



## *The Schools At Somerhill Newsletter* *Volume 13, Issue # 4, 16th November 2009*



The Somerhill Remembrance Service took place on Wednesday, 11th November at The Garden of Memory. Derwent Lodge and Yardley Court pupils together with children from Year Two said prayers and laid a wreath of poppies. A two minute silence was observed to pay tribute to those who died in conflicts past and present. Thank you to you all for your support of the Poppy Appeal.



It was such a lovely morning we decided to explore our weather topic by going for a walk in the parkland. We put on our new waterproof trousers, wellies and coats. We noticed the early morning mist and the colourful Autumn leaves in the sunshine.

### LOST PROPERTY

We have what looks like a door key with an orange fob—please see Mrs Wilkes in Reception for further information.



Derwent Lodge have taken part in a national poetry competition and entered 15 poems. We wait to see how well we have done when the results are announced in December. Meanwhile we held our own competition in school and the winners were chosen by Mrs Huntingford. Very well done to all who took part and good luck to our entrants for the national competition!

### SHOEBOX APPEAL—last chance!

A final reminder to those of you still in the process of completing your shoebox—the final deadline date for getting them to us for collection is **MONDAY, 23 NOVEMBER**.

Mrs Wilkes in Reception has more leaflets if you need them. Currently we have about 120 boxes — and we are looking to match last year's total of 273.

As always—a huge 'Thank you' to you for your support of this very worthy cause.

Not a piece of Modern Art but one of Mr Shute's photos of the spectacular Somerhill Firework night.

The weather wasn't very kind to us, but there seemed to be even more people present than ever, for one of the best firework displays we have had here at Somerhill.

Our thanks, as always, to the Parents' Association for the mulled wine and refreshments.



### DERWENT LODGE INTER HOUSE GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

The inaugural Derwent Lodge inter house General Knowledge competition took place on 19th October and an exciting occasion it was too! Grasmere were victorious in the Junior section and Ullswater in the senior section. Overall Ullswater lay claim to the title, so are the ones to chase for next year!



The teachers' round at the end was hilarious...and apparently not many teachers know what butter is made from, or who lives in a pineapple under the sea!

Mrs Michau rivalled Anne Robinson as Quiz Master and the girls are now planning lots of newspaper reading and watching Question Time together with 'serious conversations' over Sunday lunch!!



## 7S Form Assembly: Heroes



Year Seven assembly: Throughout the academic year Yardley Court classes have to present an assembly to the rest of the school. This week the Year Seven class of Mrs Berard-Spiers performed an assembly on their heroes. In the pictures you can see Charlie Brunton dressed up as Michael Phelps and Sam Lewis dressed up as Angus Young, the base guitarist. Alex McNab and Charlie Brunton created a wonderful movie of their heroes to play for the audience.

## FABULOUS FASHIONS!!

DL Art club turned into fashion designers and models to show off the clothes they made using recycled materials. Creative and inventive use of bin bags and other assorted bits and pieces resulted in some amazing outfits which the girls were delighted to show off in a photo-shoot on the main stairs. They will be holding a fashion show and talking about their work in an assembly soon. Look out Vivienne Westwood!



## SOMERHILL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Collection week is **THIS** week—collection buckets will be in the Rose Garden, Pre-Prep Courtyard and by the Julian staircase for any donations of gifts, novelty items and, of course, bottles for the tombola. There will be lots of super stalls at the Fair, so do come if you possibly can.

P.s Don't forget to return the raffle ticket stubs!



WE got the Job! Year 5 visited Preston Manor to apply for the positions of domestic servants in this Victorian household. After a hard day's work, polishing, washing and beating - and a lovely lunch of Victoria sponge and home made bread and cheese—our diligent workers were glad to have a bit of a rest!



Derwent Lodge classes have been working hard in their gymnastics lessons. Year 6 have been preparing a sequence for an audience, using the theme of 'counter-balance and counter-tension'. They learned various movements in small groups, and understood that in some actions it was necessary to 'pull away' from each other to hold a balance, and in others to 'push towards' each other to hold their balance. All groups choreographed exciting sequences to watch



Year Three boys playing in The Hawthorns' triangular match with Hawthorns and St Michaels.

**RECENT ROCK CLIMBING COMPETITION**  
 YC boys took part in Tonbridge School's inaugural climbing competition for prep schools in the South East. We were delighted to come first in the senior section of the competition with Adam Taylor just being pipped for the top senior climber position after a 'climb-off'! James Collins, pictured, went one better to win the Junior competition. Well done to all our boys who represented the school.



# Sports News

## Thomas Trophy Victors!

As reported as a 'Stop Press' item in the last newsletter, the Somerhill cross-country teams continue to have a fabulous season. The pictures here show members of the victorious DL and YC teams with their trophies from the recent event held at Sevenoaks Prep and Knole Park. Luckily the rain didn't start until the event was almost over! The next big cross country event is the Dobson Trophy at Claremont School this Friday followed by The Knole Run in early December. Fingers crossed for more cross-country success!



Yardley Court held its House Cross-Country on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Thankfully the conditions were perfect for running and lead to some excellent performances in each of the age groups. The winners for each age group were:  
Yr 3 – Joseph Evers  
Yr 4 – Miles Christian  
Yr 5 – Freddy Brewer  
Yr 6 – Harry Rees  
Yr 7 & 8 – Timothy Faes

The overall Results were:  
4<sup>th</sup> – Marques  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Hudson  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Nicolson  
1<sup>st</sup> – Ashmore





Year Two boys enjoyed a super football tournament on Friday afternoon. They played enthusiastically and lots of goals were scored. Many thanks to Mr Davey and Mr Shute for organising and refereeing the tournament.



DL and YC were delighted to come away with 3 of the 6 shields in the IAPS District Cross-Country event. Eighteen schools from Kent, Surrey and Sussex came to Somerhill to run in races ranging from 1750m for the U9 Girls, to 3000m long for the U13 Boys. This is the second year the event has been held and in total 432 runners completed their races.

In the U9 Girls race, Kathleen Faes and Grace Annetts both from DL took Gold and Silver out of 77 runners. Miles Christian from YC took Gold in the U9 Boys race where just 6 seconds separated the top four runners out of 77 who competed in this race. Mhairi Fenton from DL came 7<sup>th</sup> in the U11 Girls race and the school showed depth in the team where the six scoring runners all finished in the top 16. This put DL 36 points clear of their rivals to take the U11 Girls team title. Though a Dulwich Prep runner won the U11 Boys event, he couldn't prevent YC from having a convincing win at this level with a very strong overall performance. The Yardley team was led home by Freddy Brewer who came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of the 81 participants. YC picked up their 2<sup>nd</sup> shield of the day by winning the U13 Boys team event. Timothy Faes won the Gold medal, 21 seconds clear of his nearest rival.

#### Results:

##### Team events:

U9 Girls – Dulwich Prep School  
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 U11 Girls – Derwent Lodge, Somerhill  
 U11 Boys – Yardley Court, Somerhill  
 U13 Girls - Dulwich Prep School  
 U13 Boys - Yardley Court, Somerhill

##### Individual Winners:

U9 Girls – Kathleen Faes, Derwent Lodge, Somerhill  
 U9 Boys – Miles Christian, Yardley Court, Somerhill  
 U11 Girls – Charlotte Knudson, Rose Hill  
 U11 Boys – Chris Stockton, Dulwich Prep School  
 U13 Girls – Lucy Roud, Dulwich Prep School  
 U13 Boys – Timothy Faes, Yardley Court, Somerhill