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### FOUNDER'S DAY 2010

This year's Founder's Day celebrations took place on Friday 14 May, the school day closest to the feast day of St John Baptist de la Salle. It has been widely agreed that the 2010 commemoration at the College surpassed those of previous years in the scope and quality of the events organised.

The day began with a service in the Sports Hall at which the life and central message of our founder were clearly recalled. Readings reminded us that the mission of La Sallian schools was to extend the same educational opportunities to the children of the poor that were originally available only to the sons of kings. The service closed with the presentation of Year 13 leavers' certificates, something which has become a regular and much valued feature of Founder's Day.

In the afternoon we were delighted to welcome back one of St John's most distinguished former pupils, the newsreader George Alagiah. As the regular presenter of the BBC Six o'clock News, his is one of the most easily recognised faces in the country. With the help of a slide presentation George took us through the various stages of his life, from his birth in obscurity in Sri Lanka, where a career path of the kind he has followed would have been regarded as the wildest fantasy. He spoke movingly about the casual racism that he encountered as an immigrant to Britain in the late 1960s, but also about the positive opportunities opened up for him by his membership of St John's College. George closed his talk with a question and answer session in which he responded to the curiosity of the large and appreciative audience. It was also a pleasure to see Brother Damian, who was his Headmaster in the late 1960s and early 1970s – now in his ninetieth year – among those present.

The third event of the day was a no less impressive evening concert in the New Benildus Hall. The audience was treated to an amazing variety of performances: from classical compositions by Mozart and Bizet, to the rousing patriotism of 'Land of Hope and Glory', to light popular pieces such as 'The Dambusters' and 'The Great Escape'. Phillip Simpson, Molly Davis and Hannah Khan performed memorable vocal solos, and departing Head Boy Tristan Hayward duetted with Henry Adams in a rendition of 'Fly me to the moon'. And who could forget the energetic duo of Mr Ellison, our Director of Music, and Fernando Rosety, performing a piano medley entitled 'The Lone Arranger', said to incorporate no less than 28 different well known tunes? The outstanding quality of this concert brought a fitting close to an excellent day.

### Year 8 Enterprise Days – 11 and 13 March

Whilst some members of Year 8 were on the Geography field work trip, and others were working with the RE Department in the Brothers' House, other members of the year group took part in an activity designed to develop their powers of independent learning. Over the two days the whole year group had the opportunity to take part in this activity. The pupils were divided into teams and given the task of designing a T-shirt to publicise the Lasallian Developing World Project, which sends Sixth Formers every year to work in some of the most deprived parts of the Southern Hemisphere. (This year's volunteers are Megan Gibson, Joe Stevens and Henry Leonard.) After creating their designs the pupils produced posters about the project and gave presentations in which they explained the decisions they had made. They greatly enjoyed the experience, which helped them to develop skills of teamwork and personal organisation.

Mr Celestine (Head of Year 8) and Mr Field (Head of Business and Economics) watched the presentations and judged the various entries. The finished products were displayed in Tuesday's assembly and prizes awarded to the winning team.

The winners were as follows:

**Best T-shirt:** John-Joseph O'Mahoney, Thomas Bird, Lewis Burns, Ben Walker, Steffan Quilter, Toby Taylor.

**Best speech:** Bethany Bridgen, Minky Buckland, Lucy Cleary, Caragh O'Shaughnessy, Abby Whittaker, Maisie Letten.

**Best posters:** Harriet Hardy, Oscar Williams, Charlie Ellcome, Jack Hardcastle, Callum Holbrook, Tom Ward.

**Overall winners:** Katie Hall, Charlie McCaw, Hayley Brooks, Megan Burnett, Danielle Burns, Caitlin Powell.

*Special thanks go to the staff who comprise the Learning and Teaching Committee, especially Mrs Gorham, Mrs Taliadoros and Mrs Skinner, who devised and resourced the activity.*

### Key Dates

#### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

9.45am Cricket v Ryde  
U15 (Away), U14, U13 & U12 (Home)

#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Pentecost Sunday

#### Boarders' Activity: Cinema

Chapel Choir at St John's Cathedral

#### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May

8.45am Assembly

#### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May

U12 Cricket v City Boys (A)

#### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Associated Board Music Exams

#### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May

12.00noon Year 10 Art Trip to Southampton Museum

#### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May

U12 Cricket v PGS (H)

#### 3.40pm School closes for half term

#### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Chapel Choir to Liverpool Cathedral

#### Half Term Week

#### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June

### A reflection for our students and their families at this time of exams

Do not have any anxiety about the future,  
But leave everything in God's hands  
For God will take care of you.  
Be satisfied with what you can do, since God is satisfied with it,  
But do not spare yourself in what you can do with grace;  
And believe that, provided you want it,  
You can do more with the grace of God than you think.  
Do not forget to thank God for all the blessings he bestows on you.

### Higher Education Evening – Tuesday 15 June

This is a reminder to all Year 12 students that they should attend this information evening at 7 pm in the auditorium. Parents are also encouraged to attend. Information about the process of university application, student finance arrangements etc will be given out and there will be an opportunity to hear and question outside speakers. For further details please contact Dr Goodlad via the school office or via [grahg@stjohnscollege.co.uk](mailto:grahg@stjohnscollege.co.uk)

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### Upper School cricket Results

Congratulations to the Year 7 team who recorded our only victory last Saturday against Salesian College

**SJC U12** 101-1 C.Oxlade-Chamberlain 43\*, C Quirke 27\*  
**Salesian** 93-4 C.Oxlade-Chamberlain 3-13

*SJC won by 8 runs*

#### 1st X1 Colleges Cup

**SJC** 118-8 A. Patel 32  
**South Downs** 99 M.Tamba 2-10, J Price 2-15, J.Harvey 2-16

*SJC won by 19 runs*

### Upper School Cricket Fixtures

#### Saturday 22nd May v Ryde

**U15** - Meet at 8:15am at Portsmouth Harbour. To return 1:30pm approx

**U12, U13, U14** - Meet at 9:00am at Fields. To finish by 12:30pm approx.

#### Tuesday 25th May v Milton Cross

**U14** - (SE Hants Cup). 3:45pm start. Finish by 6:30pm approx(H)

#### Wednesday 25th May

1st X1 v St Vincent's College. 2:00pm start (A)

#### Thursday 27th May v PGS

Year 7. 3:00pm start (H)

**Phone number in case of bad weather:**  
**07531 495326**

# Lower School News

#### Headmaster Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who have achieved BRONZE awards:

**Lewis Eyles** Literacy      **Callum Stewart** Literacy      **Oscar DeWit** Literacy

#### Discovery Centre

Year one enjoyed a very interesting morning at the Gosport Discovery Centre looking at The Seaside through the Ages. Children had the opportunity to dress in Victorian seaside attire and also try their hands at running a punch and judy show.

#### Pupil Council

The Pupil Council have now ordered additional picnic benches for the playground and these should arrive after the half-term week.

#### 'Fame' Day

Year 4 and 5 have a Performing Arts day led by Manic Stage Productions next week which will include drama, dance and song! Year 4 will participate on Monday and Year 5 on Tuesday.

#### Events ahead:

**Friday 18th June**

Sports Day at Fields - 1:00pm - all year groups

**Monday 21st June**

Parent Consultation Evening - 4:00pm - 8:00pm - All year groups

**Thursday 24th June**

Year 6 Sports Presentation Evening - 7:00pm. *This is an invitation only event with seats restricted to two parents/relatives per pupil. Boys and girls who have represented the school regularly at Under 11 will receive their sports colours.*

#### St John's Talent Show - 'Unleash Your Potential' - for Hope and Homes for Children.

Remember to start rehearsing your acts for the annual talent show which will take place on Tuesday 29th June at 7:00pm. Everyone in Years 3-6 can enter, either individually or as a group. Auditions will take place in the previous week.

#### Sports Results

**Under 11 Cricket v Ryde**

Lost

**Under 11 Rounders v Alton Convent**

Won

**Under 11 Rounders v Ditcham Park**

Won

**Under 10 Rounders v Alton Convent**

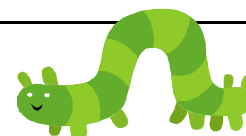
Lost

#### School's Out

School's Out will be running during May half term from Tuesday to Friday. It will be £25 per day if you book after this date (£22.50 for sibling discount). We will also be running the extended day up to 5.30pm at £5 per child. If you would like to book call Jo Russell on 07988 564642.



## Nursery News



The Nursery children have had wonderful time learning about Minibeasts this week. We started off the week with a visit from Zoolab. The ranger brought in quite a few animals and Minibeasts to meet the children. They met a giant African land snail, a rat, two gerbils, a snake, a millipede, an Australian tree frog, a tarantula and a Madagascan hissing cockroach. The children were fascinated and learned lots of interesting facts about each creature.

The Rockets have had fun going on a bug hunt around the school grounds. They used magnifying glasses and magnifying pots to examine worms, spiders and woodlice. They enjoyed making spiders using tissue paper and pipe cleaners for legs and also painting pebbles as ladybirds or bugs.

The Stars drew ladybird pictures and then counted up how many spots they had on their backs and discussed the life cycle of a caterpillar through to it becoming a butterfly. The Stars came up with some very interesting questions such as 'How does a caterpillar make its silky cocoon?'

The Stars also made symmetrical butterflies by putting paint on paper and folding it in half to make beautiful patterns and all the children enjoyed all the bug rhymes that Mrs Mynhardt introduced to them.

The Minibeasts theme has turned out to be very popular with all of our children.

*Miss Utchanah*  
*Head of Nursery*