



Schools At Somerhill Newsletter

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A stunning picture taken on camp night in the Somerhill grounds.

DERWENT LODGE CAMP NIGHT

Year 6 had a fabulous time last Friday night camping in the grounds. Their first team building exercise was to put up 4 tents for the staff staying overnight with them – a big responsibility! This was followed by non-stop activities which included outdoor games, swimming, and cooking marshmallows around the camp fire. Spotlight, a game played in the dark with torches, proved a favourite!



Year Four visit to the British Museum: The boys from Year Four made their annual journey to Ancient Egypt where they were able to experience what it may have been like to live in those times. This year the boys were even allowed to handle the wrappings from an actual mummy and to hold a 4000 year old make-up holder! Ms Boyce had asked the boys to copy the intricate designs from the artefacts so that she can use them in Art this term – I can't wait to see their pieces of work.



Year 5 had a trip to Combe Bank School on the 22nd of September to attend a "Newton Day". This involved an actor playing the role of Newton himself 366 years after his birth. There were boys and girls from Dunton Green, Chevening, Hilden Oaks and Yardley Court schools and Newton entertained the children for 90 minutes with experiments and stories.



As part of our theme of Food and Farming, Reception had a busy week investigating milk. Milkshakes were whizzed, adding bananas and strawberries to make them really delicious. We tasted four different sorts of milk: soya, goats', cows', and chocolate. Guess which our favourite was?! We also made butter; this involved a lot of shaking of double cream – for about 15 minutes. The resulting butter was spread, and we all enjoyed our sandwiches, either in the classroom or outside.



Year One children have been finding out all about dinosaurs. They enjoyed painting dinosaur skeletons and have been drawing and making fossils. Can you spot any old fossils in the Pre-Prep?

Second Hand Uniform

Don't forget to keep those good quality items of uniform coming in for re-sale through the Second Hand uniform shop. Stocks are good at the moment, but those who run the shop are always happy to take more. Leave your named items in Reception with Mrs Wilkes at any time. Thank you.

The boys in Year 8 recently visited Box Hill in Surrey as part of their Geography Common Entrance Fieldwork study. During the rather wet day, many readings and various data were collected to establish the problem of tourism in a small area. All the boys made a number of observations, and now it is simply a matter of writing them up and producing a fieldwork project for their senior schools.



24 Hour Swim and Official Opening of the Pool & Dining Hall

DON'T FORGET TO MAKE SURE your child has his/her swimming gear in school on Wednesday, ready for the 24 hour swim! Dame Kelly due to arrive around 9am on Thursday, 1st October to officially open the pool and dining area. Reception and Yrs 1 and 2 should come into school on Wednesday in their TRACK-SUITS please.

SOMERHILL ADVERTISER

New parents may be interested to hear of The Somerhill Advertiser. This is a monthly publication on our website which sells items for Somerhill Parents. Full details will be available shortly, in the first 2009/10 Advertiser.

NORTHBROOK GIFT WRAP

Don't forget to place your gift wrap orders by returning the form to Mrs Wilkes in Reception

LOST PROPERTY

Mrs Wilkes in Reception has a 'silver' watch which was found in the grounds.

Year 4 TRIP TO LADYLAND FARM

We couldn't have picked a sunnier, warmer Autumnal day to make our annual pilgrimage to Ladyland Farm. Dressed as Tudors, we had hands-on experiences of bread and butter making, felt and soap shaping...ask your daughter what was in the soap in Tudor times!!



SHOEBOXES—Keep collecting all those boxes and items for Operation Christmas Child. Full details will be coming home shortly. Many thanks.

Sports News



U9 A wins at Hawthorns

In the group stage we won one match, drew one match and lost one match! So we qualified for the plate tournament and won the semi-final 1-0 (Freddie Hill) and the final 2-0 (Freddie Hill and Charlie Dumas).

Colts win both 'A' and 'B' Football Tournaments at St. Michael's

Last Saturday St. Michael's, Otford hosted an Under 11 5-a-side Football tournament. Yardley Court entered both an 'A' and 'B' team in the two sections. Playing a 'round robin' league system involving 4 other schools, the top team in the league played in the final, it was important therefore to win the league. The 'A' team managed the feat without conceding a goal, matched by the 'B' team who came back from being 2-0 down to win their game against St. Michael's 4-2. This meant that both teams played in their respective finals. The 'B' team played Caterham and had a comfortable 2-0 victory and the 'A' team beat Marlborough House 3-0. Well done to all boys, on not only winning but their sportsmanship throughout the morning.

Rawlinson Run Success!

On Friday, 25th Sept a combined team of boys and girls from SPP, DL and YC Years Two, Three and Four took part in the Rawlinson Run cross country event at Dulwich. Our boys and girls were superb and we won the team event for the Year Two and Year Four teams, coming second in Year Three. This meant that Somerhill were victorious overall—a great achievement. Well done to all our runners.

Yr 4 Girls—1st Kathleen Faes
2nd Grace Annetts

Yr 3 Girls—1st Rosie Peachey

Yr 2 - 3rd Charlotte Saunders

Yr 4 Boys—3rd Miles Christian

Yr 3 Boys—Highest place Joseph Evers 5th



DL Hockey gets off to a flying start with 4 wins, 1 draw and just 1 defeat in 6 matches. The U11A team played intelligent hockey to beat Vinehall and Holmewood House in their first 2 matches. The U11B team form a strong unit of players and claimed a 5 - 0 victory in their first match. The U10's are developing as two nice squads of players who work hard for each other. The U10A team recovered from their 1 - 0 defeat in their first match to win 2 - 1 in their second. They have ability and a flair for the game, and are working on creating goal-scoring opportunities in lessons and club time. The U10B team also have some strong players, and they showed tenacity and spirit coming back to level the match against Holmewood House 3 - 3, having been 3 goals down at half time. A great start to the hockey term for our senior teams!