



Around the World in Eight Sessions



You will have heard of the title "Around the World in Eighty Days", well, how about "Around the World in Eight Sessions"? That is the task we set our students for International Day. On Friday, 29th October EIC's classrooms were transformed miraculously into sub-continents of the world. The students of each tutor group were presented with the challenge of creating displays and activities which reinforced the key elements of the sub-continent they had been assigned. As this was the first time we had attempted such a venture at EIC, we were a little nervous as to its outcome. We needn't

have been; as ever our students rose to the challenge.

At 2.30 the customs post (cleverly disguised as a table outside reception) was opened, EIC passports were issued and parents were able to jet around the world without having to worry about baggage allowance! Each tutor group contributed so much to making International Day such an enjoyable experience. There are many memories of the day:- 7BS's hamburgers and line-dancing. 7DT's inventive models of key Australasian landmarks.

8AR's array of colourful African prints and face paints.

8MH's mixture of exotic fruit, music and volcanoes.

8RM's Indian dancing and imaginative lighting.

9KS's refreshing mint tea.

9TS's Karaoke and Sumo Wrestling.

10JK's cocktail bar (with non-alcoholic drinks of course!)

10SW's Soothing demonstration of Tai-chi.

11EM's flamboyant explanation of what might have happened if a certain Mr Fawkes had been able to get his own way.

11AG's amazing transformation of the Science laboratories into the set for "Ice Station Zebra".

Congratulations to Miss Sumner and her tutor group for winning the competition for the most inventive



display and to Mr Maldonado and his tutor group who were runners-up. As Mr Sutcliffe said in the final assembly, however, "we're all winners" because we all worked together towards a common aim: to celebrate the vibrant international nature of our school.

As a footnote, 50 information packs were prepared for parents and friends visiting the different sub-continents. Such was the support we received that supplies soon ran out and we had to photocopy some more very quickly. Student enthusiasm, staff commitment and parental support all helped to make the day a success. What a powerful combination!

Clare Morris

Old Students' Reunion Dinner

December 2004

Again, another very successful event that has established itself as a strong tradition here at EIC and we have



to thank Maria Sutcliffe, Ihab and Amgad Riad for the initial inspiration back in the early 90's. Every year, many old students meet at Bar Tito Clemente, Fuengirola, to catch up with news, old friends and teachers from their schooldays. It's always fun and interesting to find out what everybody is up to and this year was no exception. This year's turnout included students who had left EIC in the early years, the 1980's, right through to some who left last summer. We send them all our good wishes and hope to see many more



of our 'old' students next December. If any of you 'oldies' are reading this, remember that you can sign up on the school's web site (www.eic.edu newsletters section) to receive notification of when and where the reunion dinners are held.

Lesley Lawrence

Sixth Form Show 2004

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland aka at EIC as 'Ali in Wonderland'. This transformation from Lewis Carroll's famous children's story to Ali G's antics at school was the inspiration for this year's show. Terry Nicholas's clever links enabled 'Ali', aka Rick Meese, to encounter a variety of 'experiences' on his travels from the rumour rocking classrooms and drama of Dire Academy, to moments of mad Pythonesque humour. Following the 'red' rabbit played by Emma Watkinson, Ali watched superbly executed dance routines and songs; a most moving excerpt from The Trojan Women; hilarious comic sketches and a speciality 'beatbox' routine. Apart from the high standard of the performances achieved by the students, they are also to be congratulated for writing much of the material for this year's show, some of it modelled on our very own 'academy'. Everyone involved worked very hard



for this show, giving up weekends and holiday time to rehearse and we would like to thank them all for their commitment and enthusiasm. However, there is one person who



deserves a very special mention and that is Terry Nicholas. For the past six years, Terry has provided the expertise, momentum and incredible energy that it takes to produce a mammoth show like this and always to such a high standard. As this was her last show, on behalf of the Sixth Form, I would like to thank her for everything she has contributed to make them successful – she is a hard act to follow!

Lesley Lawrence

Madrid Trip

The trip took place from the 27th to the 30th of October, and our days were filled with visiting Spanish theatres, newspaper printers, TV studios and generally exploring Madrid's cultural sites. Madrid really shows the true range of what Spain



has to offer.

After a long and tiring journey EIC's fine collection of Spanish and Art students arrived in Madrid. The accommodation was superb and all the activities were very well organised. It was an excellent educational opportunity to experience a true taste of Spanish life and culture whilst having fun at the same time. A tip for the next group to go, it's a trip to look forward to but don't forget your walking gear!

Written by Year 12 & 13 students

Sport

We started the year with another successful set of swimming gala results in both Primary and Secondary sections. Our swimmers produced some excellent performances, winning an even larger majority of races than last year. Over the summer we witnessed some very focused athletes train with motivation and great determination. The competition for places was immense and our 'traditional' squad members had to perform well to secure their places. Well done to all competitors. I would encourage all students to try to gain a place in the squad during the next summer training schedule. The level of competition is increasing and the number of competitions expanding rapidly. We have already



taken part in four main events of the year! The football and basketball competitions were again very close contests, all our students enjoyed four days of quality competition and are determined to build upon our success for next year.

John Birch

Travel & Tourism



Travel and Tourism students visited Les Roches school of hotel management in November. They not only had a guided tour but were served with a delicious three course meal by students from the school who were doing this as part of their practical examinations.

Terry Morris

Iceland



After countless hours of travelling we finally arrived in Iceland all ready and raring to go... go straight to bed that is. For a country called Iceland we were a little shocked in the morning to see that there was in fact no ice to be seen, but were promised we would see some soon. On our walk round Reykjavik, where we left the teachers and went to explore, we decided it wasn't even cold enough for ice. Oh how wrong we were! In our exploration we found signs for whale watching and decided it was a great idea. I think I can safely say, after living in rainy England for many winters, I've never been as cold as we were on that boat. After about three whale appearances we decided on a retreat to the lower indoor deck to indulge in chocolate in as many forms as you can think of.

We went on many exciting excursions around the island, one of which included a truly unique experience in the blue lagoon, also known as the 'geothermal bath'. As well as bathing in the lava caves, we also had the chance to cover ourselves with the lagoon's natural Silica white mud, renowned for its skin cleansing qualities, the one part of the trip where Lauren came in useful....tips on pampering!

Despite the fun we had, we musn't lose sight of the fact that we went for a Geography trip, and we did actually see some amazing geographical sites. After a hard year learning about waterfalls, volcanoes, glaciers and beaches we finally had the chance to see some of the best examples of these in the world.

I think I can safely say that a thoroughly good trip was had by everyone, and given the chance, we would all go again. So on behalf of the group I'd like to say a big thank you to the teachers who accompanied us and gave us the chance to see some amazing things.

James Lavelle

Action Aid



'Action Aid' is a small organisation run as a part of the Complementary Studies for Sixth Formers and led by Dr Maria Sutcliffe.

Different groups of students organise various activities to raise funds for charity. This term the first group came up with a novel idea to ask students to pay to witness Jamie McLuckie (a member of the group) suffer excruciating pain while his legs were being waxed. An astounding 700 euros was raised

through sponsorship and gate money.

We have also painted the faces of pupils in the primary school and organised a Christmas Card Competition.

I would like to thank the sixth formers and all the students and staff who contribute to these fund raising activities.

Maria Sutcliffe



Festival Success

In November, the Year 10 GCSE Drama group performed a choral poetry piece called 'The Loner' and three short devised improvisations based around the theme of loneliness at the Teatro Ciudad de Marbella. This exciting opportunity was part of the Fuente Youth Arts Festival. At the end of the week-long celebration of the performing arts, they also performed in the GALA NIGHT, an evening highlighting the best performances of the week.

The Drama department at EIC continues to provide a route to empower pupils in all areas of their everyday lives to develop confidence and clarity of expression and communication. In order to develop our work further, Mrs. Hoogewoud Dowling assisted by Mr. Whittaker, have integrated elements of the LAMDA syllabus and examinations into the opening units of Drama lessons at Key Stage 3. This term, Year 7 studied Mime at Grade 3 level, Year 8 studied Spoken English at Grade 4 to improve their public speaking skills and Year 9 studied Group Improvisation at Grade 4.

In addition to work in the classroom a number of students were also able to study for advanced acting examinations after school with Mr. Dunckley and Mrs. Hoogewoud Dowling.

Marion Hoogewoud Dowling

Stamp

Under the direction of Mrs. Whittaker, Year 9 created a wonderful array of percussion instruments from everyday objects - dustbins, ladders, buckets to name a few - and entertained us to an evening of rousing rhythms on 18th December.



Primary Department



'EIC Castillo' Key Stage One Playground

The play area for our younger pupils has been transformed. During the summer holiday a new, safe, surface was laid, a castle-style wall built and seating built in along one side and in the converted sand pit. John and Dave, the 'famous maintenance crew', made us wooden castle gates and bought us the castle crests. This holiday the Castle was completed when our play equipment arrived.



The 'castle' slide and climbing frame has been provided by the PTA from the proceeds of last year's Summer Fiesta. So, thank you parents for contributing so generously.

The EIC Castillo is now a fabulous play area.

Primary Christmas Shows

This year Key Stage Two performed "Hosanna Rock" with some additional items.

The band included our recorder players and saxophonist as well as drums, guitar and keyboard. With all Key Stage Two on stage in the choir we were able to accommodate the audience more comfortably!

Key Stage One took us to Santa's Workshop Wonderland where we enjoyed a range of seasonal songs, poems and dances.



The chairman and members of the PTA 'handing over' the new play frames.

Big Birthday

Mrs Ritchie would like to thank all her friends at EIC for making her 'big' birthday such a memorable day. Another big thank you to the children, staff and parents for the beautiful presents and the many, many cards and good wishes she received. It all made getting older feel very special!



Dates for your Diary

On 28th & 29th January a number of students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 will be performing 'Winners', a performance of two one-act plays:

'Living With Lady Macbeth'
by Rob John and

'The Rocking Horse Winner'
by D.H.Lawrence.

5th Feb - PTA Valentine Dinner

3rd March - Year 9 Options Evening

4th March - Staff Comedy & Drama Evening

11th March - Newsday