



The Caring Face of Academic Excellence

Drama double bill



Epsom Downs

This year's whole school production was a double bill: 'The Witches', performed in the School Hall, and 'Epsom Downs', presented in our new studio space Drama 1 (previously the Gym). Yes, that's right, two venues, two casts and two totally separate shows!

David Wood's adaptation of Roald Dahl's **'The Witches'** was an ingenious fantasy where boy meets Grand High Witch in a hilarious and gripping adventure, just left of the 21st century.

Howard Brenton's **'Epsom Downs'** chronicled Derby Day on the Queen's Silver Jubilee. It was a high spirited and surreal rendition of an English festival where the rich and the poor came together and Emily Davison rubbed shoulders with a talking horse!



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Calendar success



A calendar featuring views of our beautiful school throughout the seasons has been a huge fundraising success. Teachers, **Mrs Chapman** and **Mrs Walker**, designed the calendar using photographs taken by members of staff and an original painting by Head of Art, **Mrs Byrne**. They wanted to raise money for The Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice in Farnham, where **Mrs Ison** and **Mrs Soakell** had been cared for at the end of their lives. The calendar was such a hit that over £2000 was raised for the hospice. A big "thank you" to everyone who bought one.



Public speaking

Elizabeth Nash, **Tegwen Gabb** and **Joanna Belcher** won the District Final of the Rotary Public Speaking Competition and competed in the regional final. Coach **Mrs Winch-Johnson** reports: 'Joanna was charming and funny as Chairman, paving the way for Tegwen to enthrall everyone on the subject of 'Weightwatchers' a critical look at society's obsession with weight. Elizabeth proposed the vote of thanks with wit, courtesy and careful timing.' Tegwen was awarded the Best Speaker prize and Joanna the Best Chairman but 'it was the fantastic teamwork that secured our victory.'

The Year 10 public speaking team of **Dannielle Dhaliwal** (Speaker), **Georgina Tate** (Questioner) and **Georgia Peel** (Chairman) also went through to the E.S.U. Regional Final.

National choir

Jessica Mabin has been selected to join the National Youth Training Choir. This is part of the National Youth Choir of Great Britain which is the finest youth choir in the country. Candidates are selected by audition throughout the UK. Jessica will have singing lessons and attend training courses. This is an excellent achievement – well done, Jessica!

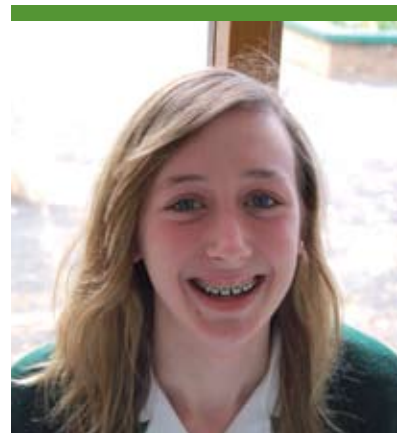


Organ scholar

We are very proud of our Sixth Form Performing Arts Scholar **Alice Salmon** who has just secured an organ scholarship at St Michael's Church, Sandhurst. Alice has been playing the organ for less than 18 months, although she was already an accomplished pianist and recently achieved a distinction in Grade 7 Piano. Alice's ambition is to gain an organ scholarship at Cambridge University.



Many congratulations to **Fiona Myles-Hook** who achieved a Gold Certificate and Best in School in the Intermediate Maths Challenge. As her score was in the top 2000 nationally for her age group, she has been invited to sit the European Kangaroo Paper.



Louise Hill won the top prize both at Council and Provincial level in the Knights of St Columba National Prayer Competition, for which she was awarded £45 in book tokens.

RECYCLING FASHION

The More House Recycled Fashion Challenge was a fantastic hit. Staff and students took to the catwalk to model Farnborough Hill's latest collection of recycled fashions. Houses were asked to produce three outfits out of recycled materials. Particularly impressive were **Dr Rawle** as Batman and **Miss Weeks** as Marilyn Monroe! Winners were: **Louise Beynon** (Junior), **Miss Goddard** (Intermediate) and **Isabelle Edmondson** (Senior).



Cartoon Capers

School was overrun with the likes of The Flintstones, Smurfs, Buzz Lightyear, The Simpsons and Dennis the Menace when the Sixth Form organised a 'cartoon characters' Mufti Day to raise money for the students accompanying pilgrims to Lourdes at Easter. We wish **Elizabeth Nash, Hannah Patel, Hannah Reid, Juliet Wou** and **Phoebe Young** all the best for their trip supporting disabled young people.



Elizabeth Nash



World Book Day

There was a buzz in school this year for **World Book Day**. Teachers brought their current reading material into school and talked about it to their students at the beginning of lessons. 'Get Caught Reading' posters were up around school with pictures of staff reading a favourite book. Students were challenged to find all 27 posters. Winners were: **Hannah Buckle, Katherine Coles, Stephanie Dobbin, Ellie Fenton, Georgina Hawes, Krushni Lalji** and **Maisie Richards**, all in Year 7.



Spacesavers



Pictured launching a water rocket down the hill with Dr Rawle are Darcy Young, Alex Munro, Lucy Wynne-Jones and Sarah Doyle (also in the team are Elise Peever and Francesca Walmsley)

Six Year 9 students are preparing their entry into a unique competition run by Virgin Galactic to celebrate the start of their programme of space flights, the first ever to be open to the general public. The team, called 'The Farnborough Hill Spacesavers', is designing a marketable product that demonstrates a scientific principle involved in such space flights.



Year 9 enjoyed their trip to INTECH in Winchester to see a show in the largest planetarium in the country, learn about science from the 'hands on' exhibits and take part in an engineering challenge to make the fastest buggy.

Oxbridge Success

This year university applications have been very successful and include three Oxbridge offers: **Rebecca Overton** (Latin and Greek at Selwyn, Cambridge), **Vinaya Srirangam Nadhamuni** (Medicine at Girton, Cambridge) and **Sarah Wonham** (Archaeology/Ancient History at St John's, Oxford). Pictured (l to r) are Vinaya and Sarah.



World Maths Day



Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in a global celebration of numbers for **World Maths Day**. The girls played against other students from around the world in real-time mental arithmetic games and helped contribute to the 452,681,681 questions correctly answered during the day. They improved their numeracy skills whilst having lots of fun in the process!

Year 7 students competing in World Maths Day



Think Tank

Alex Danson, a member of the Team GB hockey squad at the Beijing Olympics, came to school to talk to a capacity audience about her time in China. Alex left Farnborough Hill after completing her A level studies in 2003. Her talk was inspirational, appealing not only to sporting enthusiasts but to anyone wanting to achieve their dream in any field, as Alex had done.



Informal Music Evening



The talent of our young musicians knows no bounds! The audience at the Informal Music Evening was enthralled by the orchestra, wind band, choirs, pop group, flute choir, jazz quartet and baroque group, not to mention many soloists and accompanists. The standard of musicianship was extremely high and highlights of the evening included a very amusing (and fast) piano duet by Sixth Formers **Alice Salmon** and **Anna-Louise Vincent** as well as a spectacular performance of 'Bohemian Rhapsody' by **Caroline Haines**.

Fundraising Concert

The Senior Choir Fundraising Concert gave a wonderful preview of some of the music the choir will be performing during the summer in Tuscany. Impressively, the choir performances were directed entirely by students **Caroline Haines**, **Katy Nagle**, **Alice Pond**, and **Katie Tyler**. The Chapel has a magnificent acoustic for choral music and the concert was recorded professionally so that CDs can be produced.



Year 7 raised £81 for their year charity Cancer Research Campaign. Some were sponsored to wear bright colours or their sleepwear for the day while everyone contributed to a lively collection of stalls ranging from cakes and lucky dip through 'Guess the Name of the Teddy', indoor skittles and a treasure map.

Lucy Hampson put her new-found skill at making gift boxes to good use by providing a colourful selection, all made from recycled Christmas Cards.



Pictured (left to right) are Alex Franklin and Annabel Geokdjan



Retreat Week was an enjoyable, lively and thoughtful week, bringing the students of each year group together to sing, reflect, share, pray, meditate and have time together. The SPEC team led the students in prayer, activities, role play, drama, art and discussion under the theme of 'With a little help from my friends'. The sessions were thought-provoking, challenging and often entertaining, offering the girls the chance to look at issues facing them in their own lives or in the lives of others. They were presented with the opportunity to deepen their relationship with God and with others.

Members of the UVI on their two day retreat at the SPEC centre



Two Becket House hot chocolate sales raised £120 which will be used to fund the Becket House Pilgrimage for staff and Sixth Form to Canterbury during the Easter holidays. Pictured are Head of House, **Mrs Chapman** and **Natasha Adams**.



Pictured is Miss Farmer (right) with girls after the Christian Unity Service.

Appearing on TV...

Look out for Beth Mabin playing her oboe in a forthcoming CBBC series called 'Clash'! Beth has been selected from a national search for talented youngsters and she has just heard that she has been successful.



- We have commissioned
- some wonderful
- Farnborough Hill golf umbrellas
- in the school colours. They are
- excellent quality and parents are
- welcome to purchase them (they are
- a little large for the girls to use!) at £18.95.
- Please call Mrs Duffin on 01252 529811.



Hanging on every word!



Mrs Winch-Johnson and **Tegwen Gabb** visited St Bernadette's Junior School to share their public speaking expertise with the young children. Tegwen and Mrs Winch-Johnson showed the children how to perform their prepared speeches in a competitive situation. The children were a joy to work with and acquired the skills rapidly and with great enthusiasm.



*Pictured are (l to r) Old Girl **Bianca Nobilo**, **Gerald Howarth MP** and **Mrs Buckle**. Bianca returned to school to show off her alma mater to a group of prominent politicians following her GAP year as an intern with a prospective parliamentary candidate.*



We welcome into the world **Mary Gloria**, daughter of Head of RE, **Mrs Rix** and **Lexie Naomi**, daughter of Head Gardener, **David Bell**. Two girls – potential Farnborough Hill students!

Willkommen, Deutschland!

A party of 20 German students and their teachers had a very successful week at Farnborough Hill in February. Students and staff are all really looking forward to their return visit to Puchheim, near Munich, at the beginning of the Easter holidays.



*Year 8 with **Mrs Burtzell**, **Mrs Matthews** and **Mrs Griffiths** (l to r) proudly displaying their 'real meals' recipe books supplied by the DCSF.*



The girls enjoyed the snow break – plenty of space for sledging on the Hill!!

PARENTS' DIARY 2009

SUMMER TERM

21 April	School re-opens for students
24 April	Year 8 Take Our Daughters to Work day
28 April	Year 11 Drama Performance
4 May	May Day holiday
9 May	Choral Concert
16 May	Open Morning compulsory for all students in Years 7 - 9
20 May	Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents
22 May	Attainment & Effort Assessments – Years 7 - 10 Half Term begins
1 June	Half Term ends School Examinations begin
11 June	Musical Soirée
13 June	Friends of Farnborough Hill Evening on the Hill
16 June	'Busy Bees' Taster Day for Prospective Pupils
18 June	Induction for New Year 7
22 – 26 June	Year 11 Work Experience Week
23 June	Year 10 Drama Performance
25 June	Sixth Form Taster Day for Year 10 students
26 June	Sixth Form Taster Day for Year 10 students
27 June	Leavers' Ball
29 June	Inter-House Sports
3 July	Attainment & Effort Assessments Years 7 - 10 Records of Achievement Years 7 - 10 Term Ends Leavers' Mass
4 – 10 July	Senior Choir trip to Tuscany
6 July	John Lewis in school for uniform

SPORTS ROUNDUP

sports tour

Going to Barbados



During the holiday 21 students from Year 10, 11 and the Sixth Form will go on a 10 day Sports Tour to Barbados, where they will play competitive hockey and netball fixtures against local Bajan opposition. The girls will also have the opportunity to enjoy the white, sandy Caribbean beaches and the hot, sunny climate! New items of kit have been bought thanks to fundraising and sponsorship by **E & B Group** and **Lodge Motor Company**.

Atkinson. Mrs Buckle was delighted to welcome Karen to Farnborough Hill having heard a great deal about her. Mrs Buckle's sister, Mary Beardwood, was the England netball coach when Karen won her first Commonwealth medal in 1998. The girls really enjoyed these sessions and the experience of working with top class athletes. We would like to thank Alex and Karen and look forward to seeing the benefits of the coaching in Barbados!

Alex Danson (see page 5) provided two hockey coaching sessions, while the netball players had coaching sessions with England netball co-captain Karen



equestrian



Alice Krasno featured in an article in the Horse and Hound after winning her first advanced test riding Highlander 36.

netball



Year 9: District Netball Champions