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SPARKS Magazine Hits St Paul's!

Welcome to the first SPARKS, St. Paul's Academy's new school magazine. Once a term there will be a new issue. In every issue there will be different news. We will have advice pages, reviews on books and films, quizzes and competitions. Our main writers and designers are Rebecca Lee, Elizabeth Taiwo, Mercy Amadi, Susannah Rooke, Salvatore Gomand, Jan Soroczynski, Callum Hurdwell and James Douglas, Jacob Seamons, Laura Okwu and Bradley Walsh. We also have contributions from an anonymous story writer and Amis, our advice writer.



If you would like to publish any book or film reviews, sports articles, short stories, school news, world news, technology or anything really, come to Room 20 on Wednesdays at 2.10pm and give us your article or any ideas you may have for the newspaper. Or drop us a line at sparksnewspaper@yahoo.co.uk

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World News



The government has announced that they plan to rescue Britain's economy by proposing a £50 billion bail out plan. Some of the money will be used to prop up the banking system that has seen share prices plunging in recent weeks. As part of the package a further £200 billion will be made available by the bank of England for short term borrowing to provide liquidity to banks and building societies. The banks that have confirmed that they will take part in are Abbey, Barclays, HBOS, HSBC, Lloyds TSB, Nationwide Building Society, The royal bank of Scotland and standard chartered. The BBC News Editor said there would be strings attached for banks that take the governments money. It is hoped that the deal will help the markets going again and assure the future of the banking system.

Will this plan be the answer to Britain's credit crunch?

How do you think the credit crunch will affect you?

By Natasha Byaruhanga Y10



Chancellor of the exchequer Alistair Darling unveiling the plan in Downing Street.

London News



FAST FOOD SHOP BAN!

Schools in the East London area have plans to shut down all fast food stores, often used by school students, that are within 400 meters of schools and parks. This has been brought to the Government's attention due a high increase of obese and over weight kids; in East London around 11.5% of children are over weight while 17.2% are obese, which is double the nation's average. Also statistics show that more boys than girls are obese between the age of 10 and 11 despite amount of exercise the students do. If the plans succeed in East London, they could soon be happening in South-East London too. Do you feel this action is needed? How would you feel if it happened in our area? Would you miss being able to buy chicken and chips on your way home?

By Charles Adedapo and Michelle Akinola Year 10

School News



Anti-Bullying Week, 17th -21st November 2008

Have you ever been bullied? Or have your friends ever been bullied? Or are you a bully yourself? I know a few people that have been bullied and are being bullied right now. Bullying is not the right thing. If you are a bully take this advice, bullying is no achievement, making someone hurt and cry... is that entertainment? One day you will pick on someone that doesn't take a second thought to hurt you... like you hurt other people. Or maybe you bully someone because you got bullied too and other people suffer your pain just as hard as you did. But still you shouldn't do it. To those people that are getting bullied, we have a wonderful team in the Ark and there are teachers and people you trust around so don't keep it inside. So please LET BULLYING STOP!

By Advice girl 1 and 2 Year 9



Remember to
sign up for
radiowaves ,our
school web site
where you can
publish your
best work. Find
out more from
Mr. Ramsland.



What is 'Slink'?

Fun, Fashion, Facts of Life - Slink is an online magazine for young teenage girls, aged 13 to 16. The site aims to provide down-to-earth information and entertainment with everything from fact files about depression to games and quizzes. If you want to know more about slink go on www.bbc.co.uk/slink/

Rhyme Time-Poems by St Paul's People

We would really like it if you could give us some of your poems so bring them on Wednesdays to Room 20 after school or email them to us at sparksnewspaper@yahoo.co.uk. Include your name and form to be in with a chance of winning our surprise prize and have your poem published in our newspaper. We would really like to read your talent and praise you for it. This is one written by Charles Causley.

www.radiowaves.co.uk/s/stpaulsacademy

Out in the desert lies the sphinx
It never eats and it never drinx
It's bodies quite solid without any chinx
And when the sky's all purple and pinx
As if it was covered in inx
And the sun it ever so swiftly sinx
Behind the hills in a couple of twinx
You may hear if your lucky a bell that dinx
And also tells and also tinx
And they say at the very same sound the sphinx
Sometimes smiles, it sometimes winx

But nobody knows just what it thinx

OUT IN THE DESERT



Suggested by Melanie Nightingale. Year 7



Brain Teasers



Please try to solve the problems below. Let your mind go and use your creative thinking skills! Good Luck! Answers are on Page 7

1. A plane crashes on the border of the U.S. and Canada. Where do they bury the survivors?
2. I do not have any special powers, but I can predict the score of any football game before it begins. How can I do this?
3. Jimmy's mother had 4 children. She named the first Monday. Named the second Tuesday. The third is named Wednesday. What is the name of the fourth child?
4. What can run but never walks, has a mouth but never speaks, has a head but never weeps, and has a bed but never sleeps?

CLUBS:

Mon: Borrow a Book!
Tues: Film Club
French Club
Weds: SPARKS
Spanish
Debate Mate
Thurs: GCSE French
Bill's Films
Fri: Borrow a

Advice



Dear Amis,

I met this girl at a friend's party and a dance led to a hug then the hug led into a kiss. After that I thought nothing of it until she began constantly ringing me. I don't like her as a girlfriend but I don't want to hurt her feelings

From A Heartbreaker

Dear Heartbreaker,

It's not your fault she has taken your steamy actions to heart but it's best you don't keep ignoring her and just sit down and talk so you can clear the bad feelings.

Be careful with what you say to her because she is obviously fragile.

Take care, Amis x

If you have a problem you want Amis to answer, please email sparksnewspaper@yahoo.co.uk





LATEST MEMBERS OF THE APPLE FAMILY.

Comment

Rants and

Raves

Number One: Perfume Ad- verts

If there is something you would like me to rant about contact the 'SPARKS' guys at sparksnewspaper@yahoo.co.uk



On the 9th of September 2008 the iPod nano chromatic was launched in the world. You can get the iPod nano chromatic on 8GB with a price of £105 and then there's the 16GB with a price of £149. It's the thinnest iPod yet. It's 6mm thin. This new design comes within 9 colours and they are: Grey, Black, Purple, Blue, Green, Yellow, Orange, Red and Pink. You can feel the curved, all-aluminium and glass design and you won't want to put iPod nano down. The new Genius feature turns iPod nano into your own highly intelligent, personal DJ. It creates playlists by finding songs in your library that go great together.

The accelerometer comes to iPod nano. Give it a shake to shuffle your music. Turn it sideways to view Cover Flow. And play games designed with your moves in mind. But as with all iPods you can get the music from iTunes, using a credit card or you can buy the gift vouchers.

By Salvatore Gormand Year 10

This, my friends, is one of the most pointless things in the whole world. Just imagine, you are watching your favourite TV programme, and oh whoopee doo, the adverts come. After seeing the bloke on an overdose of Prozac saying how fantastic his new cleaner is, diet pills made from parsley (they use the Latin name for the WOW factor) which make you eat more, bad cars which dance, how Tesco will reward you with a discount on turnips when they rule the world, deodorant adverts about ninjas trying to kill people, 'I can't find more minutes for £30!!!' and 'Now That's What I Call Music', now with two new songs!!, comes the big daddy.

You have a woman in a tatty black dress and on some sort of vicious drug scrambling forward with a murderous look in her eye (how dare you cheat on me, I'm going to make your sorry you were ever born!!!), then camera moves to reveal, of all things on the planet, a panther charging at this woman with the intent of eating her. Miss Rejected doesn't care, she keeps going, reaches out and ... a female European voice announces... 'Door - Middy Piston' or some other ridiculous name.

It's a smell, in an overpriced, tawdry bottle. They charge you £50 extra because it has a flashy advert and has the stupid name of some company like 'Culchie and Banana', 'Petrol' or 'Canal'. It's also amazing when you realise you can do all this stuff yourself. Get some flowers, stick them in a bottle of water and let it mature for a year and what do you get? 'Odeur de merde'. People would buy that if it had a flashy advert and was made by 'Georgo Amoretti'.

By James Douglas Year 8

The Angel Of Death: Part 1: Helik

The mark's body jerked violently as the lead bullet hammered through his skull. Helik smiled, a whole bag of gold for killing that peasant. He slipped his sling inside his cloak and set out across the rooftops. He jumped gracefully across roofs, leapt over alleys and hopped over chimneys. Helik had been an assassin for a long time, even though he was only 19 years old. He had a muscular build and was of average height, was clean shaven and had brown, shoulder length hair. He wore a long black cloak which covered a thick worn leather belt with a dazzling array of knives, picks, bags, darts, poisons, herbs and just about every tool which could be used for assassination imaginable. He had a bow slung over his back and a short sword in plain view, which was enough to make a mugger or drunk think twice about picking trouble with him.

Helik continued over the rooftops until he found himself at his usual spot. He grabbed the same piece of guttering he always did and slid down to the same old alley behind his favourite alehouse. This was an important alehouse however, as it was owned by Helik's beloved friend Morgov, served as a small headquarters of sorts, and was also where any requests or payment took place. Helik brushed off a bit of dirt from his cloak and made his way inside, keeping his hood up.

The tavern was busy. Drunks bellowed at each other, overconfident young men tried to charm a girl sitting in a corner, old women gossiped about an affair, boys talked enthusiastically about a recent game of Potam and a band played in the corner. Helik slipped a gold ring with bright red stone over a gloved hand and walked over to the polished wooden counter. "What can I get you mate?" Morgov asked.

"The usual."

Helik answered handing him five silver coins in his ringed hand. Morgov nodded. He dropped the coins into his tin and disappeared into the tavern's kitchen and emerged again after a couple of minutes with a tankard of ale, a bowl of broth with some bread and a spiced sweet cake. "How?" Morgov enquired.

"I needed some practice with my sling."

"Are you sure you killed him?"

"How many people do you now can survive a lead bullet in the head, Morgov?"

"Stupid question."

Helik dipped his bread into the broth and pushed it into his mouth.

Helik snapped his head round as the music stopped and there was a sound of shouting. Two large men were swearing and shaking fists at each other. Helik asked himself if he needed to intervene, but he decided against it as his broth was getting cold. He continued eating, but they wouldn't stop, so Morgov got up to break it up just as the first tankard was thrown. Morgov pushed through the crowd and politely asked the two men to leave. Helik grinned; Morgov was always so polite and politically correct, even when asking two drunks to 'kindly leave the premises'. Any other man, including himself would be brandishing a dagger by now. The smaller man threw his tankard at Morgov, hitting the old man square in the chest. Morgov was sent staggering as the man struck him in the stomach. Helik didn't even think. He ran through the crowd and smashed his right foot into the man's groin, and drew his sword as the man hunched over in pain, ready to decapitate him if need be. He drove his knee into his opponent's chest as the man collapsed. Helik spun round and elbowed the bigger man in the knee, as he struck the ground Helik's fist connected with the drunks throat.

Both men were still. "Out," cried Helik "Everyone out, or my blade tastes your blood." As the last person exited Helik tended to Morgov "Are you alright?" Helik asked helping him to a stool.

"I've had worse, remember the merchants?" Helik remembered a job when they had to take care of a group of merchants, when Morgov got stabbed. "That was scary."

"Agreed" Morgov mumbled. Helik reached inside his cloak and withdrew a vial "Drink it, it will ease the pain." Morgov took it without a second thought, and downed it in a single mouthful. "Oh yes," Morgov said

"What?"

"I forgot to tell you!"

"What?"

"You've got a new job."

To be continued.....



By Anonymous Writer

Interview

Interviewer, Callum Hurdwell spoke to our principal, Mr Winston

Q: What do you think about us starting a new school newspaper?

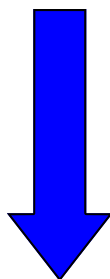
I think it's very important for letting people know what's going on, is a key part of any organisation. I welcome the idea and would be expecting to circulate it not just in school but get it into our local primary schools so children in Year 5 and 6 can see what they can aspire to, get it into local churches so people can see some of the fantastic things that are going on, I am certainly someone who wants to support the students involved.

Q: Are there any particularly successful students you would like to mention, if so explain why?

A: For me, I'm in a very privileged position in St. Paul's that we have had a number of students who have left us at 16 and gone to sixth form and been successful and gone to university. So for example we have Miss Pooley and Miss Nelson who are now back with us as support assistants and if we look at the teaching staff we have people like Mr Innocent, Miss Perera and Miss Thorn who are all former students who I can remember as 11-16 year olds.

Q: What do you think the new school will look like and how will it benefit the students?

A: Wickham Lane is a very small site, I can remember when we only had 440 students, we now have 780. Our new school will have fantastic facilities for learning; the organisation will be exactly the same as now, so we will be Learning Zones. For example you, Callum, are in Year 7 and part of the Maths and Commerce Learning Zone, that model will continue. But we will have much better facilities, for example different styles of classrooms, wonderful ICT facilities, and then areas which I talk a lot about, such as Drama, Music and Sport, there will be excellent facilities for our children to be involved with in them. So really we will be going into an environment which is much more conducive to learning.



So that's all we've got time for today folks!

Q: Will there be any new subjects and any new teachers?

A: There will be lots of new staff, because today we have 780 students and by 2012 we will have 1200 children, so we will certainly have new teachers, LSAs, ICT administrators, and finance and admin staff. In terms of new subjects? Extensions – a greater variety of activities, especially at KS4, in terms of the various pathways which children can study, something we are very much looking forward to. When you talk to students who are in Year 11 now they can tell you about the changes in their learning and subjects during their time with us.

Q: Who is the most memorable teacher you have worked with? Explain why.

A: Well I have worked with lots of memorable people but when I look back myself, the person who has influenced me most was when I was in the last year of school, Year 13, there was a PE Teacher.... People might think that I am very confident He gave people great confidence, he is someone, when I look back, he wanted to develop individual talent and confidence to set them realistic targets to work towards, so he is someone and if you Google him, he's called Colin Tole, you will find that he is now managing a football team in India!

Q: What made you decide to become principal and what do you enjoy about the job?

I was very lucky I came to St Paul's 20 years ago and the head teacher, a guy called Bernie Borland he left us in 1994 to become the principal at St Francis Xavier in Clapham. Then Jim Flannery, took over, very different to Bernie, but still a great man, a great leader, who left to go and take over a school in special measures I was given the opportunity to take over. What do I enjoy most? I enjoy working with people and walking around and seeing what the children are up to. I enjoy the time I spend interviewing Year 11 students in their last year. I enjoy very much getting out with the football teams both girls and boys. I enjoy Enrichment activities and Drama and Music. I want to see people really develop and have opportunities. That's down to wonderful staff we have and the way they support children with their learning.

SPARKS Sports

WON BY THE PENALTY! A REVIEW OF A MEMORABLE MATCH

Sunderland fans were in shock as Van Persie's goal separated the two teams giving one team three points and the other none. Sunderland's fans were so excited to see a one in a million thing happen right before their eyes but Van Persie's intention was to stop it with all the might in his body.

3-2 to the Gunners (Arsenal) at Emirates stadium, Sunderland and their supporters was quite agitated with the referee's decision which caused Sunderland loss. The Gunners' supporters were in a comfortable position after Van Persie's free kick in the first 7 minutes of the game, after another 7 minutes passed and Senderos' goal put the team and players in a 2-0 lead.

For a while The Mackems were two goals down, but Ross Wallace had to bring hope back to the team and help them realize that they had enough time to turn this game around. After a team talk Arsenal was so sure of maintaining their lead but Sunderland was thinking the opposite to them, his intention was to put the team and players back into the game. After just starting the second half of the match Kenwyne Jones headed in, the equalizing goal to shock everyone who was on Arsenal's side.

The Mackems were really determined to win this match. With seconds left Walcott decided to expand the score with his long range shot but did not fulfill his goal which gave a chance for Hleb to get the rebound. McShane did not give Hleb a chance and went straight for a wild tackle which got him sent off and leaving a penalty for The Gunners. Van Persie was chosen to take the penalty. All supporters either praying for the ball to go in or not, but Van Persie only had one thing in his mind which was to get that ball into the back of the net, which he did and leading Arsenal to a win and 3 points. Both managers had their opinion on this match which they told at the end.

By Antonio Rufino Pessoa Year 9

GIRLS' SPORT

At St Paul's Academy we have a number of Girls' sports. These sports are:

Monday- Girls' Football coached by Miss Forte and Miss Henry

Tuesday- Netball coached by Miss Forte

Wednesday- Swimming coached by Miss Forte and Miss Henry

Thursday- Street Dancing taken by Miss Forte and a special Dance Teacher

Friday- Girls' Basketball coached by Miss Henry

The first Girls' sports game was in early September in which the Under 14 Gaelic Football Girls went to a Skills Blitz at Wins Common. We were coached by Karen and 2 of her friends who travel the country to teach girls Gaelic football. Later that month we also went to Greenford to play two matches where we won one but unfortunately lost the last game.

The Under 14 Girls' Football team also played a match against Bexley Grammar which we lost 5-4. We were 3-0 down but then Mr Winston came and cheered us on and we got our 4 goals.

Lastly the Y8 Girls' Netball Team went to the London Academies Netball Cup where we came 3rd out of 20 teams.

By Cerren Swain Year 8



YEAR 8 FOOTBALL: A BRILLANT START TO THE YEAR.

The year 8 football team are looking unstoppable at the moment. They have played a total of 7 games. They have successfully won all of them by battering the other team. The team soon found out that Nathan Davies (8A) would be their captain for the year, the whole team applauded and congratulated him on his achievement.

The year 8 football team recently had a fixture against Ravenswood school, a very hard school to compete against. The football team coach informed the players that there was going to be a scout at the match representing the district team, all of the players were nervous, but at the same time excited because they were going to get a chance to impress.... And that's exactly what they did by beating Ravenswood 5-0. The whole team played magnificently together and Mr Akif looked happy. The team is looking forward to upcoming matches.

By Nathan Davies Year 8

WANDE 16 CASSIDY 1
BRENDON 14 TOBI 2
TOMI 18
CALLUM 1
BODE 2

YEAR 8 STAR SCORERS!