



# St. Nicholas NEWSLETTER



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## Upcoming events



### Saturday 21st March

Torneio Inter-familiar de Português

### Tuesday 24th March

Junior House Futsal Competition

### Friday 27th March

Casual Clothes Day

### Tuesday 31st March

Infant and Junior Parents' Day

### Friday 3rd April

Senior House Futsal Competition

### 6th – 10th April

EASTER WEEK (NO SCHOOL)

### TRIP

Y9&10 Trip to Embu

Y1 Trip to the Theatre

Y5 Trip to São Luis do Paraitinga

Year 10 Life Skills Trip to Pedra do Baú

### ASSEMBLIES

#### Infants

Wednesday 25th March – Year 1X

#### Juniors

Thursday 26th March – Y4Y

Thursday 2nd April – Y3X

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1º Torneio Interfamiliar  
de Português

21 de março

St. Nicholas



House Futsal

Junior 24th March  
Senior 30th April

## Living Things

### PYP Exhibition Group

Damasia Correch, Julia Ramos, Camila Martin



On Wednesday March 11, Mrs. Melissa Otto (a mother from school) came to speak to us (Living things PYP Exhibition Group) about her recent experience rescuing a family of dogs. She was running in Ibirapuera park before school when a family of one mom and seven puppies came up to her (one of them died so now there are six). The puppies and the mother were skin and bones (emaciated) and she felt an urge to help them. She took them to the vet where they were treated for a few viruses. Mrs. Otto and her family took care of them

and gave away all of the puppies except the mother. All the dogs have been vaccinated and neutered. We also learned that Mrs. Otto wrote a children's book about when she saved a few kittens that were left in a sealed cardboard box next to a playground in Ohio.

Mrs. Otto is a real hero and an example for all of us. Thank you very much Mrs. Otto!!! AND DON'T FORGET!!! By making sure that your pet can't have puppies or kittens, you'll have peace of mind that his or her offspring won't be euthanized in an animal shelter.

## Guest Speakers



As part of Year 6's Discovering Me unit, guest speakers were invited to share with us their knowledge and expertise about the human reproductive system. This year, we are grateful for Dr Bento Santos and Dra Jackie Lunardelli for their invaluable contributions. Thank you!

## CRECHE NOVA ESPERANÇA



PTA

Ano novo, vida nova...assim diz o ditado. Assim encontramos o quartinho de dormir das crianças da Creche Nova Esperança, todo arrumadinho.

Com a doação de R\$6.000,00 feita pelo PTA no semestre passado, o quarto foi revestido de madeira tapando os buracos que deixavam entrar vento e o chão de cimento também foi forrado de madeira.

Para que o conforto ficasse completo foram comprados colchonetes, lençóis e almofadas novas.

As crianças já vão poder dormir mais confortáveis quando chegar o frio. Parabéns pela administração.

# YEAR 7 VISITA O MUSEU DO FUTEBOL

Anderson Costa



“Apita o arbitro, abrem-se as cortinas e começa o espetáculo”. Era desta maneira, bastante poética, que o saudoso narrador Fiori Gilioti iniciava a narração radiofônica de uma partida de futebol. Pois foi com lentes de lirismo e de épica que os alunos do Year 7 visitaram na sexta-feira, 13 de março, o recém-inaugurado Museu do Futebol, em São Paulo.

Localizado no Estádio do Pacaembu, entre colunas e fundações, sob a arquibancada do estádio – “como um sítio arqueológico em busca da alma profunda do Brasil” – o

museu mostrou aos alunos, de forma agradável e contagiante, a epopéia do país que se uniu em torno de uma bola. O passeio ao museu, que tem 15 salas divididas em dois andares, ofereceu ao Year 7 a oportunidade de enxergar o esporte mais popular do mundo através de informações que traçam um painel de hábitos, comportamentos e fatos da história do futebol no Brasil. Tendo feito uma longa pesquisa preparatória para a visita, o Year 7 se deleitou e interagiu nas diversas salas que viram.

No final da visita, assistiram a um vídeo em 3D, feito especialmente para o Museu do Futebol, no qual o jogador Ronaldinho Gaúcho dança um verdadeiro balé com a bola nos pés, mostrando toda a ginga e habilidade que fizeram dele o melhor jogador do mundo por 2 anos e um dos melhores de todos os tempos. E a turma ainda pôde cobrar um pênalti, com um goleiro virtual para defender, e ver registrada a velocidade de seu chute. Alguns alunos e algumas alunas mostraram que a St. Nicholas possui vários talentos neste quesito.

O passeio serviu para ajudar aos alunos a entenderem, através do futebol, um pouco da alma e da cultura do Brasil. Quem ainda não viu, fica aqui a dica de mais um agradável museu em São Paulo.

# SCI-FICTION STORIES

*Year 4 students have been writing sci-fiction stories. In Year 4 X Jacinta's story was voted to be put in the newsletter. If you enjoy her introduction read the rest of the story in the Intranet. Enjoy your reading!!*

## A Mission We'll NEVER Forget.

Well, this was the time, we were really scared and it could be the end of our lives! Let's hope for the best!!!

Well, there I was in the spaceship with my partners Mica mouse and Luiza50607, ohh, and if any of you are wondering who I am my name is Jasu mouse.

The launch was great and successful (luckily). We were in space now, we had to wish for all to go well. We were really scared but we couldn't get out anymore. Our mission was to go to Mars and find life or any sign of life. We were accompanied by some robots but that was all we needed really, we were already lucky to be astronauts in this mission so, no more, then that was ok. By that time Earth was tiny.

We were almost there when suddenly, a star exploded, and you know what that means right?? A BLACK HOLE!!!! We carefully tried to go past it but it sucked us in. We were inside the black hole. It was strangely quiet, I always thought it was noisy, but it wasn't. We suddenly started sinking. But we didn't go slowly we went really quickly! When we thought it would be the end of our lives, we fell on something hard and above us we saw an alien waving from the planet we were before we fell. We suddenly fell asleep. We got woken up with something cold in our hands. ...



**A full of version of articles marked with this simbol in the Newsletter can be found on our website by clicking link News.**

## Recycling Etiquette

Mrs. Vassellucci

Recycling can sometimes be confusing and it can be difficult to know whether you are following all the right rules. Improve your recycling efforts by learning some recycling etiquette rules and check out which type of collection is best and why different areas recycle and collect in different ways.

### WHAT'S IN YOUR RUBBISH BIN?

A large percentage of Brazilians households still do not recycle enough and throw everything that they consider 'rubbish' into their ordinary bin.

Much of this waste can be recycled and should be disposed of separately to general household waste. Look inside this rubbish bin to see how much of the contents should actually have been recycled.

You can reduce the amount of waste you create by choosing what rubbish you throw away. This can be easy and fun - just follow our simple guidelines to reduce your waste at home, school or work.



## LANGUAGE CORNER

Here's your chance to test your English skills and learn new things. Just answer the quiz below and hand it to Mrs. Toffoli (ESL). If all your answers are correct you will win an R.O.A.!

### PREFIXES

A prefix is a word beginning that changes the meaning of the original word. Complete the words below with their correspondent prefixes (use IM - IN - UN - IL - IR - DE - DIS - AUTO - BI):

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| ___cycle       | ___ responsible | ___ credible  | ___ rational  |
| ___ polite     | ___ motivated   | ___ literate  | ___ possible  |
| ___ likely     | ___ obedient    | ___ legal     | ___ mature    |
| ___ respectful | ___ convenient  | ___ fair      | ___ dependent |
| ___ necessary  | ___ practical   | ___ biography | ___ lingual   |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

R.O.A. winners for last issue's challenge: Rick (3Y), Skye (4X), Pedro Camargo (5Y) and Rebecca (6Y). Well done!



## Science at St.Nick's food for thought!

Last week we had our second science week and it was a great success. Teachers and students got together to “feed their brains”!

Everyday at break and lunchtime teachers performed experiments for students such as: making jelly rise, different liquid density, eggsperiments and many more. Luckily Mr. Eagles managed to complete his experiment and crushed the can successfully the day of his demonstration...

Year 2s and 5s went to the senior labs where the Y7s and Y8s delivered lessons related to food. They were all very excited to be working in the labs.

In the junior school, children were performing experiments and trying to win challenges. Year 3s had to try to stick as many pieces of paper on a record and Maria Antonia was the winner. In Year 4 the children were put into groups and had to try to build the highest and strongest sugar cube structure using egg cement. The winning group was: Jacinta, Micaela, Rotem and Carolina. In year 5 they had to make the highest structure using jujuba and toothpicks – the winner was Ines with

a 42cm high structure. Finally in Year 6 the students were challenged to make a structure that would protect an egg from a 10 feet drop using only straws and lollipop sticks, the winners were Camila, Maria, Damasia and Julia R.

The year 12s did an incredible coke and mentos presentation during their lunchtime.

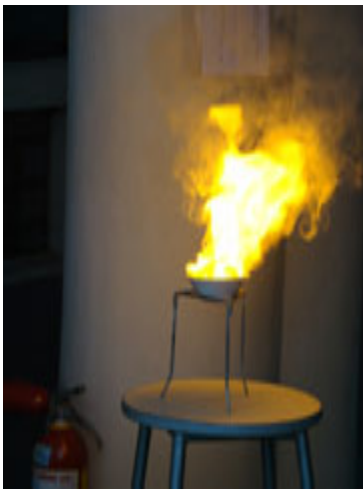
There were a variety of quizzes around school and many students participated showing good scientific knowledge.

The senior students also had a really fun and challenging science house competition with a winning tie for Oxford and Cambridge.

On Friday there was a rota that mixed infant students from year 1 and all the junior students. They exchanged classes and performed science experiments related to what they had been studying. It was very interesting, fun and hands-on!!! Right after these events there was the first junior science competition where 14 groups came up with science projects and they were evaluated by 4 judges. It was very tough for the judges, as all projects were a very high standard. The participants had worked

with independence and responsibility and were extremely confident during their presentations. In the end first place went to Pedro Camargo in Year 5 for presenting how a generator works. 2nd place went to the girls in Year 5, Anna, Victoria and Isabella who researched the effect of Mentos in different drinks and in 3rd a tie between the group: Morgan, Bruno, Joao and Gabriel from Year 5 who made a house full of short circuits, Saketh in Year 4 who researched about the weight of air and the Year 3 girls Rafaela, Margot, Luiza and Isabella who made a project about how plants grow. However, all the groups deserve to be congratulated as the result of the science fair competition was really amazing!!

So, overall a very enthusiastic and successful week. Thanks for all the support given by teachers, Sodexo staff, maintenance, marketing and of course the students!!! Well done to all and get ready as next year, 2010 we will have an even more exciting science week...!



# Rhythmic Gymnastic

Peter Moss

It's easy to run out of superlatives when trying to describe the spectacle of the Rhythmic Gymnastic display held here at St Nicholas on 19th February. From the mouth dropping talents and International ability on show, this was an amazing combination of the elements of ballet, gymnastics, theatrical dance, and apparatus manipulation.

The three different type of presentation were as follows.

- individual compositions, with a different gymnastic apparatus by girls in different age and levels. Youngers, 8-9 years old, oldest, 14-15 years old.
- group presentation with all the girls and
- AGG team (Aesthetic Group Gymnastic) presentation.

A majority of the major performers, which were are all highly skilled will be representing Brazil for the first time in the Juniors World Cup, May, 2009 in Madrid. We wish them all the success and thank them for their time and presentation. Special thanks and mention goes to the St Nicholas support and to Yordanka Zarkova and her coaches for leaving us in awe of the choreography, artistry and quality of performance.



## Junior Newsletter ECA

It must be placed on any board inside your classroom so that everyone can see and read our latest Junior school news. You will also be able to find some extra copies at the reception and in the library.

We hope you will enjoy it and if you want to add any other news in our weekly newsletter, please talk to our exclusive reporters and photographers.

We will be always trying to improve our newsletter and write the best Junior school news to keep you always updated!

Junior Newsletter editor, reporters and photographers from Y5X :Anna Falsztin, Beatrice Zampini, Isabella Suplicy, Maria Victoria Prieto Filice and Mrs. Zakimi



## Casual Clothes Day: Olhar de Bia

The Junior Student Council would like to express gratitude to everyone for their donations to the Olhar de Bia charity during the last Casual Clothes Day. The school raised over R\$1200 and loads of clothes, toys, stationery, books and goods. Thank you!!!

## Commemorations, Celebrations And Fun Events Around The World

Action Committee / International Committee



### MARCH

**1st** – St. David's Day is National Day for Welsh people, and is celebrated with storytelling, singing and banquets.

**3rd** – Hina Matsuri or Doll Festival or Girl's Festival is a Japanese festival. Families wish their daughters success and happiness, and dolls are displayed in the house together with peach blossoms. On Hina Matsuri, sweet sake is drunk and chirashi sushi is eaten.

**4th** – World Maths Day brings together all mathematics around the world to participate in Maths competitions online during a 48-hour period. It aims to raise everyone's interest for Maths in a fun and interesting way.

**8th** – International Women's Day is observed around the world to celebrate the economic, political and social achievements of women.

**17th** – St. Patrick's Day is celebrated by the Irish world over using shamrocks and the colour green. Shamrocks are used because they symbolize the Christian idea of the Holy Trinity: God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**20th** – World Storytelling Day is an international celebration of the art of storytelling usually during the spring equinox in the northern hemisphere or the first day of autumn equinox in the southern. On this day, as many people as possible tell and listen to stories in as many languages and at as many places as

possible, during the same day and night.

**21st** – South Africa observes Human Rights Day on this day in remembrance of a human rights event in Sharpeville, South Africa. The rest of the world however celebrates Human Rights Day on 10th of December. This is also the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. UNESCO World Poetry Day aims to promote the reading, writing, publishing and teaching of poetry throughout the world.

**World Down Syndrome Day** On this day, Down syndrome organizations throughout the world organize and participate in events to raise public awareness of Down syndrome.

**20th-21st** – Daylight and nighttime hours are exactly equal. This is called the Spring Equinox. Ancient people used to celebrate the new year during this time, and many still do.

**22nd** – World Water Day is a time to promote clean water and sustainable aquatic habitats, and to raise public awareness on the current critical water issues.

**Full moon in March** – Connected with the Spring Equinox, Holi is an ancient Indian festival celebrating the harvest of winter grain, and also marking the end of winter. Holi is a popular spring festival also called the Festival of Colours. People spend the day throwing coloured powder and water at each other.