

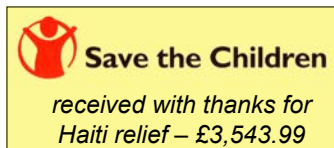
THE HARRODIAN NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2010

THAT WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS – 8th to 12th February 2010

from the diary of Mr Peter Thomson

An official letter of thanks from *Save the Children* reached me last **MONDAY** in time for Pre-Prep assembly. On Mondays we sing, celebrate birthdays and read from the Golden Book. Monday last was extended to include sports awards and a dance show. Then it was time for visitors and tours of the school.



After lunch duty with Pre-Preps it was on with the overcoat and out into the snow plus fourteen of our Sixth Formers. We headed to the Royal Academy and the Van Gogh exhibition. Mrs Reidel provided detailed worksheets to make sure that we made the most of our visit.



TUESDAY was business as usual with tours and Pre-Prep duties until 5 p.m. when we all gathered in the ballroom for another Battle of the Bands. Full house as always but a much higher standard from this year's eleven bands. The winners were Robert Storey, Luke Parfitt, Rami Chabarek and Emily Pickering (pictured left). They now go forward to the Isle of Wight Festival.

WEDNESDAY involved an early start and a trip to the House of Commons with four girls from the 10s. We were guests of our local MP Mrs Kramer who wished to reward Harroadians for their artwork. Mrs Kramer provided a fascinating tour of Parliament which concluded with a debate in the House of Lords, where UK aid for Haiti was under discussion.

Back to school for lunch and then off to Emanuel with the 1st XV. An exciting fixture and a distinguished performance by the Harroadians who won 49-10. See overleaf for rugby report.

THURSDAY started with a colourful assembly in which 2C celebrated the Chinese New Year. Routine tours in the morning, and in the early afternoon we worked on the allotment (2C again) followed by Question Time at 5 p.m. A panel of distinguished guests had been secured by Dr Parmley and Mr Beyad; Lady Butler-Sloss, Susan Kramer MP



and Zac Goldsmith (Tory candidate for this constituency) were joined by Mr Paton, Mr Nowell and Upper Sixth Former Ben Gedye. Questions from parents and pupils prompted two hours of lively discussion. So lively indeed that all Mr Beyad's experience as Chairman was required to calm the politicians and move the vote of thanks.

FRIDAY began with Senior assembly which was followed by the second part of the Pre-Prep dance show. At 10 a.m. it was off to the printers to collect the February newsletters and on to visit Gracelands Nursery School. After lunch I had a meeting with a Sixth Form Maths tutor and then at 3.30 p.m. a final tour of Pre-Prep with Mr Hooke to wish staff and pupils well on the eve of half-term.

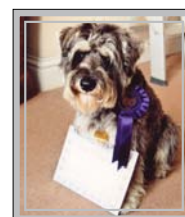


Pre-Preps grow their own food...



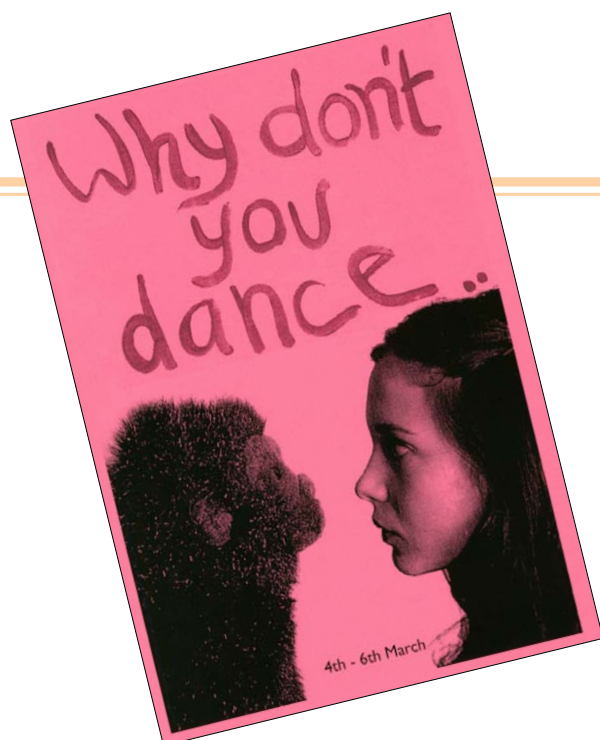
...and cook their own food.

Thus above please find an attempt to answer those questions about the role of Harroddian Principal. The Headmaster runs the school, the Principal walks the school (rather slowly these days). My thanks to Sir Alford, Mr Hooke and Miss Horan for allowing me to have such a lovely time here, most especially lovely in and around Pre-Prep.



newsletter approved by Murphy

SENIOR DRAMA



Costume Kim Mackay
 assisted by Hanne Birkholm
 Hair and Make Up Barbara Mayall
 assisted by Amity Allen
 Lighting Designer. Paul Mackay
 Lighting Imogen Waterhouse
 Sound Guy Bangham
 Technical Manager. Justin Wiseman
 Assistant Director Hannah Farrow
 Director Simon Parker

Cast

Sarah Lilly Lewis
 Narrator Alice Felgate

Telling Stories Ensemble

Kate Brittain Chaia Crompton Schreiber
 Molly Delaney Sam Eccles
 Izzy Endecott. Bella Gatacre
 Eden Goode Florence Greillier
 Ed Japp Emily Harvey Latham
 Hannah Macarthur. Eleanor Mackenzie

Van Gogh's Ear's Story

Van Gogh Paddy Delaney
 Gauguin Matt Pickering
 Woman I Emily Harvey Latham
 Woman II Izzy Endecott
 Dr Rey. Harriet Burles
 Girl Molly Delaney
 Rachel. Emily Pickering
 Ear Hannah Macarthur

Sarah's Story

Dr Finkelman Benedetta Maisano
 Chris George Mackay
 Karen Claudia Noblet
 Michael Teddy Robson
 Rebecca. Daisy Mackay
 Julie Ella Denton
 Ellen Sophie Lee

SENIOR RUGBY

Early season practice was limited by snow but some Harrodians were more than ready to train whatever the weather.



Such enthusiasm was rewarded with a first victory over Glyn. The Ibstock and St James' matches were scrappier affairs but we scored heavily and prepared for a difficult fixture away to Emanuel.



1st XV captain Harry Short, and Cameron Kay (the Flying Scotsman).

Sustained pressure brought success and high praise from the Emanuel coaching staff. Highgate were big but less than subtle so we won with ease. The final fixture against Reigate was approached with some trepidation given their reputation, but Mr Lydon's extra coaching sessions resulted in a very impressive team performance. Thus P6 W6, points for 235, points against 30.

Congratulations to Harry Short's XV and thanks to coaches Mr Lydon (below) and Mr Seaton.

