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3rd annual Green Week – An enormous success!

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St. Stephen's environmental awareness club, Students United for Nature (S.U.N.), organized their annual Green Week celebration from November 14th -19th. The week began with a school-wide environmental trivia 'pub quiz' during morning meeting with a pizza party prize at Insalata Ricca up for grabs. Wednesday afternoon, students screened the film *No Impact Man* and during lunch time each day, bake sales were held to raise money for SUN's tree planting initiative in honor of Wangari Maathai, founder of the Green Belt movement. After a week of baking a wide range of tasty delights, SUN students raised over 400 Euros, which helped to fund the costs of 10 trees planted in Parco della Caffarella on November 19th.

Students and teachers were also lucky enough to have guest speaker Cary Fowler, father of former student Martin Wik Fowler and Thomas Wik Fowler '15, who did a presentation about his work as the director of the *Svalbard Global Seed Vault*. This seed vault is located on

the Norwegian island of Spitsbergen near the town of Longyearbyen in the remote Arctic Svalbard archipelago, about 1,300 kilometers from the North Pole. It is home to over 700,000 species of seeds and was built in such a remote location in order to protect and maintain seeds from all over the globe for future use and genetic engineering experiments. Mr. Fowler's presentation captured the interest of students and teachers alike and was clearly the highlight of our Green Week celebration.

His work will be incorporated into a documentary entitled *RE:Seed* filmed by an independent production company based in NYC called 'Make Do Productions.' The film is due to be finished by 2013 and will be shown in film festivals, theaters, and via television broadcasts. St. Stephen's students and teachers will most likely be featured in this film and we look forward to perhaps screening it during a future green week celebration!

Read a complete account of the week's action on page 6.

SUN members tree planting in Parco della Caffarella



Gala Evening

Robert Holcomb
Director of Development

On October 7, 2011 St. Stephen's School held its first Annual Gala Benefit Dinner to kick off its Campaign in support of the arts. Conceived to create momentum towards the School's 50th Anniversary celebration in 2014, the inaugural Gala was held at *Il Circolo della Caccia*, located within the Palazzo Borghese in the heart of Rome. The evening was extraordinary in so many ways, capped by a moving musical tribute to Maestro Ennio Morricone by Richard Trythall, and memorable remarks from the Maestro following the presentation to him of an honorary St. Stephen's School Diploma.

Maestro Ennio Morricone, with SSS's own Maestro Richard Trythall



Thanks to the thoughtful generosity of the 140 attendees in addition to those made donations to the event though they could not attend, the 2011 Benefit Gala raised approximately \$75,000, kicking off in grand fashion the School's campaign to raise funds for the purpose of reclaiming un-usable space in the building and turning it into flexible and adaptable studio space. We are deeply grateful to all of you who chose to support St. Stephen's School in this way.

If you were unable to participate in the Gala, but would like to support the Arts Campaign, you may do so by calling me in the U.S. at + 1 212-505-7409 or via the new St. Stephen's website.

Fall Trip to Ravenna

Daniela Perna '14

On the morning of Thursday October 20th, it was pouring rain, and the group of seventeen students going on the Science trip got on the bus headed for Maranello.

After a long five hours (made easier thanks to iPods, laptops, and a few bathroom breaks), we arrived to the Ferrari museum. Inside, we used the touch screens available to do an activity that explained how the laws of physics affect the Ferrari racecars. We were all involved and the engineer who gave us the lecture was pleasantly surprised by our questions and answers. Another two hours in the bus and we finally arrived in Cesenatico, where we all went to bed soon after a delicious dinner.

On the second day of our trip, we went sightseeing in Ravenna, and we saw many examples of medieval religious structures (S. Apollinare Nuovo, Neonian Baptistery, Basilica of San Vitale, a very beautiful Paleo-Christian church, the Mausoleum of Galla Placida, Archiepiscopal Museum which contained a Pope's beautiful ivory chair and Chapel), all of them very beautiful and part of Italy's world heritage. We had our packed lunches and enjoyed some free time in the city. On the way back to the hotel we stopped off in Cesenatico and visited the picturesque harbor designed by Leonardo Da Vinci and walked towards the ancient huge well where locals keep the fish in the summer and cover it with blocks of ice before returning to the hotel. Time was going quickly, our second day was over; we had a great dinner and went to bed, exhausted.

The last day of our trip was the most exciting. Our bus took us out of Cesenatico and near Ravenna to Mirabilandia! Despite the wait to purchase the tickets, once inside the amusement park, all was fun. Between the thrilling roller coasters and the frightening Halloween props and characters (who actually got a few of us to scream...), Mirabilandia was exciting and amazing. Although some of us did not work up the courage to ride in the roller coasters, most of us did, and we all had a great time on the last day of our Fall Trip.

We took the bus back to Rome at 2:30 p.m. and arrived around 7:30 p.m., all of us glad to be home but surely missing the adventures of our trip, and looking forward to the next ones!

Margarita Cornaglia '12 was fortunate enough to interview Italian President Giorgio Napolitano for the student newspaper *The Question Mark*. Here follows the edited article, first in Italian and then the translated English version.

This summer I had the incredible chance to interview Giorgio Napolitano, president of the Italian Republic. The questions below particularly relate to our view of politics in Italy, the view of young Italians growing up in a country that we see as culturally beautiful yet politically unstable, and, on a more personal level, which can provide us with nothing but an uncertain future.

Everything has been written exactly as it was said. However, parts of the conversation do not make sense due to digressions made and colloquialisms used while speaking. Therefore, I have added brackets to try clarifying the sentences. Also, I have personally translated the entire interview, hence there may be slight inaccuracies in the translation.

*I formulated the questions together with **Lorenzo Cetto '12, Edwin O'Connell '12 and Rosemarie Di Blasio '12.** A great thank you to all of them and to president Napolitano for dedicating those seven and a half priceless minutes of conversation to me!*

The Question Mark: Oggi si sente molto parlare di fuga di cervelli e di giovani che vanno all'estero. Lei cosa ne pensa della situazione in cui si trovano oggi i giovani in Italia e pensa che per loro, restando qui, ci sia ancora speranza?

Napolitano: Io credo che si deve avere fiducia nella possibilità di nuovi sviluppi nella attività produttiva del nostro paese, tali da garantire prospettive di occupazione qualificata a giovani che abbiano acquisito una formazione di livello adeguato. Naturalmente, questa è una manifestazione di volontà ed è una manifestazione di attaccamento al paese ma su basi, diciamo, anche di ragionevole valutazione del futuro che ci aspetta, che non è un futuro privo di promesse, è un futuro ricco di sfide; quindi non c'è nessuna garanzia soprattutto di quello che una volta era l'obiettivo dell'impiego pubblico e dell'impiego pubblico per la vita. Si va verso un mercato del lavoro molto diverso, occorrerà anche più mobilità, e soprattutto si va verso un mercato del lavoro nel quale sono molto essenziali le qualificazioni raggiunte nel processo formativo. Quindi non basta prendere un titolo, bisogna fare in modo che veramente si sia pronti ad affrontare le occasioni che si offriranno e richiederanno sempre di più prestazioni qualificate.

The Question Mark: Diversamente da una decina, anche una ventina di anni fa, oggi la politica è spesso affrontata, sia dai politici stessi che dai cittadini, con una maggiore sfiducia e mancanza di entusiasmo. Lei ha notato questo cambiamento durante la sua carriera e avrebbe qualcosa da dire al riguardo?

Napolitano: Io, [siccome] ho cominciato a fare politica tantissimi anni fa, subito dopo la fine della guerra, la liberazione, in un paese per altro distrutto, in condizioni gravissime... Però si riuscì a dare vita, intanto, ad un sistema politico democratico, adottando la costituzione e facendo entrare l'Italia in un sistema di alleanze internazionali, e scattò un grande senso di impegno collettivo. Poi naturalmente c'erano diversità molto forti dal punto di vista politico, ideologico, quindi ci si combatteva, democraticamente, però quello che univa era una forte volontà comune, la consapevolezza del dovere ricostruire un paese in ginocchio e del dovergli dare un posto nuovo nella comunità internazionale. E ci si riuscì; fu molto duro, diciamo, molti fecero dei sacrifici pesanti... Comunque diedero il meglio di sé e quindi se pensiamo ai quindici, vent'anni, seguiti immediatamente alla fine della guerra, vediamo che quello fu un periodo di straordinari balzi in avanti dell'Italia. Ecco ora, naturalmente, c'era di mezzo la guerra, una guerra perduta, una guerra distruttiva. Non possiamo certo augurarci che si crei una situazione analoga per far scattare questo senso dell'impegno comune. Però credo che se si riflette seriamente su com'è cambiato il mondo e su come veramente l'Italia debba affrontare delle prove nuove e molto ardue, allora forse si può anche arrivare alla conclusione che è necessario un analogo sforzo collettivo che può far scattare in chi fa politica, in chi si avvicina alla politica e in chi ha comunque delle responsabilità sociali lo stesso tipo di atteggiamento. Io mi auguro che venga soprattutto dai giovani...

The Question Mark: Alcuni parlamentari, sia della maggioranza, sia dell'opposizione, auspicano la riforma dello stato italiano in senso presidenziale. Lei, in questo, è d'accordo?

Napolitano: Ma, di sistemi presidenziali, in Europa, non ce n'è nessuno, perché abbiamo dei paesi che conservano un regime monarchico, che è altra cosa e c'è un solo paese, la Francia, che non ha un vero e proprio sistema presidenziale, ma, come si dice, semi-presidenziale. [Il presidente francese] Non ha tutti i poteri del presidente americano; ha certamente più poteri dei presidenti di tutti gli altri paesi europei che sono presidenti, come si usa dire, non esecutivi. Cioè, non hanno potere di governo. Hanno altri ruoli, altri poteri, esercitano un'influenza... Io dubito molto che si possa trasferire in un paese come il nostro un sistema presidenziale. Naturalmente è una cosa che è legittimo proporre, è legittimo discutere ed è vero che occorrono ancora, oltre quelle che si sono fatte, riforme dell'assetto

politico-istituzionale. Ma ci possono essere soluzioni diverse... Anche [quando] si fece una commissione bicamerale negli anni 1996, '97 per discutere un progetto di riforma della costituzione che poi abortì perché l'accordo che si era raggiunto saltò. Si era discusso tra un'ipotesi presidenziale ed un'ipotesi di governo, come si era detto, neo-parlamentare, l'ipotesi del cancellierato alla tedesca, cioè avere un primo ministro, non presidente, ma con poteri molto più forti di quanto non si è più visto in Italia ed in altri paesi. Quindi ci sono delle soluzioni diverse che si possono prendere in esame per modificare quello che non va, che non funziona, nel nostro attuale sistema.



The Question Mark: Today many speak of young men and women who “flee” abroad. What do you think of the situation that young people find living in Italy. Is there hope for them in staying here?

Napolitano: I believe that we must trust the possibility of new developments in the productive activity of our country, developments aimed at guaranteeing prospects of qualified occupation to young men and women who have acquired an adequate education. Obviously, this hope is triggered by goodwill and patriotism toward our country, but on the basis of a reasonable evaluation of the future that awaits us, which is not a future devoid of promises, but a future rich of challenges. Therefore, there is no guarantee, especially (as has been in the past) in securing a state-paid job and, more importantly, a *lifelong* state-paid job. We are moving towards a very different labor market. More mobility will be required, and, especially, as we are approaching such a market, qualifications reached during the growth process will be essential. Therefore, it is not enough to achieve a title; we must make sure that we are truly ready to face the occasions that will offer themselves and that will require more and more qualifications.

The Question Mark: Unlike ten, twenty years ago, today politics is often practiced or experienced, both by politicians and by citizens, with a greater disbelief and lack of enthusiasm. Have you noticed this change, and is there anything you would like to say regarding it?

Napolitano: [Since] I have entered politics many years ago, right after the end of the war, the liberation, in a country destroyed and in severe conditions... But we were able to give life to a democratic political system, adopting the constitution and making Italy enter into a system of international alliances, and this set off a great sense of collective effort. Naturally, there were marked political and ideological differences. Hence we challenged each other, democratically, but what united us was a strong communal will, the awareness of having to reconstruct a country on its knees, and of having to give it a new place in the international community. We succeeded. It was very difficult. Many made significant sacrifices, and all made the most of their abilities. Therefore, if we think back to the fifteen, twenty years following immediately after the end of the war, we see that that was a period, for Italy, of extraordinary leaps forward. Now then, of course the war, a lost war, a destructive war, played a significant role in this thrust forward. We certainly cannot hope for an analogous situation to set off the same sense of collective civil commitment once again. But I think that if we seriously reflect on how the world has changed and on how Italy really has to face new and very difficult challenges, then maybe we can also arrive to the conclusion that an analogous collective effort is necessary to trigger, once again, in politicians, in those nearing politics and in those who have social responsibilities the same sort of active conduct. I hope this will mostly come from the young...

The Question Mark: Some parliamentarians, both of the majority and minority, call for a presidential reform of the Italian State. Do you agree with this?

Napolitano: Well, in Europe, there are no presidential systems of government: some countries still have a monarchic regime, something very different, and only one country, France, does not have a real presidential government but, as we say, a semi-presidential one. [The French president] does not have all the powers of the American president, but surely has more powers than all the other presidents of European countries, who are not executive, hence do not have the power to govern. They have other roles, and exert a different influence. I profoundly doubt that it could be possible to transfer in a country as ours a presidential system. Of course, it is something that can be legitimately proposed and legitimately discussed. It is also true that yet other reforms, apart from those that have already been made regarding the political-institutional asset of our country, are needed. However, there can be other solutions... Even [when] a bicameral commission was held in 1996/97 to discuss a project of constitutional reform that was then aborted due to the failure in actualizing the accord that had been reached. Two different hypotheses had been discussed: a presidential hypothesis and a hypothesis of a neo-parliamentary government – a system similar to the German chancellorship, that is, having a prime minister, not a president, but a prime minister with much greater powers than we have ever seen in Italy and in other countries. Therefore, there are different solutions that can be taken in analysis to change that which does not work in our current system.

Alumni and Friends Trip March 2012

Michael Brouse

Director of External Affairs

Re-live, or enjoy for the first time, the unique experience of a St. Stephen's trip: discovery, adventure, history and goodfood.

Following the success of the first trip in February-March 2011 to Syria, St. Stephen's is pleased to announce the destination of the second trip organized specifically for alumni and friends of the School. The confirmed dates of the trip are March 21 to 30, 2012. The second Alumni and Friends Trip will be led by **Dr. Helen Pope**, who led the trip to Syria last spring. With Dr. Pope's expert guidance, participants will explore the sites of western Turkey (including Troy, Gallipoli, Pergamum, Ephesus, Pamukkale and Hierapolis) as well as Istanbul and experience the culinary and cultural delights of the area. This trip is limited to a maximum of 18 participants.

For more information (detailed itinerary and costs) or to sign up, please contact Agnès Martin in Rome at alumnifriends.trips@ststephens-rome.com

Tis the Season...

Margaret Pringle
Editor

It's already that time of year, again, when older students begin thinking about their options after St. Stephen's. To help them along in their difficult decision-making process, the School hosts various universities who visit the campus to talk to our students. In the month of November, a variety of colleges and universities paid visits to St. Stephen's including University of the Arts London, University of British Columbia, Mount Holyoke College, Saint Louis University, Madrid and Boston University.

For further exposure to what lies ahead, several students also participated in the Council of International Schools (CIS) College Fair held at Marymount. Representatives from 32 colleges and universities located throughout the world were available to speak with students. Participating universities included American University of Paris, the American University of Rome, Savannah College of Art and Design, Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi, University of Notre Dame, University of Richmond, University of Warwick and Villanova University.

Fall Harvest

Liz Johnson-Mottola

Science Department and CAS Coordinator

On Friday, November 11, ten of our boarding students led by boarding faculty members **Liz Johnson-Mottola**, **Mike Mottola**, and **Andrew Greene**, boarded a train to Umbria where they met with former teacher and SSS alum **Lucy Clark '05** to pick olives at her family's newly acquired farm.

The students spent an exceptionally sunny Saturday working to harvest olives from a small piece of the land that had been neglected for many years. After a few olive-throwing fights, climbing trees, a picnic lunch, and a short post nap in the middle of the orchard, the group collected enough olives for approximately 50 liters of olive oil! It was a wonderful weekend and the students had a chance to understand not only how olive oil was made, but also the importance of an Italian harvest. We hope to continue these expeditions to Lucy's new home in Umbria with both SSS day and boarding students in the future.



History Bee and Bowl Tournament

Margaret Pringle
Editor

St. Stephen's will be hosting for the first time ever the History Bee and Bowl Tournament on February 4th, 2012. This is an historical version of the television show "Jeopardy". Anyone interested in advising a club to prepare students to compete should contact **Head of School Lesley Murphy**.

Green Spirits Reported at St. Stephen's

Rosemarie Di Blasio '12
S.U.N President

Witnessed by the whole school community, from November 14th - 18th, Green spirits were observed in school. Journalists and scientists proved that no paranormal activity was infesting our school grounds. It was soon reported that the presence of the spirits had been invoked by a group of active students. S.U.N (Students United for Nature) had in fact re-organized the now traditional Green Week! With the aim to inspire the whole school community and to educate the community about the importance and need for a 21st century Green consciousness, the week featured numerous events of diverse nature to involve every individual in school.

Scrumptious sweets sold to support S.U.N.'s initiatives



To inaugurate the event, a pub quiz was held during our traditional Monday morning meeting, where student leaders were responsible for their groups of 15 students. All the groups competed against each other in an attempt to guess the answers for the environmental trivia pub quiz. Following up, Wednesday evening invited the students to come join S.U.N in the screening of the movie *No Impact Man*, while enjoying and learning about the importance of healthy organic snacks. The end of Green Week brought a well known guest speaker who blessed the green spirits and introduced us to the fascinating Svalbard Global Seed Vault, a science-fiction dream come true for the preservation of plant and seed diversity.

Following natural and human-led disasters in Thailand and Libya, the Seed Banks no longer seemed a possible solution to the conservation of natural diversity. In a world where human actions and agriculture determine the fate of plants, as well as condemning them to extinction, the Global Seed Vault provided the perfect recipe. In a frozen land, where human interaction has not stained the beauty of nature, over 40,000 different seeds are protected, and ensured existence. The critical situation of Siberian tigers or Mountain gorillas too often overshadows the equally critical plant extinction, thus leaving no space for the importance of seed and crop diversity on our planet. It was with utmost joy that S.U.N invited the Director of the Global Seed Vault, Cary

Fowler, father of **Thomas Wik Fowler '15**, to inspire us and teach us about the importance of crop diversity and Plant genetic resources. With the important presence of Mr. Fowler and his filming crew for the production of a documentary, S.U.N was proud to make Green Week more prestigious and informative, to place St. Stephen's on the forefront of Environmental concerns in Rome.

Environmental awareness promoted by the pub quiz, the projection of the movie, the speech of an expert in Crop Diversity, and the daily reminders, as well as information distribution, have all been part of our campaign to strike the hidden green hearts of other members of the school community. The astonishing number of students (well over 60) at the Tree-Planting event the following Saturday was a sign of our success!

In honour of Waangari Mathai, Kenyan Environmental Activist, who has recently passed away, S.U.N set out a goal to contribute to her project "The Green Belt Movement", and has therefore planted ten oak trees in Parco della Caffarella. The Tree planting event, accompanied by a park clean-up) is forged in our hearts, but also in time. A memorial, designed by S.U.N leaders, has been implanted next to the trees, for generations to come to remember Mama Mathai.

Green Week truly embodies the beliefs of S.U.N, of the green warriors behind the environmental activities in school. S.U.N acknowledges the fact that maybe not all of the students have been inspired, and maybe not all of the students now have a green consciousness, but that is but a small pebble along the path of environmentalism. The green excitement during the week and the advocacy on the importance of S.U.N (on a small scale) will have inspired a small percentage of students, yet as small as that can be, they can continue to inspire new green warriors.

It is the small gestures that will lead to a great change.

Career Fair 2011

Michael Brouse

Director of External Fairs

The Alumni Task Force, spearheaded by **Fabiana De Rose '90** and **Dalia Matteoni '90**, in conjunction with the College Counselor's office organized the 4th annual Career Fair at St. Stephen's on Saturday, October 15, 2011. This year's edition was one of the most successful ever.

Students and parents gathered at previous fair (2010)



The purpose of the Career Fair is help the current students at the moment when they begin to consider where to pursue their education after leaving St. Stephen's and what subject areas (profession) they should choose to study. Therefore, it is primarily directed to the students in their third (junior year) of high school at the moment when they begin the college application process. This year, over half of the 11th grade students, along with their parents, attended. Most found it to be an enlightening and extremely informative experience.

This year's Career Fair, as the previous editions, was held on Saturday morning and, as always, was followed by a barbeque on the terrace. The tried and true format of the Fair begins with an initial general assembly in which each of the careers presented is briefly described to the entire group. Where possible, each profession is represented by an alum of the School who works in that particular field. Some of the careers represented this year included finance, performing arts, journalism, information technology, environmental management, marketing, international relations

and painting – to name but a few. After the initial presentation, the general assembly breaks up into smaller units. The representative of each profession is assigned a station where students can conduct individual, one-on-one interviews to ask questions and to learn more about the specific career paths that interest him or her the most. Simultaneously, the counseling office offers a seminar to the parents in attendance in which the college application process is explained and suggestions are made as to how parents can help the students in their transition from St. Stephen's to an institution of higher education or into a gap year. A question and answer session for the parents follows.

Around 12:30, everyone (presenters, students and parents) are invited to adjourn to the terrace for a hearty barbeque.

The Career Fair is coordinated jointly by College Counselor **Alison Lewis** and the Alumni Task Force (**Fabiana De Rose '90**, **Dalia Matteoni '90**, **Vik Podagelyte '99**, **Tina Rocchio '85**, **Jan Claus Di Blasio '04**). They look forward to seeing next year's juniors (11th grade students) and their parents. The Career Fair is always hosted in the first two weeks of October, so remember to mark it down in your calendars at the beginning of the academic year 2012-13, especially if your son or daughter will be in the 11th grade next year. Information about the Career Fair in October 2012 will also be available in the Latest News section on the home page of the School's newly revamped website www.sssrome.it

St. Stephen's Sports Triumphs

Jan Claus Di Blasio '04

Service Coordinator, Soccer Coach

Having swept the Fall tournament in Northern Italy, St. Stephen's soccer has set its sites high this season. Whether we brave the grounds of sunny Algarve or the St. George's facilities in La Storta, the School's football teams regularly return with shiny silverware as a reward for the excellent athletic performances. *continued on page 8*

Double Victory in Northern Italy



A Very Special Red Nose

Rosemarie Di Blasio '12

Abandoned by indifferent or desperate families, they seemed condemned to a destiny of misery until they met a clown.

French born Algerian, Miloud Oukili traveled to Romania at the end of Ceaușescu's repressive regime, where he witnessed a theater of tragedy. Orphans or run-away children were living in the underbelly of Bucharest, in the passages of the central heating tubes with cardboard boxes and putrid mattresses, surviving with minor thefts, prostitution and begging. This was true until Miloud decided to pursue the dream of getting in contact with these children, many of whom had become diffident and apathetic due to their dramatic life experiences of violence, death, drugs and pedophilia. Through the use of his charisma and stubbornness he is able to penetrate the wall of suspicion with which these children defend themselves, and helps them out of their precarious conditions. Teaching them the art he cherishes the most, that of the circus, he bestows them with the glimmering hope of a brighter future existence.

the questions from our audience. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came, including Ambrogio Scognamiglio, known as the Clown Doctor.

Thanks to the Reach Out club and our supervisor, **Annie Jacquet**, who believed in the project all along. We managed to fundraise 425 Euros, yet this is only the beginning of this adventure, and for this reason we hope you will help us make this dream come true in the future. Armed with red noses to fight indifference and lots of determination, we accept the challenge, and hope you will too!

St. Stephen's Sports Triumphs

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In Portugal, at the international tournament, a boys' team and a girls' team (both 7-a-side football) participated in a tough, multicultural event, hosted by Brown's Sports Club in Vilamoura, involving school teams from Portugal, Italy, Bahrain, Morocco and Spain.

Our girls' team, coached by **Fausto Di Marco**, won the 3rd place match after being edged out of the semifinals in extra time. The boys' team, coached by **Jan Claus Di Blasio '04**, which proved to be very strong defensively and enjoyed most of the possession, forcing their opponents into their own half, lost their quarterfinal game 1-0 to the team who ultimately came 2nd in the overall standings.

One week later, at St. George's, the boys' A team won the tournament by defeating the hosts 2-1 in an exciting final with two goals by **Oscar De Amicis '14**. The B and C teams (coached by **Michael Mottola**) also performed admirably while the girls' team was once more edged out in the semifinal despite a good overall tournament.

2012 will be an exciting year and our teams will be looking forward to the Football for Africa international schools charity tournament in March and MIST in June, hoping to triumph and perform as admirably as ever!

The Reach Out club with Marco Pontecorvo and the red noses against indifference



Not all of the children have had the luck to leave their bitter conditions behind, but those who have created an ONLUS foundation in order to give every child the right to smile. The PA-RA-DA foundation organizes *tournées* with the children of Bucharest, in order for them to perform the arts of the circus, and to raise awareness of the dramatic conditions they witnessed and other children are witnessing.

With the St. Stephen's club "Reach Out" we want to invite the PA-RA-DA children to Rome, but in order for this to happen we must fundraise 4000 Euros. On the evening of the 2nd of December we screened the documentary movie "PA-RA-DA" in the St. Stephen's chapel with the esteemed presence of the filmmaker Marco Pontecorvo and the producers Ute Leonhardt and Marco Pugini, who answered all