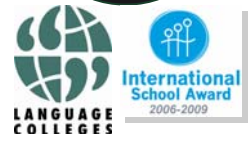


Millais International



December 2008



**RECIPE
APPEAL**



A cookbook with a collection of recipes from around the world is being created to raise money for charity. Recipe contributors will suggest a charity to donate profits to and the most popular will be chosen. Pupils, parents, teachers and staff at Millais school will be donating their favourite tried and tested international recipes along with photos of the finished dish. Our international partner schools will also be sending their own popular traditional dishes.

Deadline for recipes: **Fri 30 Jan 09**

Books available: **Spring 2009**

Recipe forms may be found on the International Links pages on Moodle & the Millais website.

Mrs Dawson

International Cookbook Cover Competition

All year groups are invited to design the front cover for this new cookbook... see Millais website for details.

Deadline: **9 Jan 09**

Year 7 Tutor Teds travel

The Year 7 Tutor Teds have been busy travelling the world. Destinations include Switzerland, France, Italy, Antigua, Isle of Wight, Madeira, London, Manchester, Snowdome and Centre

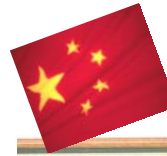


Parcs. We look forward to seeing where they visit over the Christmas holiday. Please see the Millais website (International Links), for each Ted's personal web page, including holiday snaps and travel information,



Sean's Travels is a new webpage featuring Sean and his worldwide travels. Sean is owned by one of the staff at Millais and since visiting China in October, has barely been off an airplane!

Mrs Dawson



Year 11 China Trip



During October half term week, 24 students from Year 11 enjoyed the privilege of staying at TIFERT College in Tianjin, China. We were overwhelmed by the warm hospitality we received from our hosts, many of whom had recently visited Horsham, and all of whom were eager to practise their English.

The girls attended lessons at the vocational college and visited students' homes for an evening meal. We were also lucky enough to have excursions to The Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, The Forbidden City and The Temple of Heaven. (The real one, not the Disney one-that's in Florida!)

In Tianjin, we enjoyed Ancient Cultural Street where we watched calligraphers and jade carvers making personalised scrolls and stamps as gifts for our friends and families back in Horsham.

As we were near to Beijing, we were also able to see the iconic Olympic Bird's Nest stadium and the Water Cube. Near to the college, we visited Tianjin Museum, an astonishing modern building shaped like a swan. (Another link to Horsham?-It's far grander than Swan Walk, but then, over 10 million people live in Tianjin!)

The food was delicious, and by the end of the week, we were all so efficient that we were able to eat Natasha's lovely creamy birthday cake with chopsticks! One surprise was that McDonalds, KFC and pizza places are abundant. (So the girls didn't have any withdrawal symptoms!) The teachers were treated to sliced sea cucumber (jellyfish) and lightly boiled duck's blood among other things, but sadly, the girls weren't offered these delicacies.

All in all it was a truly fantastic trip. The grand finale was an International Evening of dance, drama, music and food in which all the Millais girls performed. It was a wonderful cultural event to cement international friendships. Many, many thanks to all those involved.

Ms Warrack

P.S. Not a lot of people know that:-The last emperor of China lived in Tianjin for the last 8 years of his life, after he was ousted from the Forbid-





Belgium Exchange

From the 5th to the 13th of November we (20 year 9 girls from Millais School) went to Liège in Belgium. Although we were all scared of staying with families we did not know and who spoke only French, the first day went ok. We spent the day in the Collège Episcopal du Sartay with our partner. The school was very different from England. They do not have a tutor time and they stay the whole day in the same classroom. The teachers move from room to room! We spent the weekend with our partner families and most of us met up at the funfair in Liège.

We also enjoyed some days out. We went to Brussels where we toured the city and we saw some typical sights such as the Mannekenpisp (the statue of the fountain of a little naked boy) and the Grand Place.

We also visited Bruges where we climbed the 366 stairs to the top of the Belfry (a clock tower)! But that was just a practice as the next day we climbed 400 stairs in Liege town centre!

We had a fantastic time in Belgium and most of us cried when it was time to leave! We are really looking forward to seeing our partner when they come to Horsham in February 2009.

Emilie Erades (9EDS)

Mount Gambier School Visit

9 students from Mount Gambier school in Australia, were hosted by Millais girls for 1 week in September. The Australian school offers students the opportunity to travel each year. Their month long itinerary included Dubai, France, Horsham, London and Scotland.

The male and female Australian students had the opportunity to shadow their hosts in class, visit Horsham town centre, Arundel Castle and Warnham Nature Reserve.

Despite our poor summer the weather remained warm and sunny during their stay!

Students communicated via email prior to the trip and many have continued this contact after the students returned to Australia. We look forward to future visits from this school.



TRAVEL GUIDES

To support our wide range of exchanges and trips the library has now been improved to include some excellent Dorling Kindersley, Lonely Planet and Bertitz travel guides. Please make the most of these new resources.



Budapest trip 2008

This was a joint project between the History and Mathematics department at the end of October. 20 KS4 students visited the Fazekas Mihaly School in Budapest.

The girls stayed with host families and experienced the Hungarian culture and way of life.

The maths department ran an afternoon workshop for us. Maths the Hungarian way includes problem solving at a high level!

We visited several museums and learned about local history and the life under communism. The visits were organised by the Hungarian students who took us around the city on public transport without help or supervision from their teachers. They had planned and organised the tour completely independently and they turned out to be excellent guides.

We visited the House of Terror which was used in WWII by the Gestapo to interrogate prisoners. The communist secret police then used it and hundreds of people were tortured and murdered in the underground cells. It is now a museum.

The Millais students were excellent ambassadors for our school, coping very well at being away from home in a new environment and with some families speaking very little English. The link between Millais and Fazekas is strong and another exchange is planned for next year.

S. Donjon

Budapest



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Millais hosted an International conference for teachers in October. Schools from around the world presented workshops to teachers from Millais and West Sussex schools. Millais had personal links with 14 of the international partners which included, Denmark, Belgium, Canada, USA, China and Hungary. West Sussex schools participating, invited partners from Spain, Kenya, Germany, France Italy and the Netherlands.



Best practice on education and international topics were shared and further international links formed. It is anticipated this successful event might be repeated annually and hosted by different countries each year.

Mrs Dawson

