

The Citizen

CLS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

CITY HOSTS UNITED NATIONS

City of London School's Model United Nations Conference on Saturday, 7 March 2009, lived up to the high expectations of all the participants and delivered a day of lively, stimulating and enjoyable debate.

This, the fourth in a series of Conferences organised by City's talented team of MUN team, was the biggest event of its kind held at the School yet, with over 200 debaters from 22 schools representing 47 countries. Students from schools across the country flooded through the main entrance at 9.00 am, all set for a schedule jam-packed with speaking, solving and resolving in the manner of real United Nations delegations. The Opening Ceremony invoked the true spirit of the United Nations, with the participants receiving encouragement to uphold the values of justice, security and economic progress.

As hosts we were well represented in high office. Ronan Magee J6WER was Secretary General of the United Nations and he was very ably assisted by Ethan Schwartz S6RSB and Ellis Onwordi S6NOM who were joint Presidents of the General Assembly. Our teams received praise for their performances and emails of congratulations for the event have been pouring in since the weekend.



Each country had been asked to prepare delegates to attend each of four Committees and, in the case of certain countries, the Security Council, in order to discuss solutions to the various problems facing the world today, from the humanitarian disasters in Zimbabwe to the global financial crisis. The delegates' participation was dynamic and mature, and led to a successful General Assembly in which many issues were raised and subsequently dealt with. Mr Justice Blake was the highlight of the event, as his speech on fundamental human rights in the context of immigration was followed by a round of thought-provoking questions and answers. The day ended with a Closing Ceremony with prize for the best participants.

The light relief for the day came from frequent breaks for refreshments and *The Mun*, a tabloid-style newspaper, produced by members of *The Citizen's* regular team, which

reported on the major happenings of the day. Two editions of *The Mun* were produced and the delegates enjoyed its irreverent and lively editorial line.

CLSMUN 2009 was a great success, and a credit to the students and teachers who helped put it up. The bar has been raised for next year. The food provided by Mulu Daniels, our full-time catering manageress, and her team was greatly appreciated by the delegates from all schools. However, Mrs Morgan, of the Modern Languages Department, should be singled out for special praise since she is the teacher with overall responsibility for the Model United Nations at City of London School and she masterminded the event with the team of boys who regularly attend the MUN society.

Jay Swain J6RFD
Current Affairs Correspondent

EDITORIAL & DIARY

THE EDITORIAL

They say that letter writing is a lost art and that we all communicate by text message, pod-cast or Twitter these days. In the Fillingham family this is not quite true. Far from dying out I have seen an increase in the quantity of letters received from my parents in recent years. They are, of course, both long retired and they do, therefore, have the time to fire off more than a quick tweet. Nethertheless, there is something to be said for a well-composed carefully thought out missive. Just such an epistle fell through my letter box last week.

My father has taken to typing his letters on the computer these days, thus bridging the gap between old technology and new. The letter in question contained a cutting from a newspaper about how a headmaster can turn around a failing school, it had an article about violent crimes committed by teenagers and there was a piece about declining standards in schools nationwide. The reason that I am mentioning this letter is not because of the enclosures, but because of the letter itself which consisted of memories from my father's own school days in the 1940s and early 1950s.

Well over fifty years after leaving school my father can name his headmaster, whom he vividly remembers caning him. He tells of a more sympathetic form master, of homework done on the bus home and of wheezes to escape from sports day. As a modern day school teacher this makes for humbling reading. The impact that we have on today's pupils at City of London School may still be remembered half a century from now. Indeed tales of City of London School in 2009 will be told to people as yet unborn,

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS IN BRIEF

Monday 16th March

- Model UN Meeting, Coulson, 1.10pm
- Senior Maths Circle, 409, 1.15pm
- Inter House 6th Form Handball Competition, Sports Hall, 4.10-5.10pm

Third Form Parents Evening, 3A, 3H and 3S, 5-7.30pm

Tuesday 17th

- Inter House, 3rd Form Volleyball, Sports Hall, 8-9am
- Inter-House 4th Form Football, Grove Park, 1-4pm
- Debating, 4th Form and above, 434, 1.10pm
- Water Polo, U14 v QE Barnet, Away, 4pm

JOINT CLS/CLSG CONCERT 6.30PM

Wednesday 18th

- Debating, OG and 1st Forms, Coulson, 12.50pm
- Football, 1st XI, 2nd XI v St Bede's, Home, 1-5pm
- Creative Writing, 315, 1.15pm
- Water Polo, U13 v Alleyn's, Home, 4pm
- Barnes-Amis: O'Sullivan Reading Competition, Asquith, 4.30-6.30pm

Thursday 19th

- Inter-House 3rd Form Football, Grove Park, 1-4pm
- **Third Form Parents Evening, 3B, 3C and 3M, 5-7.30pm**

Friday 20th

- Inter-House, 4th Form Volleyball, Sports Hall, 8-9am
- Barnes-Amis, Coulson, 12.50pm
- Inter-Form, 1st Form Football, Grove Park, 1-4pm
- Junior Maths Circle, 409, 1.15pm

perhaps by as much as two or three generations.

It is an unstated intention of this school to provide happy memories of school days. Mr Griffin, the Second Master, and his team of year heads and form tutors work hard to help boys enjoy life at City and staff are more than willing to listen and to take action when things are not going to plan. You can write, phone, fax or email to contact us. We have not created a school account on Twitter yet.

Best regards,

Charles B Fillingham

CITIZEN SHOCK!

***The Citizen* is to receive a revamp, along with a new method of distribution.**

Next week's edition will not be handed out by Form Tutors! Instead, metro-style, you will be able to collect a copy of the *new look Citizen* from the front and sports entrances. With the popularity of the new format, we hope that this method will give us an accurate demonstration of how many of you actually read it. Inside will be the full range of choice articles and special features, such as an interview with Mr. Dowler, a cartoon and a revamped puzzle page. Don't miss it!

Harry Evans - Deputy Editor

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Close on the birth of their first child, a daughter, Lucy Isabelle on Friday 27th February 2009. She weighed in at 8lb 6oz. Mother and baby are both well and Mr Close returns to school this Monday.

VINCE CABLE AT THE GUILDHALL

A group of CLS Economics Student accompanied Mr Levin and the Head of Economics, to see Dr Vincent Cable speak on the topic, 'After the Financial Crash What Next?' Formerly Chief Economist at Shell International and now Shadow Chancellor of the Liberal Democrats, his opinion is highly sought after.

He began his talk by reflecting on the state of the world economy before the crisis struck, when trade and foreign investment had been booming. He emphasized how the giant economies of China and India had started to pull the world economy forward and lifting hundreds of millions out of extreme poverty. In short, he claimed a near-perfect world had been reached where living standards were rising and the virtues of an open, free trading environment were understood and applied.

But in all this idealism, he stated that there remained one key fundamental problem; the lack of strong international rules and institutions. In the banking sector, in particular, he said, there had been vast growth in cross border activity without an institutional and regulatory infrastructure strong enough to support a global collapse of confidence and systemic failure. He also alluded to complexity, greed and euphoria being other factors to blame for the crisis.

He admitted that the UK did look exceptionally vulnerable. Britain has three of the world's largest banks, each with a balance sheet bigger than the UK economy, and that

excludes Lloyds/HBOS. As bank losses mount, the risk to the taxpayer and bank customers ascends and they are now seen as giant Trojan Horses putting the very survival of the UK economy at risk. He believes it is necessary for the City to operate hand in hand with the wider UK economy and society, revising the infamous bonus culture.

Dr Vince Cable stated that the key concern for a world economy which is so globalised and dependent upon trade is whether cooperation can be maintained under the extreme pressures which now exist. He firmly believes that if the approach of crude nationalism of the 1930s can be contained, Britain and indeed the rest of the world will suffer far less.

In his final words, however, he conceded that it is not possible to predict what will emerge from this crisis. Recalling the advice given to him at Shell, he said that 'those who claim to be able to predict the future are lying even if by chance they are later proven right.'

Zaki Ahmed J6 AJB
Economics Editor



PURIM PARTY

On Tuesday, the Jewish Society celebrated the festival of Purim, holding a party and reading of the biblical book of Esther in the Coulson Studio.

Purim is a festival celebrating the Nation of Israel's deliverance from Persian persecutors as long ago as the sixth century BC. Normally, Purim falls within the Easter holidays and so is not marked at City, but this year (for the second time in my memory) we observed the festival right here, in the heart of this great capital city.

This festival is one of great joy and levity, with a tradition to wear fancy dress; though the extent of that at CLS was a few non-regulation ties, and a Darth Vader mask. Similarly, the duty to become inebriated was fulfilled with ginger beer and other non-alcoholic substitutes. However, the atmosphere was still one of exuberance and general happiness. As is customary, people exchanged food gifts with one another and set aside money for the poor, as stipulated at the end of the book of Esther.

Every member of the Jewish people is obligated to hear the scroll of Esther twice over the holiday: once in the evening (Monday night) and once in the day. The Jewish Society ensured that this could be fulfilled by inviting Michael Pollak (an Old Citizen himself) to read from the parchment scroll, which he did in style, as the some 120 pupils listened intently and respectfully. The hush was only broken to boo the name of Haman, the arch-persecutor of this particular episode of Jewish history.

As the reading came to an end, the daily afternoon prayer was said, and the last few traditional pastry snacks, *Hamantaschen*, were snapped up by hungry revellers. Will Prince, enjoying the party despite his non-membership of the faith said, "It's *hamantasch-tic!*"

David Shaw J6HMS
Societies Correspondent

SPRING CONCERT

JOINT CLS/CLSG CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

'THE ARMED MAN'

A MASS FOR PEACE by KARL JENKINS

TUESDAY MARCH 17TH

6.30PM

CLS GREAT HALL



SPRING CONCERT - 17th March at 6.30pm Ticket Order Form

Pupil's Name _____ Form _____

Adults £5.00 (Concessions Free)

Please could I have _____ tickets at £5 each.

I enclose cheque for £_____ (payable to **City of London School**)

Parents Signature.....

SCHOOL NEWS



SPRING CONCERT SUNDAY REHEARSAL

MARCH 15TH

ORCHESTRA
REQUIRED FROM
2.30PM

CHOIR REQUIRED
FROM 3.30PM

REHEARSAL END
5.30PM

AUTHOR VISIT

Award-winning author
Sophie McKenzie will be
visiting CLS

on **Monday 16th March** to
talk to the **Junior School** and
CLSG Year 7. Books will be
available for sale and
signing.

When Theo discovers the father he thought died when he was a baby is still alive, he's determined to find him. The clues lead him to the lonely Rachel, who has problems of her own, including parents who compare her unfavourably to her long-dead sister. But when Rachel and Theo are attacked by men from RAGE - the Righteous Army against Genetic Engineering - at Rachel's school disco, they are rescued by strangers and taken to meet a mysterious figure. They both make some startling discoveries about their identities, which will affect their past, present, and future in dramatic and life-altering ways...

DAR

ALEXANDER GORDON SMITH

Last Wednesday CLS played host to World Book Day guest author Alexander Gordon Smith and his prosthetic Wheezer. Science Fiction writer Gordon, as he prefers to be called, went down well with the Junior School as can be seen in the following extract from his web site <http://www.alexandergordonsmith.com>

4 March 2009

City of London School

I've just got back from my first ever Furnace school event, at the City of London School. I am absolutely shattered, but it was a fantastic day! I had to be up at 5.30 to catch the train, and arrived at the school feeling a bit like a zombie. Once I was in my first class, though, and started talking to the pupils, it went brilliantly. Thanks to all the staff and boys at the CLS for making me feel so welcome, and for asking some wonderful questions! And thanks too to Tim and David for looking after me. And the biggest thanks go to the two pupils who shouted 'Gordon is the Best' down the corridor at me as I was leaving!

JOIN THE CITIZEN TEAM

TODAY is a longer meeting to plan for next week's special edition. Sandwiches will be provided.

12.50pm in room 111.



HOW CAPITALISM CAN SURVIVE

This crisis will have generation-lasting consequences even if it doesn't end up like the Great Depression. The G20 meeting in London next month will have the power to continue or end this worldwide crisis. There have already been colossal changes. For example, it is no longer certain whether banks can ever return to their sizeable profits of yesteryear.

Monetary authorities will have to take a closer look at how a few countries such as China built up enormous surpluses whilst countries like the USA ran up even larger deficits. These global imbalances complicate the crisis even further. Investment banks once towered over the rest but have now collapsed or joined the flock of retail banks. Governments are now the lenders and insurers of last resort. This fact would have been laughed at two years ago. Fiscal costs never before seen will have to be dealt with by governments around the world (the UK comes to mind!) However, much of this depends on how soon the downturn recovers.

The last G20 meeting in London in 1933 was a total failure. History must not repeat itself this time round. Three points must be agreed on. Firstly, more stimuli are necessary. Countries such as Germany and Japan have not pulled their own weight thus far like Britain and America have done so. Secondly, governments must make sure that their banks are adequately capitalised. There are simply too many dangerous and toxic assets on banks' balance sheets compared to

the amount of cash they actually have. Thirdly, more money should be set aside for the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Quite simply more countries will fail – a torrent of financial crises will unwind in Eastern Europe, South America and Asia.

This all will need a united front on the part of politicians. Dozens of incumbent political parties will be booted as has already been the case in America. The big questions will unfortunately have to wait until there is a visible road to recovery. Nuisances such as corporate pay and tax havens will damn us to history if they prevent a deal next month.

Christian Anthony J6NPM
Economics Correspondent

ECONOMIC CRISIS: THE STORY SO FAR

Think back to the summer of 2007. Industries were booming and the major world economies were stable; but by the end of 2007, the world felt the first touch of a shaky economy. What went wrong? How did the global markets go from so strong, to so weak? What happened?

The first problems started in September of 2007 when Northern Rock, an English building society, asked for financial help from the Bank of England. This made people who had savings in the company panic; even though the executives claimed that it was "business as usual". After its share price dropped by a huge 32%, not only did anxious people start queuing up to get their money out of Northern Rock, but some feared whether the building society would even manage to pull through. The company was nationalised, 1300 staff were made

redundant, and it recorded huge losses.

The next major problem occurred at the beginning of 2008, with the bailout of Fanny Mae, and Freddy Mac, which, provided 50% of America's mortgages. When they collapsed, many people couldn't get a mortgage, and didn't have enough money for their homes. These two mortgage giants went bankrupt because of over lending, and when people couldn't pay back their loans, the companies were nationalised.

The next crisis was with Lehman Brothers in September of 2008. They were said to have held on to large positions in the subprime mortgage market, and other low rated mortgage tranches.

After all these American companies had gone under, financial trouble crossed the Atlantic again, and came back to Britain. Share prices plummeted, and interest rates were repeatedly lowered. The Royal Bank of Scotland has been partially nationalised, along with other large banks like Lloyds. The government has been forced to pump money into the economy as well, in an attempt to prevent it from collapse.

The next, and possibly, the worst problem for people is unemployment. Companies with huge losses cut their workforces. However, for some companies, this has proved too little too late, because their losses were so high. Many high street shops and household names have gone under. Some examples are: Zavvi, Wedgewood, and the famous Woolies.

At the time of writing, the world is still waiting to see whether the global recession will be as bad as the 1929 Great Depression. Let's hope this will not be the case.

Anthony Kydoniefs 4B

NEWS AND COMMENT

CHINA'S POWER

In the past few years, China's GDP has grown about 10% a year with a record 11.4% growth in 2007. The big question about China now is whether it can sustain its growth during this global recession.

China is suffering quite badly from the impact of the global recession. However, it is doing better than most other big economies, like the US and UK. As deflation takes hold across the world, as China's currency strengthens, as commodity prices decline, and as stock markets sag, China's spending power has been significantly increased, especially as China has the largest foreign exchange reserves of \$1.9 trillion in September 2008.

Also, many businesses in developed countries feel the need to reduce excessive debts that were incurred during the boom years. If such companies are looking for a partner with the cash to pay off those borrowings, deep-pocketed Chinese companies are among the few that are available.

At the UK-China Summit on the 2nd February 2009, Prime Minister Gordon Brown pledged to boost UK exports to China to £10 billion by 2010. More than 50 Chinese companies accompanied Premier Wen to the UK-China Business Summit and met British firms during the event. More recently, hundreds of UK firms met up with a delegation of 150 Chinese companies as part of a buying mission led by Commerce Minister Chen Deming. A general purchase agreement was signed between Rolls-Royce and HNA Group for Rolls-Royce engines and a service

contract for 20 Airbus A330s with a value of approximately \$1.2bn. Unless China loses its nerve, in a year or two's time it'll probably own significantly more of the world's more important assets than it does today. China is still moving towards the top of the premier league of economies.

Daniel Hu 3H
Business Correspondent



NO SMOKING

Back in the 20th Century, smoking was widely advertised and was seen as something of glamour. It was legal to advertise then.

Now in the 21st century, with pollution and an increased number of diseases appearing, people still continue to smoke.

In the UK itself, every hour 14 people die of smoking related diseases. In England, some few years ago, 33 per cent of teenage boys and 25 per cent of teenage girls described themselves as regular smokers.

It appears that more and more women worldwide are now smoking.

Smoking not only causes heart and circulatory illnesses, but it also decreases the activity of the immune system and thus brings a wave of other diseases.

When you're smoking, as you draw on a cigarette, the burning tobacco leaves transfer nicotine on tiny droplets of tar which are inhaled into

your lungs. These small doses of nicotine, thus, act as stimulants and have powerful effects on the nervous system.

The nicotine also causes the release of adrenaline and noradrenalin. Both increase blood pressure. But noradrenalin acts mainly to narrow the arteries.

Even more seriously, tobacco smoke contains toxic gases, including the dreaded carbon monoxide. These bind to haemoglobin molecules inside the red blood cells, making them unable to carry oxygen. Up to 15 per cent of a smoker's haemoglobin may be blocked from carrying oxygen around the body in this way. This significantly reduces the smoker's capacity to exercise.

Passive smoking gives rise to similar problems, as you are taking in the smoker's exhaled breath and smoke particles and gases, such as carbon monoxide.

Smoking is a deadly poison, a very dirty habit and really does kill. Smoking is not cool. If you want to be cool, do sport. Smoking is for fools.

Bolaji Oladipo 5C
Social Affairs Commentator



CLS MUSIC PRIZES 2009

The dates for the Music Prizes are as follows:

Monday March 27th : Strings

Tuesday April 15th : Novice Class (all instruments)

Wednesday April 16th : Piano

Thursday April 17th : Woodwind & Brass

Friday April 18th : Singing

Novice – you must have been playing for no more than 2 years

Intermediate – up to and including Grade 5

Open – Grade 6 and above

If you learn an instrument at school your teacher will help you with your entry form. If you learn outside school then get an entry form from Mr. Harrison or cut out the one below and hand it in.

Entries must be in by Thursday April 10th

Place entry forms in the box outside 201.

All GCSE, AS, A2 students and Music Scholars must enter.



MUSIC PRIZES

Name Form House

Instrument

Level [open / intermediate / novice]

Title Composer

MATHS COMPETITION

Junior Question 4: In the Junior League if Gary had scored 4 more goals he would have an average of 2 goals per match. If he had scored 3 fewer goals he would have an average of only one goal per match. How many matches has Gary played so far?

Senior Question 4: A van travels from Leeds to Trowbridge with an average speed of 50 kilometres per hour. What average speed does it need to achieve on the return journey to make the average speed for the whole journey 60 kilometres per hour?

Last week's answers:

JQ2-24km/h

SQ2-42cm

Please remember to add your name, form and working to your answer.

At the end of the term, a £10 book voucher will be given, based on the number of correct answers.

Daniel Hu 3H

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It was a tough trip for George last week, when he visited the capital of Angola, Luanda. Angola has been undergoing a massive national reconstruction. The central government



allocates funds to all regions of the country, but the capital region receives the bulk of these funds. Since the end of the Angolan Civil War (1975-2002), stability has been widespread in the country, and major reconstruction has been ongoing since 2002 in nearly all aspects of society. Major road rehabilitation, including road widening, application of asphalt, and re-routing efforts are all currently being done throughout Luanda. Social housing is also being constructed, to house those who currently reside in slums, which dominate the landscape of Luanda. The Angolan minister of health recently stated poverty in Angola will be overcome by an increase in jobs, and the housing of every citizen.

George is much closer to home this week. Remember to e-mail your answers to Geography_George@clsb.org.uk when you know the name of the city:

1. The name of this city comes from the native *Béal Feirste*.
2. Historically, this city has been a centre for the linen industry, tobacco production, rope-making and shipbuilding.
3. This city was granted borough status by James I in 1613 and official city status by Queen Victoria in 1888.
4. The city is flanked to the northwest by a series of hills, including Cavehill, thought to be the inspiration for Jonathan Swift's novel, *Gulliver's Travels*. **PSM**

REVISION

5th form Chemistry Revision Clinics

Date	Time	Teacher and room	Topic
Monday 16th Feb	1.20pm	JE 411	Industrial Processes.
Thursday 26 th Feb	1.20pm	KPR 515	Atomic structure and bonding.
Tuesday 3 rd March	1.20pm	GWD 511	Structure and bonding
Tuesday 10 th March	1.20pm	PCM 514	Organic chemistry.
Tuesday 17 th March	1.20pm	CP 513	Formulae and equations.
Monday 20 th April	1.20pm	JE 411	Sulphur, sulphuric acid, acids and bases.
Thursday 30 th April	1.20pm	PJN 512	'Moles'
Tuesday 5 th May	1.20pm	PCM 514	'Any questions'

5th Form IGCSE Mathematics Revision

Every Thursday lunchtime after half term.

Run by DRE. Room 413. 1:10 – 1:50.

1	Thursday 19 th February	Powers and Roots Index laws, negative and fractional powers Percentages Reverse percentages, compound percentage change Degrees of Accuracy Upper and lower bounds
2	Thursday 26 th February	Circle Properties. All the circle theorems. Mensuration Sectors of circles. Surface area and volume. Similar figures.
3	Thursday 5 th March	Quadratics and more Factorising, quadratic formula, algebraic fractions, simultaneous equations – one linear, one quadratic-, inequalities
4	Thursday 12 th March	Expressions and Formulae Rearranging formulae. Direct and inverse proportion Surds
5	Thursday 19 th April	Graphs and Functions Function notation, domain and range, inverse. Cubics, quadratics and reciprocals. $y=mx+c$. Calculus Find maxima and minima. Kinematics.
6	Thursday 23 rd April	Set Language and Notation Sets, subsets, complement, intersection, union Vectors Vector geometry
7	Thursday 30 th April	Trigonometry Sin, cos, tan for obtuse angles. Sine and cosine rules. Area of a triangle. 3-D problems
8	Thursday 7 th May	Statistics Histograms. Cumulative frequency. Probability tree diagrams.

5th Form - History Department Revision Workshops - 2009

The History Department is running a series of revision workshops in the run up to, and after, the Easter holidays.

All begin at 1.10pm.

Week	Topic	Venue/Time
3 (Spring Term)	Core Content PTB	Tuesday 3 March Room 310
4	Liberal Reforms (Content) DJF	Thursday 12 March Room 310
5	Votes for Women/Impact of War (Content) KAS	Thursday 19 March Room 310
1 (Summer Term)	Germany NHM	Friday 24 April Room 310
2	Liberal Reforms (source-skills) AVJM	Tuesday 28 April Room 310
3	Votes for Women/Impact of War (source-skills) FNB	Tuesday 5 May Room 310

Attendance is advisable for those boys who achieved a B grade or below in the mock examination. We have run them in previous years and evidence suggests they make a big difference to your final grade. This memo is posted outside the History Office.

Please arrive on time.

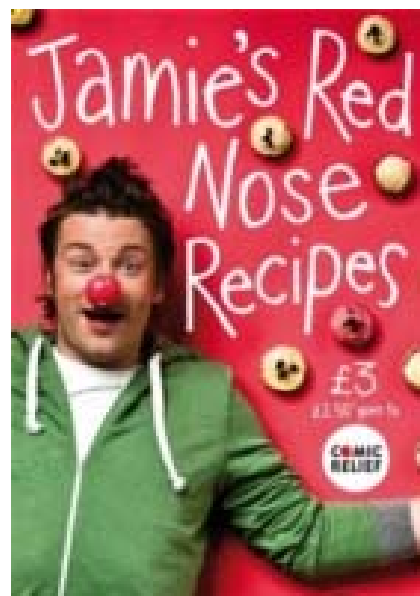
John Carpenter Bookshop

tel 020 7332 0223

email: tjo@clsb.org.uk

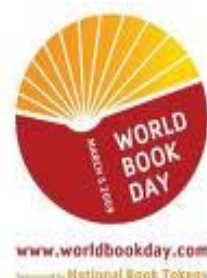
JAMIE'S RED NOSE RECIPES - £3.00

This book contains 12 delicious recipes you can cook for your friends: any-way-you-like cookies; tea-party cupcakes; my nan's lemon drizzle cake; salad from capri; sausage carbonara; my old man's superb chicken; cottage pie; tasty fish bake; chicken korma; banana and blueberry french toast; easy peasy ginger beer; and granola with berry compote. Delicious!

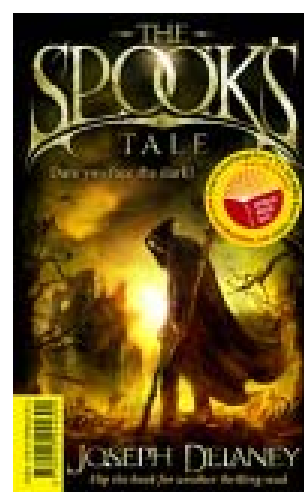
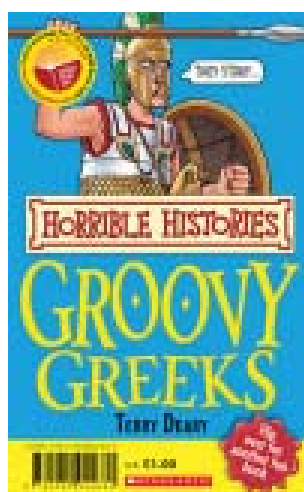
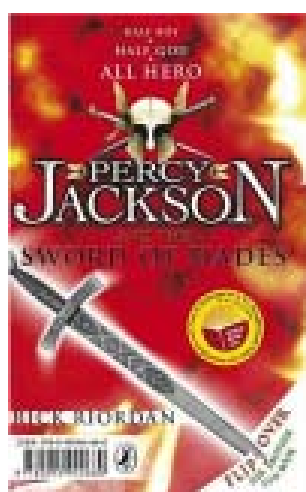


WORLD BOOK DAY TOKENS

All boys at CLS will be given a World Bookday £1 token, and as of Monday 2nd March, this can be used against any book in the Bookshop worth £1.99 or more. Alternatively, they can also be redeemed against any of the official World Bookday Books which are listed below. **Please note that 6th Formers need to collect their token direct from the Bookshop.**



OFFICIAL WBD £1 TITLES:



**DON'T FORGET MOTHERS DAY!
CARDS AVAILABLE FROM THE
BOOKSHOP - £1.00 EACH**

FRIENDS

SEVEN SECRETS OF SUCCESSFUL PARENTING

The city of London School for Girls and Friends of CLSG invite Parents to an Evening with Karen and Georgia, authors of a book with the above title, on Monday, 23rd March at 7.30pm in the Main Hall of CLSG in the Barbican. Full details in the flyer at the end of The Citizen

SPRING SWING

There will be a Joint Social with CLSG at CLSG on Thursday, 23rd April for all boys in 1st and 2nd Forms. Full details in The Citizen next week

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

On Tuesday, 17th March, there will be a Second Hand Uniform Sale 4.30pm - 6.00pm outside The Bookshop. This is immediately before The Joint CLS/CLSG Spring Concert. If you have any outgrown/unwanted uniform in GOOD CONDITION we would welcome it. We are in particular need of Blazers, Sports Tops and Socks. Donations may be left at Reception in a bag marked 'Friends of CLS - 2nd Hand Uniform'. Thank you.

5th FORM AND ABOVE COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Coffee Morning for Parents and Carers of boys in The 5th Form and Above from 9am - 11.30 am on Friday, 20th March at Cafe Rouge, 5-14 St Paul's Courtyard, EC4 (CLS side of St Paul's) . All welcome. For more details, please contact Deborah Dorrance-King on 07974431348 or at deborahdorrance@hotmail.com.

CONTACT:

Deborah Dorrance-King, Chair, FoCLS, tel. 0797
443 1348, email:friends@clsb.org.uk

KURSK

As the leaders of the German Reich sat in Berlin, the upper echelons of the Red Army thought about ways to turn the tide back in favour of the USSR. The Panzer Divisions had not lost a single battle, Poland, the Balkans, France, all lay under the tank tracks of the German army, and even the British Expeditionary Force had been forced from mainland Europe.

The key to the German Blitzkrieg was the tank. So plans were afoot in 1942 to cripple the German panzer divisions with a single swipe.

It began at Kursk, or as Russian historians call it 'The Battle for the Kursk Bend'. This was to be the largest tank battle of all time.

20,000 Russian anti-tank guns were deployed in 4 lines. As the Germans over ran one, it simply folded back into the other. So as more lines buckled the thicker and more defended the line became. The Russian air force had lost 36,000 aircraft during 1941 and 1942, but the tireless efforts of the factories just beyond German reach built more and more. Nearly 3,000 IL-2s were rolled out. The infamous 'Sturmoviks' aircraft were adept at destroying German armour. But most importantly, it was the Soviet tanks themselves, the 4000 T-34s and KV-1s, that would turn the tide.

In June 1943, the hammer stroke fell: 3000 heavy Russian tanks lumbered across the field where German and Russian troops had been fighting no more than two months previously. The beleaguered German army had no where to go, slowly, here is where the German retreat began.

This is recorded as the first German defeat of the war.

Nikita Andreev J6AW

REVIEWS

BARNES-AMIS

On the Waterfront (Steven Berkoff) 5th March Theatre Royal Haymarket

It had been suggested that this week, there should be two alternative reviews, one speaking for each half of the Barnes-Amis Society. I along with the younger half of Barnes-Amis did not enjoy it, and we were astonished that it managed to be getting anywhere near four-star reviews.

Steven Berkoff has adapted the classic Marlon Brando film set in the New York City docks, that is run and ruled by the Mob, and Berkoff himself is Jonny Friendly, head of the Mob syndicate. The backdrop is a dark silhouette of the Statue of Liberty, holding a longshoreman's hook, and the stage is covered with a huge crucifix. Berkoff uses a 12-person ensemble and very few props to enact his ambitious, physical theatre play. Using only half a dozen chairs, lighting, and music to signify scene changes, pushed an original and quirky idea into an overworked and messy production.

Terry Molloy (Simon Merrells) 'coulda had class. [he] coulda been a contender. [he] coulda been somebody'. Molloy is a failed and retired boxer, who lacks great intelligence or inspiration to do much else other than mooch off his older, mob-connected brother. But when Molloy is implicated in the murder of a longshoreman, he begins to rethink his career prospects, and fancies himself as waterfront liberator. Lacking direction or clue, Molloy is driven by his guilt, his love for the dead man's beautiful and self-proclaimed 'independent' sister (Coral Beed) and the militant-priest Father Barry,

played powerfully if unconvincingly by Vincenzo Nicoli. The three unlikely heroes set out to bring down the Mob, both by brute force, and by 'sneaking' to the Crime Commission, even if Molloy's brother stands in their way.

Sadly, Merrells remains dull and uninteresting, no matter how fast his fists' fury. Berkoff does his best to save the play by himself, but, alas, it is a losing battle as the clumsy scene changes, and annoying slow motion (actors in slow motion are not 'in scene') ruin what could have been a gripping play – maybe. Perhaps, as the frequent, inane and frankly mistimed cackles from the couple behind suggested, I just didn't get it.

**Alex Foley J6 JBK
Theatre Critic**

THE PRODIGY: INVADERS MUST DIE

With a name like *Invaders Must Die*, it could only be Prodigy. It has been five years since the Prodigy last graced our radios, albeit with their awful album *Always Outnumbered, Always Outgunned*, and furthermore only with a third of their band (Liam Howlett on his own.) Yet this album has all three of the members reformed, and back for business.

When it comes down to it, this is old school Prodigy. Take their first single, *Omen*, as an example. It takes the heavy beats of drum and bass, and fuses it with the funk of electro. The song *World's On Fire*, sounds so much like Hadouken!'s *Leap of Faith*, that I wouldn't be surprised if he came out in a fluorescent hoody, just to sing that song.

There is a constant energy running through this album, which gives it an edge over its electro rivals. The hyperactive and frantic sound of *Colours* ticks all the boxes for a future rave classic. Even the final song, *Stand Up*, which is quite unlike any of the other songs (with full brass section playing to a heavy, hip hop beat), manages to cut to the core and bring out the inner raver.

Of course, the album has its downfalls. The song *Take Me to the Hospital*, may as well be called *Out to Space 2* as it is almost identical. Most would say that that isn't a bad thing, yet the similarities are so frequent that you wonder why they bothered. Some of their songs, also, sound quite similar as seen with the songs *Warrior's Dance* and *Run With the Wolves*.

Yet, all in all, this is a return to form from the old school ravers. They've produced another fast and furious album that will, no doubt, be heard in raves to come. Many are concerned that they do not have a place in the rave scene nowadays yet, on the contrary, they are still the heart of it.

Roland Merz J6HMS, Music Correspondent



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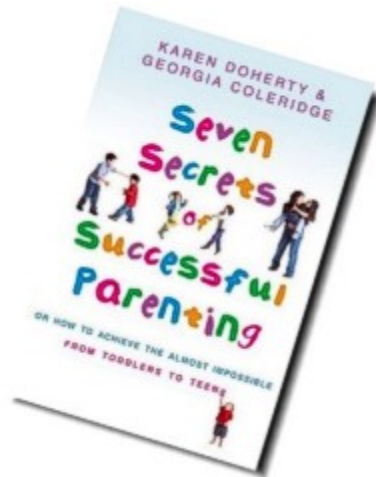
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SPORT

ENTERTAINMENT VS. ACHIEVEMENT

As far as I am concerned there are two parts to sport- achievement and entertainment. Probably the best example of this is in the Olympics where hundreds of athletes turn up every four years to realise their potential, and yet multi-million dollar stands, first-class facilities and television coverage are there in the name of entertaining the masses. The same logic can be applied to football where teams strive for silverware to not only achieve their personal goals, but also because the closer that they get to success the more entertaining and gripping their matches become. If this happens more people will watch their matches and the club becomes richer, and, as Chelsea FC have shown, money can buy success and success is very entertaining indeed.

It should also be noted that football shares the same business model as the film industry and just like people will pay for cinema tickets in order to enjoy a two-hour movie experience, fans too will pay for tickets to watch their team play. So, those who criticize the idea that the Big Four in the Premier League should be the richest clubs, are clearly not thinking logically; just as Hollywood blockbusters have the biggest takings at the box office so too should the most entertaining teams. Therefore, when people used to say that "Arsenal play the best football in the country" this was not a useless accolade- it meant that they were the most entertaining, which to fans is essential.

Jack Cohen 4B
Sports Correspondent

MAN UNITED LTD – A GLAZER FAMILY COMPANY

Now that Man United have won two of the five trophies they have been entered into, all the talk is of five trophies, a clean sweep which would make them officially the greatest club team in the world, as well as probably forever. You have to admire the speed and precision with which they destroyed what is a very good and solid Fulham, at home, where they are notoriously difficult to beat, a team above Manchester City, a team with so much money they were prepared to pay £135 million for one player, and can afford to loan out a £17million pound Brazilian striker to a team who should be one of their closest rivals.

What is it that makes United to command every competition they enter into? I would like to refer to the names of players who didn't feature in the Carling Cup final, not through injury. Ji Sung Park, who has a road named after him in South Korea. Michael Carrick, a common feature of England squads. And finally Dimitar Berbatov, a player billed as the next Eric Cantona, a player who managed to be an oft selected member of Leeds United (that's right, I said it). Man Utd. have managed to apply a scheme of business to football. Like Starbucks, they have so many players (or stores), that anyone else has not a chance. No-one else can afford to pay for, or even attract these players. I hate to say it, but I think it's getting to the point where we are ushering in a new age of red dominance, and not the communists this time.

On a lighter note, I would like to ask why, at the Arsenal Burnley match on Sunday, we were being rained on when we were in a £350 million building. Since man lived in caves we didn't deal with leaks. Sort it out.

Joe Gaines
Sports Correspondent

TENNIS AND GOLF REPORT

Jiyai Shin beat Katherine Hull in the HSBC Women's Championship at the Tanah Merah Country Club in Singapore. The Korean took advantage of the Aussie dropping five shots on the back nine of the final round to claim \$300,000.

In the Thailand Open, Jyoti Randhawa finished on a -17 263, coming two shots ahead of Rhys Davies. Randhawa shot 68-68 on the first two days and then followed it up with a 62 and 65 on the weekend. He began each of the four days with a birdie on first and a birdie on 18th. But on Sunday, he needed only a tap-in for par on the 18th to seal the win.

In the HSBC New Zealand PGA Championship at Clearwater Golf Club, Steve Alker finished in front of Josh Geary and David Smail with a -15 273 to take \$128,000.

Davis Cup Results:

Argentina beat Netherlands

Germany beat Austria

Croatia beat Chile

USA beat Switzerland

Ukraine beat Great Britain

Czech Republic beat France

Russia beat Romania

Spain beat Serbia

Israel beat Sweden

Tom Ross 3H

Tennis and Golf Correspondent

CLS SPORTS RESULTS WEEK ENDING 6th MARCH

Basketball:

U15 v Alleyn's CLS won 52-41
U14 v St Paul's CLS won 43-27

Football:

2nd XI v Colfe's CLS won 2-0
3rd XI v Colfe's CLS drew 1-1
4th XI v Colfe's CLS won 4-0
U15A v UCS CLS lost 2-0
U14A v UCS CLS lost 2-1
U14B v UCS CLS lost 4-1
U14C v UCS CLS won 4-0
U12A v St Paul's Academy CLS
drew 2-2
U12B v St Paul's Academy CLS
won 2-0

Waterpolo:

U19 v Trinity
CLS lost 2-0
U19 v Alleyn's
CLS lost 6-3
U15 v King's
CLS drew 3-3
U15 v London Oratory
CLS won 9-1
U14 v King's
CLS lost 5-2
U14 v Alleyn's
CLS won 6-2
U14 v Haberdasher's
CLS lost 6-0
Well done to all those who played.
JPS



CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDUP

A Love-Hate Relationship

Life is full of annoying things. Like when your train is delayed or you get a pack of wine gums with seven greens in it or when a *Weakest Link* contestant asks to repeat the question and you can't help but wonder why he wasn't listening in the first place?!

It's the same with football; referees and linesmen get it wrong, Ronaldo gets away with a somersaulting dive in the box and the guy sitting next to you can't keep his elbows to himself.

The lower leagues can at times be intolerable, like spending twenty quid to see a match in which two teams hoof the ball from one end to the other resulting in the most boring bore draw of all boring bore draws.

Also the stadiums are shoddy, the toilets unclean, the attendances low, the quality rubbish, the atmosphere bad, the gaffers useless, the players cocky, the pitch awful, the chips cold and I find my head buried in my hands within five minutes of every match.

Still we all insist on going every week because we're hooked, love it and just can't get enough. I like to think of the Championship as the *Oliver Twist* of leagues – it doesn't matter how bad it is, we'll still always ask for more.

Louis Ross 5S
Sports Correspondent

London Results:

Charlton 2-3 **Watford**
C. Palace 2-1 **Preston**
QPR 0-0 **Sheff. Utd**
Huddersfield 1-2 **Milwall**
L. Orient 2-1 **Brighton**
Barnet 3-1 **Chester**
Dag. & Red. 0-2 **Morecambe**
Luton 1-2 **Exeter**
Rotherham 0-0 **Brentford**

