

Day 5

Friday 19 November 2010

Presentation to Save the Children Fund – Race Round Pakistan. JAPS pupils and staff wanted to do something different together to help victims of the floods in Pakistan. The target was to walk, rollerblade, cycle, jog nearly 5000 miles as if up the borders of Iran, Afghanistan, China, and then down the border with India. The staff tackled the Arabian Coast, totting up the miles as they went. They surpassed their wildest dreams, raising £7000 in sponsorship and presented the cheque to Matt Wingate from Save the Children. Nancy admitted, "I thought the staff would make an effort but I never thought they'd do so much!"

has exceeded my expectations."



JAGS Literacy Scheme, helping local, Year 3 primary school children to reach basic levels. "It's really satisfying because I felt the same sense of achievement as Daniel when he began to enjoy reading aloud. He didn't think he liked reading, but I helped him to choose the right books and to restore his confidence, which made us both feel good." Zainab, Year 10

'Lest We Forget', an event hosted by Rosy Murch and Grace Brown, Year 12, which made £2000 for Help our Heroes, Scottish R'n'R and The Mark Evison Trust. "It was perfect seeing people from 7 - 70 years old there, enjoying great entertainment and raising awareness of the need to support our British troops. The response to the speakers was emotional but it meant that people felt involved, if they hadn't been before." Grace, Year 12



Day 7

Sunday 21 November 2010

The Technical Rehearsal for the senior school production of 'The Bacchae' transformed jigsaw pieces of the play into a real performance. "Adding lighting and sound made it so atmospheric. The directors wanted a startling, modern take on a classic story. We played the Bacchae women as quite fierce." Celine, Year 12



Day 6

Saturday 20 November 2010

Year 12 Katie Snowden won a Gold medal in the **Balfour Beattie London Youth Games**. "It was quite challenging but I really enjoyed it. I came here to finish in the top three for Southwark, so actually to win

That's a mere flavour of what goes on in the average week at JAGS. And we haven't even mentioned all our regular clubs, sports and other activities. We just wish there were more hours in the day.
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7 Days In The Life Of JAGS

A small taste of our big world beyond the curriculum



Day 1

Monday 15 November 2010

Great **PE news** in JAGS Assembly – congratulations to the Junior and Intermediate **Cross Country** teams who won the Regional Championships and go onto the National Finals in Northumberland; also to international gymnast Year 13 Bryony Gill for her 3rd place in the **British Gymnastics National Challenge** competition and to Natasha Sinha selected for London Swimming to represent the region in the 44th International Championships in Switzerland.



Young explorers on our **Year 5 Thames and Tudor Life Afloat** outing made some great beachcombing discoveries: "I found the thigh bone of a pig!" Dennis. "I liked discovering what the bones are and seeing how well preserved they are." Beth. Then in their roles as cabin boys they clambered over the Golden Hinde: "It was a perfect way to run away from home although there were lots of horrible punishments and diseases." Kiki.



German Activities Day

We hosted Sixth form students from Alleyn's, Dulwich College and Sydenham High for a

carousel of activities in German – quizzes, poetry reading, listening to rock music and acting murder mysteries.

Day 2

Tuesday 16 November 2010

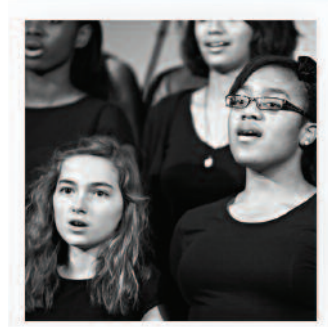
Huge excitement for Year 1 on their trip to the **Horniman Museum**. Quite apart from the fun collecting cones in the beautiful grounds, they had some wonderful musical experiences: "We went into a room with lots of musical instruments and I played the xylophone." Arhianrhod.



Naa, Gemma and Alicia rehearse C5, a new, after-school **Gospel Choir** they've started in a local church for children aged 6-13. "It was really exciting to see the faces of the children light up when we rehearsed Christmas songs for the Lordship Lane Christmas Parade. They can't wait to see the real reindeer!"

JAGS **Choral Society** rehearsal for their end of term concert at Blackheath Halls where they'll perform Elgar's 'Music Makers' and Vaughan Williams' 'Toward the Unknown Region'. "JAGS Choral Society is fantastic because it enables all of us who

love singing, no matter our age or ability, to perform some wonderful choral music. You not only learn a great deal but also get huge satisfaction from giving it your best shot." Peter, JAGS Choral Society member.



JAGS hosted the area heats for **Prep Schools National Inter-Schools Quiz** in a hotly-contested round of 10 teams. Their 2nd place enables them to go through to the next round. "I was glad I knew that Lady Gaga's real name is Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta!" Olivia, Year 6

Day 3

Wednesday 17 November 2010

News of our prestigious **Green Flag Award**. We've done it! We have a green flag to fly showing our commitment to environmental education. Having toured the whole school the assessor said "Students and staff work really well together. It's good that students are allowed to take-off with their own ideas."



The **Autumn Concert** at St John's, Goose Green SE22, showcased Bel Canto, and the Concert, Chamber and Symphony Orchestras,

conducted by Leigh O'Hara, Kay Dickson and Elinor Corp. The programme included Sullivan: 'Pirates Overture', Beethoven: 'Symphony No.7', and choral items. "It's my first term in Symphony Orchestra and it's a big step up, but people around you all help." Rebecca, Year 9.

The after-school **cooking club** made pizzas like true Italians and broadened their range of expertise in cupcakes, sauces and soufflés.



Year 6 Sikh workshops.

Mrs Wasan, Tavleen's mother, described Sikh customs in a middle school assembly and told pupils how the religion was founded. "Learning how to write our names in Panjabi script was fun, and we played the tabla drum and learnt some of the notes on the harmonium. We liked seeing a turban unravelled and wrapped again." Tiggi and Iona

Day 4

Thursday 18 November 2010

What it's like to be a war reporter, straight from the horse's mouth. **BBC journalist** Richard Lindley addressed the History and Politics Society. "Usually, when we watch television war reports, we're focusing on the story. It was really interesting to hear about Richard's career and to learn more about the man in front of the camera." Caroline, Year 11

Verity, Year 13, led a sixth form **English Seminar** on George Eliot and Darwin. "It's interesting to see how Eliot takes on board ideas about 19th century social and scientific changes and weaves them into her writing of 'Middlemarch'."