

Millais International

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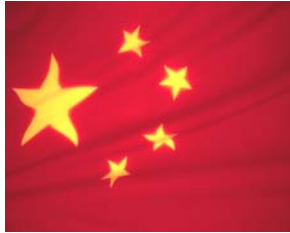
Languages in the workplace

Parents will be visiting the school in the Autumn term to talk to pupils about how languages have benefited them in their career.

Parents who wish to get involved may contact Mrs Dawson email: rdawson@wsgfl.org.uk

China Update

The China display boards opposite Main School Hall have been updated and now include some interesting facts and information about this fascinating country, as well as information on the Beijing Olympics.



Money was raised during Activities Week for the China Earthquake victims fund. Pupils had the opportunity to win Beijing 2008 collectors badges, mascot dolls and a mug.

Mrs Dawson



Internationalism across the curriculum

In July, Millais school organised an afternoon event attended by 17 teachers from local primary and secondary schools, interested in finding out more about the International Schools Award. Speakers included John Rolfe from the British Council, Christie Cavallo from Southwater Infant School and teachers from Millais shared international ideas and projects currently taking place. A number of teachers also spoke enthusiastically about the benefit of their time spent in schools abroad on TIPD (Teachers in Professional Development) visits.

Mrs Springer



Flamenco Club visit Southwater Infants School

Four year seven pupils from the Millais School Flamenco club accompanied by our Spanish assistant, Carolina Lleo Guerrero, performed a short lively dance for the pupils of Southwater Infants School. The younger pupils were then taught a few Flamenco steps by Carolina and the girls.

They were all very engaged and lots of Flamenco fun was had by all! The Year seven girls involved were: Alex Rawlins, Georgia Taylor, Julia Inglis-Taylor and Helen Cockcroft.

Miss Scourfield



FAIRTRADE TEXTILES

Roshie Watkins talked to yr 10 textiles GCSE students about methods of decorating fabrics e.g. batik, tie-dye, appliqué, and described various methods of

embroidering textiles many of which are specific to specific parts of India. She showed many beautiful textiles including clothing, cushions and a lovely wedding sari in the traditional red with silver and gold embroidery.

She then went on to give a presentation on Fair Trade in general, explaining how beneficial it is to many, many small communities around the world. Her own products are sourced individually in India. There is a

strong link between the British Women's Institute and British Fair Trade organisations, and she surprised us with the information that there are a number of Fair Trade producers in the UK, including the surprising and enterprising production of recycled paper from sheep's dung!

Ms Warrack

Danish Exchange

After an early start and a 2 hour flight, 16 Millais girls and 5 Forest boys, arrived at Copenhagen Airport where their host families welcomed them warmly. An enriching programme of activities was organised for our students. They had the opportunity to discover the history of Copenhagen supported by a visit to the town. The students then had a challenge set for them, learning basic Danish sentences and they have to be congratulated for their great effort and successful completion of this task. After studying and researching Danish early history, the group visited the camp of Lejre where they were involved in diverse activities such as oat grinding, baking bread and canoeing. This trip to Denmark was more than a school trip, it was a discovery of people, their culture and their country.



Mr Stevenoot

Tutor Teds to Travel...

A mascot ted will represent the 12 new Year 7 Tutor groups in September. These eager to travel Teds were distributed amongst Year 6 girls during their induction day in July. They will take it in turns to escort them on holiday and school trips in the UK and abroad, during their first year at Millais. There will be some tough competition for the most travelled Ted and we look forward to enhancing our knowledge of the world through each Ted's experience. The Millais website will include interactive maps as well as some entertaining holiday snaps. Mrs Dawson



Millais School to host the world

Millais School will be hosting an International Conference in October '08. Headteachers from around the world will be attending this event to focus on the progress being made in preparing pupils to cope in a globalised world.

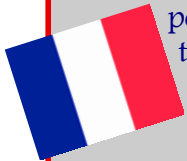


Bastille Day

On the 14th of July year 7 pupils celebrated the French National holiday Bastille Day which signalled the beginning of the French Revolution and the beginning of the French Republic.

The girls and staff all wore red white and blue to put us in the mood. To start the day we had a delicious French breakfast, the girls decorated their tables in red white and blue and were encouraged to talk in French. The girls then watched a powerpoint presentation about the origins of the day and how it is celebrated in France. Finally they produced a short play on the topic and the best entries competed for the final grand prize. The productions were all of a high standard and resulted in a very entertaining afternoon.

Mrs Gilling



During Activities Week the annual trip to France took place for Year 7 pupils. We left school bright and early at 6.15am and travelled to Dover to catch the ferry for France. In the morning we visited St Joseph, a village where buildings from the region have been carefully preserved as they were in the 1950's. After a hot lunch in the restaurant we were off to Auchan, a shopping complex nearby where girls were able to practice their French whilst buying ice-creams, French food and souvenirs. We arrived back at 10.15pm, tired but happy!



Mrs Gilling

Activities Week goes INTERNATIONAL



International Masterchef

The aroma of international cuisine dominated the school during the 3 day International Masterchef experience. Crêpes, fruit coulis and curry were just some of the dishes being created during this mouth watering activity. Budding chefs selected recipes, shopped for ingredients and shared a buffet meal on the third day.

Miss Witt