



Saint George's Art Expedition 2008: Madrid!



Twenty five excited I.B. artists accompanied by Mr Morgan, Miss Pazardjikian & Miss Wrycroft gathered at Fiumicino to set off on this year's Art Expedition. After a pleasant flight and a rapid transfer to a very funky hotel in the heart of Madrid they rapidly set about drawing, writing and painting their way

around the Reina Sofia museum. Four hectic hours later the artists emerged exhausted with a collection of new studies in their Research Workbooks. The following day began with three hours of working directly from the masterpieces of the fabulous Thyssen collection. The afternoon session included four

hours exploring the Museo del Prado where the artists encountered the work of Velazquez, Bosch and Goya amongst many others. On many occasions our students were approached by other visitors who wanted to buy their work! In between museum sessions the artists sketched,

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Poem of the Month

I see

spinning rooftops
 blending flags
 bubbling liquids
 flying bricks
 stretching lines
 calligraphic letters
 black and white squares
 cutting sharp angles
 elastic diamonds
 glossy light curves
 dancing freckles
 a room of pale blue

I drop

into tunnels of fake gold
 and paint them yellow

Eline Reintjes
 Year 9

Drama News

Up Coming Events

- ◆ Year 10 Trip to London is March 27th to March 30th
- ◆ IB History - IB Drama Trip to London is March 13 to March 16
- ◆ There are links and information about the trip on the Intranet.
- ◆ Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 Drama clubs will be working on a new project in the new half term.
- ◆ There might also be an improvisation competition between AOSR and Marymount. JC

Easter Concert

This will be held at the Teatro Capranica on Saturday 15 March at 5.30pm
 Tickets will be on sale shortly after half term so look out for the letters!

LSJS Year 6 trip to the European Space Agency



On the 21st January, Year 6 went on a trip to the European Space Agency at Castelli Romani, near Frascati, to meet some astronauts. It was very interesting as you don't get a chance to meet astronauts every day!

So on that exciting day, we got onto the coach and after about 1 hour, we arrived at the centre. However, once we had got in, we waited for a little time and then finally the astronauts arrived! They were introduced to us and then there was a press conference. I found it all very interesting because the astronauts, all from NASA except one who was Italian (he was called Paolo Nespoli), had just come back from space on the Space Shuttle after spending 17 days on the International Space Station (ISS). After that, there was a video of what the astronauts

did during their time on the ISS. It was weird because they were floating around a lot!

Later on, they answered questions from the audience, with lots of us asking many important questions like " Does the blood rush to your head in space?" The commander made us feel very welcome when she spoke and she explained that someone of our age will become the first human to walk on the planet Mars in the future! I thought that was amazing!

After the video, the astronauts signed autographs and then we had some lunch before setting off back to school. I found the whole day very interesting, as I have told you before, " you don't meet astronauts every day!"

(A special thank you to the Franciosi family for organising this for us!)

by Danial Azhar (with some small additions from Mr. Phillips)





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photographed and made films around the urban environment.

The final day began with the Sorolla Museum. This wonderful collection was recommended to us by Miss Wilford and turned out to be one of the highlights of the trip for many students. A brief filming and photography visit to an outdoor sculpture park was followed with further drawing in Plaza Mayor before lunch and the beginning of our return journey. By the time they arrived back in Rome the students had collectively produced well over five hundred pages of mixed media studies, a few hours of digital video and several gigabytes of photographs. All of this research will now underpin their ongoing studio work for the rest of the year.

GM

Art History trip to Florence 1-3 February



We thought we'd stumbled across an audacious crime when, in the Bargello Museum, we found the pedestal of Donatello's bronze David empty, and the statue lying as if knocked to the ground. The real situation

was explained by the high-tech instruments surrounding the prostrate figure; the statue was under restoration! The restorers pointed out the dots on the surface which reveal how the original casting had been achieved and they explained how they can tell which parts of the statue were cast separately, by analyzing the bronze. The Bargello, housing the major collection of Renaissance sculpture in Florence, was just one of the highlights, and in three days we visited seven museums and five churches! Incessant rain couldn't dampen the spirits of the hardy art historians, Michelle, Luize, Clio and Jeza-belle, who deserve a reward for their stamina in our whirlwind trip. Well done!

HW

NJS Dragons : Puss in Boots Theatre Visit.

On Friday the 1 February the Red and Green Dragons from NJS had a lovely morning at Teatro Colosseo when we went to see Puss in Boots. We were ushered to our front row seats and eagerly waited for the show to start.

The show was very entertain-

ing and told the story of Robin the poor miller who, to his disgust, only inherits a talking cat...the amazing Puss in Boots. Puss puts on his boots and sets about helping Robin to make an impression on the King through some clever plans and cunning tricks.

Puss charms himself into the palace with a white rabbit as a gift and then invites the King to visit the Marchese of Carabas which is a name he has invented for Robin. Robin fears for his life as the King is an important man and he has no castle to show him. This is no problem for clever Puss who out smarts the horrible scary ogre by tricking him into becoming a mouse and then gobbling him up for tea.

All ends well with Robin impressing the King with his lovely castle and corn field and they all live happily ever after. The children joined in very well with the songs and bowed beautifully to the King. Then it was time to hop back on the bus and return to school for our special packed lunches. A big thank you to our helpers who came along with us to help make our day special.

SA





A Message from Antarctica

On Tuesday 5 February Year 9 received a talk about Antarctica by an Italian geographer, Dr Cervellati, who worked in Antarctica several times and has lived there for months in a row.

This talk was very helpful for our understanding of the continent since it is very hard to get to and live in, almost no one knows what the country is really like. The man telling us about Antarctica could tell us things that a textbook cannot answer, like what kind of animals there are and what he did in his spare time.

Dr Cervellati began by telling us about the stations situated in the country, showing us a few pictures of the Italian station he worked at and describing how Antarctica is divided and which countries "claim" pieces of it. After this he told us a bit about his life there, what he did when he worked and what he discovered. I learned that the station was merely an accumulation of standard containers put together to make big rooms; not an idyllic life style. He also described in detail the animals inhabiting the continent - Emperor penguins and killer whales: the kind of things you would usually



watch on the television, he actually encountered. An interesting fact about the work done there was that they would carefully dig into the layers of ice going thousands of meters deep. The actual total amount of ice between the surface and the ground found underneath the ice was three kilometres, the oldest piece of ice being very, very old. Doing this, you could actually find out what weather conditions were like when the piece of ice, even being hundreds of years old, was at the surface.

We had prepared some questions for after the talk and here are some of the most interesting:

What was the largest piece of ice that broke off from Antarctica?

It turned out to be the size of New Jersey, which is about 20,168 square kilometres.

What did you do in your spare time?

His answer was quite unexpected. He told us that he had very little free time and that this was very good for the workers psychologically. However during a very small portion of the day he said that he played cards with his colleagues.

Another interesting question was if he had had any near-death experiences, and to my

surprise he said yes. He recounted an episode where the station had caught fire, and he had to immediately go outside into the freezing cold in only his pyjamas.

Someone asked if a person living in Antarctica could survive on penguins. He answered by narrating a story about how six explorers were left on the continent without enough provisions to last them. Therefore they had to survive on penguins for about 3 months.

It is quite difficult to visit Antarctica due to its cold climate and odd location but I find it very appealing. So detached and isolated from civilization and only in a place like this you could find such extraordinary sights such as a sea full of ice cubes, a huddle of many penguins all together and killer whales circling your very own transportation boat. These are all things that Dr Cervellati had experienced, and I'm sure many people are envious of this. It seems like an exceptional continent.

By Diana Mori, Year 9

From Mr Burdett

Well done to all the Year 9s who asked perceptive and appropriate questions. Thanks go to Dr Cervellati, from the Italian Antarctic Expedition, for the generous gift of his time and knowledge.





Princes of the Castle! LSJS Yr 4's trip to Castel Sant'Angelo

On Thursday 24th January, Year 4 from St George's went to Castel Sant'Angelo.



They explored the great ancient monument, filling in sheets of information about the castle and taking lots of photos for some leaflets that they were going to make for their history project.

One of the children said, "I liked the Apollo Room because it had lots of lovely frescoes of musical instruments."

They all had lots of fun and they each learned something.

Do you think that Castel Sant'Angelo would you keep you safe from cannon balls and arrows?



Look out for those leaflets, you might find the answer...

By Alessia Phillips Y4W

Student Investor Challenge

The Student Investor Challenge is entering its final stages – the competition finishes on Friday the 29 February.

At time of writing this article St George's has two teams in the top five of the International Schools League - the BMW's

are in third place and Olgiata in fourth place. The stock markets have continued their very turbulent times and the teams having most success are those that have not traded recently. Best wishes to all the teams.

SB

Year 11 Visit il Parco di Veio

On Wednesday 6 February Year 11 Geographers visited the Parco di Veio to complete our field work for the coursework item on rivers, with Mr Burdett, Mr Jonsson and Miss Platt.

After the torrential rain earlier in the week, the absence of thunder and lightning was a pleasant surprise, and we set off in bright sunshine for the five minute coach journey from school. Upon arrival students set about collecting information in the form of field sketches and written notes from a variety of locations around the Fosso della Mola, including a visit to the Cascata della Mola near the Isola Farnese.

The students worked extremely well, working hard to earn prizes for best answer, best question, and in Stef's case, best hat.

After a picnic lunch in warm sunny weather, and a game of football, we walked down to the river where we were to take our measurements. Mr Burdett and Mr Jonsson demonstrated the methods of investigation, and as such were the first to experience the freezing temperature of the water which had been in the shade all day long. This is the best type of fieldwork: feet wet and hands dirty.

All the students collected some very good data. Well done to all who attended.

MB





ZOA News



On Friday 1 February a group of pupils from St Paul's School in Lisbon, Portugal visited St. George's. They made a presentation at the Year 13, 12 and 11 Assembly presenting AOZ with a cheque for €1600 as part of their new 'partnership' with us in supporting

the children at our orphanage in Serenje. This follows our successful ZOA committee visit to St Peter's late last year at the initiative of Rita Amaral (Year 13 ZOA Committee) to share our vision of helping orphans in Zambia.



KG

Super Scientists and Marvellous Mathematicians

Scientists and Mathematicians have been buzzing around the LS Junior School this week during our annual Science and Maths Days. Children have been solving a huge variety of problems and challenges in a truly scientific style as they develop vital skills to lead us



through the 21st century. Young scientists can further their skills by using the hyperlinks on the Science page of the 'homework help' pages



on the JS intranet. Here, for each year group, you can find links to useful websites for each of the topics on the curriculum.

ME

The Bulletin

Publication date for the next edition:

- Friday 14 March, 2008
- Contributors are asked to send copy to bulletin@stgeorge.school.it to arrive by the **Friday** before the publication date.

Dates for Your Diary

- ◆ **Friday 15 February**
Staff Training Day (no school for pupils)
- ◆ **Monday 18 to Friday 22 February**
Half Term
- ◆ **Friday 21 March**
Good Friday (school closed)
- ◆ **Monday 24 March**
Easter Monday (school closed)
- ◆ **Friday 11 April**
End of Term





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While the school is delighted to facilitate the adverts below and tries to vet them where possible, it can take no responsibility for them

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation classes starting soon:

All Saints Anglican Church in Rome will shortly be starting confirmation classes for any young people or adults interested in exploring the Christian faith or in confirmation, please contact the church office 06 36001881.

Footsteps, Rome:

We are a non-denominational Christian group worshipping in English in the Olgiata and Casal Palocco areas. Services suitable for all ages on Sundays, plus weekday fellowship groups. More information from Mary 06 3089 4371 akfsmes.styles@tiscali.it

International Community Contacts.

The FSG are putting together a list of people who speak other languages.

The idea is that new and existing families in St. George's can contact people from the wide variety of cultural groups in our international community. The benefits of such a list include advice for settling in to Rome and the school, language help, shopping tips, home language book exchanges and social events. If you would like to put yourself forward as an international community contact person please email Alex Mackenzie alexmackenzie1@mac.com

Ladies' singing group looking for new voices. Meets Tuesdays at 9 a.m. close to school. Professional teacher. No experience required. Join now - great fun. Call Judith mob. 348-1538443

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Thai Cookery Class

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Housing

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Apartment for Rent - 56 m²

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Contact: John Cowley on 06 3089 1492 or 333 822 6842

House for sale in Cesano, 200m² 2-story villa, 15 mins from St. George's, 5 mins from Cesano station. Spacious kitchen, living room with fireplace & wood burner, study, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. All in perfect condition. Land (1700m²) with olive and fruit trees and a large shed. Price: € 515.000,-- Contact Alice at 06 3038644 or 349 5726926.

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