interested in entering this year's competition please contact Mr Green at school ([rgreen@somerhill.com](mailto:rgreen@somerhill.com)) by Monday, 10th May. Thank you.



## DL FRENCH CAFÉ

Paris came to Somerhill recently when the Year Six girls at Derwent Lodge turned their hall into a French Café. All the staff were invited to taste French delicacies, while Edif Piaf sang in the background. The girls practised their French whilst serving up a whole range of French fare—and an enjoyable time was had by all.

Vive la France!



The children in Kindergarten thoroughly enjoyed their visit from author Jane Clarke who recited some of her funny poems and even dressed up in her mummy's clothes! She read us some of her lovely stories and told us about her own little boys.

## Somerhill Advertiser

The next issue of the *Somerhill Advertiser* will be out before half term. If you have anything you want to buy or sell simply send your ad to Kate Roshier either in an envelope via reception or email [kate@tipscross.co.uk](mailto:kate@tipscross.co.uk)

Remember to include details such as size, colour, price and your contact details. If you have a business you wish to advertise – such as a holiday house to let – there is a small charge of £25.00. Cheques should be made payable to SSPA. Deadline for ad copy is Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> May.

## DIARY DATE—ABBA FANS!

Picnic in the grounds and Platinum ABBA performance—Saturday 26 June. More details soon—dust off those platform shoes!

## YEAR 5 MATHS COMPETITION

We entered two Year 5 Somerhill teams into the Ashford Maths competition last Tuesday. 26 teams took part from around the Ashford area and all worked hard to attempt 20 questions in 25 minutes. Each team worked on one question at a time and then their designated runner would fly to the front, find their marker and get a "Yes" or "No" response. If 'Yes' they would move onto question 2, if 'No' they could pass or try again. A correct answer was worth 5 points and the scores magically appeared on the big screen at the front. Our two teams performed very well but could not quite win the trophy for a second consecutive year. The B team finished 3rd with 85 points and the A team were 5th with 80 points. Eventual winners, Junior Kings, were just two correct answers ahead when the timer ran down to zero. Well done to Joseph Stick, Charlie Brooks, Sam Mercer and Jonathan Shepherdson (YC) and Imogen Venes, Juliet Hodgson, Madison Gallagher and Josie West (DL) who represented our schools.



### ELECTION FEVER IN DL

The girls at Derwent Lodge staged a mock election at school on polling day. The three candidates and their deputies are pictured in the Grand Salon at the hustings. At the time of going to press, the votes have yet to be counted – tension mounts as to who will the Somerhill seat today!



### Yardley Court's production of 'Joseph'

The recent YC production of Joseph proved a great success. Staged over three nights in the Bickmore Hall at the end of last term, the show was well received by big audiences. The show involved boys from Years Six, Seven and Eight and featured three different 'Josephs' who each took on a part of the production. Year Six provided an excellent chorus and sang those catchy Joseph numbers with great enthusiasm. Boys from Years Seven and Eight then made up the rest of the cast and, again, often alternated in role. Special mention must be made of Gus de Tommaso, Matthew Bond and James Warner for taking on the starring roles and for both acting and singing with such aplomb. Well done to Mr Sumner, Mrs McDonald, Mrs Withers and Mrs Lambert—and all the YC staff who helped - for all their hard work in preparing the boys. Here's to next year's extravaganza!





### **SOMERHILL SKI 2010**

The 2010 Ski Trip to Paso Tonale in Italy was a huge success. The girls and boys from Derwent Lodge and Yardley Court had a great time in wonderful conditions, which included two morning of fantastic skiing in lovely, fresh, powder snow. Although the hotels and restaurants in the region didn't provide the children with the longed for 'pizza', lovely pasta dishes and rich, creamy ice cream were devoured by all. Mrs Michau, Mrs Bird, Mrs Holmes, Mr Sumner, Mr Davey and I struggled to keep up with the most able group of skiers we have had for some years, if not ever (keeping up with the advanced group coming down the black run into Tonale was the most challenging afternoon of skiing I have encountered for several years!) The convenience of having a hotel which provided ski in / ski out was a tremendous bonus and one that we will endeavour to keep on future ski trips (I can remember spending on average an hour in the coach a day whilst skiing in Kitzbuhel and Schladming, waiting for the drivers to put on and take off chains). Thank you to the girls and boys who came on this trip and made it such fun to run.

The 2011 ski trip has been booked and information should already be with your daughter or son if they are in Years Four and Five in Derwent Lodge and Years Four to Seven in Yardley Court (providing they are staying on for the following school year). It is important to note that we are skiing in the February Half Term next year due to wedding commitments in the Easter holidays for several of the key 'ski team' staff. The dates therefore are: Friday 18th - Saturday 26th February 2011. We have secured a 'sole occupancy' hotel in Les Crosets in Switzerland, which is part of the Portes du Soleil ski area. The hotel is ski in / ski out and will provide meals on a full board basis throughout the week. Somerhill ski trips include five hours of tuition per day, for six days, and use the services of five instructors solely for the group, provided the ski group reaches 43 children (not the regular four instructors which would be included as standard). Where possible, the staff ski with the children, giving additional instruction and support when needed. If you haven't seen an application form these can be found in the Parents' Area of the website, or through Mrs Wilkes in Reception.

Jonathan Shute



**YEAR 3 VISIT TO  
OCKHAMS FARM**

Year Three boys spent a lovely muddy day recently at Ockhams Farm (run by Janey Cooper who used to work here at SAS and her husband.) Here they learnt about farm animals and all the hard work involved in farming. The boys explored the countryside, investigated farm equipment and then had a great time pond-dipping. All in all it was a very enjoyable day out!



**BERMUDA 2010**

Mr Coakley, Mr Green, Mr Shute and 22 Year 8 boys did eventually return from their extended trip to Bermuda! We had a really great tour and even managed to win a couple of matches along the way! The Bermuda U.14 rugby team was too big and powerful for us but we recorded wins in both football and cricket. The 'extra' days were a bonus apart from Mr C insisting that we do some school work and take part in more 'educational' pursuits such as this trip to the Bermuda House of Assembly. The beach outings were pretty cool too!!!

**SUMMER FAIR**

Flyers will be coming home soon full of details of what will be happening. If you can spare some time to help, please contact Charlotte Lee-Amies via Reception. Collection Week is Monday, 24th May. Thank you.

