



## Blood Brothers



There was scarcely a dry eye in the house during the final powerful scene of *Blood Brothers*, our Secondary school production this year.

I have seen this show twice in the West End and I can truly say that the standard of our EIC production vied with the professionals. The blood brothers, Sammy and Eddie, were sensitively and skilfully played by Sam Packwood and Daniel Tradgett; they made us both laugh and cry – some accomplishment! Shannon Dias, as Mrs Johnstone, held the production together and her haunting performance of *Marilyn Monroe* mesmerized the audience.

Chilling performances from Amber Thomas and Phoebe Rockall as Mrs Lyons and the narrator respectively gave great depth to the show. As for Alex Horton, as Linda, she seemed born for the stage; she's a natural. The entire cast were an absolute credit to the school: slick, focused and quite uplifting.

Miss Caffrey is an inspirational and risk-taking director; to cast 12 year olds in such demanding roles demonstrated both confi-



dence in the youngsters and true grit in honing their performances over many hours of rehearsals.

Ably assisted by Mr Horsey as musical director, Miss Harriet and Miss McCormack plus a host of students, staff and parents behind the scenes, and against a wonderful backdrop of sets created by Miss Jackson, *Blood Brothers* was a real team effort! A triumph!

Yvonne Stevenson



## EIC Newsweek

During the week running up to the Easter break, once again the ICT lab was transformed into a hub of fierce activity, with members of Key stage Three battling to find and write intriguing news, worthy of EIC attention. Frantic scurrying of last-minute alterations and revisions were rife as the pending deadline drew nearer and nearer. Such a hectic delirium can only be described as 'the scourge of the keyboards', a scene of perseverance and serene cooperation that any broadsheet would have been proud of. With the completed draft ready for publishing it was no surprise that Ms Howell and the team, after countless hours of after-school and lunchtime toil, were finally relieved. For a small-scale, school-based newspaper, it certainly packed a punch with news ranging from international and local news, to politics and even the Oscars. There was even an



exclusive interview with Max Clifford, thanks to budding celebrity journalist Amber Thomas!

It makes me proud to say that, given no more than a few days, we were able to produce, yet again, such an informative and creative edition of 'First Bell'. Ms Howell would like to thank her co-editor Sean McConville for bringing such a calm efficiency and great journalistic skills to the team. Also, a huge well done to all the Key Stage Three students who gave up their own time and contributed their excellent budding journalistic and editing skills!

Sean McConville & Angela Howell

# Battle of the Bands

This was my first Battle of the Bands at EIC and I was very impressed with the quality of talent on the stage. I was also very pleased to see the high level of support the older students gave to the younger bands.

## The Workshop

I already knew we were in for some excellent performances because we had a workshop the weekend before the event. Each band had an hour with either Mr Dave, Mr Paul, me, or a combination of the above to help hone their performance skills. The bands worked very hard and I hope gained some insight into how they should be rehearsing, taking small sections that need work and working



through these, sometimes building up the texture instrument by instrument to ensure all parts are correct. It was also great to see older students helping those just starting out with advice on techniques and what to play at certain points...even though they would be competing against them. It certainly showed the helpful, supportive spirit of EIC students.

## The Gig!

Every audience needs to be warmed up and we had the excellent *ICE Blues Band* to get the audience in the mood for the student bands to come. Thanks to all staff in the band for coming out on stage first to wake the audience up (*as if they needed it*), test the equipment, and get everyone up on their feet ready for our first competitor!

First up was *Disaster Piece*. This four piece band certainly set the bar high for the acts to come with some great dynamic contrasts between verse and chorus which was good to hear, instead of everything being loud the whole time (*I must be getting old writing a comment like that!*). There was a great combination of solo/duo acts and full bands with Carley, Jack, Daniel and Charlotte, and Tom and Shannon providing contrast to *The New Black*, *Numerics*, *Chaotic Revenge*, *Cake Wednesday* and *The Fat Flying Lunatics from Hell!*

## The Judges

The Judges were: Faris, Head of the Judging panel, an excellent guitarist and previous winner of Battle of the Bands; Zoe, a pianist and singer who has lots of performance experience, including stepping in and performing a song with only two days notice in the Sixth Form Show; Lewis, a veteran of Battle of the Bands and 'A' Level music student; Miss Emma, not a performer (*although I have heard she does a great karaoke version of a Tom Jones song*) but a veteran gig-goer who brought her experience of watching live bands to the panel, and Mr Andrew. Not only has Andrew seen many bands live, he is also an accomplished clarinet and sax player!

## Judgement

While the judges went to consider their verdict the staff band entertained us again with a couple of numbers and, following this, Lewis, Jack and Tom came onstage to play with the support of Mr Paul taking on a very challenging drum part! It is great to see students playing to such a high level that they need a drum teacher to play the drum part for them! Finally the judges were ready and Head Judge Faris came onstage, complimenting all the acts and saying it had been a very hard decision to make. Their decision was:

Joint 3rd: Disaster Piece/Daniel & Charlotte  
Second: Chaotic Revenge  
First: Cake Wednesday

As the hall emptied and with our ears still ringing we began to pack up the gear. I started thinking that was so good, surely we can't leave it a whole year before we have those bands onstage again...talking to Dave Cale later he said exactly the same thing and although the Summer Term calendar is too full for an event watch this space for September! Thank you to all the staff who helped out with Battle of the Bands and to the parents for acting as roadies...but most of all thanks to the bands for your hard work and giving us a fantastic night of entertainment!

Simon Horsey

# Science Week

The UN declared 2010 *The International Year of Biodiversity* so to celebrate it EIC moved Science Week from November to March. So what does this mean for us?

Biodiversity is an all-encompassing term to describe the variety of all life and natural processes on Earth.

As part of Science Week, the EIC Science department tried to raise awareness of the importance of conserving biodiversity for human well-being, to promote understanding of the economic value of biodiversity and to enhance our knowledge of the threats to biodiversity and means to conserve it.



So what did we do?..... Mr Hogan organised an amazing assembly which involved our Y7 and Y12 students, where we all learnt a little more about our atmosphere and climate change and debated in a Copenhagen style summit "What causes climate change?..."Are the cynics right and is climate change just part of a naturally occurring cycle or is it anthropogenic (caused by human activity)? Well there begs the question!

Many thanks to Bilal and Morgan for putting each case up for debate. The student and staff quiz hopefully encouraged everyone to find out a bit more about what makes our world tick. Then there was the *Earthly Trivia Competition*, where a host of fantastic facts about the Earth came flooding in. Well done to the Primary department for such an amazing response. The *House* challenges all incorporated an alternative energy theme – wind, air and water powered vehicles; some of the vehicles were very interesting!! It was great to work closely with the Primary department and we really enjoyed having the 'little ones' over to the Secondary department.

Alison Williams

# Primary Science Week

What a fantastic week for us all! We experienced everything from Superheroes to rocket launches. Every morning we started with a brief presentation by Year 6 children about famous scientists when children from Year 3 to Year 6 learnt about important discoveries made to help improve our world. Every child was invited to create their own Superhero to help make the world a better place. The children thought hard about what their Superhero could do and how it would make a positive impact on us all!

Throughout the Primary section of the school, children carried out a range of investigations within their classroom and Years 2 – 6 also visited the Secondary labs. Here they investigated a variety of topics from keeping a penguin warm, how colour works to melting and evaporating materials. Years 2 and 6 were very lucky as they were offered a range of mini investigations demonstrated by the Year 10 students. Reception visited a garden centre to help with their topic on how plants grow. This was a successful week, thoroughly enjoyed by all, that allowed children to further develop their scientific thinking and understanding whilst having fun! We are all looking forward to our next science week.

We would like to make a special mention to Sebastian Arts De Boer who continued the rocket investigation at home and launched his own rocket. Please take time to have a look at his video on the Year 5 page of our website.

*The Primary Science Team (Miss Nicola,  
Miss Anna and Miss Emma)*

## Chess Tournament

This year's Chess Knockout tournament proved to be an interesting and exciting event with Tristan Hidalgo Hopson the victorious champion. Competition was intense, however the final came down to Bilal Abou El Ela Bourquin, Year 12, versus Tristan from Year 8. Bilal put up a brave fight but was outplayed by young Tristan.



Congratulations to all the players. We look forward to another exciting tournament next year with even more competitors – perhaps some teachers?

*Daniel Porter – Year 9*

# The Italian Job - Portugal 2010



As the Easter holidays drew to a close a group of players from Years 7, 8 & 9 at EIC boarded the bus to go to Portugal to participate in the *Mediterranean Cup*, an under 14 tournament for international schools. Having witnessed Manchester United being humbled in Europe it was left to EIC to be the last British representatives in Europe. Even with this weight of expectation the squad was not to disappoint.

EIC played Armbrist 96 (Rome, Italy) in their opening game. After a tense first 15 minutes Daniel Di Lucia (Capt) gave the team the perfect start with a long range strike. Further goals from Will Reece Povey and Marc Di Lucia, complemented by a string of one-on-one saves by Tobias Francis completed a 3-1 opening victory. Daniel Di Lucia was man of the match. In the next match EIC played MES (Cairo, Egypt). MES came with a strong pedigree, having won their last 3 international tournaments. It was here that the size difference between the EIC players, mostly from Year 7 and Year 8, and their opponents was so apparent. However, after a fantastically brave and courageous performance, the team earned a 0-0 draw. Felix Yañez Bowyer rightly deserved his man of the match award for all his midfield graft.

More Italian opponents Armbrist 97 (Rome, Italy) followed in the evening. Despite tired legs EIC started very well and, once the fresh legs of Michael Peach, Tristan Margison and Cavan Black came on the pitch, the team ran out comfortable winners with both Marc Di Lucia and Sam Santana grabbing hatricks and Daniel Di Lucia scoring to finish off a 7-1 rout. Sam Santana was man of the match.

The following day EIC played Browns (Vilamoura, Portugal). It was very clear that fatigue was starting to take hold as an early free kick from Browns meant EIC came in at halftime 1-0 down. A fantastic team move saw Marc Di Lucia one-on-one with the goalkeeper and as Marc calmly rolled the ball into the bottom corner our passage to the semi-finals was secured. Alex Ashworth was man of the match. Fortunately, as results later transpired EIC qualified as group leaders and went straight to the final on Sunday.

In the final, 2-0 down at half time against

Armbrist 96, the team needed inspiration. On came Will Rees-Povey to score a fantastic lob, almost with his first touch, to make it 2-1. As time ticked away thoughts of glory started to evaporate and the Italians even began to celebrate. But with the last kick of the match Jamie Bett scored a fantastic equalizer to send the watching crowd delirious and the match to penalties. Jamie Bett was man of the match.

Sam Santana went in goal for penalties and this was to prove decisive. With three converted penalties and two saves by Sam, EIC needed just one more to be crowned the Champions of Europe. It was left to one of the youngest in the team, Marc Di Lucia, to send us home as champions. Handling his nerves superbly, Mark slotted home the winner and the celebrations began, all this despite having the youngest and smallest squad in attendance. Well done to all the boys and in particular Pablo Martín Romero and Tom Dennis who were unfortunately ruled out through injury. All the boys had a fantastic experience and are very hopeful of returning next year.

*Alastair Gibson*

## Selected for Spanish National Rugby Team



Alex Francis from Year 11, who has been a member of Marbella Rugby Club since 2004, and captain since 2009, has been selected to play for the Spanish national team in Portugal. Congratulations Alex on such a superb achievement.



## Sports Relief

On the morning of 22nd March, a large number of footballers, athletes, dancers, horse riders and even fencers arrived in the Primary playground. You could be forgiven for thinking that the next Olympics were taking place at EIC, but in reality the primary children were doing their bit for *Sports Relief*. They each made a small donation to the charity in exchange for being able to wear the outfit of their favourite sport or the kit of a sports club they belong to out-



## Easter Eggstravaganza

The new format for our Easter celebrations continued this year with a very imaginative range of entrants to our fun competitions. At 8.30 the Chiringuito once again became a hive of activity, as miniature gardens in shoe boxes, bonnets of all shapes and sizes and themed eggs were carefully placed on the waiting tables. The excitement seemed to become infectious as each item was proudly added. The school day then began with the bell and the children moved into their classes to start their lessons, whilst hurrying parents added last-minute creations to the rapidly filling spaces left.

After lunch we held the traditional bonnet parade taking two circuits of the playground and then came the celebration of those entries which had been selected for special praise, (most of which had been nominated by their

own classmates). Mr Griffin was on hand and kindly agreed to present these prizes, courtesy of the PTA, which were in addition to the chocolate treats given to every child.

The PTA had also organised a cake sale which proved to be extremely popular through to the end of the day. It also gave them a chance to test drive the newly purchased, old fashioned popcorn machine which was an instant hit.

My thanks go once again to Corinna Black and her team for their continued support and a final well done to all the children for such original ideas. Yes even Ella's representation of an eggy Simon Cowell saying my singing didn't have the 'eggs factor' – I forgive you!

All in all what a great way to finish the term.

*Richard Avery*

side of school. It was great to see what a wide variety of activities EIC children take part in.

First thing in the morning, Miss Kerr led the whole of Primary through a vigorous aerobics workout to wake us up. Then throughout the day, a number of activities were organised for the children to encourage physical activity and sports skills. These included a skipping challenge, rugby ball handling skills and a penalty shoot out competition for Key Stage 2 children. This was jointly won by two of the younger competitors – Ethan Sammon from Year Four and Jack Cusack from Year 3! In the afternoon, we managed to help our lunches digest by forming a long line on the football pitch and performing a whole school conga. Although it was difficult to keep the speed up consistently, there were some fantastic moves from staff and children alike! Overall, we managed to raise over €500. A superb effort!

*Andrew Milne*



## Spanish Clubs

We started our Spanish clubs on Monday the 25th of January. Reception and Year 1 enjoyed a session during which they were offered a range of games where they had great opportunities to practise their Spanish. They also sang to their heart's content.

The children in Key Stage 2 learnt the main steps of *Sevillanas* and were able to dance them proficiently. Needless to say, they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

*Maidel del Rio*