



The Principal's Weekly Newsletter

Mr Deryck M. Wilson

Friday 14th February

Dear Children and Parents,

This year's CWMUN was a great success!

This year's CWMUN event, in conjunction with @associazione_diplomatici, has to go down as one of our best yet! With winners having been chosen from Year 9 all the way up to Year 12, our students were a credit to the school and their hard work certainly paid off.



Each student will undoubtedly remember this experience for a long time to come and, as we move onto the next phase of our Model United Nations by attending this year's Globeducate event in Nice in March, we will be pleased in the knowledge that we have such a wonderful amount to offer.

Clearly, delegates should be very proud of their achievements over the course of the three days in Rome and we look forward to seeing more from our future leaders. This is what some of the participants had to say:

*The CWMUN experience was a truly fulfilling experience for me. I did not expect it to be such an interactive experience. To be absolutely honest, I thought the three days were going to be a pain; I was proven wrong! Once you got your head into the simulation, you could not get your head out. Not only was it testing your knowledge and research skills, but it also tested your communicative and collaborative skills, as well as your social skills. I think the bit I enjoyed most was moving around and trying to convince other countries to join my coalition. **Bachir Diallo, Year 12***



*The CWMUN event allows you to make new friends but also to understand the different problems around the world that we never think about as we live in our perfect little bubble. It is a great experience for everyone. It allows you to take on the role of an ambassador and forget about everything, as the only thing you have to think about is defending your country's position. As this was my second year being involved in the MUN, I recommend having an experience like this in your life at least once and I am happy to have also been selected to participate in the Globeducate MUN in March. **Irene Tropea, Year 11***

*CWMUN was a fantastic experience for me. I enjoyed meeting students from different countries and different schools. I learnt how to form alliances and new vocabulary. CWMUN gave me the possibility of overcoming my shyness and speaking in public in front of many people. I hope to repeat the experience next year and hopefully to repeat the experience with the same fantastic partner I had this year. **Rebecca Costantini, Year 9***



I want to thank every participant, as well as Ms Watson and Mrs Barber for their continued support, Rachele Podda and Alessandro Diamaiuta for their invaluable input, and I hope that they return again next year.

Mr Richard Hough, IB CAS Coordinator

IB Italian HL Theatre trip

On Wednesday 12th of February Year 12 IB Italian A and Italian B HL students watched 'Liolà', a theatre play by Luigi Pirandello, a famous Italian writer who has produced many prose and theatre plays. The performance was very interesting for the students whose comments you may find below. **Ms Maura Valiserra, IB Italian teacher**

We went to see "Liolà", an Italian stage play written by Luigi Pirandello. We were very excited and looking forward to watch the play as we had already read the plot in class and were eager to know how it would be portrayed in the form of a play. Although Pirandello is most famous for his melancholy, throughout the play we had many laughs, as it was very comic. I, personally, appreciated particularly the joy that Liolà, the protagonist, managed to convey through his spontaneous and light-hearted attitude. Also, the thing that struck me the most was the ending. The protagonist is stabbed and slowly starts falling on the floor. However, the ending is open to interpretation, as the audience does not know if Liolà dies or not. Finally, after the play, we had the privilege to talk to the actor playing the part of Liolà. Overall, it has been a very interesting trip, which has definitely contributed to our Italian A IB course. **Julia Testa**
Italian A IB student

The play was engaging because the actors respected the real play and Pirandello's purpose to represent Sicilian society in the 1915 era. It also showed the real drama in that period, the poverty and the issue of leaving an inheritance to become rich. We also had the opportunity to meet the protagonist Liolà. We initially thought that his role of Latin lover was true even in real life. That is because he was so good at interpreting him, but we discovered he is totally a different person and a very good actor. **Alessandra Maesano**
Italian A IB student



The play was a lot of fun and we learned some Sicilian dialect words. We also had the chance of meeting the actor playing the main character Liolà and asked him questions about the life of an actor, the meaning of the play and how to correctly portray Pirandello's words in a stage performance. After the theatre, we had a cultural walk around Rome and saw the Trevi fountain, Piazza di Spagna, L'altare della Patria and 'Bocca della Verità'. Furthermore, we saw the outside of the Italian Parliament where there were many journalists and we were hoping to see some politicians. Overall, the trip was very informative and helpful for our Italian IB course. **Ester Santini** **Italian A IB student**

We really enjoyed the play because the actors were able to make it fluent and easy to understand and follow and we really appreciated the fact that they broke the plot by using jokes and metaphors making the play less boring. Once the play finished we had the chance to talk with the main character and to see how an actual theatre is behind the stage.



After that, we walked in the centre of Rome and we saw various monuments and places such as Piazza di Spagna, Altare Della Patria ,and Trevi Fountain. Overall, the trip was really interesting and helpful for our Italian course since Luigi Pirandello is one of the poets that we are going to study to prepare for our final exam. **Luigi Molinari Italian A IB student**



Celebrating St. Valentine's Day

'Love is in the air' as pupils in Year 1 practised their cutting and sticking skills to make panda heart cards for their loved ones. As they worked, they talked about whom they loved and why they loved them. They also made new decorations for their class trees using beans, peas and lentils. They loved sifting the seeds with their fingers and experiencing the sensation. In making some intricate patterns, the children showed concentration, persistence and great observation skills. They also consolidated the vocabulary learned to describe materials, as the seeds were rough, smooth, shiny, dull, striped spotted and plain. **Mrs Wilson and Mr Gray**



Lunar New Year in Year 1

As part of the ongoing topic on 'Why People Celebrate', children in Year 1 have found out about the stories and customs surrounding the Lunar New Year and the Year of the Rat. They have cooperated with Miss McDonald to make a Dragon, which you can see in the Library. They have also constructed rats by recycling egg cartons and tubes. To frighten away bad luck it is a tradition to make a lot of noise, so the children made some drums to help them with this!



Reception Lions Sand Tray 11th February!

Outdoor learning happening in the Reception class. Yes, it is February but the beautiful weather has been an invitation to all classes to use the outdoors even more. The Reception children can be seen engaged in conversation while they use the sand toys to create shapes. Who knows what interesting ideas are going through their minds?



Nursery 'Polar Regions' Topic

To finish off our 'Polar Regions' topic, the Nursery classes made arctic animal biscuits. They enjoyed decorating them and especially eating them.



Year 9 Composing Valentine's Poetry

Here are Year 9 composing Valentine's poems and working on their use of figurative language and other literary devices.



What a dream team!

We look forward to all of the projects and tasks to make Southlands more environmentally friendly and sustainable.

We welcome your ideas. Watch this space for our projects and goals.

Bike Safety:

While thinking of ways to being more environmentally friendly and making the most of the lovely weather this week, we thought of other ways to travel around. We have written scripts for bike safety videos and recorded them on the pink court.

Top tips:

Always wear a helmet when you are on your bike.
Keep yourself highly visible while riding your bike, use lights and reflective clothing.
Make sure you follow the rules of the road.
Thoroughly check your bike before setting off.

SKI SALE

THANK YOU! The Ski Sale last week was such a success. We are grateful to everyone for the generous donations, the dancing in the courtyard and the wonderful atmosphere. We have raised a lot of money, over 750 for The Koala Hospital, WWF and The Australian Volunteer Fire Service and we continue to do so as we continue to sell the donations we have received. Thank you for your continued support.





Carnevale

This year's "Carnevale" will take place on Friday 21st February. We will be following the tradition of the children wearing fancy dress costumes and parading for parents. For those of you who are new to the school, children, may wear any form of fancy dress. We will ask parents not to send in replica/toy weapons of any kind.

Parades

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 just after 11.00 a.m. on the Pink Court
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 just after 11.30 a.m. on the Pink Court

In the afternoon, all Primary classes will have a party, which will end before 3.25 pm. It is traditional for parents to send in drinks or snacks for the class to share. For reasons of health and safety, these should be shop bought and the ingredients should, therefore, be clearly marked. We thank you for your support for "Carnevale".

Globeducate News

Dear Parents,

We wish to inform you that STONAR and ICS schools who are part of the Globeducate group are offering Southlands' students 20% discount on tuition fees for their Easter and Summer School programmes.

STONAR School brochure

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1FECRB2Te2dd1gnnNpMmt8UelbH3iMpbC>

ICS brochure

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1hrK-y6_TV1egphsKzA5pXJT_x_zNiDgoK



Upcoming Football Tournaments for 2020

These dates are subject to change and more will be added once they have been organised in the calendar.

Date	Venue	Age Group
07/03/2020	U7, U9, U11 Football Tournament	Southlands Int Sch
28/03/2020	U14 Boys Football Matches	St George's School
09/05/2020	U7, U9, U11 Football Tournament	The New School

For more information, please speak with Mr Hough if you are interested in being involved or would like to know more about it.

Message from School Manager

Dear Parents,

The upcoming 'Pink Event', will be held before Easter at school. You can support this initiative by buying a limited edition 'Pink Southlands t-shirt', which can be ordered via the google form link below.

<https://forms.gle/v28kxV2sd4fgcC4z8>

A sample of the t-shirt that students, staff and parents can wear on this day are available in the school uniform. The scope of the event is to raise awareness and to raise funds.

All sizes can be purchased for your child/ren, friends & family, which will contribute to making the event even more special.

The cost of the t-shirt is Euro 15,00 and a part of the amount will be donated to AIRC.

We will keep you posted in the forthcoming newsletters.

Mr Gabriele Beretta

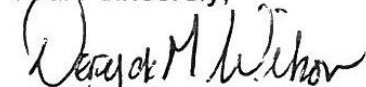
Dates for your Diary

Year 7 trip to Barcelona Presentation
Year 8 trip to Holland Presentation
Year 9 trip to Paris Presentation
Year 11 trip to Berlin Presentation
Half Term Holiday
Parent/teacher conferences (holiday for children)

8.45am on Monday 17th February - Gym
8.45am on Wednesday 19th February.- Gym
8.45am on Wednesday 19th February – S8
8.45am on Wednesday 19th February – S7
Monday 24th February – Monday 2nd March
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Do have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Deryck M Wilson
Principal

