



SWPS NEWS



MR C C MULLER—HEAD

Like everyone in the audience this Tuesday evening, I was spellbound by the speech Lady Grenfell-Baines gave us. Both tragic and inspiring, at the age of 90 she spoke fluently about her experience as one of the 669 children saved by the extraordinary actions of Nicholas Winton during the Second World War.

As I am sure you are all aware, Nicholas Winton began in 1938 the rescue of hundreds of Jewish children from the Nazi Holocaust in an operation later known as the Czech Kindertransport. He secretly arranged for these children to be taken out of Czechoslovakia to Britain and in the process helped the children to find new families to look after them.

Lady Melina Grenfell-Baines was one of those children. She and the hundreds of others owe their lives to the actions of Winton. Her account was of hope and love during the most awful moment in human history.

And yet for me the most surprising (and no less remarkable for that) feature of the Winton story is that for 50 years it was unknown. A humble and unassuming man, who possessed a steely resolve and uncommon courage, Winton had told no one about what he had done. It was only once his wife Grete found the pictures and documents of all the children he had saved that his actions were slowly revealed to an amazed public: do watch the 'That's Life' programme on YouTube about the Life of Sir Nicholas Winton; it is one of the finest and most moving moments in television history.

Winton had given the gift of life without expectation of return. His was a gift based on unconditionality: he did not even talk about what he had done to those most close to him. In Matthew 6:1-14 Jesus expresses the belief that gifts should be given in secret. It should be hidden from the eyes of the world. Winton's actions had remained hidden for half a century.

It was once said that *"to live by love is to live "without why""*

Winton acted out of a love for humanity. He did not do it for some good in return to him personally; nor did he act for money and certainly not for fame. He acted out of love for humanity and because it was fundamentally the right thing to do; he did the thing even when no one was looking.

At SWPS we call this integrity. Winton's integrity demanded and he responded.

Senior Awards 2019

We held our annual Senior Awards on Friday 15 November to celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2019 during their time at SWPS and to present their A Level certificates.



Upon leaving SWPS, students become *Perkonians* and to illustrate the importance of taking the skills and values they've learned at SWPS with them into their futures, we invited Perkonian Rachel Farago, an Opera Singer, actor and musician, back for the Address and presentation of prizes. Her Address was inspiring and honest, showing the newest cohort of Perkonians that there's no limits to what they can achieve if they have the courage to try.



The evening also included some fantastic performances from the School's Chamber Choir and a selection of SWPS Musicians which showcased the true talent SWPS students have. It was a glorious celebration of the Class of 2019.

Upcoming Events	
2 Dec	Sport: Goal Getters at Chelsea Football Club, Stamford Bridge
	Academic Ambition: "Has the West lost it?" Seminar
3 Dec	Maths: Hans Woyda Competition Match
4 Dec	Music: Christmas Concert (Book your free place here)
5 Dec	Art: L6 Workshop
	Y9: Parents' Evening
6 Dec	Music: Chamber Choir perform at Floral House
7 Dec	SWPSBC: Pudding Races
9 – 13 Dec	WELLBEING WEEK
9 & 10 Dec	Carol Service @ St Peter's (Book your free place here)
10 Dec	RS: A Level Christmas Tea
11 Dec	Y9: Trip to Harry Potter World / WB Studios
	SWPS Mock Election Results
12 Dec	SWPSBC: Senior Squad Pizza Night
	Christmas Theme Dress Up
	Christmas Lunch
	6F: Social Event
13 Dec	Autumn Term Ends—12.35
3 Jan 2020	Art: A Level Work Day
	Perkonians: Christmas Comeback
6 Jan	Spring Term 2020 Starts

Fee Bills

Fee bills will be emailed to parents next Thursday (5 December). We have moved to new accounting software so these will look different to previous terms.

Any queries regarding the fee bills should be emailed to Fees@swps.org.uk.

Any adjustments will be included on your next fee bill issued Easter 2020.



**The Salvation Army
Christmas
Present Appeal**

Give a gift and
light up a life!

Christmas Present Appeal

SWPS is teaming up with The Salvation Army this Christmas by donating gifts to local children who are less fortunate.

The school will be collecting gifts between Monday 4 November - Friday 6 December 2019. The Salvation Army will collect the presents from school, wrap them & then deliver to local families in time for Christmas Eve.

Presents for all children (0-18 years) are completely welcome and gifts ideas range from toys, books, stationery sets, novelty hot water bottles, gift cards, fluffy socks etc.

All donations must be new please, no used items can be accepted.

English National Opera

English National Opera are offering Under 18s free Balcony tickets for any Friday, Saturday or opening night performances of their operas in the 2019/20 Season at the London Coliseum.

If any SWPS students, family or friends would like to take advantage of this offer, they can find more details on the ENO website:



[CLICK HERE FOR ENO WEBSITE: UNDER 18 SCHEME](#)

**CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**

4 December 2019
Main Hall, 7pm

The evening will be a celebration of our students' talents and hard work featuring some festive pieces.

Entry is free but tickets are required.

To join us, please click here

Refreshments will be served by the Friends of SWPS.

CALLING ALL STUDENTS...

**Do you fancy a free
Oboe lesson or Trombone lesson?**

There are currently vacancies available to have oboe or trombone lessons in school.

Any students who might be interested in learning either of these beautiful instruments are invited to a free trial lesson.

Please contact the Music Department or email music@swps.org.uk to arrange.

**Service of
Nine Lessons
and Carols**

St Peter's Church, Chertsey
Monday 9th December 2019, 7pm
Tuesday 10th December 2019, 7pm

Join us for our annual Christmas Service with readings and popular carols sung by the Chamber, School and Year 7 Choirs followed by mulled wine and mince pies provided by the Friends of SWPS.

Entry is free but a ticket is required
CLICK HERE TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE

Places are strictly limited to 3 per student as this event always sells out. Book early to avoid disappointment!

Friends of SIR WILLIAM PERKINS'S SCHOOL

FRIENDS OF SWPS CHRISTMAS FAIR 2019

The day was Saturday, 23 November 2019 - Friends of SWPS Christmas Fair. Although it's generally been our biggest fund raiser, the remit was to make this year's the biggest and best! The Friends and supporters of SWPS, superbly marshalled by Sam Barry, set out to deliver a memorable event befitting the school and to bring the community together. With last year's record-breaking Fair as the yardstick, the team had a lot to live up to. The planning began at the turn of the year with regular meetings, strangely in a local pub!

With almost 600 people attending, and over 40 stalls selling various Christmas gift items, it was a truly inclusive affair. The dining room was bursting with incredible stalls laden with jewellery, stocking fillers, Christmas cakes, etc, providing the perfect festive shopping opportunity. Not only did we have great artisan foods, we had the ever popular bbq and waffle stands in the courtyard. We were thoroughly entertained with Bubl  covers from the excellent Finn (follow his band on electricladyuk) and the Addlestone Holy Family Church Choir, and some of our own choral students. The afternoon was compered perfectly by the redoubtable Mr Peel.

The ever excitable and competitive Y7s were there with their stalls, wholeheartedly supported by their parents, all getting in the spirit, aiming to outsell each other! Congratulations to all the Year 7 stallholders for such tremendous contributions to the Fair - the results are:

- 7M (Cakes) £342.54
- 7P (Lucky dip) £320.50
- 7L (Chocolate Tombola) £258.35
- 7Q (Fairground Games) £154.52

The SWPS MBA students were also there, displaying their business skills. After the success of our ice rink last year, the big-ticket item was The Bubble Zorbs! It was a "runaway" success that will return for another Friends event by popular demand.

With almost £7,000 raised from the event, double last year's, it's been an unqualified success. This would not have been possible without our wonderful stall holders, the school family who solidly supported us, especially Andy and the Estates team, Esther and the office team, the 6th formers who got involved with gusto, all the visitors, especially parents who donated such generous items and their time, all our luxury raffle and bottle tombola donors, including local businesses. We are very grateful to JD Prestige Cars, our main sponsors, our committee and long list of volunteers, who have worked tirelessly to put together a memorable event.

Whilst we have ambitions to support the school as best as possible, and help enhance the learning experience for our children, we're severely limited by our numbers. I'd like to take this opportunity to invite parents and guardians to Friends of SWPS and to contact us, either as volunteers or committee members. We're also on the lookout for sponsors for our various events. This represents a brilliant opportunity for parents, not only to help enhance the learning experience of their kids, but also to advertise their businesses.

Thank you for your support and involvement now and the rest of the school year, to make SWPS community the best it can be.

Merry Christmas All.
Olu Adetola
Chair - Friends of SWPS



Imago Juniors— School Photography

Your school IMAGES are ready for you to view and purchase.

LOOK OUT FOR YOUR LOGIN DETAILS which will be sent home with your child.

FREE DELIVERY PERIOD

Order by **2nd December** for **FREE delivery to the school** (on 11th December 2019). Orders after the cut-off date will incur a P&P charge.

Please find information below with regard to:

- Logging into your gallery
- Lost / Unreceived logins
- Sibling images
- Changes to your images

LOGIN to VIEW and ORDER your Child's individual IMAGES

Please login with the **login details on your contact sheet that will come home with your child at:**

<https://www.imagojuniors.com/login/CombinedLogin.aspx>

You will then be taken through to your gallery where you can view and purchase the images.

Sibling Images

Please note that for those children who have had photos taken with their sibling, images for all siblings will appear in one gallery and only one contact sheet will be provided. While names of all siblings will appear on the contact sheet, there may only be images of one child showing, as only the first 5 images are shown on the contact sheet provided. More images are available to view in the online gallery.

FOR LOST / Not RECEIVED LOGINS

Call Imago on 01252 728457 or email enquiries@imagojuniors.com Quote the below **Safeword: SWPKFB*W19**, along with your school name, your **child's full name and form**.

Alternatively

Your school has a master-list with all login details.

Once you have logged on and entered your email address, if you subsequently misplace your login there is a 'forgotten password' facility on the website.

JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Order by Dates:

- Combinations & Ultimate Frames – **Order by Tues 3 Dec**
- Canvases & Artboxes – **Order by Sun 8 Dec**
- Classic Frames, Just Frames, USB's & Prints – **Order by Thurs 19 Dec**
- Digital Download Images – **9am Tues 24 Dec**

Unfinished IMAGES

Please note we provide five fully finished images and some unfinished ones. Any unfinished images ordered will be finished for you (backgrounds cleaned lighting adjusted if required).

Changes

If you require changes to your images, other than finishing them as above, please use the change request facility on our website.

Products

We offer a range of products from Downloads, softcopy digital images that can be received via our website in a few days, to prints and high quality frames and canvases.

Please do call us with any queries or problems, we are here to help.

Imago

SIR WILLIAM PERKINS'S
Christmas Comeback
Friday 3 January 2020
19.00—23.00
Hand & Spear, Weybridge, Surrey
For leavers of 2017, 2018 & 2019
Come and catch up with your friends and staff of SWPS.
Food & Drink Provided
BOOK BY CLICKING HERE OR VISITING
www.swpsperkonian.org.uk/event/christmas-comeback

ARTWORKS OF THE MONTH

Here's our third Artwork of the Month, for November, selected by the Art & Design Dept staff.

It is by **Bea (S6)**.

Take a look at more of our students' artwork on the Art Dept website: artdesignswps.org.uk





Netball
Well done to the Year 8 A and B Netball teams who played in a very wet tournament at Prior's Field School



on Saturday. Both teams endured the pouring rain excellently and came away with some great netball and some even better results! The A team won and the B team came 3rd overall. Well done both teams!

Hockey
U16 District Hockey

The U16 hockey squad lost the final of the District Tournament in the cruellest way as they were beaten on penalty strokes to Gordon's. The score at the end of the match was 1-1 with SWPS coming from a goal down to equalise through Mischa. Goalkeeper Evie made a fantastic save with the last touch of the match to give SWPS the chance of penalties and Evie made several great saves but SWPS still lost out 6-5. It was a great game with several Year 10s stepping up a age group and made it a good team performance.

U14 Hockey v St Teresa's

The Year 9 hockey squad took on a strong St Teresa's team on Wednesday and came away with a well fought 2-1 win. Throughout the game they were indebted to Evie in goal who pulled off several great saves. Kate opened the scoring only for St T's to equalise before half time. Then with 8 minutes remaining great work from Jess set up Zoe to slam home the winner. Another great improving performance from the squad!

Year 7 Dance Fusion!

The Year 7 netballers had a great time exchanging their netball warm up for a dance fusion session! They had a fantastic time with Melissa who put them through their paces on a number of fun dances!



Rowing—Fuller's Fours Head

After three weeks of a red-boarded river and the subsequent indoor-training, three crews from the Senior Squad ventured to Hammersmith last weekend for the Fullers' Fours Head of the River Race. 480 crews from across the country rowed over the gruelling 7500m University Boat Race course, with the majority taking a little over 20 minutes to complete the race. The SWPS crews made the most of their afternoon on the water; in what for many of the rowers was their first time racing such a long distance, the results were extremely promising.



The coxed four (Lola Wright/Lizzie Way/Jessica Roles/Mara Leigh/Felicity Cunliffe) rowed to 6th place in WJ18 4+ Band 2, and our J16 quad (Katya Nearcou/Maddie Jones/Megan Postlethwaite/Bethany Illsley) impressed against older opposition to rank 9th in WJ18 4x Band 2. A strong performance from the coxless four (Eve Linney/Mary O'Donnell/Celia Crosbie/Tess O'Donnell) saw them finish 2nd in WJ18 4- Band 1, completing a very encouraging SWPSBC showing across three different boat types.

There were also good results from some of the Boat Club's alumnae; Annabelle Taylor and Ella Ayoade were both part of last season's Henley Royal Regatta quad and they made the trip south with Nottingham University. Annabelle's coxless four finished 2nd in W4- Band 1, and Ella's quad was 5th in W4x Academic Band 1. Our former pupils carrying on enjoying their rowing post-school is a joy to see, and the SWPS rowers on Saturday gave them a great shout as they rowed past on the water!





Ready to Row

Building Confidence, Resilience & Excellence

New Year, New Challenge?

Join the program in January 2020
 Limited spaces, so book early to avoid disappointment!
 Deadline for bookings is **12.12.19**

Wednesday and Thursday mornings in the Sports Hall

7.00 – 7.45am Strength and conditioning session with an experienced trainer

8.00 – 8.20am Breakfast based on British Rowing Association Nutritional advice

Strength and conditioning; functional movement training – age-appropriate exercise.

£12.50 for 1 session per week!
 or
£22.50 for 2 sessions per week

Requires booking in advance and commitment for a whole term.
 Book via SOCS by 12th December 2019 - (payment letters will be sent once sign up is complete)
<https://www.socscms.com/login/25509/parent/Wed/Thur Before School>Ready to Row>



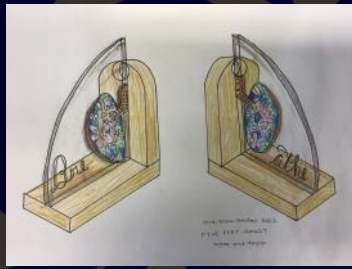
TECHNOLOGY

Year 7 & 8 achievements in Technology

Last week you saw the excellent baking from one half of Year 7 and 8 with Ms McQuillan, this week as promised we have what Mrs Keeling's classes have been up to.

The Year 7 groups have been starting to complete their wooden boxes with a personalised lid and the 8 groups have been completing their bookends inspired by their favourite books.

You can see the progression in skills from Year 7 to 8 going from dowel joints to finger joints as well as more complex laser cut designs. These groups have a little longer in product design before having their own go at food technology.



LIBRARY

Book of the Week

This week's BotW is 'Finding Dorothy' by Elizabeth Letts, selected by Mrs Vidgen.

Book of the Week



Behind the most famous movie ever made is a tale of love, magic and one incredible woman.

Hollywood, 1938: As soon as she learns that MGM is adapting her late husband's masterpiece, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, Maud Gage Baum sets about trying to visit the set. Nineteen years after Frank's passing, Maud is the only person who can help the producers stay true to the spirit of the book - because she's the only one left who knows its secrets...

But the moment she hears Judy Garland rehearsing the first notes of 'Over the Rainbow', Maud recognizes the yearning that defined her own life story, from her rebellious youth as a suffragette's daughter to her coming of age as one of the first women in the Ivy League, from her blossoming romance with Frank to the hardscrabble prairie years that inspired his famous work. With the young actress under pressure from the studio as well as her ambitious stage mother, Maud resolves to protect her - the way she tried so hard to protect the real Dorothy.

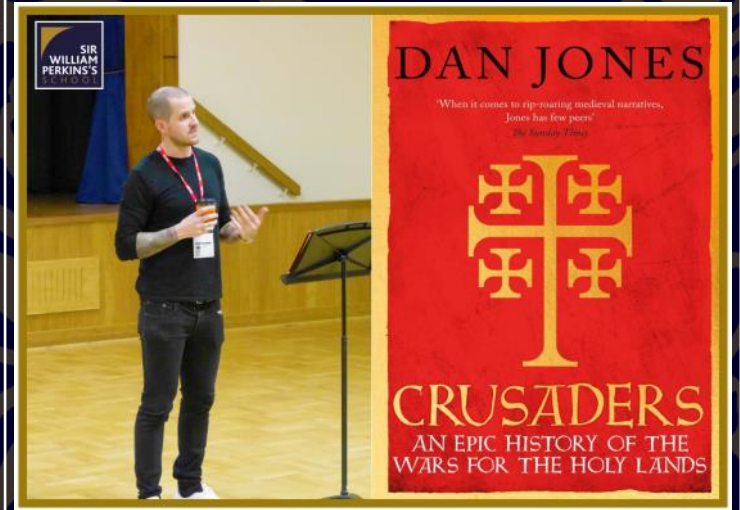
This richly imagined novel tells the story behind *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* through the eyes of L. Frank Baum's intrepid wife, Maud.

Dan Jones' Visit

Mr Dan Jones, a historian, a journalist and a bestselling author, visited SWPS last Wednesday to give a lecture to our 6th Form students.

He spoke about his latest book, "Crusaders"; he outlined Crusades as events that shook the medieval world, and yet their echo still shapes the events of today; he explained his desire to write about history, showing it through the eyes of those who witnessed it, to make it more engaging and relatable; he talked about his writing process and gave some tips about studying History.

Both, students and staff greatly enjoyed his colourful anecdotes and appreciated his unusual way of talking about history.



Visit the Library during the last week of term to try your hand at Christmas Origami!



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