



Broadway Comes To EIC



With 70 or so performers (nobody managed an accurate count) in the cast, it is a thankless task to single out individuals for special praise because someone is bound to be missed. So let me start by saying that the Year 7 & 8 chorus and bit part players were excellent and created the right atmosphere for the principle players to be able to shine. Without the enthusiastic responses from the chorus the evening would have been very flat.

Mr David Dunckley, the only non student in the cast, played Fagan. We all knew he could act very well as he has been doing so very successfully on the coast for many years, but it came as a complete surprise that he could sing so well. The

Dim the house lights, cue dramatic music, cue smoke machine and bring on Year 7 looking hungry. Thus began one of the finest productions ever seen at EIC, a truly spectacular version of the musical OLIVER!

It is rare indeed to see a show at any level where the singing and acting are *both* brilliantly well executed, let alone a school production. I was there at the 'pep talk' just after the last rehearsal when Mr Dunckley spurred the cast on, saying that if they performed as well as they were capable then people would say 'it was a great show' and not 'it was great for a school production'. The pep talk worked, everyone produced not one but three truly memorable performances. If you were not fortunate enough to have been among the 500 or so people who saw the show then you missed a real treat.



opposite could be said of Rio Summers, anyone who knows her knows what a brilliant and professional singer she is, but who knew she could act as well? A star in the making should she choose to go down that path.

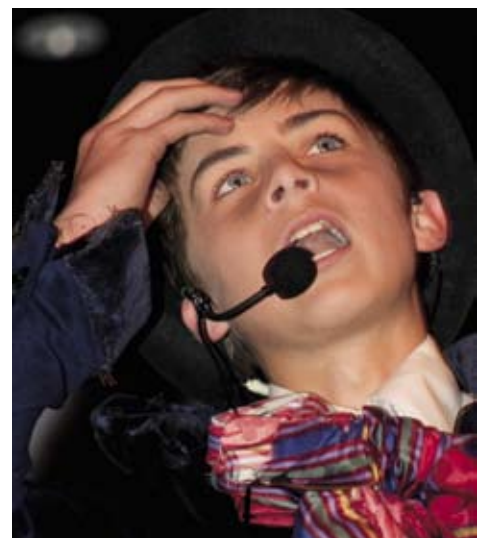
OLIVER! has great songs but also demands some good acting, especially for the scary bits. No-one could have handled the scary bits better than Tom King who played Bill Sykes, I bet some of the younger members of the audience are still having nightmares about him.

The Artful Dodger was played by Charlie Barnes, a great performance and a clever bit of casting, this was the part he was born to play. Likewise James Steiger made the perfect Oliver, it is a very demanding part for one so young



but he coped admirably with both the acting and the singing. All the other actors and singers, literally too numerous to mention, also did a superb job. The emphasis was always on making the production work as a whole. Which brings me neatly on to Mr Whittaker who, ably assisted by Miss Howell directed the whole thing in a very creative and imaginative way. Mrs Whittaker ably provided the musical accompaniment darting between no less than three keyboards, often playing two at once.

Lastly a mention for the unsung heroes in the PTA who dusted off their sewing machines to make a large proportion of the superb costumes and the Art department who created a truly amazing set, it's a shame we can't keep it but, as I write, it is being painted over ready for the next event.



Maths News

Intermediate Maths Challenge

Thirty six students from Years 9, 10 and 11 sat the intermediate UKMT (UK Maths Trust) maths challenge exam in February. The exams are aimed at gifted students and are designed to challenge their thinking. A number of students gained certificates (Bronze, Silver and Gold). Zac Voase was the overall winner amongst our students, and he and Sven Kamberger now go forward to further rounds that are aimed at the top 1% of those that took part. Olivia Lonsdale was top in Year 9 and Pejmon Kamaie in Year 10. (Over 200,000 students took this exam).

Year 8 Inter-school Competition

We entered a team of five for an inter-school maths competition at Sotogrande International School. The team



comprised: Max Burrows, Fern Thomson, Alex Davies, Doug Cameron-Hobbs and Koen Rijks. EIC won the team event, and in the individual event Doug was the overall winner, with Koen and Max joint second. We also took five reserves to give these students experience of such events.

Speed Chess Tournament

Thirty students and staff are currently participating in two speed chess tournaments, using the school's recently purchased chess clocks.

Year 6 Chess

Chess lessons have started at Friday lunchtimes - organised with Margaret Sutcliffe, Mark Harris & Mike Pointon.

Roman Holiday

No, not the film with Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn but an exciting EIC trip to Italy! The Year 10 Latin group will be flying to Italy at the end of April with Mr Griffin and Dr Morris in order to visit



the sites of Pompeii and Herculaneum: two Roman cities devastated by the eruption of Vesuvius in August, 79 AD. The students are currently studying for their GCSE in Latin. The first part of their course has focused on Pompeii and its inhabitants. We hope that the trip will help them to appreciate the wider implications of the texts they have explored in the classroom. So, although some may see Latin as a dead language, it is very much alive and well at EIC!

Clare Morris

Travel & Tourism

In late January, the Year 12 Travel and Tourism class visited the Oasis Club Resort at Riviera del Sol. This was



arranged so that they could investigate first hand how tourism organisations deliver customer service. Proof of the visit can be found, in the form of a group photograph, in the March issue of H! Society magazine. (reproduced above - ed)

The Year 12 Travel and Tourism group are now also heavily involved in organising a summer camping trip to Tarifa for all Year 6 students at EIC.

Terry Morris

Vamos Marbella!

If you have been wondering why a few EIC students (and some staff!) have been a little hoarse recently, it could be because they have been giving plenty of vocal support to Marbella Rugby



Club as they battle their way to the final of the Campeonato de Andalucía. Several of our Sixth Form students are key players in the team. They have enjoyed considerable success recently, culminating in a 15 - 10 victory over Monte Ciencias from Seville in the first leg of the semi-final. They now face a nail-biting second leg in Seville. We wish them the very best of luck: vamos Marbella! (Since this was written we have heard that they won - Ed)

If you would like to find out more about Marbella Rugby Club, their website address is www.marbellarugbyclub.com

Clare Morris

Cambridge IGCSE 20th Birthday Competition

Last summer, Ricardo Bocanegra Yebra in Year 11 was awarded first prize in an international competition organised by Cambridge International. In addition to many other wonderful prizes, Ricardo was presented with a number of travel vouchers which enabled him to travel to Berlin. He decided to write about his experiences in Berlin in both English and Spanish. A copy of this work has been sent to Cambridge International. Ricardo was also invited to take part in an event, hosted by FNAC in La Cañada, which was designed to highlight the work of young writers in Andalucía. He, along with only two other writers, read his work to the assembled audience and discussed the techniques he had used.

Clare Morris

Languages

At the beginning of February the first ever multi-lingual Language Department assembly took place. Based on a TV news broadcast there were contributions in Spanish from the A2 group on ETA, from Year 8 on the weather and from Year 7 on the catwalk. Year 10 French contributed on cinema and all 22 Year 9 Germanists provided a survey on holiday destinations and a song "Spanien ist mein Lieblingsland" (Spain being the favourite, of course!).

A week later French students from Years 10 - 13 went to see a play in French in Malaga. "Le tour de France en farces" was a comical look at key moments in French society from the 21st century going back to Roman times. Visually very funny, the play was more or less appreciated by most. However, those who had seen Molière adaptations from the previous two years would probably say the old ones are still the best.

Finally, as you receive this newsletter, some 16 Year 9 and 8 Year 10 students are sitting their Spanish GCSE early and will have already taken their oral exams. In April, 16 Year 11 students sitting AS early will take part in a 10 minute discussion on a theme of their choice. Well done to both Spanish staff and students for all their hard work.

Dance Competition



This year's dance competition, held on the 9th February, was won by Ginny Francis (pictured above). See a full report and photos on our website. www.eic.edu

Primary News

Despite a rather short Spring term, we have had a full and active time here in Primary. With the weather getting sunnier, many classes have been able to get outdoors to enhance the curriculum - I am sure you've all noticed Reception class's fantastic number sequences chalked onto the playground floor!

A couple of our year groups have been out on school trips this term. Year 5 visited the ceramic café in San Pedro. They had a fantastic morning putting their Greek myth designs onto plates, painting them and then leaving them to be glazed in the kiln. The plates were then delivered to school a couple of days later and the children and staff were so impressed and proud of their art work.

Year 6 visited El Torcal near Malaga. They had a wonderful day hiking around the mountain and countryside, we have some very fit walkers in year 6!

This term, Year 4 put on a very entertaining piece based around the theme of travel and tourism. The children added great humour with their jokes and after the assembly, I vowed never to travel with 'Sleazy Jet' again!

Year 1 performed a brilliant assembly based on the story 'The Hungry Caterpillar'. Jaime Escribano played the lead role, and I was surprised he didn't pop after all the food he managed to munch through!

Early Years put on their version of 'Farmyard Hullabaloo'. The stage was a mass of mooing, oinking, quacking, every farmyard animal you could imagine, all gathered on one stage. Well done to all classes.

We have continued our monthly cake sales for each year group and Early years, Reception and Year 5 have all raised a fantastic sum of money which they will use to buy Golden Time equipment.

We are looking forward to the two sports days coming up in the last week of this term, we really do have some talented athletes at EIC, and we are looking forward to seeing them in action.

On the last day of term there will be an Easter fun afternoon organised by the PTA. The children will parade in their Easter bonnets/hats. Rumour has it that there will be some very imaginative entries. Key stage 1 have an Easter egg hunt to look forward to and Key stage 2 must complete a quiz in order to get their Easter egg!

We were inundated with applications for the school council earlier this month. The pupils wrote some excellent letters and all candidates were clearly committed to improving our school. After letters were read out, the classes made their votes and pupils were duly elected. Well done to all pupils.

So it leaves me now to wish you all a very enjoyable, relaxing and safe Easter break - don't eat too many chocolate eggs! We are looking forward to welcoming you all back in the summer term where we will be getting straight down to business in preparation for a busy term and our S.A.T.s in May. Best wishes,

Miss Sarah

Sixth Form Show



A PIRATE'S LIFE FOR ME! they sang and, for once, they weren't talking about the internet.

The pirate theme to this year's Sixth Form review, staged for two nights in December, was a stroke of pure genius. The whole thing developed into a real story, written by the cast and in some cases re-written on the night as they

went along. What started as an excuse to hang a few sketches together became an (almost) coherent play with a beginning, middle and end. The ship journeyed to the far corners of the planet to bring us a bizarre glimpse of other cultures and, of course, there was plenty of 'on board entertainment'.

The excellent performances, too numerous to mention in this small corner of the page, will be thoroughly reviewed in the yearbook. So, for fear of offending anyone by leaving them out, I'll not mention any names here except to say that it will be extremely hard to forget the Toxic Squirrel, try as I might.

This year's show set a new standard for future writers and performers to live up to.

Geoff Lawrence

PTA News

Variety Show November 2006

The hall was packed with parents, teachers and friends of EIC and every last one of them was in the mood for a party. Compere John Birch kept control of events and delivered the acts to us one at a time with his rally cry from the northern clubs 'Next Up!'.

The talent kept on coming, singers aplenty in the shape of Alex Linton, G4, 'Robbie Williams' (aka Adam Burrows), Kate Jackson and Ana Mari. Dancing for us were the Salsettes and the Ceroc dancers. We had some great comedy from Clare Morris and a particularly brilliant sketch from Alistaire Fitchett who had us shedding tears of laughter with his version of the story of Cinderella.

Towards the end of the evening Dr Mike Sutcliffe took to the stage and gave us a dazzling flamenco guitar improvisation which he dedicated to the Sixth Form.



The audience were spellbound by his spectacular display of talent.

To round off the evening the school band 'The ICE Blues Band' played some dance music for the late crowd (nearly everyone) who boogied away well into the small hours of the morning. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this such a wonderful evening. I hope the next one will be even better.

Preeya Somaia



PTA Pantomime

Another first for the EIC PTA! A pantomime, and we didn't make it easy for ourselves, we didn't just have Dick Whittington, but Snow White and the Seven PTA Members, Cinderella and her Ugly Sisters, Aladdin, the Genie and Evil Jafar (who could forget him?) Dorothy from The Wizard of Oz as well as Tina Turner doing a turn, plus many others, including John Birch as himself.

Organising parents to arrive on time, on the right day was a logistical nightmare – not to mention learning lines, acting and then doing the two together! But we did it and it was a great success. The

feedback included comments such as "great" "excellent" "brilliant" and "haven't laughed so much in ages" and the fact we had to put on another performance spoke volumes, people were talking about the "next one"!

The children, who it was really for, quickly realised that they could join in the booing, singing and "he's behind you" and judging by the noise level thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

It was a great experience, great camaraderie and a wonderful achievement by everyone involved - perhaps this will be the beginning of another EIC tradition.

Mandy Abdulla

PTA Christmas 2006

Christmas this year was a busier time than usual for the PTA, at the beginning of December was the traditional Christmas Bazaar with parents running stalls varying from soaps to sportswear and Christmas cards to doggie coats!

As has become the norm, the Art room was turned into a café for the afternoon with such delights a mulled wine and mince pies, a huge supply of home baked cakes as well as decorated Christmas cakes to take home. Mixed with this was the aroma of curry and rice as well as turkey baguettes, enough choice for even the fussiest of eaters!

Father Christmas flew in especially to hand the children their presents whilst



parents bought tickets for the raffle prizes. All in all a successful afternoon which raised in excess of 2000 euros, which was used to organise Christmas parties or a lunch for every student in the school – a first!

KS1 and KS2 had separate parties in the hall during the last week of term, they dressed for the occasion and spent the afternoon playing musical statues, pass the parcel and other games. A visit from Santa and his glamorous helpers ensured every child went home with a present, and then it was time to tuck into the party foods and drink – a festive afternoon was had by all.

On the last day of term we aimed to provide a festive meal for the senior school. In fact, Paul and his team did all the hard work, especially Nicki, who organised the menu and prepared most of the food. A Christmas atmosphere was created with festive music and decorations and the use of throwaway crockery and cutlery meant no-one was left to do the washing up!

A hectic week but a good start to the Christmas holidays.

Mandy Abdulla and Corinna Black