



Millais International

Summer 2010



Reach Out Zambia



Millais School has joined forces with Baraka Community Partnerships and are aiming to raise money for the village of Katube in Zambia.

We have 2 fundraising aims:



NEW SCHOOL FOR KATUBE

We are hoping to raise enough funds to build a school for the children of Katube and the surrounding communities and have set a target of **£5,000**. Each tutor group has been challenged to fundraise £100 by October half term. There will also be an out of school uniform day and sponsored events in the PE department this summer.



Beginners Chinese for Parents

Ms Yin has been teaching Chinese to keen parents since January with sessions running twice a week. **15 dedicated parents were put through their paces learning a challenging new language.**

We started from scratch and have worked through ten units covering the basic topics in Mandarin. We have looked at various aspects of the country, its people, the traditions, the philosophies, the current issues... and there have been quite a few interesting discussions. The parents have enjoyed the activities we do in the sessions and some of them try very hard to practise the vocab and conversations not only in the lesson but at home as well. I think it has been a challenging and worthwhile experience for them, and me.

5th UK national Chinese essay/story writing competition



A couple of months ago four year 10 girls took part in this competition launched by The UK Association for the Promotion of Chinese Education. All of them won prizes, one second prize and three third prizes under the non-native speakers category. It is a great achievement considering the length of time they have been studying and how competitive the competition was. Their hard work has been paid off and I am very proud of them.

Ms Yin

FUNDRAISING UPDATE....7LDS HAVE ALREADY NEARLY DOUBLED THEIR TARGET WITH DONATIONS OF £190

MALARIA NETS

To prevent the children from contracting malaria, we aim to raise money for 700 mosquito nets to cover every sleeping space in Katube village. Please help us reach our target, £2.50 buys one malaria net and for a limited period we are benefiting from 2 for the price of 1! You can donate online from the Millais website - select the Against Malaria icon on the Zambia project page or cash donation boxes can be found in Main Reception, the Staff Room and Mitex Reception.



Find out how we're doing so far....

wall display opposite the Main School Hall, the Millais website & Moodle

Exchange Programme

Denmark - May



22 Year 8 pupils enjoyed a fantastic week in Denmark and great weather too. I was delighted to take part this year alongside Mr Shepherd and Mrs Lambie. We had a busy week visiting Malmo in Sweden, Roskilde Viking Museum, Copenhagen, Tivoli Gardens and Faxe limestone quarry, as well as immersing ourselves in Danish culture. Cheese and jam appeared to be a popular combination and what we know as Danish pastries, are referred to as bread from Vienna. From the evaluations coming in it appears that Tivoli Gardens was the most popular day trip. Luckily no one was sick despite the death defying rides combined with sweets and ice creams! Our partner school Karise Skole were wonderful hosts and offered our pupils an unforgettable cultural experience. We will shortly be looking for hosts for the next exchange from current year 7 pupils.

- I really enjoyed the Danish exchange. I thought it was very well organised and the events planned during the week were very interesting. Thank you!
- I loved it all and thought the BBQ was really fun!
- I miss Denmark and everyone new I met. I want to go back, it was sooo much FUN! Denmark is the best!!!

Mrs Dawson



Hungary - June & October



Fazekas Mihály Gymnasium

20 Hungarian students will visit Millais in June and will have the opportunity to experience the English educational system and learn about English life. In October Millais pupils will return to Budapest where they'll experience Hungarian food, attend school and go on several excursions. Details of the visit will be featured in the autumn edition of Millais International.

Spain - March & May



On 16th March, a group of 34 Year 10 Millais pupils and 3 boys from The Forest School set off for the annual exchange trip to Madrid with our partner school, El Colegio Montpellier. During the 10 days spent in Madrid, our Spanish hosts arranged visits to the main tourist attractions of the city, including the Real Madrid Football Stadium, El Palacio Real and the Prado and Sofia art museums. We also visited World Heritage sites, including the university town of Alcalá de Henares, El Escorial and the city of Toledo. We returned to England with some wonderful memories, and looked forward to welcoming our partners on English soil. Despite a slight delay to their return visit, due to the Icelandic volcanic eruptions, the students of El Colegio Montpellier finally arrived in England. They thoroughly enjoyed their stay in Horsham and the hospitality received from their host families. The Spanish Exchange was once again a great success. Our students hopefully improved their language skills, learnt about Spanish culture, and, more importantly, developed great friendships with their Spanish partners.



El Palacio Real

Mrs Smith

Germany - June



Rachael Pratt - Me and 7 other Year 10 Millais girls and 6 Forest boys went to Lage in Germany for a week. It's Horsham's twin town and is only slightly smaller than Horsham. We stayed with German families, who were all very kind to us and made us feel very welcome. We went to Cologne, Paderborn and Munster. We also spent one night in school too and spent the weekend with our host family. I liked Munster best because the guided tour taught us a lot about the area and was very interesting. We learnt lots of things about the cathedral there and about the 3 cages at the spire that contained corpses of 3 leaders of the Munster Rebellion in the 1500's. It was very fascinating but kind of gory. We went swimming in Paderborn where there were slides and outdoor pools and had fun in the computer museum where there were robots, old video games you could play on, cameras and computers to play with, including things like the first ever Mac! We did some shopping in Cologne and went to a Lindt chocolate factory which was pretty cool. We generally had such a great time in Germany. I would recommend it and am really surprised that less than 20 pupils from Millais and Forest wanted to go! It was seriously something I will always remember and I was surprised at how modern the housing was in Germany. It's such a beautiful place and the people are lovely. Now we have our German students over here and we hope we can give them just as much a good time as they did for us. I am very happy that I went and hope that more students go in the future.

Pauline Becker (Rachael's exchange student) Me and 15 classmates have come to Horsham and are staying here for 8 days. I think the houses in England are very cool and it's very different from Lage. I am looking forward to going to London and I am most excited to go on the London Eye. I enjoyed having the English students in Germany and to come to England too. It's a good experience and it is good to practise your English that you have learned in school, and people from England can teach you new slang words or how to speak English properly and it helps with learning English. We will have lots of fun and I am happy to be here.



Paderborn Town

Italy - June



In 2001 the first exchange took place between Millais School and pupils from the city of Ferrara, northern Italy. Over the years more than a hundred girls discovered beautiful places and a different way of life. Ferrara is situated near the sea, it is a beautiful town. From there it is possible to visit Bologna, Venice, Florence and other interesting places. Many of the girls, who participated in the exchange continued to study Italian and some now even work in Italy.

Signora Alberta Iannotta

Due to a limited number of hosts this year we have been unable to run the return trip to Italy. Our Italian partners did however come to Millais for 11 days in June and had an exciting schedule visiting; London, Hever Castle, Christ's Hospital and Tunbridge Wells.



Making friends on e-Twinning

Year 10 pupils from Millais and a group of 9th grade pupils from the Robert-Jungk-Oberschule, Berlin are in contact via the e-twinning website. Each month we set up a new activity on the website, and produce an end result. In December, we exchanged "Christmas Boxes" full of British and German treats, and the Robert-Jungk pupils had lots of fun unwrapping the Christmas Box from England.

The girls from the year 10 German class have continued their e-mail contact with the pupils from Berlin, sending a box of Easter goodies and filming a video about our school. In May, the German students made a 5 day visit to England and attended school with our students. There were also several joint excursions, including a successful trip to see the Lion King in London, visits to London and Brighton at the weekend and a picnic after school in Horsham Park. It is hoped that our pupils will keep in touch with their new friends and make their own way to Berlin to see how a German school compares with what we have here.



Cultural experience for Kingslea Primary School

The Philippine girls I took to Kingslea initially didn't tell their audience which country they were from. Instead one told a short excerpt from a well known fairy tale in their own language whilst the other girls acted out the scene. Consequently the children were able to correctly identify the story then eventually guessed their nationality.

The girls showed and explained the meaning of their country's flag; a couple of them were wearing traditional costume and explained this also. They showed a map to locate the Philippines, pictures of a traditional house, typical foods, money and animals.

They also sang their national anthem and had the words translated into English. They made and played some traditional games with the children and finally taught them how to sing and do the actions to the song "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes", all in the Philippine language.

Mr Skinner



We are now offering **cultural experiences** to local primary schools. Pupils from our international partner schools will deliver cultural presentations to our neighbouring primary schools, when they're here on an exchange or visit. These will commence in September with our Australian and Chinese partners.



Japanese link

In June, we hosted 7 visitors from Ashikita Town in Japan. The visitors included business officials, junior and high school teachers and Ashikita town representatives. The delegation toured the school, observed a Year 9 Japanese lesson and spent some time speaking with Year 10 and 11 students studying Japanese. We hope to forge a partnership with Yunoura Secondary School and consider ways in which we can work together in the future.



welcoming international students

Would your family enjoy introducing someone from another country to your way of life?

There are international students from all over the world at universities in the UK: they speak English and most are in their 20's. They would love to spend a weekend sharing your family life in order to understand more about the UK. You could have fun introducing them to British food, customs, your local community and area; and you could learn about their country and culture. This is an opportunity to make friends across international boundaries. Geography comes alive, and afterwards, any news bulletin about your guest's country will have much more meaning.

HOST is a national charity, backed by the Foreign Office, which has been linking students with volunteer hosts for many years. See www.hostuk.org or call Rosemary Cole, the voluntary organiser in Sussex on 01903 814022.

World Maths Day

3 March 2010

World Maths Day takes place over a 48 hour period and schools from around the world can take part. Students can play at home and at school and compete against students around the world, in live games of mental arithmetic. This year we had 475 girls taking part in the practice rounds. They managed to answer over 130,000 questions correctly. For the actual event 254 students took part and answered almost 94,000 questions correctly. The top score was 63 questions in one minute by Sheaba Philip in 7CLR.



Players from Australia won both the 9-13 and 14-18 year olds category



Lessons were dedicated to World Maths Day where pupils could play against schools around the world.



Pupils can see which countries they're playing against



Each game lasts just 60 seconds, pupils have a few seconds to answer each question

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Players can see how they are performing against their competitors throughout the quiz



At the end of the quiz players can see a summary of their answers and find out who won!

Success Stories

Alison Raynard won the UK-German Connection Christmas competition with her story 'Weihnachten...alleine'. Alexandra won a prize, a certificate and her story featured on the UK German Connection website.



BRITISH AIRWAYS

Millais has been awarded a plaque and £100 from BA for the 2nd highest number of passes in the UK from pupils taking their BA Flag Awards in French, German, Spanish and Italian.

As many parents will already be aware, the Horsham District Twinning Association has supported Millais School in various ways in the past. It has made financial contributions to the school exchange group in Lage, Germany our twin town, and has donated Language prizes for French and German. There are also two competitions open to the young people of the town, namely a DVD/video competition for pupils in Key Stage 3 and an essay competition for the Sixth Formers.

This year one group of our Year 9 pupils, Eleanor Smith and Rosie Robinson entered the French video competition, in which they had to make a presentation on how they fill their leisure time. Their presentation, which had to last between 4 and 8 minutes, being of a high standard, was chosen for third prize. As part of their prize, they were invited to meet the Chairman of Horsham District Council for tea and receive their certificates in the Council Chamber. Congratulations to both girls.

Horsham District Twinning Association

Eleanor Smith and Councillor Brian Donnelly, Chairman of Horsham District Council



Photo courtesy of Horsham District Council