



Millais International

Autumn 2009



LANGUAGE COLLEGES



International School Award
2009-2012

Training School



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Millais is delighted to have been awarded the International Schools Award, for the second time. The award, run by the British Council recognises schools with a keen international dimension incorporating international activities into the curriculum.

20 international activities took place throughout the school, between September 2008 to July 2009, including a water consumption project in Science, World Maths Day and a multicultural food project. Over 700 schools applied this year compared to half this number in 2008.

Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Springer attended the award ceremony, held in London on 16 Oct 2009, and was presented with the award by news presenter George Alagiah.



Danish Exchange September 2009

25 Year 8 pupils hosted Danish students from our longstanding partner school Karise Skole, in September. The students visited London, Portsmouth, Horsham as well as some interesting outings with their host families at the weekend. The return visit to Denmark will take place next summer.

European Day of Languages Journée européenne des langues 26.09

Year 8 Spanish students visited Kingslea Primary School in September to support the school celebrating the European Day of Languages. As some Millais girls were also hosting Danish students during this week, they were invited along too. Children from Kingslea were able to learn some Spanish and Danish.

The ISA celebrates it's 10th anniversary this year



- Developing and celebrating the international dimension
- Open to all UK schools and it's free of charge!
- Over 10,000 schools have gained ISA recognition since 1999!

Evie Hull in year 11 has been elected as one of only four Article 12 Advisors for UNICEF in the Country. This is not only a fantastic opportunity for Evie but a unique first for Millais School. She will attend training and 'Child Friendly Communities Advisory Committee' meetings throughout the coming year at UNICEF House in London, all of which will be in her own time.

Article 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child says that children and young people have the right to say what they think should happen on decisions that affect them, and to have their opinions taken into account.

UNICEF have been looking for young people from across the UK who want to speak out on behalf of other young people. Evie will have the chance to make a real difference for young people, get training and support and meet new people.

Evie was short listed as one of just twenty candidates from across the UK and attended an interview in London during October half term. She demonstrated she had the communication, teamwork and presentation skills required for the post and a passion for improving outcomes for children and realising children's rights in the UK.

Well done Evie!



Do you speak European



"Who speaks for the young people of Europe?" Year 11 pupils beat off opposition from across West Sussex to become runners up in this competition run by the Assembly of European Regions (AER).

The AER launched this exciting new competition in 2008, which gives young people the opportunity to explore for themselves what it means to be a part of Europe. 'Do You Speak European?' is a public speaking and personal expression contest which gives teams of young people between the ages of 14 and 18 the opportunity to prepare and present their views on the question: 'What does Europe mean to you?'

After each presentation, other teams asked questions and members of the panel provided feedback on the presentation.

From left to right, Faye Lord, Chelsea Johnson, Xante Wilson, Charlotte Rodriguez, Jessica Ashman, Evie Hull and Hannah Brock represented Millais including a dance and Powerpoint for their presentation. They were delighted to come 2nd in the regional heat, held in September this year.



SEAN'S TRAVELS

Follow Sean's Travels on the international page of the Millais website. Sean has now visited over 15 destinations around the world—in just 1 year! He is frequently photographed in restaurants, savouring the local cuisine. These photos are from his summer break to Kalkan in Turkey. *Learn a little about the world through Sean's experiences:*

www.millais.co.uk/Seans-Travels.aspx



Science



The Global Classroom
PROJECT



Millais was invited to take part in **The Global Classroom Project** where children from around the world became scientists for 10 days. 300 schools from countries such as USA, China, Brazil, Argentina, Japan, South America, Bolivia, Egypt, Spain, Germany, Australia, Great Britain, Iceland, Denmark and Sweden participated in one of the world's largest scientific projects for children.

For 10 days from the 28th September to the 7th October 2009, the homes of the children involved were transformed into scientific measuring stations!

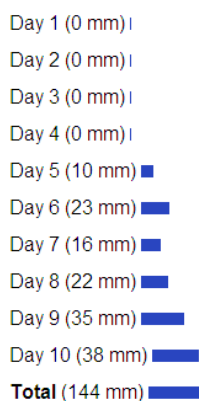
Students measured the amount of rain that fell every day over this period and recorded their results. Back in school we collated each classes results and put our findings onto the project website.

On the website the pupils were able to compare their results with other children – both with the students in other classes at Millais and with and with pupils from the schools around the world. Take a look at:

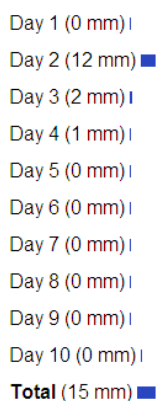
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Rainfall results may be compared between participating schools, countries and classes

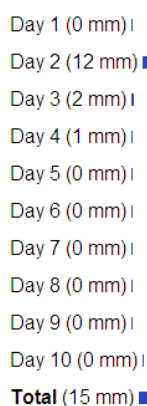
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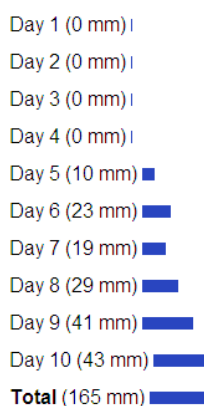
Hong Kong Academy



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JADE'S VISIT TO MEXICO



Earlier this year I was selected to take part on a 3 week international trip to Mexico, in the summer, to work with families who are less fortunate than us. Over the past year I had to raise the money to make this trip happen through a series of fundraising events.

When I was there I worked with the charity Vamos. Vamos is an organisation that works with the poor people of Mexico to provide food, medical help and shelter. While I was there I painted a day centre and a kitchen and prepared meals for the families. By taking out a range of supplies such as arts and soaps we gave the children the opportunity to play with crafts that they normally would not be able to do. I also took part in major rubbish clean up session around one of the schools that the children attended, and then played games with them. The best part of my trip was seeing how much they appreciated the help we gave them.

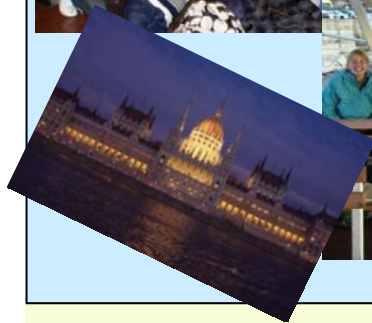
JADE WILKINSON Year 11



Hungarian Exchange 2009



We first met our exchanges as they came grinning through arrivals in Gatwick in June, and little did we know how much fun our exchange would be. They spent one week in England staying with us and experiencing English lifestyle; thankfully, the weather was absolutely gorgeous! We spent hours after school lazing in the sunshine in the park- we went laser-questing, bowling, swimming and many of us did lots of other activities with our exchanges. They came to school with us, which was strange for them as they had never experienced an all girls' school before! They gave presentations about communism in Hungary in perfect English and had a day out in London that they said they loved! The seven days



seemed too short, and as we waved them off at Gatwick airport, we couldn't wait for our return visit!

We spent 5 nights in Hungary, in October, leaving Sunday evening and returning Friday evening. We managed to go everywhere, from marzipan to science to Hungarian history museums. We visited the House of Terror, a very thought provoking place where the Hungarian secret police carried out their investigations during the Cold War. We visited The Hungarian Houses of Parliament, Heroes Square and the Fisherman's Bastion, a viewing point with stunning views of the city. Our exchanges and host families made us feel very welcome, organising activities for us like a boat trip down the Danube at night, chocolate fondues and bowling. It was an amazing week; one we will never forget.

Not only was the Budapest trip great fun but it was also an amazing experience where we all learnt a lot. We added to our knowledge about communism and learnt more about the Hungarian history from trips to various museums. One exchange even gave us a demonstration of traditional Hungarian dance which we all enjoyed! By spending time with our host families we also noticed the cultural differences between our countries. School life was very different, there was no uniform and classes seemed more relaxed. All of our exchanges were very intelligent even though they didn't start school until they were six years old. Another difference was how they lived. Only a couple of the exchanges lived in large houses, the rest living in small flats. After being in Budapest for five days everyone was very tired though would have been willing to stay in Hungary for a few more days!

French theatre visit YEAR 9—OCT 09



The play is set in France in Jean Paul's bedroom!

Jean Paul is 16 years old and unlike his mates he does not have a girlfriend. He cannot understand why he is single. Jean-Paul knows he can't afford to be too particular but there is one girl, Angelique, whom he really likes. But he is way too shy to approach her and he is sure she would not be interested in him. Jean-Paul needs to stand out from the crowd - he needs to be noticed, he needs identity. One evening, to Jean Paul's complete amazement, his bedroom window opens and in bursts "Make-Over Girl". She is a sort of free advice service for single teenagers... Jean Paul is about to get a completely new look—whether he likes it or not and his evening is about to get even more bizarre.....

NEXT EDITION



ITALIAN EXCHANGE



4-13 November, Year 10 pupils completed their Italian exchange with their return trip to Italy. They visited Bologna, Florence, Venice and Ferrara. Photos and details will be featured in the next edition of Millais International.