



The Schools At Somerhill Newsletter

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The Schools at Somerhill were invited to the Tunbridge Wells Remembrance Service on Sunday 13th November, with a special opportunity to meet the Mayor afterwards. Jasmine P (DL Head Girl), Millie W-W (Deputy Head Girl) and Max R(YC Head Boy) laid a wreath by the memorial statue. It was a beautiful morning and a moving Service that our representatives were proud to be part of.



Somerhill's own Remembrance Service took place at 11.00am on Friday, 11th November. All the YC boys, DL girls, pupils from Year Two and staff from the three schools met just above the gate that leads to the Garden of Memory to give thanks for the service and sacrifice of those who have died serving our country. In particular we remembered this year the old boys and staff of Yardley Court who died in the First World War by reading out their names.

To Pre-Prep Parents

On these dark mornings, we would be grateful if parents would bring their children into the Pre-Prep Courtyard. We are concerned that allowing them to walk up on their own from the lower car park, even in the company of older siblings, may not be the safest of options.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation

More Cross-Country Success!

Congratulations to the Yardley Court Cross-Country team who won the Dobson Trophy at Claremont School on Friday very convincingly. Our boys continue to prove themselves the very best team in the area.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX EXTENSION

We have now been given the date for the collection of our boxes, which means we are able to extend the deadline on getting your shoeboxes into school. Please make sure they are in Reception by WEDNESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS FAIR—THIS SATURDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER FROM 10 AM –12.30 IN THE BICKMORE HALL.

A small team of Somerhill mums (lead by Mrs Hayward and Mrs Mercer) baked over 400 biscuits and produced some 200 'Pudsey packets' ready for sale to the children last Wednesday. Each pack held one decorated Pudsey and one plain bear shaped cookie and the mums were quickly swamped by the green jumpers of the Pre-Prep! The biscuits sold so quickly that only a few were left for the DL girls and YC boys! A minimum donation of 50p was suggested, but people were so generous a wonderful £290 has been raised for Children in Need, with children donating even when the biscuits ran out!



Well done and congratulations to Mrs Hayward, Mrs Mercer and their team of bakers and decorators!



INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Music continues to be very popular with many pupils learning instruments with our peripatetic staff. If you would like more details please contact Mrs Saby at jsaby@somerhill.org



The Indoor Athletics Club continues to be very popular with the Yardley Court boys, especially in the Junior Years. As well as doing the field events of standing long jump, standing high jump, ball throw, javelin and triple jump, the boys compete ferociously in races using hurdles and tunnels.

Congratulations to Ben Underhill (Year Eight), who sang the challenging role of the Youth in Mendelssohn's 'Elijah', on Saturday 12th November, at the Assembly Hall Theatre. He was appearing as a soloist for the first time with the Tunbridge Wells Choral Society, and the audience, choir and orchestra were tremendously impressed by his performance. By all accounts Ben more than held his own alongside the other two soloists, both of whom were highly experienced adults with international reputations. Well done, Ben!



Old Boys' Football

A couple of weekends ago, Old Yardley Courtiers were invited back to play in the annual Old Boys' Football Match. A total of over 40 old boys returned playing two different age group matches. With a degree of constructive refereeing from Mr C and Mr G, both games ended in honourable draws, 3-3 and 7-7! Both matches were fun for the players and spectators alike who packed the touch-lines throughout the afternoon. A highlight of the afternoon was the first class match tea. Photographs from the afternoon can be found on the school's web-site. During tea Mr Coakley talked about Yardley Court and the recently published book outlining the history of the school. Mr Green distributed an inaugural Newsletter which included information about Old Boys from various eras and details of two forthcoming Old Boy reception evenings to be held in the Lent Term. A copy of the Yardley Courtier Newsletter can be found in the Old Boys' area of the Somerhill web-site.

The next Classifieds will be issued week commencing 5th December, deadline for copy 1st December.



Monique G from Year Six Derwent Lodge, has won the Regional Award for the South in the 2011 'Words for Woods' Poetry Competition. Monique's moving poem, entitled 'Save the Forest', was chosen from over 1000 entries. The organisers said they were impressed by how insightful and environmentally aware the poem was and by Monique's use of personification techniques. Monique has decided that a donation should be made to the Woodland Trust instead of her receiving a box of trees to plant.

Sports News

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

On Monday 14th of November all boys in Yardley Court participated in the House Cross Country competition. Although the conditions were gloomy they were perfect for running with all runners trying very hard for their respective houses. The final results were:

- 1st: Nicolson
- 2nd: Ashmore
- 3rd: Hudson
- 4th: Marques

Thank you to Mr Sanders for organising another fine event and to Mr Sumner for leading the way in all five races and finally to Mr C for taking part in all five...!



The boys of Year Four participated in the annual House Matches with some close games throughout. Nicolson House came through as the winners both of this age group and of the overall competition.



Derwent Lodge win county hockey Tournament!

Derwent Lodge U11 hockey team emerged as Kent county champions in the U11 county finals and will go on to represent Kent in the East of England championships in March next year. Derwent Lodge played some inspiring hockey throughout the afternoon with Holly Hayward, Grace Annetts and Kathleen Faes combining well up front to create goal-scoring opportunities for the team. The wing-halves (selected from Emma Akers-Douglas, Anna Samuel, Anna Billing and Chloe Skeath) displayed tenacity to re-gain possession mid-field and fed some lovely passes through to the forwards.

Rosie Peachey was superb as sweeper; denying opposition the chance to build their attack on many occasions. Player of

the match was undeniably Connie Howard, who was outstanding in goal. She saved several fierce on-target shots, and produced the 'save of the tournament' when she managed to get a leg to a lifted shot in a truly athletic manner! Final results were 1st - Derwent Lodge; 2nd - Junior Kings Canterbury, and 3rd - Kent College Canterbury.

Well done girls!