

Stratford Schools

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World Book Day 2013

Events around the school on Thursday, 7th March.

Trip to Berlin

5th and 6th Year History students will visit historical sites of interest from 11th—13th March.

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2013

Events around the school, including the annual school concert from 11th—15th March.

Classics students visit Bath



A group of 5th and 6th Year Leaving Certificate Classical Studies students visited Bath and Stonehenge on 11th and 12th January with *Ms. Donohoe* and *Ms. McCarthy*.

"Despite staying for only one night, the trip gave us great perspective into our Classical Studies subject - making

an animated subject even more so animated." *Hugh Cannon (5th Year)*

"Going to Bath and the bathhouses gave me a realistic view on Roman architecture and their culture. Features of Roman architecture were visible all around the city, not just the baths, so the subject became very alive for me." *Hugh O'Rourke (6th Year)*

"For me I loved it all: whether it was going to Stonehenge or the bathhouses, even seeing the town itself. I enjoyed every minute of it and a big thanks to Ms. Donohoe and Ms. McCarthy for everything." *Fearghal Kelleher (6th Year)*

Photo: Amy Bennett (6th Year)

Senior History Quiz win!

Congratulations to *John, Diarmaid, Rory and Katie*, who together, won the History Teachers Association of Ireland (HTAI) Senior History Quiz in Sandford Park on Monday, 21st January. The quiz consisted of 10 rounds of 6 questions, each on general history and current affairs. The Stratford team got 56/60 questions correct. Speaking to Ms. O'Kelly they said that they didn't get the "white feather" question, the



"Sagres" question, the "Kinsale" question and the "Hill 16" question.

They got full marks for seven rounds in a row! Well done to the team and to *Ms. Kenny*.

Photo: Ms. O'Kelly

Ski Trip to Austria



A group of students travelled to Erhwald in Austria for the school ski trip, 6th—10th January. Prior to that, students had 4 weeks training in Kilternan, learning how to turn, to stop, to put on the gear and to ski confidently at speed. Students made speedy progress from nursery slope

to an eight-mile Blue slope on the first day! By the end of the week, all the students were confidently skiing the Red slopes. It was a pleasure to be with such a well-behaved group who pushed themselves out of their comfort zones. *Ms. Finnegan and Mr. Desmond*



Photos: Ms. Finnegan

CSPE Movie Day: "The Help"



On Thursday, 10th of January, the third year CSPE class held a Movie

Day in school. "The Help" was shown in the hall at 1:30. Overall, the movie was enjoyed by all. Food and drinks were also sold during the movie as to raise money for the charity **To Russia with Love**.

A raffle was also organised. We sold all the raffle tickets and we raised €526. *Andrew Enright (3rd Year)*

Photo: Ms. Kenny

BT Young Scientist Exhibition



On Friday, 11th January, the 1st to 4th Year students visited the BT

Young Scientist Exhibition in the RDS.

A third year student reports back on what for them was the highlight of the visit. "Carmel and I visited the robot display which was very cool and interesting. We visited some of the stands of other schools that took part and were really intrigued by some of their experiments." *Fiona Maguire (3rd Year)*

Photo: Ms. O'Kelly

Visit from Dublin Zookeeper

Jim, a zookeeper from Dublin Zoo, visited all the classes on Monday, 14th January.

Everyone got to see and hold an elephant's tooth and foot, as well as turtle shells!

Pupils learned a lot of new things about animals:

"Elephants talk to each other by touching with their trunks."

"A turtle swims using flippers."

"A tortoise has toes."

"Elephants don't make noise when they walk."



"Elephants use their trunks like a hand."

Lots of interesting questions were asked by pupils and it felt funny to hold an elephant's foot!

Image: www.dublinzoo.ie

MS-Readathon 2012

Congratulations to all the pupils from 1st class to 6th class who took part in the MS-Readathon 2012 (12th October - 12th November).

€3277.63 for The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ireland.

They read a grand total of **498** books and raised a massive



10% of this amount is kept by the school to buy more books.

Image: www.msreadathon.ie

Floating Needle Experiment



Each group got a bowl of water, a plastic fork and a needle. The first

thing each group did was to try and drop the needle into the water to make it float. Every person in each group had a try at this. For some people the needle floated, for others it didn't. The experiment took about 20 minutes in all. Everybody in the class was very interested in this experiment.

Photo: Ms. Greer

World Book Day 2013

Thursday, 7th March is the date of this year's World Book Day. Pupils in Stratford Schools will each

receive special World Book Day book tokens. There will be other events organized on the day which will be posted in due course.

Sarah Webb, author of the very popular "Ask Amy Green" books, will

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be visiting both schools on Friday, 8th March.



The annual "**Bring a Book, Buy a Book**" sale, in aid of St. Michael's House, will be in the hall of Stratford College on World Book Day. *Ms. O'Kelly* is accepting book donations!

Images: www.worldbookday.com

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2013



Seachtain na Gaeilge will be celebrated from 11th—15th March.

The highlight of the week will be the

Seachtain na Gaeilge concert on Thursday, 14th March.

Students will display a variety of talents—singing, dancing and playing music.

There will be Table Quizzes and Poster competitions, amongst other events organised by *Ms. Ivers*.

Photos: Ms. O'Kelly

Briefs

Private Members' Draws

In order to raise funds for essential school equipment and maintenance a monthly private members' draw will be held from November 2012 through to July 2013. Cost of entry is €50 for 10 draws (20 prizes). Multiple units of €50 each may be purchased. See www.stratfordcollege.ie.

Allocation of places: Stratford N.S.

The allocation of places in Stratford National School for the academic year commencing September 2013 will take place in 2013. If you have not already applied for a place please contact the school office (01-492 2315) immediately for an application form or download it from www.stratfordns.ie.