



## *The Schools At Somerhill Newsletter* *Volume 14, Issue # 3, 18th October 2010*



### **SOMERHILL PHOTOGRAPHY DAY**

Could Somerhill be nurturing the next Terence Donovan, Ansel Adams, Annie Leibovitz? Tuesday, 5th October found DL and YC buzzing with excitement as shutters clicked, faces lit up with flash and minds were concentrated on capturing the essence of a person, place or moment. The judging for the photography competition will be a challenging task but will certainly be enjoyed as much as the day. We hope to have a selection of the best photos in the next issue!

As it was Photography Day on the same day as swimming club the boys took the school's underwater camera into the pool with them to capture some of the fun in the 'Guided Free Swim' time at the end of the lesson. Maybe one of them will be photographing the Commonwealth Games swimming meet in the future!



It has been a very positive start to the new academic year with our three schools in fine heart. I hope that everyone enjoys the half-term break and look forward to seeing you back on November 1st. Don't forget to change your clocks! Mr C

## Safety on The Schools at Somerhill's Premises.

The safety of the children whilst at The Schools at Somerhill is of paramount importance to us all. To ensure that your child's safety is not compromised, the school has in place a number of measures. I would ask for parents' co-operation to ensure the continued safety of your child whilst on the premises. There are two areas of concern, traffic on site and the use of play areas. Please could parents remember these basic points:

### Driving on site:

The use of mobile phones whilst driving is illegal and, in certain well publicised cases, has led to punishment by a prison sentence.

Please do not park on yellow lines unless directed to do so by a member of staff. Parking on yellow lines restricts the flow of traffic and, most importantly, the ability to see children crossing during busy times.

Do not turn right at the bottom of the drive. The "no right turn" is enforceable by law as the bottom of the drive is owned by the Highways Authority.

Drop-off lanes for YC and DL should not be used to park in.

### Use of play areas:

Please ensure that you supervise your child at all times so that they do not come to any harm.

Please only allow your child to use the designated play equipment under your supervision. It has been designed for children to play on, which walls etc have not.

Please remember that these points that we request you follow are for the safety of your children, yourself, visitors and the members of staff that work at The Schools at Somerhill. Thank you for your cooperation.

Michael Scragg  
Bursar



Year Three boys had a wonderful time collecting seeds in our beautiful grounds. They had been learning about the different ways that seeds disperse. The boys found a huge range of seeds from conkers to sycamore helicopters. They have been out sketching in the grounds too.

Something certainly seems to have caught their attention judging by these photographs!

### Somerhill Firework Display— Friday, 5 November

Don't forget to get your tickets booked for the Somerhill Fireworks. Always a very special family event, this is one not to miss!

Ticket Requests **MUST** be in by Tuesday, 2 November.





The Year Two children enjoyed a trip to Herstmonceux Science Centre last week. They took part in a bridge building workshop and discovered how the huge telescopes work in the Observatory. They had lots of fun playing on the large scale experiments in the Discovery Park and also enjoyed the experiments in the Water Park. Charles and George are busy trying to channel the water in an attempt to move the water wheel!

### THE YARDLEY COURT CONKER RUN!

The Junior Cross Country boys took part in our annual 'conker' run last Tuesday. Despite the rather drizzly weather conditions, the boys had a great run and enjoyed collecting as many conkers as they could carry!

Alex Freeman and Henry Garrard collected almost 500 conkers between them!



The Derwent Lodge Year 5 trip to Preston Manor in Brighton took place on a beautiful day. We arrived at the big house for interviews for the positions of housemaids and footmen!

As always, the length of the working day for Victorian girls in service, and the type of duties they had to perform, impressed the girls and enabled them to get a good feel for the Victorian period.

Christmas Fair flyers will be out shortly after half term— but items to start putting aside for collection week include: nearly new toys and puzzles, homemade jams and chutneys, soaps, bath bubbles, bottles and chocolates! Thank you!



Yr 5 Football - Yardley Court sent two teams to St Michael's for their annual U10 5-a-side tournament. The boys in the A League played well, but came up against strong opposition and missed out on moving further in the tournament. The B League boys played four matches in the preliminary rounds, winning two and drawing two. This placed them second in the group which meant a place in the Plate Final against Hilden Grange. The boys played some strong football in the first half, but were unable to score a goal, however in the second half they switched into top gear and scored three unanswered goals to win 3 - 0. Well done boys!



Conditions were perfect for the IAPS District Cross-country event here at Somerhill. On one of the most demanding courses in the area, fine runners from Kent, Surrey and Sussex showed great stamina and determination in races ranging from 1750m to 3000m. Derwent Lodge girls were delighted to win both the Under 9 and the Under 11 Shields in the team event. Yardley Court teams came 2nd in the Under 9 Boys event, and 3rd in both the Under 11 and Under 13 Boys races.

As well as performing well in the team events, there were some excellent individual performances from Somerhill runners with Lexi Gentry-Potter, Kathleen Faes, and Freddy Brewer all winning Bronze medals in races with between 70 and 127 runners in them. This has become a very popular event with well over 500 runners from 22 different schools taking part, so these successes are admirable! Well done to all 40 Somerhill runners who took part.

# Sports News

The U9A team won our own U9 tournament this month beating Holmewood House 1-0 in the final following a fantastic display in the semi final where they beat a strong Shrewsbury House team 4-0.

The U11A team also enjoyed tournament success winning the Sevenoaks 5-a-side tournament in fine style. Well done to all the boys at Yardley Court for a great start to the football season



The U10 Netball team pulled off a fantastic win against schools from Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire to lift the shield at the Ryde School netball tournament. It was tough all the way, and the team just managed to qualify in the top half for the second round on goal difference! However, having earned the chance to play against the best teams for the shield, rather than the plate, the girls performed with great passion; remembering set pieces and working superbly well to pull off three wins and a draw against the top four teams. The last time DL won this tournament was in 2004, so we are very proud of this team.

The whole weekend was a great deal of fun, and the girls enjoyed a spot of retail therapy in Cowes in the morning before the tournament as well as some fun activities such as crabbing and sailing at the Sailing Academy in Cowes. There is a gallery of photographs on the DL website.