

# GRAPEVINE



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This edition of Grapevine contains many reports of various of the school journeys that have taken place this year. They range from the First Year trip to Marchants Hill ( recorded for us in verse by Mrs Davis ) to the Christmas Cruise to Greece and Israel. There has been a ski trip to Italy, exchange visits to Germany, and this summer there'll be a mountaineering trip to Spain.

We have come to regard this sort of school trip as normal, even though thirty years ago, in the early 1950s, such trips were exceptional. The same is, of course, true of holidays. The 1960s and 1970s have brought us cheap air travel and holidays to places we never dreamt of visiting.

In an article two weeks ago in the Guardian, Polly Toynbee described a visit to a Birmingham comprehensive when she met and talked to a 'middle ability' fifth year class of ten girls and eleven boys about their plans and ambitions for life. " So wide was the chasm between the girls and the boys that it was as if the two groups came from totally different streams in the school. Yet according to their teachers they were equal in intelligence and ability.....Every single one of the boys hoped for some kind of further education, training or apprenticeship. They talked of jobs with prospects of promotion and advancement..... But of the ten girls only one had selected a job with any career prospects at all. She wanted to be a bank cashier. The others wanted to be copy typists, office juniors, shop assistants, and one was going to be a helper in an old peoples' home."

In the last twenty years job opportunities for women have opened up in much the same way as travel opportunities have opened up for us all. Girls can now become apprentices and trainees and go into those jobs with career prospects that the boys were thinking of. But they don't. Why? Not because there's discrimination or prejudice - although you do still meet this - but because the majority of girls set their sights too low.

What is your daughter planning to do when she leaves school? Are you encouraging her to aim high enough?

## PTA NEWS

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DO YOU KNOW WHAT AN ABSEIL IS? Well don't worry if you don't because you won't be the only one who has been puzzled by the announcement of a sponsored abseil by the Minibus committee. What they - or rather an intrepid group of Sydenham staff - propose to do is to spend 24 hours shinning down the side of the main school building aided only by a rope to be fixed firmly top and bottom. It takes all sorts .....! Anyhow, if you would like to observe this phenomenon, be present at the breaking of the world non-stop abseiling record and the creation of another entry for the Guinness Book of Records .. then make sure you come to the school on the morning of Saturday July 18th when uncle Tom Cobbly and all will be there, the PTA will be out in force and refreshments and other entertainments will be available.

THEN on the evening of Saturday July 18th the Minibus committee ( who are not only intrepid but clearly have remarkable stamina ) are holding a grand DINNER - DANCE to celebrate the breaking of world abseiling records etc. To be held in the big school hall, it will feature a live band from Mike Williams, a licensed bar and full buffet supper. All for £5 per head. Make sure you don't miss it. Tickets available from the School Office - cheques payable to Sydenham School.

WANTED URGENTLY The R E Department at the School urgently need BIBLES. They must be the standard issue NEW ENGLISH BIBLE which the ILEA used to give every pupil in its schools. Unfortunately this practice has suffered like so many other desirable things from expenditure cuts and the R E department now finds that it does not have enough bibles for its classes. So they are appealing to any girl who has a standard issue bible but does not need it to return it to the school so that it can be used for teaching purposes. If your household has one that you do not need, please return it to the R E Dept, c/o the School Office.

SOMETHING SPECIAL IS HAPPENING ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14th. If you don't know what it is, turn to the back page.

# HEADMISTRESS LETTER

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Dear Parents,

I am writing this at that stage of the year when we experience the two extremes of school behaviour; absolute heavenly silence from the examinations, followed by loud shrieks of delight or dismay as the exhausted candidates flock out of the classrooms. Fortunately we shall soon return to normal for the last five weeks of the year.

Unfortunately, some parents are inclined to think that all work ends with the examinations, and they feel it does not matter if they take the children out of school to go on holiday in late June or early July. Much vital work is however being done in the classrooms at this time when examination papers are being corrected and the syllabus is being finished. Girls who miss these lessons find themselves at a great disadvantage. Please make sure that your daughters continue at school until Friday July 24th.

We at Sydenham are blessed with teachers who are great enthusiasts and who are prepared to dedicate their time and energies to helping the school. We are certainly grateful to those on the Mini-bus Committee who propose to spend 24 hours on a non-stop abseil down the side of the main school building on Friday 17th to Saturday 18th July. We non-athletes will, I am sure, come along to support them and cheer them on, especially in the last few hours from 10 a.m. on the Saturday morning. We also hope there will be a good number of parents at the celebration Dance from 8 p.m. that same day. It is likely to be an hilarious occasion which you will not want to miss.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Yours sincerely,

Y B ZACKERWICH

Headmistress

# SCHOOL NEWS

HEAD GIRLS Congratulations to the recently elected Head Girls for next year - Tracey Boyce and Michelle Farrugia both of 6W, and their deputies - Sandra Currell 7Y and Malini Patel 6Y.

NEW MAYOR Mr. Tom Bradley, chairman of Sydenham School Governors, took office on May 13 as the new Mayor of Lewisham. This is his second term of office as Mayor.

RA EXHIBITOR Old girl Lucia Borrelli, who left last year, has had one of her paintings accepted for the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition.

WONDERFUL DREAM ILEA has published an anthology of prose by 124 pupils entitled "A Wonderful Dream". Lorna Summers 6P and Mary Morrison who left 501, have contributions included. A copy will be kept in the library.

CHARITY EFFORTS Congratulations to all the girls who obviously worked very hard to raise a total sum of £2,344.84 for various charities during the year 1979/80.

SPORTS DAY Thorndyke House were the champions on Sports Day which was held recently. Congratulations. Austen were 2nd, Ferrier 3rd, Ryder 4th, Aylward 5th, and Keller 6th. An innovation this year was the "Whackey Race" for staff. This was a sponsored event which raised £100 for the Mini-bus fund.

STAFF NEWS Mr. Jerden Cooke recently had an operation and has made a good recovery; Miss Colmer has had an operation on her leg and will require a long convalescence and will not be back this term; Miss Knox we are sad to learn is in hospital again awaiting another operation - we wish her well.

MUSIC SUCCESSES Ann O'Neill 5Y1 has obtained an ILEA Award for the oboe, and Rosalind Hill 2P1 has been granted one for the piano. Alison Brown 4Y2 has passed her Grade 1 guitar examination. Rachel Duffett 3R2 has passed Grade 4 violin (with merit), and Debra Higgins 4W1 has passed Grade 2, guitar, both at the Royal Schools of Music.

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E H Davis

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A good holiday to everyone!

P A Eldridge

**ROUNDERS** Bad weather has meant that most matches have had to be cancelled. By mid-June only one match had been played - against Deptford Green. 2nd Years won  $17\frac{1}{2}$  -; 3rd Years won  $11\frac{1}{2}$  - 6; 4th Years lost 7 -  $8\frac{1}{2}$ .

**TENNIS** For the first time, the U 15 Tennis Six were entered for the Kent Schools' Tennis League. Unfortunately the first draw for Sydenham was against the holders - Buston School - and although our team played very well indeed they were outclassed by Buston and we lost by 6 rubbers.

**GYMNASTICS** Also for the first time Sydenham entered the Inter-London Schools Gym Competition and five girls - Brenda Lamont, Natalie Thurlow, Marva Dyer, Pauline Red, and Joyan Best all gained places in the finals. We did not win any of the very top prizes, but all five were well placed in their classes and Joyan gained the bronze medal in her section. Congratulations to all of them.

**SWIMMING** Sydenham entered sixteen girls for the London Schools' Swimming Gala. The standard was extremely high. Each heat was timed and those with the best times will go on to represent South East London in the all London final. Sydenham girls came among the first three in six of the individual events, and both junior and senior teams in the freestyle and medley did very well and came 2nd in each event. Congratulations particularly to Wendy Leher and Joanna Rice who both came first in their heats and to all the girls involved in the team events.

**ATHLETICS** We took a team of 60 athletes to the Southwark Athletic Meeting. Our Senior team were placed 3rd, Intermediates 6th and Juniors 5th overall. 12 girls came among the first three in their individual events and Donna Dyer won the Intermediate 400 metres. 6 of our girls were chosen to represent Southwark in the London Schools' Meeting, and Donna came 6th in the final there.

Triangle Meeting between Sydenham, Sedgehill and Alleyns  
This was a friendly event between 3 local schools. Our 2nd Year team and the Senior team won their competition the 3rd Year team was 2nd and the 1st Year team 3rd. Overall Sydenham won with a total of 337 points to Sedgehill's 304 points and Alleyns 223.

# CSE ART ASSESSMENT

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Many parents have expressed interest in knowing how a practical subject like art is assessed for the CSE examination. Mr Leech, Head of Art at Sydenham, has been an assessor for many years and has written this account.

"For many years I have been an assessor for the CSE art examination. This may seem an impossible task for such a subjective subject, but in practice it is not too difficult even for art teachers to agree upon a set of criteria.

Each candidate mounts an exhibition, in their own school, of not less than six pieces of work from their 4th and 5th year plus one piece done under examination conditions. Their own teacher then makes an order of merit, and the assessor awards marks according to the standards set by the Board.

As an assessor, you have to disregard your own taste. You are trying to judge how well the candidate has succeeded in doing what they set out to do; to what extent the interest (if any) has been developed, and if it reflects the personality of the candidate. You soon identify the lazy, bored and uninterested. As with any subject, you are to some extent marking the teacher as much as the children and it is sad to see work by children who display glimmers of potential but for whom the teacher has been unable to provide help, guidance and a working environment.

Each year I visit twelve schools. It is a pot luck affair and usually a mixed bag, often with surprises. It is as well not to anticipate what to expect from the exterior of the school, or even its neighbourhood.

Sometimes I leave a department with a heady feeling of respect and admiration for the staff and children. The degree of effort, enthusiasm, talent and intelligence shown by some of the candidates leaves me in no doubt of the value of the exercise, particularly when I reflect that for some this may have been the only area of school life in which they have ever felt the pleasure of success and achievement. And the value of that is self-evident."

John Leech, Head of Art.

# THE TEMPEST

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The first thing to strike you about this production was the programme. You may think that Grapevine looks good these days, but its nothing compared to Sydenham's drama production programmes. This one was terrific; a fearsome cover; accounts of what it's really like to be out there in front of all of us; good decoration; as well as all the information you expect like the cast list.

The play was every bit as good as the programme. It had everything. A storm to start with - thunder, lightning, shrieks and real fear. A monster, and one with a character of its own - a cross between a lap dog and the devil himself. Loneliness and bewilderment enough to make you cry. Politics and intrigue; tender romance; mystery and magic; and not least comedy - real crue comedy performed with spirit and imagination.

Whether a production of the Tempest at the National Theatre would produce the same crazy heap of impressims I do not know. But it is a real tribute to all concerned, cast, producer, those who supported behind the scenes - the whole mafia indeed - that we who were there were given all these elements blended together into what we actually began to see as a great play.

Goodness knows what the CSE examiner made of it. I hope he or she liked it because these girls certainly deserve to do well. We the audience certainly enjoyed it. It's funny how with a production like this one quickly finds the speech of 300 years ago quite ordinary and understandable.

I will not write here of any individual actress. They all did themselves, their producer, their school and (not least) their families proud. Thank you.

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**"ASK THE FAMILY"** - The producer of this BBC-1 television competition is looking for families with two children between the ages of 11 and 16 to take part in the 1981 series. Interested families should write for application forms to: "Ask the Family", BBC Television, Kensington House, Richmond Way, London W14 OAX.

# THE CRUISE

Landing in Split in Yugoslavia on a warm and sunny spring day, this was it - the beginning of our Cruise. There lay the Uganda, gleaming white with a distinctive black stripe around the funnel. Life on board was varied and never dull: assembly, lectures, lessons, deck games, swimming, films, quizzes, discos - and boys!

At Olympia we took up positions in the ancient starting blocks in the stadium. The 'Cairo Marathon' in brilliant sunshine was memorable; Rakshita and Jane on the camel unforgettable!! And Israel: so many impressions! The life and death of Christ so vivid, so near! And the political problems of Israel ever present. Shopping in the flea market in Athens was great fun; the Acropolis impressive. The fog in Venice soon lifted to reveal St Mark's Square in all its glory.

All too soon it was time for the final concert on board; prize giving ( Work prize to Samantha Lyon, 1st and 7th prizes in the Fancy dress parade to Sydenham, thanks to Jane Goldshaker, Carol Dean, Julie Webb and Amanda Foster).

And then - the end of our Cruise, and the tears!

V Stammers

## HISTORY SOCIETY

The History Society got off the ground this year with three outings aimed at showing the girls places of historical interest. In March, 45 girls and staff spent one Saturday in Canterbury. We were blessed with the first sunny day of the year and not only enjoyed looking round the city, but also stopping for cream teas in the beautiful Tudor village of Chilham on the way home. Our other day trip was to Cambridge this June. Besides touring the old colleges, great fun was had by all attempting to punt down the river! A slightly different outing was a weekend youth hostelling in Salisbury and walking out to Old Sarum. We plan to hold more day outings and hostelling weekends, along with talks and films in the winter months.

Sue Hargadon

# GERMAN EXCHANGE

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Twenty five pupils, twenty from Sydenham and five from Forest Hill, took part in the German Exchange this year. Fifteen of them were based on the grammar school in Riedlingen (1100 pupils) and ten on the grammar school in Bad Buchau (200 pupils). Both schools are mixed. Four days were spent in school and three on excursions. The remaining days were school holidays over 'Fastnet' - the carnival period before Ash Wednesday- and were spent with the families.

Our excursions were to the winter sports centre of Oberstdorf, to the university town of Tübingen and to Hoherzollern Castle, home of the Prussian Emperors, and to the city of Stuttgart where the pupils had a chance to sightsee and to shop. The family side of the exchange seems on the whole to have worked very well with only one or two mismatches ( inevitable with school exchanges unfortunately ) and a number of participants have already booked for next year.

The German group visited us in early April and, because we were not on holiday, organised a number of sightseeing trips on their own to central London. They spent a couple of days with us in school and found the two session day and the pastoral system interesting - the Assemblies frankly bewildering! We managed an evening with parents and pupils to see the film we had taken in Germany, and we arranged a joint visit to 'My Fair Lady' and a day in Brighton.

We are now in the throes of planning ' Exchange 82 ' - limited this year to 3rd and 4th year pupils studying German and 6th formers who are or have studied the language. Unfortunately the 5th years will not be able to go in February, but we hope they will visit their existing contacts in the summer.

All those taking part in the exchange are to be congratulated on their excellent behaviour. This was commented on by the British Airways staff and the coach staff in Germany. And all have been invited to return to their host families!

S P Richards and M Parr

## MARCHANTS HILL

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To Marchants Hill we rode away  
In a pair of coaches blue,  
Sixty first year Sydenham girls  
And a number of teachers too.

We took our raincoats with us,  
But then, in blinding sun  
We had to walk for miles and miles  
For buses were there none!

But still there were the birds and trees  
To cheer us as we strode,  
And on the heath, just for a rest  
On horses then we rode.

We went to Singleton Museum,  
And swam in Haslemere,  
And slept in tents where spiders  
Would frighteningly appear.

We played at table tennis,  
And in the local pool  
Capsized canoes - a trifle cold  
But much more fun than school!

At volley ball and rounders  
We showed our expertise,  
And tried in every way we knew  
Our kindly hosts to please.

If there's a chance again next year  
We certainly must go;  
We trust we should be welcome,  
And we'd have fun, I know!

E H Davis

# SKIING AND PONY TREKKING

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## SKI JOURNEY TO MADESIMO

Our journey started at 3.30 a m on a chilly December morning and ended 10 hours later in a tiny cable car half way up a mountain. The cable car resembled a small tin can and it swung alarmingly from a very narrow cable as it took us from the village at the foot of the mountain to our hotel at Motta. Luckily we were all too tired and excited to be too worried.

In spite of poor snow, all the girls on the trip learnt to ski well enough to pass their first ski test at the end of the week. When the coach arrived back at Sydenham at the end of our journey we had a few more plaster casts than when we went out, but we all enjoyed ourselves and quite a few girls plan to go ski-ing again. Next year we shall be going to Bulgaria from January 2nd - 9th 1982. Some of the girls will be taking their second ski test and will become experts at the sport.

S Moy

## PONY TREKKING IN SOUTH WALES

During the Easter holidays a group of 39 girls and 3 staff spent a week pony trekking in South Wales. We returned to the riding centre that we have been to in previous years and once again had a most enjoyable holiday.

Fortunately there were no major accidents. - just lots of stiff and aching muscles ( particularly among the staff! ). The weather was awful at first. We had snow, rain and biting winds, but it became warmer later in the week. The girls were all very well behaved and the staff at the Riding Centre commented on their polite and cooperative manner. All in all we were very sorry to leave at the end of the week, but we did bring back slides and photos to remind us of such joys as the gymkhana, the staff race, ducking each other in the stream and Debbie in the mud! There will be a coffee evening next term for girls who went on the trip and their parents to see these slides.

P Williams

# FIELDWORK COURSES

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## 'A' LEVEL BIOLOGY FIELD TRIP TO SLAPTON, DEVON

In March, 7 girls from Sydenham and 3 boys from Forest Hill teamed up for a trip to the Field Studies Centre in Slapton. All worked hard in damp, cold conditions. There had been flooding in the area and some of the group had to wade waist deep into a lake to collect samples - a test of stamina for the true biologist!

On the last day we went for a long walk across Dartmoor. We were all impressed with the views which for once did not have a house, a road, or a car in them. Some of the group had not realised that parts of England could be so empty or wild.

S Moy

## GEOGRAPHY FIELD COURSES IN 1980 - 81

Fieldcourses have evolved as an integral part of all Senior School Geography and this year has been one of exceptional success. We commenced in September with a week at Marchants Hill, making use of the improved facilities there for the first time. It proved an interesting and worthwhile week and we look forward to continued use of this centre in future years.

The ILEA Advanced Field Study Centre at Abergavenny seems to have become almost an annexe of the Sydenham School Geography department. We used this centre three times during this last year - far more than any other London school. In October, we took a mixed 'A' level and CEE group from Sydenham and John Roan Schools. The academic excellence achieved was such that the Directors of that course were invited to run a similar week for pupils from selected London schools in July. In January, two groups went to Abergavenny in consecutive weeks for a new 'O' level fieldwork course which the department had specially designed. The standard of work produced by the girls was outstanding and the Warden complimented both staff and girls on what had been achieved.

Four fieldcourses have already been scheduled for next year and we look forward to continuing success.

J A Rouncefield

## KELLER TRIP TO DUPORTH

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On Saturday October 25th last year, 201 and 202 set off for a week in Butlin's holiday camp at Duporth, near St Austell, Cornwall. Despite more or less continuous rain we managed to have a happy and eventful week. The camp itself is situated within easy reach of the beach giving ideal opportunities for beach studies and abseiling. Unfortunately we were unable to abseil due to the exceptionally poor weather conditions, but the girls were quick to understand the principles of cliff analysis and by the time we left there was little they did not know about storm beaches!

Our trips out of the camp included a visit to Tressillan Dairy where we watched the cows being milked; a boat trip round Falmouth harbour and up the river Fal, and an exciting trip to St Michael's Mount when we had to return to the mainland in boats because we had been cut off by the tide. Probably our most exciting trip was to Tolgus Tin Mine where we all put on helmets and went down into the mine.

Back in the camp we enjoyed activities such as archery, fencing and swimming. Most evenings were spent writing up the days activities, followed by an energetic disco for those still able to stand on their feet! Altogether we had a grand week, and the benefits of having lived together in an informal way in Duporth continued to be felt long after we had returned to the more formal atmosphere of school.

## MUSIC NEWS

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From September 1981 we hope that as many girls as possible will take the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument. The Music Department offers free group musical instrument lessons for the following: violin, viola, 'cello, double bass, trumpet, cornet, trombone, tenor horn, saxophone, euphonium, flute, clarinet, guitar, drums and piano. A leaflet explaining the courses, their requirements and the temporary loan of certain instruments, is obtainable from Miss Lyall, Head of Music.

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## KELLER HOUSE

Keller started the school year with the Second Years' trip to Cornwall which went off very well. During the latter part of the Christmas term, a party of girls visited the Old Vic with Mrs Hall and Mrs Richards to see Toad of Toad Hall. In May, 7 Keller staff and 42 girls set off at crack of dawn for Dover. Buffeted ( in both senses ) over the Channel to Calais we arrived in pouring rain and were then treated to a mystery tour because the coach driver lost his way. We finally found the hypermarket and the girls spent a pleasant time viewing, shopping and discovering the the French really do speak French! The rest of the day was spent in Calais Old Town.

We had quite an adventure on the way back. When we got to Dover we docked to discover that exit from the boat had been blockaded by lorry drivers in protest against the Customs' go-slow. We waited around for some time until finally it became clear that our coach was stuck on board and that the French crew were decided on putting back to Calais! At that point 42 weary girls and their staff marched off the boat and through the dock. Fortunately we managed to hire another coach and eventually arrived back at Sydenham only 1½ hours late!

Our fund raising has been particularly successful this year. At the House Evening we raised £234 for John Grooms Homes. It was a super evening - a world tour by slides followed by delicious national foods from Cyprus, India, China, Germany, America, W. Indies and England.

As the school year draws to its close we look back with pride on our achievements. Now we have to say farewell to Miss Milbank who will be taking up a new post further south. And now very sadly and with very mixed feeling I too say farewell to Keller House and to Sydenham School. I have enjoyed my seven years as Housemistress. It has been a wonderful experience. I shall miss you more than I can say. Good luck Keller and God Bless.

G Hall

# HOUSE NEWS

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## RYDER HOUSE

The year that is just finishing has been a happy one for Ryder House.

Thanks to the success of our pantomime 'Alice in Blunderland' we were able to send a cheque for £240 to Sue Ryder. We asked that our money be used for the new short stay home for handicapped children at Wembley. Her letter of thanks was very moving as she expressed not only her gratitude, but her sadness that so much of the Foundation's work is now dependent on voluntary contributions and support.

We have encouraging signs, especially among the younger members of the House, that we have some very capable athletes among us and we are looking forward to great things from Sports Day!

As we say 'goodbye' to those who are leaving us, we look forward to greeting our new girls in September and we offer our congratulations and best wishes to Tracey Boyce and Michelle Farrugia, the new Head Girls, both of whom are in Ryder House!

J Webber

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Monday 7th Sept.	12 noon - 7th Years Return
Tuesday 8th Sept.	1st Years 9.30 a.m. 4th Years 8.50 a.m. 6th Years (times arranged with Miss Killeen)
Wednesday 9th Sept.	2nd, 3rd, 5th Years 8.50 a.m.
Saturday 19th Sept.	Thames Day - Sydenham takes part in 'Dancing on Embankment'
Tuesday 22nd Sept.	Election for 3 Parent Govs. and PTA Annual Gen. Meeting
3rd. to 10th Oct.	Ryder House Journey to Duporth
Wednesday 14th Oct.	Ferrier House Social 7.30
Monday 19th Oct.	Staff Conference

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14th?  
SYDENHAM SCHOOL'S AROUND THE WORLD FAIR

This is going to be a Christmas Fair with a difference. We are going international. West Indian Steel Bands ... Polish National Dancers.... there will be entertainments, stalls, games and food from AROUND THE WORLD.

Put the date in your diary immediately. We shall need lots of helpers. But if you can't help, you must at least come along and bring your friends and relatives with you. If you remember last year's May Fayre, you'll know that Sydenham School fairs are NOT TO BE MISSED.

If you would like to help with the Fair please fill in the slip below and return it to the School Office.

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To Mike Stone, Chairman, Sydenham School PTA (690 6996)

NAME ..... TELEPHONE .....

DAUGHTER'S NAME ..... TUTOR GROUP .....

I should like to be involved in helping with the School Fair on November 14th 1981. I would be prepared to help with stalls/publicity/raffle/entertainments/refreshments/bar/security / driving (van).\* In particular, I can help with .....

SIGNED .....

\* Delete as appropriate. We are particularly looking for people who can help us give an international flavour to the Fair, so if you have any contacts please let us know