

Bulletin



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Rice Bowl Funds Feed the hungry

During a recent assembly attended by all the Senior School Students, Mr. Matt Kellar, a representative from the World Food Programme, gave an illustrated talk highlighting the plight of thousands of hungry children worldwide. This was followed by a question and answer session and the presentation of a cheque for €1020, which had been raised by all students in the Senior school when they exchanged their normal lunch for a bowl of rice. Such an effective event helps raise awareness as well as providing funds to help address the problem.

The photo shows a group of St George's students (apologies to those of you who took part and who are not in the photo!) who participated in the annual



'Walk the World' event organised by WFP. This took place on Sunday 13th May and involved a walk through the centre of Rome, coinciding with thousands of other walkers world-wide who were doing the same thing; raising awareness of the world's hungry children.

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Walk the World Sunday 13 May, 2007

Poem of the month

April 16th

Scarlet faces, April 16th

Live from CNN:

"Sure is terrible, Jack."

"Who shall we blame, John?"

"Well, I don't know, Jack."

"Gotta find someone, John."

"Not the guns, Jack."

"Not the guns, John!"

The chicken laid the egg.

Chicken from the egg.

Egg made the chicken.

Egg came from chicken.

Guns

Breed violence

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Violence

Breeds scarlet faces, April 16th.

Morten Jacobsen

The Bulletin

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- Friday 8 June
- Tuesday 26 June

Contributors are asked to send copy to arrive by the **Friday** before the publication date.



School Uniform, 2007/8 onwards

30th April 2007

Dear Parents,

Following my end-of-term letter to you, last term, I am now writing to confirm that we are changing our school uniform arrangements for 2007/8 onwards. As of June 9th you can order the uniform on-line from our new UK uniform supplier: National Schoolwear Centres plc. They supply uniforms on-line to around 1500 schools in the UK.

There are a number of reasons why we are taking this route. Firstly, the prices are significantly lower than at present, with no deterioration in quality. Indeed, an improvement will be evident in many of the uniform items. Secondly (even though prices are lower) the uniform items will carry the school logo, which will allow us to police uniform far more effectively than at present and improve dramatically the uniformity of our uniform. Thirdly, availability of stock will improve very significantly: National Schoolwear Centres undertake to process the order within 7 working days – and in practice usually much less. Fourthly, I feel that this is an entirely logical direction to go in this new century. By its nature, a school uniform must have one supplier, and therefore the on-line option is by far the most convenient for most of our parents. Many of our new parents will benefit enormously from purchasing on-line, because they do not have to be in Rome to do so, for example. You can order on-line via a link on our website – or it will be possible to order by fax, should you so wish.

There will hopefully be two shops (one near Nomentana and one near La Storta) that will stock uniform for emergencies and as an alternative. Prices will, of course, be higher at these shops.

To a large extent, the new uniform will be broadly similar to the present one. However, we are taking the opportunity to make a few changes. The jersey is phased out, to be replaced by sweat-shirts and/or fleeces. In the senior school, the striped collar shirts are being replaced with polo shirts. In recognition that Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11) have different needs – and grow faster! – than others, we will not oblige them to wear the uniform trousers, but will accept a range of local versions with guidelines.

There will be a one-year transition period, in order to keep costs down for parents, where the current uniform and the new uniform will be both allowable. From September 2008, only the new uniform will be allowable. We are going to take this opportunity – indeed, this is one of the reasons for the change – to become more strict about uniform.

I believe that the new system will prove cost-effective for parents, more efficient, easier to police and will significantly improve the appearance of our pupils. I also believe it to be a 21st century solution.

You are welcome to send in comments or questions to me about this. I would ask you to delay any purchases of uniform, other than for emergencies, for next September until 9th June when you can order the new uniform on-line. Samples of the new uniform will be available for viewing in advance at reception in Nomentana, La Storta Junior School and the Senior School as of June 1st. Nuts and bolts details, prices, etc will be sent to you in advance of 9th June by National Schoolwear Centres via our new intranet.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Nicholas Johnson



Dads' Football Match

Forget the Champions League Final or the final matches in the English Premiership! The "real" football match of the month of May had to be the annual St. George's Dads' Football match between La Storta and Nomentana.

This year, due to the very large number of Dads who played, we organised ourselves into a 3 match tournament, with La Storta dividing themselves into 2 teams ("the Azzurri" and "the Rossi").

Each game was highly competitive and a great deal of skill and technique was shown within all teams.

After the first game, which saw a very strong "La Storta Blue" team dominate Nomentana, it was the turn of "La Storta Reds" to take on Nomentana. This was a more even game although the players of Nomentana clearly found it hard playing 2 games "back to back" and as the 2nd

game wore on, "La Storta Reds" built a strong lead and went on to win convincingly. This meant that Game 3, against the 2 La Storta teams, effectively became the Final and was played as a final. Both teams played strongly with some good skills and teamwork on show for the large crowd which came to support all of the Dads.

In the end, the Blues took more and more control of the game and in the end, the Blues won a deserved victory.

There were also a number of good personal performances, notably from Mr. Gordon, with a hat-trick in his first game and Mr. Fisichella who scored and assisted in the final game.

It was a wonderful way to start the May Fair and seemed to be enjoyed by both players and the crowd alike.

GP



Dads' Football Match

Picture taken by Edoardo Mancini, Year 4 NJS

Message from the Principal about Parking

We have conducted a trial parking experiment over the past few weeks, whereby all minibuses park below the main gate. On balance, I feel that this experiment has been successful: it has certainly impacted positively both on congestion and on safety at the Cathedral end of the school. In consequence, we will make this arrangement permanent, and I would be grateful if parents would ensure that the minibuses are indeed able to park below the main entrance.

NJ



Dates for Your Diary

- ◆ **Monday 21 May, 2007**
May Week (senior school)
Creative Activities Week (LSJS & NJS)
- ◆ **Friday 15 June, 2007**
Sports Morning LSJS
- ◆ **Friday 22 June, 2007**
Exam marking Day (no school for senior pupils except those taking Italian State Exams)
Open Morning LSJS
- ◆ **Wednesday 27 June, 2007**
Summer Term Ends (12.30)
- ◆ **Tuesday 4 September, 2007**
New Pupils' Day (includes all Year 7s and Year 12s) but **not** NJS
- ◆ **Wednesday 5 September, 2007**
Autumn Term Begins



Y3 LSJS visit Buona Terra Farm in Umbria where they learn how to milk sheep, make cheese and much more!

Year 3's Residential trip is a very special one, simply because for most of the children it is their first time away from home on their own. Buona Terra Farm



provides the perfect setting for this experience because it has all the excitement of the farm combined with a well-structured and educational environment where Dino and Anna, along with their staff Simona, Fabrizio and Barbara are intent on making the children aware of farm-based skills such as milking, feeding the animals and taking them to pasture, as well as some important life skills including recycling, putting others' needs before their own when they serve and clear away at meal times and above all, learning the main rule of the farm: 'Respect', which includes respect for the animals too! The



children's diary entries will give you some idea of the activities they took part in and just how much they enjoyed the

trip, so do read on.... CW

Today we smelled different herbs, they smelled delicious and we picked some. We also milked cows and sheep, we had a great time. We went up the hill with the goats and sheep, some of us were tired but Dominic and Kevin were not tired. We served tea and made some types of tea.

Anubhuti Jain

Today me and my group went first to make cheese then we went to a herb garden. Next we had lunch, after lunch we played 'Hide and Seek' and



'Catchers', After that we had a group meeting and they told us what to do. Next we made pizza, after we went around the house to feed the animals. Finally we had dinner. Good night!

Joyce Papitto

Today we went on another adventure in the farm. We went in the herb garden to pick flowers. We put them in a vase of water then we went to milk the cows. We went to make cheese with the milk we had milked. We played on the two bridges, one made of rope and one made of wood. I found the wooden one quite hard. My favourite animal was the horse and I liked the nice plants as well.

Sophia Gazzara



Today we went to bring the sheep in the mountains. We brought the goats too. When we arrived we went to see the frogs pond and I saw a frog on the water. It was green and had a brown stripe down his back. It looked slimy. Then we went to play. Then we went to tea. After we took the goats and the sheep down from the mountains and we milked the sheep. Their teats were sticky and when milk came out it splashed all over you. Then we fed the goats. We didn't milk them because when the babies drink the milk they eat it all.

Carolina Nanni

I enjoyed everything but I particularly liked the pigs best because of the noise they made. It was like a snort. I also liked the rabbits but we had to be careful



because the mum was jealous of the babies and if we were too loud the mum would eat them.

Dominic Atherton



Year 10 Pescasseroli Fieldtrip

What is the best way to spend a holiday?

Well, as the Year 10 geographers found out, there's nothing better than going to a 'honey pot' town and collecting data for your Geography coursework. Setting off on Monday morning, after the kitchens provided 40 lunches in record time (thank you!),

last, it didn't cloud the joyous spirit of Year 10, who came to breakfast armed and ready to collect the remaining data required. Taking to the streets for the final time, yet more data was collected, people questioned, photographs taken and ice creams eaten. Thank you to all the Year 10s for their hard work and outstanding behaviour,



Mr Lock, Mr Rogers, Ms Blake and Year 10 were all looking forward to getting stuck into questionnaires, traffic counts, pedestrian counts and mapping land use. The scenic bus route allowed us all time to relax and prepare for some hard work, which the Year 10s undertook in a brilliant and mature way. The tourists were helpful and the local people were honest, giving us a plethora of information and data to process.

The evening allowed us time to collate our findings so far and discuss a myriad of geographical ideas and issues that had arisen. After a wonderful evening meal and a few games we all went to bed feeling satisfied.

Although the next day was our

and for providing some excellent opportunities for "whilst you were sleeping" pictures on the long sleepy bus journey back to St George's!

VB

Drama News

Year 7, 8 and 9 Drama Club students are working on short scenes. They will perform the scenes after the exams in June.

Year 10 GCSE Drama students will be performing a 'Promenade Theatre Piece' which will involve the audience moving around the school, in June. The piece is a combination of scripted and devised scenes.

Year 11 GCSE Drama students will perform a showcase of the Year 11 Final Scenes on Monday, May 28th at 4:30pm and 7:00pm. JC

Lazio Rugby Comes to Nomentana.

This week coaches from Lazio Rugby club have been taking P.E. lessons at NJS. Working with pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 the aim is to introduce the sport to junior school boys and girls. The children have responded with great enthusiasm and NJS is hoping to take a group of pupils to a Lazio training session later in the term. After the recent success of the Italian Rugby team in the 6 Nations, this joint venture between the club and the school hopes to build on the interest generated.

MB



Rugby at NJS



Convincing Win

The senior basketball team recently played at St. Stephen's and ran out comfortable winners by 24 points. The game showed the great progress that has been made by the group.

The first quarter saw St George's dominate from the first whistle creating numerous opportunities through quick accurate passing and intelligent movement off the ball. The lead however could have been greater if the shooting had been better.

Partly as a result of the first quarter dominance the team seemed to relax and did not show any kind of killer instinct and although they led 31 v 13 at the half the quality of basketball played in the quarter did not match the large gap in points.

In the third quarter a mini re-

vival by St Stephen's soon forced the team back into concentration and the final quarter saw a more focused and determined performance with only 4 points conceded and 15 gained.

Greater concentration and

improved shooting would have helped but the large margin of victory deserves praise. Overall a much better display, especially the passing, movement and rebounding. Well done to all concerned.

PL



Senior School Sports Clubs—Summer Term

All clubs/activities will run until the end of term

We are also hoping to offer some Table Tennis, Badminton, and maybe some Golf – more info to follow soon.

	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
<u>LUNCHTIME</u> <u>ACTIVITIES</u>		Tennis (invite by RA)		Tennis (invite by RA)	Football (5 a-side) (see Mr Ellison)
<u>AFTER</u> <u>SCHOOL</u> <u>ACTIVITIES</u>	Staff Meetings No Clubs	Basketball KS4/6th Boys (PL)	Football Senior Girls (LJ)	Football KS3 Boys (GE)	Volleyball 6th mixed (HA)
		Football Y7/8 Girls (LJ)	Hockey Y7-13 (PL)	Cricket Y5 upwards (Mr Murray)	Football Senior Girls (LJ)
		Touch Rugby Y6/7/8 Boys (KR/GE)	Tennis KS3 Girls (see Miss Latimer if you're keen)	Basketball Girls (see Mr Lambsdale)	
		Volleyball KS4 mixed (Y8/9's by invitation) (HA)	Softball (it's like baseball!) All welcome (GE)		Staff Sport Football and Tennis



Wanted

A second-hand fridge for the Dragon School. Please contact Mrs Tisone in the Junior School 06 30860082 or susie.tisone@stgeorge.school.it or Ms. Gardener in the Dragon school if you have one to sell/donate.

Extra Virgin Olive Oil



At €40:00 for 5 litres) or 1 litre €8:50 Gaeta Olives from €6.50 per kilo, Spicy Olives from €7.50 per kilo, olive tappenade €4 for 200g jar. Contact Bam at school on bam.saccoccio@stgeorge.school.it or Tel: 380 5400205

Wanted

English speaking Au Pair needed for July for our friends, Italian family, 3 kids, at Porto Santo Stefano (Argentario), two hours drive from Rome. Please contact Elena 335 8021292



To Let

Appartment for rent in a complex, Via di Grottarossa 2 bedrooms, living room, bathroom & kitchen, communal garden, parking space. 1000 Euros per month, condominium & central heating included. For more info call Daniele Dattilo on 339 39 16 961 or email ddattilo@aosr.org

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DJ FOR HIRE

Year 13 student available for private events as DJ. Senior school/adult parties only. Equipment includes two Numark CDJ's, Behringer 5-channel mixer, Peavey Pro sound system w/2X500W subwoofers and 2X400W head speakers, 4-channel 600W amp, Cyberbeam red laser, Antari smoke machine, 4XUV tubes, Aquatic FX light, mic, mascot hamster :) Phone Martin Jacobsen 338 1514818, €80 for whole night.

Cleaner / Housekeeper

available. Honest, hard working, Italian speaking, lovely lady available for 15 hours a week, Monday to Friday. Has papers and car. Our move back to UK means she must find alternative. Also works for another school Mum, so references easily available. Tel: Hilary Short on 06 30881080 or 346 6840365

Moving on?

Dealing with change, saying goodbye, coping with it all. The FSG have organised an interactive forum presented by cross-cultural psychologist Darylle Monnington covering issues arising from moving.. Please meet at the school tuck shop on Tuesday 29 May at 4pm For more information please call 333 5339290.

DRUMS FOR SALE

"Pearl" drums - brown - good conditions full set of 5 drums and 3 cymbals + stool (new ride new crash +new stand+new charlestone stand+new stool) Please contact Giovanni 339 6 1 5 5 4 7 2 / 0 6 3 0 8 9 3 3 1 8 (evening hours)

Oriental products and Indian food specialities "Vishu" has moved to Via Trionfale 14073

(angolo Via Cassia). 100 m from La Giustiniana train station. Open: Mon. – Sat. from 9.00 until 20.00 and Sun. 10.30 – 12.30 Really excellent prices!

To Let

Via Cassia , 800 meters from Olgiata Station. Furnished. Living room, dining room, study (large enough for a bed), bedroom, pantry, storage room, bathroom, kitchen. Large garden (2500 m²). Parking within property. Free from August 2007 to June 2008 (dates are negotiable). Pets allowed. Rent : €1,700 month Phone: 06 30891475 – 3355449566 – 06 46913203, Alessandro



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Second hand black upright piano with optional silencer. Tel : Anna 06 61568256 or 328 5373472

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All hockey needs met, sticks, shoes, shin pads, gloves etc. Badminton equipment too. See Paul Lambsdale or email paul.lambsdale@gmail.com

Home made cards designed and made by Lynne Lambsdale. Cards are available for all occasions and can be ordered via email whitelamb.cards@gmail.com

Looking for Mary Poppins

French or English mother tongue for 6 years old boy, part time after school hours with driving license and possibility to stay during the night if necessary. Please contact Astra on 346 / 6781678

Creanguages

French Summer Camp

Learn French in sunny Provence through fun activities, games and outdoor pursuits!

For more information contact Daniele Dattilo on 0633266383 or 3393916961 dactylos@gmail.com

Help and Support for Eating Disorders

Free and confidential support is now available for family, friends and sufferers of Eating Disorders in particular Anorexia Nervosa and Bulimia. Don't suffer alone. Contact Georgie on 349 6227356

The New Chamber Singers will be collaborating with St. George's in performances of Benjamin Britten's cantata "Saint Nicolas" in June. The choir is recruiting tenors and basses for the occasion. For information please call 065022624 or contact new-chamber@libero.it.

Looking for English native speaker baby sitter for baby (girl aged 14 months raised bilingual English Italian) in Prati, 4 times per week 1 hour each time.

Please contact Francesca mobile 3358231737 or email her on frangipani@inwind.it

For Sale

Children's Golf set 'Inesis'. Bag & 5 clubs. Perfect for beginners. Used 1 season. New €100. Price €40. Call Lykke Jacobsen 335 7083569

Parenting Workshops

A series of workshops covering issues of change, integration, cultural and personal identity for parents raising children in a cross cultural environment. Beginning after Easter.

Contact Darylle Monnington Tel: 333 5339290 or Email darylmonnington@hotmail.com

Sculpture Classes at Palazzo Venezia Museum - Rome

Never before! Sculpture (Life Modelling Classes) inside Palazzo Venezia Museum. Beginners welcome. Small classes. Live Model. Trilingual teacher, English, Italian, French. Don't miss this unique opportunity - sign up now for one month trial. +39.329.011.95.74, claire.nelson@free.fr

FOR SALE - Children's bedroom furniture: 2 beds (1 pull-out) large corner wardrobe; long wardrobe; shelves; 6 drawers; pull-out writing desk; book-shelves; chair. All good quality wood (light green and pine) in very good condition. €1.500,00 Call Janet: 06 9994634 or at 329 2015300

Looking to Hire Private Driver

Family with 3 young children at St. George's Nomentana seek to hire a responsible driver for morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up for the 2007/2008 school year. Family residence is 3km from school. Welcome any referrals of reliable individuals or companies. Please Call: 334-701-3737 (Amy) or 334-778-3282 (John)