

The citizen

CLS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

THE EDITORIAL

I have heard that New Year's Resolutions are dropping in popularity. It seems that fewer people are making resolutions and that fewer people are keeping them. Maybe this has always been the case. In 1863, Mark Twain said that "New Year's Day is the accepted time to make your annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual."

Amongst the most popular resolutions remain: weight loss and dieting, giving up smoking, taking exercise more regularly and spending money more wisely. Resolutions often seem to concern "correcting" poor lifestyle choices; they are about self-improvement and personal betterment. I suggest that the concept of New Year's Resolutions, or perhaps the sentiment behind them – a desire to be a better person, is a worthy ideal, to be celebrated and cherished. Why then do so many resolutions fail?

The simple answer must be that it is difficult to change established patterns such as what we buy and what we eat, what we are in the habit of doing and what we are not in the habit of doing. Lifestyle gurus advise us to choose just one resolution, to choose a realistic resolution, to plan for success and to motivate ourselves by remembering the benefits of succeeding in the resolution.

I have, in the past, worked with pupils who are "school refusers";



New Year's Quiz - how well do the Edmundson's know each other?
Phil Cohen investigates. See Pages 4&5

NEXT WEEKS' EVENTS IN BRIEF

Monday 12th January

- Model UN Meeting with EM, Coulson Studio, 1.10pm
- Senior Maths Circle, 409, 1.15pm

Tuesday 13th

- Debating Society, 434, 1.10pm
- Debating Society, 2nd and 3rd Forms, Coulson, 1.10pm
- Water Polo, U14 v Trinity, Away, 4pm
- 3rd Form Music Recital, 6pm

Wednesday 14th

- Debating, OG and 1st Forms, Coulson, 12.50pm
- Football, 1st XI, 2nd XI v St Paul's Academy, Home, 1-4pm
- Creative Writing Society, The Circle, 315, 1.15pm
- Basketball, U15 v Dulwich, Home, 4.45pm

Friday 16th

STUDENT DAY, 0G TO 4TH & J6

- Water Polo, U15 v Eton, Away, 4pm

Saturday 17th

- Football, U12A, U13A, U14A, U15A v Wilson's, Grove Park, 8am-12pm

that is to say pupils who have got into a habit of non-attendance at school. Breaking the cycle of inactivity is not an easy process and pupils are reintegrated into school life little by little. Success can lie in identifying the real cause of the problem – "school refusers" are seldom truants on the street, rather they are at home with their parents knowledge and perhaps consent. Non-attendance can begin with genuine illness, so as the winter cold season continues parents should be vigilant for procrastination.

Whatever your New Year's Resolution may I wish you a successful 2009. All boys should, of course, resolve to work hard and to do well at School – especially those who are in the public exam years or those for whom 2008 was not crowned with success.

Best regards
Charles B Fillingham

SCHOOL NEWS

JOURNALIST VISITS CLS

On the afternoon of the winter fete, Ed Dorrell, News Editor of the Times Education Supplement, visited our paper to give us some advice and tips, to improve the quality of our pieces.

After an explanation of how he came to be a journalist, a profession he never intended to enter, Mr. Dorrell outlined his career. Though not the lofty heights of the *Grauniad*, Ed's previous places of employ are quite normal for a reporter. He gave two pieces of advice when it came to being a successful journalist; *look* for the stories, and have no morals. (The write up of a friend's court case (drug fuelled shop-lifting), despite moral dilemma, made it into his paper. Flowers made it to their mum.)

His visit was very informative, and we learnt many tricks of the trade, for I am assured that it is a trade not a job, or profession. We hope that we will receive visits of the same quality in the future.

Harry Evans

J6ZLC - Sub-Editor

TV ON THE RADIO:

Dear Science

If I were to have a New Year's Resolution, it would be not to ignore albums that get great critical acclaim and pass it off as 'just another album.' This is because there are several albums, that I did not listen to at the time of release, that are fantastic. Elbow's 'Seldom Seen Kid' was one of them. Hot Chip's 'Made in the Dark' was another. Now we have TV On the Radio's 'Dear Science,' which was released in September 2008.

Once again, like Elbow's album, I deeply regret not getting this album at the time of its release. It was, without a doubt, one of the best albums of 2008. If I had listened to it earlier, it would have made the Top 10, and may even have been number 1.

Throughout the album, there is a mix of experimental jazz and smooth ballads. The album is a rollercoaster of different sounds, starting with the frantic pace of 'Halfway Home' and continues through the following

tracks until it calms down to the somewhat surreal 'Stork and Owl.' However, they sound their best in three of the songs. 'Golden Age' is a funky dance track which feels so effortless and casual; you can't help but move along to it. 'Family Tree' is a truly heart-warming ballad which is without a doubt the best track on the album. Finally there is 'Love Dog' which is a heartbreaking song with full string section.

'Dear Science' is a fantastic album. Tunde Adebimpe and Kye Malone's vocals are, arguably, the best in the business and David Sitek has served up a masterpiece of an album. It isn't quite a party album, and it isn't an album you can listen to calm down. What it is, is a truly fantastic piece of music which has to be appreciated.

Roland Merz J6HMS

Music Correspondent



Welcome back to a new term of clues from George. As ever, he's been continuing his travels – he's got a busy term planned, including visits to some unusual cities. Let's get started with the clues...

1. Location: 4°03'S 39°40'E.
2. The city is located on an island, separated from the mainland by Tudor Creek and Kilindini Harbour.
3. In 1498, Vasco da Gama was the first known European to visit this city (he wasn't well received).
4. The city is served by Moi International Airport.

Send your answers to geography_george@clsb.org.uk to win the weekly prize.

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR RAIL FARES

As the economic downturn takes its toll on the retail sector, with major stores going into administration, the 2nd of January marked an average 6% rail fare increase on the National Rail network, well above the rate of inflation, at regulated times (peak hours). In off-peak times, the increase has been an average of 7%. However, some increases are far above this.

For example, a standard anytime return from Bristol to Edinburgh has increased by 15.2%, whilst a standard anytime return from London to Norwich has increased by 15.5%. Amazingly, one standard anytime return from London to Plymouth had decreased by 2.6%. It is perhaps time for increases in rail fares to be standard across the

network. It is surely unfair to increase some tickets more than others – with some either decreasing or not changing, to increasing by 14 or 15%.

Train Operating Companies (TOCs) say that it will improve the service they offer to passengers, but the fact that fare increases along the same route wildly differ seems rather strange. As an example, fares from London to Slough have increased by 7.1%. However, fares from London to Bristol have not increased at all. How the TOC in question came to the conclusion that increasing fares from Bristol was somehow not needed, but that increases from Slough was needed is simply not logical; from Slough to London, trains run alongside those from Bristol.

Passenger groups have also expressed their anger over the fare rises. Passenger Focus has hit out at TOCs, and also calling on the government to regulate fares more closely. It will be interesting to see the reactions of passengers over the coming weeks to the fare rises, and the reaction of the government.

Angus Russell 3H

Transport Correspondent

THE CITIZEN IS HIRING

There is a job opening for the position of SUB EDITOR on the citizen. All boys interested, please come to room 111 between 12:50 and 1:40 on Friday 9th January. Also, photographers needed, same applies.



Five Facts about: *Model Railway Society*

1. It is the School's longest, continuously running, non-sporting society.
2. Since the 1940's there have been only four different members of staff in charge, Mr Jack Wheeler (a biology teacher) to about 1972, Dr John Trigg, (a chemist) 1972 to 1982, Mr Easingwood 1982 to 1993, Mr JD Swales (a Classics teacher) 1993 to 1999 and Mr Easingwood again from 1999 to date.
3. The Railway Room can occupy up to about 8 people running trains plus others doing modelling activities.
4. Part of the Railway operates in a prototypical way with block instruments and semaphore signals.
5. The railway operates on OO scale and the society owns quite a lot of rolling stock.

Phil Cohen 5B - Societies Correspondent



THE CREDIT CRUNCH – HOW IS IT AFFECTING US?

AN INTERVIEW WITH MR REDIT

At first glance, there was nothing especially memorable about 9 August 2007. Britain was in the midst of its holiday season and things were going swimmingly with a predicted annual growth of 3%. But as far as the financial markets were concerned, it was the day the world changed. On 9 August all notions of prosperity and tranquility vanished to be replaced by failing banks, petrified markets, and the property markets being blown to pieces by a shortage of credit.

Gordon Brown reassured us two days later saying that Britain was in, “as good a shape as it could be to weather the storm.” On the evidence of our current predicament, things have turned out rather differently than he expected. House prices are falling at their fastest rate on record, consumer confidence is at rock-bottom and banks are refusing to lend to each other resulting in a credit crunch.

But how is this ‘credit crunch’ affecting our day-to-day lives? Mr Redit, CLS’s economics guru, kindly agreed to give the Citizen his views in an interview.

Q. So in what way has your standard of living changed? Have you had to cut down spending on ‘luxury’ goods?

A. Not just luxury goods; even the essentials have had to go. As an act of solidarity with fellow recessionists, we have given up Krug and cut down on our visits to Le Gavroche. We have now been reduced to Tattinger and the local gastro-pub. It is truly catastrophic. I do not know where the next canape is coming from.

Q. Poundland is known to be booming through the recession, will you be shopping there in the near future?

A. I have never seen one. Do they have them in North London? However, I am willing to try. I am no snob. I once went to Tesco’s. It was a surreal experience. All those shoppers waddling around with their trolleys full of Coca Cola and giant bags of Walkers crisps. Beer guts hanging over their track suit bottoms. .. greasy hair... unshaven. And that was just the women! Poundland sounds even better!

Q. Money seems to be wiped off the markets every day, how much has your net worth fallen recently?

A. My net worth has been completely shot to pieces. I cannot say by how much, because my calculator has only ten digits. But put it this way; even the mice in my kitchen are suffering from malnutrition. If only I had liquidated my portfolio a year ago I could have bought Woolworths.

Q. Do you feel your job is now under threat with unemployment hitting the country hard?

A. No. In a recession demand for luxury goods, like £30,000 per year boarding schools, will fall and excellent value day schools, such as CLS will benefit. As for Economics, not only are we one of the most relevant subjects in the Sixth Form curriculum, but we are also the most cost-effective.

Q. Do you see yourself doing things differently this year?

A. No. We must all do our best to stimulate aggregate demand and kick-start the failing economy. I shall be doing my bit.

Q. And finally for the readers, how can we all beat the credit crunch?

A. Just remember; happiness is not having what you want, but wanting what you have. Forget consumerism. Give a “Friends of the Earth” subscription to someone for Christmas instead of stuff. Then you can say, “I am a friend of a friend of the earth”.

Zaki Ahmed J6AJB
Economics Editor

	ON MISS MURPHY....	MR EDMUNDSON'S GUESSES	ACTUAL ANSWER
1.	Where exactly was Miss Murphy born?	In Leeds, LGI or Jimmy's? (<i>hospitals</i>)	Leeds
2.	What colour are her eyes?	A unique colour, a pale golden-brown with a hint of green definitely reflecting her Irish ancestry!	Greeny Brow n
3.	Is she a tidy person?	So much that it is sometimes scary for mere mortals.	Yes...very!
4.	Does she like cooking?	She usually claims that she just 'heat's but she is in fact a wonderful cook, as anyone in the Staff Room who has put on pound during the Spring Term after eating her cakes will know.	Yes
5.	Does she like sport?	Yes. I realised what a lucky man I was when, shortly after we became an item, I discovered that not only was she beautiful, intelligent, charming and funny, but she also had a subscription to Sky Sports!	Yes
6.	What is her favourite TV programme	Soap operas.	Watching the soaps – only because they are addictive!
7.	What was Miss Murphy's first job?	In teaching, at Southfields school near Wimbledon, but, first ever job; I think selling shoes as a Saturday job.	I had a Saturday job selling shoes.
8.	What newspaper does she read?	<i>Telegraph</i> and the <i>Observer</i>	<i>The Telegraph</i> and <i>Observer</i>
9.	Her favourite place?	Home	Being at home with him!
10.	What is the biggest thing that she will avoid?	Reading the instructions	Marking
11.	How many children does she want?	Two	Hopefully 2
12.	Does Miss Murphy like children?	Very much, even when they don't do their homework.	Yes
13.	What would Miss Murphy grab in a fire?	At home, our little boy. At school, handbag.	Alfred (<i>their son</i>) and him!
14.	What time of day is Miss Murphy at his best?	Miss Murphy is a ray of sunshine all day long.	I am always at my best
15.	How does he like to rest?	With <i>Heat</i> magazine and a glass of white wine.	By sleeping
16.	What is her greatest fear?	Not keen on mice.	The cleaner resigns
17.	What do you wish you knew about her	How she manages to be so efficient.	Yes...I know I love to read <i>Heat</i> , <i>Grazia</i> , <i>OK</i> and <i>Hello</i> every week!
18.	What is her best feature?	Her smile	My eyes
19.	Number of sweeteners in drinks?	None	None – we are a healthy couple!
20.	If she could be anyone who would it be?	Hard to say. She does still secretly resent the fact that, being a Catholic, she cannot inherit the throne	President and I would make Monday part of the weekend.
21.	What is her speciality in the kitchen?	There are too many to mention, although her Gala pie takes some beating.	Sunday lunch
22.	Where would she like to go in the world?	Anywhere with me.	Anywhere as long as I had him by my side
23.	The most embarrassing thing she has ever done?	I am completely unaware of anything embarrassing that she has ever done.	I have cut my own hair once and had no fringe for a whole month
24.	What is Miss Murphy's blood type?	An unusual one. Can't remember the letter but it is Rhesus negative.	Rhesus negative

	ON MR EDMUNDSON.....	MISS MURPHY'S GUESSES	ACTUAL ANSWER
1.	Where exactly was Mr Edmundson born?	On the Wirral.....	On the Wirral, in the same nursing home as Ian Botham.
2.	What colour are his eyes?	Blue	Blue
3.	Is Mr Edmundson a tidy person?	In his mind but not really!	I am a tidy person trapped inside an untidy person's body.
4.	Does he like cooking?	Sort of....	Yes. Other people's
5.	Does he like sport?	Yes!	Of course, although not horse racing or Formula One.
6.	What is his favourite TV programme	Test match cricket	Live Test Match Cricket
7.	What was Mr Edmundson's first job?	First teaching job at Mill Hill but worked for a day at a sales job.	First proper one was teaching at Mill Hill School.
8.	What newspaper does he read?	Telegraph and Observer	The sports pages of the Telegraph occasionally and the Observer on Sunday.
9.	What is his favourite place?	Being at home with me	Wherever Miss Murphy is.
10.	What is the biggest thing that Mr Edmundson will avoid?	DIY	Anything practical, if I can help it.
11.	How many children does he want?	Hopefully 2	Two
12.	Does Mr Edmundson like children?	Yes	Very much
13.	What would he grab in a fire?	As many of his CD's as possible	The phone to dial 999.
14.	What time of day is he at his best?	He is always on sparkling form	Shortly after coffee.
15.	How does he like to rest?	By sleeping...	Sleep is good. Otherwise with a drink and a good book.
16.	What is Mr Edmundson's greatest fear?	The dishwasher breaking down	Running out of chocolate biscuits.
17.	What do you wish you knew about Mr Edmundson?	Why he needs 8 pairs of brown shoes	How it can possibly take me so long to do the simplest of tasks.
18.	What is Mr Edmundson's best feature?	His eyes	My endearingly corny sense of humour
19.	How many sugars does he have?	None and no milk either	None
20.	If Mr Edmundson could be anyone famous, who would he be?	Captain of England Cricket team of captain of Everton beating Liverpool to win the league.	If I were to have a moment of fame then I should like it to be scoring the runs that won back the Ashes or the winning goal in a Merseyside derby, especially if it happened to consign Liverpool Football Club to relegation, financial ruin and total oblivion.
21.	What is Mr Edmundson's speciality in the kitchen?	He can do a yummy risotto and is also good at heating things!	Heating up leftovers if I am left clear enough instructions.
22.	Where would he most like to go in the world?	As long as I'm with him.	Home to Miss Murphy.
23.	What's the most embarrassing thing he has ever done?	He did grow a beard once...	Dyed my hair purple.
24.	What is Mr Edmundson's blood type?	A	Either A or O. I'm not actually sure.

NEWS

FRIENDS

Welcome back, a new term and another set of Friends' Events. The main event is The Annual Quiz Night and Supper, there are the usual Coffee Mornings Evening Suppers and Socials. We hope to welcome you to something this term.

QUIZ NIGHT AND SUPPER 2009

The Annual Quiz Night and Supper will be held in School on Saturday, 28th February at 7pm, Tickets £17.50 pp. Full details and booking form in next week's *Citizen*. Ticket numbers are limited; places or tables may be reserved via email friends@clsb.org.uk or by telephone Deborah Dorrance-King 07974431348

OG AND 1st FORM COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Coffee Morning for Parents and Carers of boys in OG and 1st Form from 9am - 11.30 am on Monday, 12th January at Cafe Rouge, 5-14 St Paul's Churchyard, EC4 (CLS side of St Paul's) . All Welcome. For more details, please contact Elizabeth Moursy at elizabeth.moursy@tiscali.co.uk or Deborah Dorrance-King on 07974431348 or at deborahdorrance@hotmail.com.

4th FORM COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Coffee Morning for 4th Form Parents and Carers on Monday, 19th January 9.00am - 11.00am at Cafe 101 (Salvation Army), 101 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4 - entrance opposite the swimming pool side of the school. All Welcome. For more details, please contact Stephanie Martinez 07951811488 or stephanie@primex.co.uk

3rd FORM COFFEE MORNING

The first Coffee Morning of the year will be 4th Form Parents and Carers on Thursday, 22nd January 8.30am - 11.00am at Cafe 101 (Salvation Army), 101 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4 - entrance opposite the swimming pool side of the school. All Welcome. For more details, please contact Fiona Yates on 07768863664 or fcyates@aol.com

2nd FORM COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Coffee Morning for Parents and Carers of boys in the 2nd Form 9am - 11.30 am on Friday, 23rd January at Cafe Rouge, 5-14 St Paul's Churchyard, EC4 (CLS side of St Paul's) . All welcome. For more details, please contact Dolores Catterson at d_catterson@btinternet.com or Yvonne Simpson at yvonne.simpson@btinternet.com

5th FORM AND ABOVE COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Coffee Morning for Parents and Carers of boys in the 5th Year and above from 9am - 11.30 am on Monday, 26th January at Cafe Rouge, 5-14 St Paul's Churchyard, EC4 (CLS side of St Paul's) . All welcome. For more details, please contact Deborah Dorrance-King on 07974431348 or at deborahdorrance@hotmail.com.

CLS Judo Club



Beginners and Intermediates

All Welcome

Held in the Junior School Hall

Training Times

Juniors Class Tuesday	4pm until 6pm
Seniors Class Wednesday	4pm until 6pm