

# Globeducate Arts Competition 2019-20



## *The Principal's Weekly Newsletter*

Mr Deryck M. Wilson



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019

## The Arts Competition

*Students used the theme of "Dreams" to creatively interpret the concept through painting, sculpture, poetry, drawing, video, photography and creative writing.*



2019

Dear Children and Parents,

In this last message to you for 2019, we have lots to celebrate. You will see this reflected throughout the pages of the newsletter. Christmas is a time to rejoice and reflect back on the successes of the year gone, looking forward, to the opportunity that the year ahead presents us with. In our school, community is at our heart and in this last week before the festive break it is never more true with performances, visits from Father Christmas and team efforts across the school, all to make sure the experience for the students is the best it can be. Truth be told, the staff enjoy it a lot too!

It is with pleasure that I am sharing how well our students performed in the recently judged Globeducate Arts Competition. For a relatively small school in a large collection of over 50 participating schools in the Globeducate group, it doesn't escape me that this is an indicator of the excellence we truly have within our student body and makes me appreciate the encouragement and inspiration that their teachers provide. I am sure you will share with me in celebrating the fantastic outcomes for these students, who didn't just achieve a lot to be picked out as entries from the school, but also internationally recognised for their talents as they are placed highly in the competition.

**Eliana Jegindoe Year 8S – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize**



**ELIANA JEGINDOE**  
Southlands International School

PAINTING



## Francesco Sinerchia Year 12 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize



**FRANCESCO SINERCHIA**  
Southlands International School

**CREATIVE WRITING**

### DROWNING DREAMS

I've been crouched and squashed here on this boat for days. I cannot move: hundreds of people suffering around me, cramped just as I am, complaining of the lack of resources needed to survive. As the hours pass and a myriad waves hit the hull, there is only one big question which is haunting me: will we make it?

"Oh Asad, you should never play outside anymore. You could be captured by men from Al-Shabaab and they will force you to be a terrorist."

My mother repeated this to me every day. As I walked down the calescent concrete of the quarry where I worked, I wondered what it would be like to go to school like normal children and the more I thought about it, the more vivid I saw my dream: living in a country, where there isn't a civil war and no risks of getting shot, where I could learn how to read and write and play football, with an actual round ball.

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Now on the boat I try to be optimistic and prefer not to picture the atrocious fate that will occur if we sink. We are just a tiny dot in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea. Lost, in the immensity of the salt water. Whilst I drown in my thoughts, I am barely able to see the white sun shrink as a blanket of mist covers the sky. As I turn my head away from the pressing crowd and look up towards the sky, I see ominous clouds approaching. A storm is brewing.

## Ludovica Ambrosino Year 6H – Honorable Mention



**LUDOVICA AMBROSINO**  
Southlands International School

**DRAWING**



## Daniele Iannazzi Year 8B

Congratulations to Daniele Iannazzi in Year 8B. Daniele's work on the Odds and Evens problem has now been published on the NRICH website - another fantastic achievement!

You can see the parts of his work that have been selected via the link below but I would also like to share the feedback that the NRICH team provided when they responded to my email. (*Mr Strang has highlighted the part of which Daniele should be particularly proud.*)

"Thank you for the submission, I've added some of Daniele's work to the solution - he found far more fair sets than anyone else, well done. I wonder whether there is a non-algebraic way to prove that any pair of consecutive triangular numbers will work...Daniele's work draws out the pattern."

<https://nrich.maths.org/4308?part=solution>

Mr Strang



## Year 13 Students 'Special CAS delivery to Grassi Hospital'

On the morning of Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, students from Y13, along with Mrs Barber and Mr Hough, travelled to Ospedale GB Grassi, in Ostia, to deliver Christmas gifts that were kindly donated by so many Southlands students and families through the annual gift drive!

The students met with the nurses and Dott. Marco Bonci in the Pediatric department and eagerly waited for children to come and meet them in the playroom. As the children entered, they were greeted by smiles and surprises as they were handed presents and toys. Some children, who were unable to come to the room, had their gifts personally delivered to them; each one was very happy and touched and the parents who were in the ward were overjoyed by the wonderful gesture.



Tonight, other students will be delivering the remaining gifts to other hospitals throughout Rome and the rest will be transported this weekend to the *Caritas* in Ostia, so that families arriving for their food parcels this Christmas can leave with a gift as well.

I would like to thank everyone involved this year for their support and kindness, especially, the Year 13 students for their efforts and hard work. A big thank you also to Mrs Barber and Mr Johnson for their continued confidence and help and, above all, I wish everyone a very, merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Richard Hough CAS Coordinator**



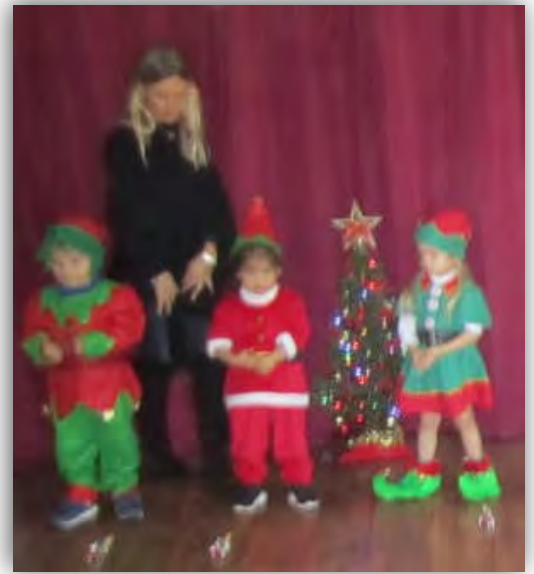
### ***Nursery - Elves Christmas Concert***

On a chilly morning the Nursery classes warmed up Southlands with a fantastic Christmas concert. The children amazed and delighted family and friends with a collection of Christmas songs. They sang beautifully, dancing and performing actions along with the songs. The children looked lovely in their elves costumes, and we would like to thank parents for their support and collaboration.

**Mrs Shirley, Mrs Tina, Mrs Luisa Jane and Mrs Sara.**







### ***Year 3 'Eddie the Penguin Saves the World!'***

This week, Year 3 performed their Christmas show, 'Eddie the Penguin Saves the World!' We were incredibly proud of all the students, who worked so hard to learn their lines and tell the story of Eddie and his important journey to teach humans about global warming. Thank you also to all staff involved, for their support and hard work, and to parents and family for providing costumes and being such a wonderful, encouraging audience on the day. We wish a relaxing and happy Christmas to you all, and look forward to seeing you again in January!

**Ms Wells and Ms Speirs**



### ***Year 4 Charlie and the Chocolate Factory***

'Last week Year 4 pulled out the performance of a lifetime and showed off their excellent acting and talented singing in their performance of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. The children retold the story of Charlie Bucket, Augustus Gloop, Violet Beauregarde, Veruca Salt and Mike Teevee in their fantastic adventures in Willy Wonka's magical chocolate factory. All of the children were fantastic and gave 110% in their acting and in their making of the props which supported them. We are both so proud of what they have accomplished. A massive 'thank you' goes to the parents for the wonderful costumes; to Ms Michelle, Ms Webster, Ms McDonald and Ms Watson for their help in the theatre during rehearsals. We would also like to thank Mr Snape for his wonderful work playing live music for the children and helping them to learn the songs. And of course, the main thank you goes to the children of Year 4. Well done!



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### ***Year 5 - Southlands Musical***

The Southlands Spectacular, indeed! All of the hard work rehearsing came together in the most fantastic way when Year 5 performed in this years' winter performance. We are so proud of the children for their dancing, singing and acting, the stage presence was magical. Special thanks to all of the staff who helped out on the day and leading up to the performance, your support is, as always, greatly appreciated. Wishing everyone a restful break and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

**Ms Taylor and Miss Taylor-Critchley**



### **Year 6 – Rudolf and Shrek**

Year 6C and Year 6H performed their fantastic dual show of Rudolf and Shrek! The children took to the stage in style. They had worked hard work throughout rehearsals for their final show. The students can look back and be proud of what they have achieved. Well done to all the pupils of Year 6. We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a special mention goes to Sara and her family who will be starting their new life in Holland in the new year. Thank you all for a great first term and we will see you in 2020!

**Miss Cahall & Mr Hough**



### **KS3 CATs**

On Tuesday we saw the culmination of months of hard work on the part of KS3 and the Performing Arts teachers. Parents and the whole of the senior school were treated to the spectacle of Southlands International School's interpretation of the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical "CATs".

The readings, dancing and singing were a real showcase for the amazing talent we have in the school. A special mention to Sophie Diallo for her rendition of Memories as the character Grizabella, the aging glamour cat, which bought the house down!



Everyone will agree that the costumes and make up were superb and thanks for this goes to the parents, Mrs Thorpe, Mrs Ponder, Miss MacDonald, Miss Watson, Miss Wells, Miss Baines and the year 12 CAS students. The CAS students also helped back stage and with technical support alongside the excellent Lorenzo.

Finally, it would not have been possible without the hard work and commitment of Mrs Thorpe, Mr Snape and Mr Blundell. A spectacular end to the year!

**Mrs Barber Head of Senior School**



## **Senior School End of Term Assembly**

Today we took time in the Senior School to celebrate some successes. With our theme of "Small But Mighty" the whole of the senior school gathered in the gym for an end of term assembly.

We shared tutor group challenge results from year 10 and 13, celebrated the wonderful Maths competition entries from this term. Year 13 shared what they have been doing as part of their CAS work, supporting the community in a range of ways. We recognised the excellent achievement of the CATs production that we all watched together on Tuesday and finally celebrated the fantastic success from the Globeducate Arts competition for Francesco Sinerchia in year 12 (Creative Writing- 2nd place) and Eliana Jegindoe in year 8 (Painting - 1st place). A massive achievement considering over 50 schools are in the group and competing.



Finally we were all surprised to have our assembly interrupted by Father Christmas, who reminded us to be good in order to stay on the nice list, giving away some of Max Defonte's Christmas list choices, before leading us in a rousing chorus of "Jingle Bells"

Merry Christmas and restful holidays to all.

**Mrs Barber, Head of Senior School**

## **Globeducate Academic Olympics**

The Globe Educate Academic Olympics was an amazing experience. On the first day, we arrived at the school where we had an opening ceremony where we split up into groups of different elements with different schools. Then we were given to our host families where we went to their homes and we ate traditional Spanish food, making friendships with the people we met. The second day, we went around Barcelona doing sports activities while also gaining points for every activity we finished. The second day we stayed in school and did a presentation on the Amazon, politics and fuel use throughout the years. The second task was were your groups as split into two and one of them had to escape an escape room while the others had to build a robot and collect objects such as a CD, a wine cork and a balloon and we had to put those objects together to make it able to move. The final task was that we were on a TV program and we had to answer questions that the hostess would ask us, each question we answered, the more points we got. We arrived on the last day where they would announce the groups with most points to get a medal, sadly, my group only got one. It was a really fun experience and I look forward to it next year. **Riccardo Caputo Year 9**



In late November, the Globeducate Olympics took place in Barcelona so I and 3 other students travelled there for the event. What I liked most was the fact that we had to stay in a family's house to sleep and I got to know them and I really enjoyed my time with them. During the Olympics, we had fun through some activities in the school and we went around Barcelona. It's a shame that we didn't see the Sagrada Familia but I still had a lot of fun and I will remember this experience. If I could, I would do it again!  
**Riccardo Giorgi Year 10**



### **Reception Lions**

The Reception Lions performed wonderfully in our Christmas concert about dreams and wishes and in the previous weeks we created a frieze in the classroom that depicts all of our songs. Thank you Lions for all your hard work and for the fun we all had as we moved towards Christmas. Merry Christmas every-one and a happy new year.



### **Santa @ Southlands**

The children in the Goat and Woodpecker classes were very surprised when a special visitor knocked on their classroom doors on Tuesday morning .... It was ....Father Christmas! The children each received a little gift and sang a song for him. Father Christmas said that everyone was on his list of good boys and girls except Mr Gray, but that he had time to improve before the 25th December in order to receive a gift!



### **Margherita Year 5TC**

Margherita Silvi has had even more success with her dog in a national competition and will be heading off to the UK to compete as a result. Well done, Margherita and good luck for your next competition.





## **Southlands U11 Tournament Review**

It was my first time coaching a team from Southlands and I was delighted by what I saw. Everyone gave it their best and provided us with an impressive performance by playing some brilliant football!

The team showed great persistence even when they were behind. They never gave up and we achieved a great result!

I would like to thank everyone who helped support, organise and oversee the day. We could not have done it without you. A special thank you goes out to Gabriele, Lorenzo, Abraham, Martina, Giacomo, Giordano and Isaac. You were awesome on the pitch and I hope you are all proud of your performance.

**Mr Barker**



## **CAS Raffle – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winner**

'Here we have Maria-Vittoria, from our Y5TC class, enjoying her prize from last week's CAS Holiday Raffle! It was her winning ticket that was pulled out in the end and she was certainly overjoyed with her new friend! She has decided to call the bear 'Ruby' and I am sure that she will have hours of endless fun! Again, a huge thank you to Carrefour Market in Ostia for this wonderful donation to our Raffle'

There are a lot of fun things to do outside in the winter. However, it is important to consider safety. Although we have been enjoying unusually warm weather for December, it is still a good time to review the winter health and safety tips.

### **Nosebleeds**

If your child suffers from winter nosebleeds, try using a cold air humidifier in the child's room at night. Saline nose drops or petroleum jelly may also help. If severe, consult your pediatrician.

### **Hypothermia**

When (or if) it gets cold outside, remember to set reasonable time limit on outdoor play and have children come inside periodically to warm up. Dressing in layers is best.

**Outdoor Winter Activities** If you are going to the mountain areas on the weekend or for Christmas vacation remember:

Ice skating and sledding are great ways to get exercise on a cold winter day. Children should be supervised. Advise your child to: Sled feet first or sitting up, instead of lying down headfirst. Sled on slopes free of obstructions (like trees or fences), not too steep, that ends with a flat runoff.

Skate only on approved surfaces. Skate in one direction with the crowd. Never skate alone. Do not chew gum or eat candy. Wear a helmet. Stay away from crowded areas.

**Nurse Diana & Nurse Lanny**



## Message from Administration

Dear Parents,

I look forward to an exciting New Year and hope to promote more initiatives for students and parents.

**123** new ipads have arrived in school, more news will be coming soon about this exciting development for Southlands' students after the holiday.

**Gabriele Beretta**



## Let's Party!

Looking for a place to host your child's next birthday, a reunion, event, shower, or just celebrating? Look no further!

Why not celebrate your child's special day with us and his/her class mates directly at school on a Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. Children can be taken directly after school to the lunchroom where you can celebrate without the hustle of car-pooling children to your home.



Cari Genitori,

### **Non è mai troppo tardi per imparare l'inglese!**

Southlands è lieta di comunicarVi che da Gennaio 2020 partiranno i corsi di inglese per adulti. Le lezioni si terranno di mattina a scuola con un nostro insegnante madrelingua, in giorni ed orari che verranno concordati a seguito di un piccolo test di ingresso.

Potrete prenotare il Vostro incontro tramite la Segreteria della scuola in base alle Vostre disponibilità, chiamando il numero 065053932.

### **It is never too late to learn Italian!**

Southlands is pleased to inform you that starting from January 2020 you will have the opportunity to learn Italian here at school. Our Italian language course for adults will be taught by one of our Modern Foreign Language specialist teachers, Mrs Ana Lain Del Forno.

Our Italian language course will provide you the necessary tools to approach the language and totally understand the Italian culture. Lessons will take place every Tuesday afternoon from 3.45pm to 4.45pm.

If you would like to sign up for the course please contact the school office tel 06 5053932.





## Listening Centre

The sessions will take place with Dr. Francesco Anfuso (Psychologist) who has a wide experience working with children and adolescents and speaks English and Italian. The Centre is an opportunity for parents who wish to talk about any kind of family matter, children's behaviour or who seek professional advice.

Please visit [www.schoolbookings.net](http://www.schoolbookings.net) and use **Event Code: sswz5** to book your slot. The 20-minute sessions will be held every Thursday from 09:00 to 10:00. Sessions will take place in the SEN room in front of the C31 classroom (staircase on top of school shop).

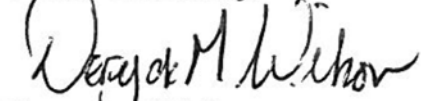
## Dates for your Diary

Return to school (Spring Term)

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Do have an enjoyable Holiday.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deryck M Wilson', written over a horizontal line.

Deryck M Wilson

Principal