

# Shene News

For  
Pupils & Parents

4th December 2009



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

You will notice from this newsletter that there are lots of sporting events currently taking place. As well as these, I would like to draw parents' and carers' attention to the Christmas concert which is on Monday December 14<sup>th</sup> in All Saints church by the school, starting at 7pm. This is always a lovely event with music, song, dance and theatre performances by our talented students. Please do try and come and see the show – I am sure you will feel it is worth it.

Parents and carers will be aware we recently had an Ofsted monitoring visit. These monitoring visits are now much more frequent and, although we were told they would be within a 20-day period, we were only informed about 10 minutes before they arrived. We were pleased with the overall judgements and teachers found the inspectors easy to talk about educational issues with. The inspectors, as all the ones I have met at Shene seem to do, enjoyed being with us and our children did us proud.

On to more day-to-day business, we are continuing to impress upon the children the importance of being punctual to school. Any student who arrives after 8.30 is brought to the hall at the end of the day and does a detention with senior staff. Punctuality is one of the criteria colleges and 6<sup>th</sup> forms look at when considering the offer of a place to a student so it is very important that good habits are inculcated as early as possible. Finally, I would like to wish all Year 11s 'good luck' with their GCSE mocks; results will be available in January when they will be formally distributed at a special assembly. Year 9s have just completed their Pathway exams, which will help inform decisions about their options. Best wishes,

**Lesley Kirby**  
Headteacher.

## FOOTBALL NEWS

"Just like watching England"

The Y10 team were knocked out of the Surrey Cup via a penalty shoot-out in an incredible topsy-turvy Cup tie on 17th November. Playing by far the better football in the first half, two late defensive aberrations were clinically punished by Wilsons, giving them a 2-0 lead at the break. After some arguing and finger-pointing the team regained their composure and stormed back to 2-1, then 2-2, then taking the lead 3-2 in a scintillating 25 minutes of high quality play through goals from Zac and Josh. Cue some complacency and loss of concentration in defence and the opposition had their most dominant stretch of the match, equalising cruelly with minutes remaining. Extra time saw the momentum swing both ways and Shene re-took the lead with a fantastic finish from Josh from 25 yards. This should have killed off the game but another lackadaisical piece of defending allowed Wilsons to equalise with virtually the last kick of the match. Predictably the change of momentum was carried into the shootout with Shene failing to trouble the keeper with any of their spot kicks and Robert having no chance of saving any....

A cruel way to lose - but hopefully a lesson learned for their National Cup match next Tuesday.

Probably a great game for the neutral (what a shame none of us are...)

Thanks to Mr Chevous, Mr Roberts, Mr Cullum and Mr Richardson for their support.

## AND ALSO..

Y9 cruised into R3 of the Surrey Cup on 18th November with an emphatic 5-0 victory over Broadwater. Shene looked increasingly comfortable in defence as the game went on and were always a massive threat with the pace, power and trickery of Michael and Ibrahim up front, who scored 2 goals apiece. The other came from a fantastic Oli header from a pinpoint corner from Archie. An excellent team performance and test of stamina as they had no substitutes.

Team: HIBBERD, SINCLAIR, HEARD, ANIBABA, KHIDER, SCHULTZ, JALALI-FARHANI, WATKINS, MANVILLE-ANTHONY, ONOVWIGUN, MEITE

## MORE FOOTBALL

It was déjà vu all over again when Shene's run in the Y10 National Cup came to an end via the dreaded penalty shootout on 24th November. Admittedly, Shene did not play anywhere near their full potential, but we should have won the game in normal time. They went a goal behind while the new look defensive pairing of Montell and Devante were settling themselves and were lucky not to go further behind as they defended against a gale force wind in the first half. Josh equalised with a good finish and although it wasn't pretty, parity was a good achievement considering the conditions and the fact that they were missing their two strongest defenders, Tom and Terry to H1N1.

The second half saw a greater level of pressure and more opportunities, but too often the final ball lacked quality or composure. Despite a few good chances and an excellent shout for a penalty, the match finished 1-1. Extra time was a cut and thrust affair but neither team could apply the finishing touch to their build up play. So to penalties- several great saves from their massive keeper denied Shene a place in the final 32. Much moaning and recrimination followed but they are to be congratulated on their play this season! Massive thanks to Mr Chevous for all his hard work with the team!

All hopes now lie with Y9 in the Surrey Cup!  
**Jack Costello**

## HOME ACCESS SCHEME



**The government is launching its Home Access scheme, delivered by Becta, which will allow eligible low-income families (based on criteria for free school meals) with pupils in years 3 to 9 to apply for a grant to buy a computer and internet**

## **package.**

Families can start to apply from January 2010. For details see [www.becta.org.uk/homeaccess](http://www.becta.org.uk/homeaccess)

## **Creative & Media Diploma students give Channel 4 the thumbs up**

Channel 4 invited schools across London to nominate just 5 pupils per school, to a Work Experience Taster Day at their Headquarters in central



London.

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November, four of Shene's Creative & Media Diploma students took up their place at the Taster Day. This exciting event gave our pupils the opportunity to meet Channel 4 employees from a range of departments, such as: Life Skills; Production Management; Advertising; New Media and Scriptwriting. They also had the chance to meet independent production companies, and take part in various master classes.

The students described the day as "Awesome", "Brilliant" and

"Interesting". All four are applying to do their full 2 week work experience placement at Channel 4 in the summer term 2010.

## **VOLLEYBALL**

A fantastic turnout witnessed some high quality volleyball tonight in the second Shene Volleyball Classic. Over 40 Y10 GCSE PE pupils participated, scored and officiated in the inter-option tournament. The Year 10 winners were Mr Costello's Option D group. However they were defeated 25-22 by the Year 11 all-



star team in a tense final.

The Year 11 team went on to defeat (gasp) the staff team 25-23 in what was a showcase of superb athleticism (kind of) and no little skill!

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