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HEADMASTER'S FOREWORD

Kirkham Grammar School entered the new millennium in a position of unparalleled strength after a decade of remarkable growth and development, with almost double the number of pupils on roll and much better facilities than we could have possibly envisaged ten years ago. Throughout this period the school's growing appeal has owed much to its ability to combine judiciously and successfully a respect for its traditions and long held values with exciting innovation and dynamic growth. Now recognised as one of the country's leading schools through its membership of HMC, Kirkham Grammar School has, this past year, seen its efforts rewarded with great success across the curriculum and beyond it, especially in terms of academic results and sporting achievements.

We congratulate last year's Upper Sixth on achieving the best A-level results in the School's history. Approaching half of all the grades awarded were either A's or B's. The great majority of our students secured places at their first choice universities and all six Oxbridge candidates were successful - a record number for KGS. Phillip Bennett's six grade A's and two 'ones' in Special Papers were amongst the very best results in the country, enabling him to meet his tough offer to read Natural Sciences at St John's College, Cambridge. Joanne Gornall comfortably secured her place at Pembroke College, reading Natural Sciences. Former Captain of School Martha Newell went up to Christ's College, Cambridge to study Archaeology and Anthropology and earned the distinction, a rare one, of winning a coveted 'blue' for hockey in her first year, playing for Cambridge against Oxford in a drawn Varsity match. Adam Devine is reading Chemistry at Jesus College, Oxford, across the road from Felicity Guest, who won a rare place to study Medicine at Exeter College. Finally, Lewis Watson joined St. Hugh's College, Oxford, reading French.

There were too many good individual performances to mention all by name from a year group we shall long remember, not only for the excellence of their results but also for their outstanding contribution to the corporate life of the School. One of their exam statistics which will take some beating is their 27% grade A's, some 10% points plus above the average for KGS!

The 'Millennium' GCSE results were particularly good at the top end of the scale. Well over two thirds of all the 690 grades awarded were at A*, A or

B. We have only bettered that figure once and that was last year. There were some outstanding individual performances, none more so than Rachel Sissons with 9A*'s and an A, Eleanor Cairns with 9A*'s and Jane Meloy with 7A*'s and 3A's.

However, the percentage of pupils achieving five or more grades A* - C, at 92%, though 40% above the national average, was a little disappointing for KGS, and we should aim higher in future.

Overall, I was delighted with the results across the ability range, and I congratulate our staff and our students. KGS has never set out to be an elitist academic institution. Our policy for admission onto examinable courses has always been inclusive and driven by our desire to extend educational opportunities in the broadest sense. Our school would be very much the poorer if it chose to dispense with the array of talents and fine personal qualities of our moderately able pupils in the short sighted pursuit of a higher league table position. Far better to measure and promote that which is valuable, rather than to value only what is simplistically measurable. Moreover, KGS results again show clearly that academic high flyers flourish within a broad ranging Sixth Form of all the talents.

'Tested to destruction' may be a fitting description of this year's Lower Sixth. The administrative chaos caused by the new AS-level examinations needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency. Many will feel that a shake-up of post-16 education was long overdue and an attempt to bridge the gap between GCSE and A-level was almost universally welcomed. However, it became quickly apparent that the AS-level system, laden as it was with assessment, had not been properly thought through, and the fact that many universities are choosing simply to ignore the qualification provides all the proof that is needed for an immediate review. It is little wonder that this generation of sixth formers feel aggrieved. They have been the guinea pigs for a whole range of trials and tribulations in recent years, the AS-level providing the icing on a very unpalatable cake. There has been far too much testing and examining, which has cut drastically into teaching time. Administering the plethora of new examinations has been a logistical nightmare. The pressure on staff and students alike has been unbearable and had a detrimental effect on extra-curricular activities, which are such important providers of educational breadth. Teachers have

been ill-informed about syllabi, examinations and the value of the new qualification in the eyes of universities. Key Skills testing, coming on top of all the new AS-level changes, has been ignored by most independent schools; rightly so in my view. The reforms have been introduced in too much haste for political reasons. The review announced by the Secretary of State for Education needs to look for many improvements, but crucially it needs to restore the balance between teaching and testing. Little wonder that one experienced teacher is quoted as saying: "We're not being paid to teach our pupils, we're being paid to test them."

Beyond the academic life of the school, the past year will be remembered as one of outstanding success on the sportsfield, particularly in the sport of rugby. A second consecutive unbeaten season for our 1st XV and victory at last in the Fylde 'Sevens' competition provided sufficient success for one year, one would have thought. These achievements were crowned, however, by the selection of no less than nine of our senior players for Lancashire and an incredible six for England. Few Headmasters, if any, can have enjoyed the privilege of presenting six England caps in one school assembly! Congratulations to Christopher Briers (Centre), Andrew Kyriacou (Hooker), Alex Loney (Prop), Matthew Parr (Lock), Warren Spragg (Stand off/Centre) and Richard Wigglesworth (Scrum half), all of whom achieved the ultimate honour of representing their country at senior schoolboy level and five of whom were selected to tour Canada, New Zealand and Australia with England U18. Special congratulations to our 1st XV Captain, Matthew Parr, the only schoolboy to play for England U19 in the World Championships in Chile and to Richard Wigglesworth on his selection as England Schools 18 group Captain.

Former KGS rugby captains, brothers Pat and Alex Sanderson, have both played for England on tour in North America. Their example has done much to boost the success of the sport at KGS and we are grateful to them for their continued interest in school rugby.

We are delighted that Mr Brian Gornall was chosen to coach the England Schools U18 team this season. His team, captained by our own Richard Wigglesworth, won all its home international matches, a source of great pride in his first year of coaching at international level. We send him our warm congratulations coupled with our gratitude.

KGS hockey continues to break new ground with our first ever fixture with the renowned Millfield School, which will, we hope, become an annual event. Our young 1st XI team had an excellent season winning 23 of their 26 matches, in addition to both the Lancashire U18 and U19 County Championships. Our U15's went even further: unbeaten in domestic fixtures, champions of Lancashire and the North and semi-finalists in the National Schools Championships, where they were extremely unlucky to lose on penalty flicks away at Millfield School. Individually our U18 team produced five county players and North of England honours went to Rachel Sissons, Lorna Sissons and Hannah Spacey, all of whom were selected for the Regional Hockey Academy. We congratulate our hockey players on another highly successful season.

KGS athletes continued to dominate area schools athletics, easily winning both boys' and girls' Fylde Coast Championships. Our intermediate girls narrowly missed a place in the finals of the TSB National Athletics Championships, when they finished runners-up to Merchant Taylors in the North of England Finals. In the Lancashire Schools' Athletics Championships, Chris Briers excelled in taking both the Senior Boys 400 metres and 400 metres hurdles titles. Richard Newton, having earlier won the Lancashire Schools' Junior Cross Country title, went on to win the County Schools' Junior 1500 metres. Laura Martin won the Lancashire Schools' Intermediate Girls' Long Jump and Lucy Martin the Junior Girls' Javelin. It is very tough indeed to earn selection for the prestigious English Schools' Athletics Championships and we were delighted to be represented again this year by Lucy Martin, Junior Girls' Javelin, and Richard Newton, Junior Boys' 1500 metres. Many congratulations to them both.

The progress of school cricket has been slower, but it is good to see the sport being played at weekends again and the amount of cricket played this year in a short season has been most gratifying. The 1st XI has had a sound season, aided by the prowess of Adam Parker whom we congratulate on his selection by the MCC as one of the country's outstanding young cricketers. The U12 XI had a sparkling season, winning almost all their matches. This team possesses two of the finest young cricketers the school has ever seen in Darren Bell and Robert Sissons, both Lancashire Schools' players.

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In the sport of Girls' Tennis, KGS emerged as the top school in Lancashire this season, with strength across the age groups. A succession of trophies flowed in, many of them won on home ground, since the School now hosts several of the county championships. Sarah Briggs, at 16 years of age, played some marvellous tennis to win the Lancashire U19 Singles Championships. Jennifer Dewhurst and Jane Jackson contested the County U13 final, with Jennifer emerging as champion after an exciting match. Our U14 girls won the Derek Hill Trophy for the second successive year, defeating Bolton School impressively in the final and our U13 girls beat Westholme School comfortably in the final of the Lancashire Schools' U13 Championships. Thus, school tennis can justifiably claim to be the most improved of all school sports.

In the coming year all our good wishes go to our table tennis star, Katy Parker, who, though only sixteen years of age, has every chance of being selected to compete for England in the Manchester Commonwealth Games.

However, the true strength of the school is reflected in a much broader range of achievements and activities than hitherto mentioned. We were delighted to see Chloe Spencer win a national biology competition which attracted over 700 entries. Her essay on microbiology was judged to be the best, a rare and distinguished achievement for Chloe and her teachers. The continuing success of our Lower Sixth Young Enterprise Companies was exemplified by their third consecutive appearance in the regional finals, representing Fylde Schools. We have all been impressed with the successes of our Public Speaking teams who have triumphed at area level and reached two regional finals, where they performed superbly, beating schools of the calibre of Manchester Grammar School. Success in this field does much to enhance the reputation of the School.

I have been particularly pleased to see the enthusiasm generated by our House Masters and House Captains for the Inter-House competitions. These are so important to the broader education of our pupils, since they give so many the opportunity to take part and experience individual and team success. The Music Department was taken aback by the number of entries, well over 300, at least half the school, in the Inter House Music Festival. Similarly, Sports Day was a triumph attracting, as it did, full fields of competitors for every event. We

congratulate School House on regaining the Whitby Cup for the Champion House overall.

The strength of the Cadet Force, with well over 200 cadets, was there for all to see again, though 'foot and mouth' played havoc with some Field Days and Camps. It is almost impossible to over-estimate the importance of the Cadet Force to the broader education of our young people, for it is here that they learn many of the skills which will equip them best for their lives ahead. In the activities of the Force, self discipline, the ability to work in a team, to use initiative and to problem solve take on a real meaning. Cadets become skilled first aiders, learn how to use weapons and drill and develop an appreciation of outdoor pursuits. RAF cadets can learn to glide and fly. Throughout its many activities the Force actively promotes leadership. Being a cadet is for many, though not all, among the most stimulating and enjoyable experiences of their school lives.

The Creative Arts provide further evidence of excellence in breadth at Kirkham Grammar School. The past year has seen musicianship of the highest standard in a series of memorable concerts and the Inter-House Music Festival. Special mention should be made of Upper Sixth Former, Gareth Jones, who was awarded the Rosemary Greaves Music Prize, following his quite superb performance of Ridout's formidable Concerto for Double Bass in the House Festival. How we shall miss him! Gareth's performance was just one of many Festival items which appeared in the Spring Concert programme, a programme which included items as diverse as variations on 'Dance with the Devil', so impressively played by percussionist Alex Dunn, to a thrilling performance of Haydn's 'Nelson Mass' with the full School Choir. The Special Choir and the Girls' Choir have performed superbly this year, as has the School's growing concert band under the expert direction of Richard Evans, one of the country's most prominent band leaders. The Concert Band, featuring forty of the School's instrumentalists, broke new ground in undertaking a joint concert with the King's Normandy Division Military Band. The programme was very varied and featured a performance of Sibelius' 'Finlandia' and also a medley of music by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Chris Carter of the Upper Sixth played a splendid part in a trombone quartet and Captain Clegg, the Normandy Band Leader, was very impressed with the standard of our pupils' musicianship. A real treat at the end of the Spring Term was a visit by the world famous American organist, Carlo Curley, to

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give the Inaugural Recital on the School's new Makin organ. The programme featured music by Franck, Buxtehude, Mozart and Handel as the maestro, Mr Curley, showed how an organ should be played.

The past year has seen a remarkable upsurge in the interest in drama at KGS. 'That was one of the best pieces of theatre I have ever seen' was the enthusiastic response of one of our Sixth Formers to the production of *'The Visit'* by Friedrich Durrenmatt. The production was well staged and forcefully and humorously acted to enthralled audiences. Fifth former, James Cartwright, son of the renowned playwright Jim Cartwright, writer of classic stage plays such as *'Road'*, *'Two'* and *'The Rise and Fall of Little Voice'*, has had an incredibly exciting year. He recently made his television debut, playing alongside Martin Shaw, in ITV's *'A & E'*. We are set to see more of this talented young actor in the autumn in the eagerly awaited Mancunian tale *'Vacuuming Completely Nude in Paradise'* and in a starring cameo role as the young Morrissey from *'The Smiths'* in *'24 Hour Party People'*.

James is not the only KGS pupil to appear on television this year. Four of our first year pupils, William Bruton, Joella Clegg, Cathryn Critchley and Phillip Hingley appeared live on Blue Peter in June racing a model car designed and built in the School's Technology Centre. Former pupil Graham Nash, now a student at Nottingham University, won a cliff hanging Grand Final of *'Countdown'* which was screened on Christmas Day, Graham's 21st birthday. Though it was hard earned, Graham could not have wished for a better birthday present, for his was a distinguished feat, nor shall I ever forget the tension of watching his triumph on television, trying vainly to digest my Christmas Dinner!

In a year which has seen so much to celebrate at KGS, staff and pupils were treated to further school development with the opening of the newly extended Friends' Library, such an important learning resource, and the eagerly awaited new dining complex with its French pavement cafe, its wide choice of excellent food and spacious new dining hall.

The School's popular Art and Technology departments continue to make impressive progress. The Art department launched its web site at the start of the year, creating a further valuable

learning resource for our many budding artists. Further excellent exhibitions of GCSE and A-level work were mounted in the summer term. The Technology Faculty continues to strengthen its partnership with BAE SYSTEMS, to whom the School owes such a debt of gratitude. The Faculty has become the North West Regional Centre for a national CO2 car design and racing programme sponsored by Jaguar and has produced its fourth successive Arkwright Engineering Scholar. We congratulate fifth former Rachel Horton on her prestigious award.

Throughout the year we have enjoyed the strong support of the Friends of KGS who have recently raised the enormous sum of £40,000 towards the School's Library Appeal, and the Old Kirkhamians' Association, who have generously endowed a second Sixth Form Bursary. Both have been socially active throughout the year. The Friends' Summer Ball, held in a marquee on the front lawn of the School, attracted a record 345 guests, who had a marvellous evening and the Old Kirkhamians staged an impressive and very well attended weekend of activities in May.

If you have had the stamina to read through this lengthy 'Foreword', you will appreciate the wealth of talent and diversity of activities which the School currently enjoys. I hope I have encapsulated a quite astonishing breadth of success, which provides ample evidence that pupils enter KGS that they may profit (*Ingrederet ut proficias*).

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Autumn

In October, we were delighted to meet so many new parents at our social evening and to welcome new members to our committee. In November, we managed to raise £6,500 within the space of 48 hours thanks to the support given to the Christmas Fair and Winter Ball.

Spring

We were delighted to achieve our target of £10,000 to be donated to the Junior School library, making a Friends contribution of £20,000 in total towards the project. We are sure future generations of KGJS children will benefit.

Summer

The weather was kind on our Fun Day and all involved enjoyed a thoroughly good day. We managed to raise an incredible £2,800.

Despite increasing the size of the marquee, we still could not accommodate all the applications for tickets for the Summer Ball. Over 300 parents, staff and guests enjoyed a marvellous evening with

superb food, fine wines and excellent entertainment.

It was a pleasure to see all our efforts bearing fruit with the official opening of the Friends' Library in May. As many of you will be aware, we have made this our major project and have succeeded in raising £20,000 towards the overall cost of refurbishment.

On behalf of all the Friends and parents, I would like to thank Ros Ince who stood down at our AGM after five years as Chairman. She has worked exceptionally hard and we are immensely grateful to her.

Finally may I thank all who have supported me in my first year as Chairman and thank you for your continued support of the work of the Friends.

Dates

September 24th
November 16th
November 24th

AGM
Christmas Fair
Winter Ball



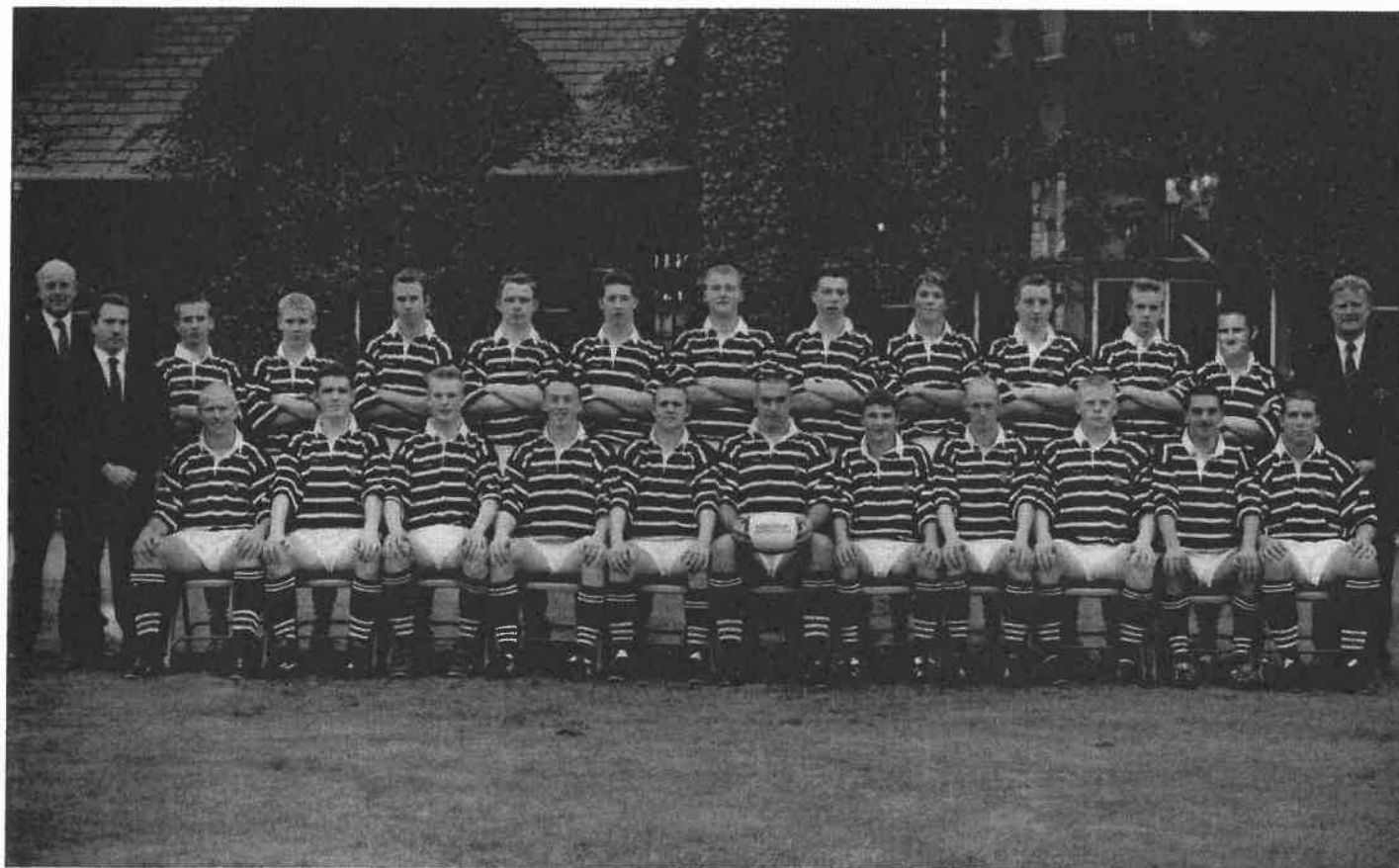
The official opening of the Friends' Library

THE SCHOOL YEAR

The Guard of Honour at the CCF Annual Inspection



The unbeaten First XV



The cast of *'The Visit'* in make-up



Concert Band

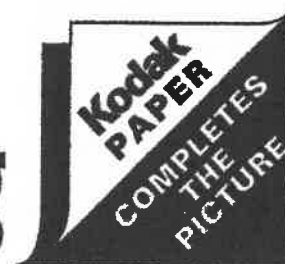


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KGS pupils on the set of *Blue Peter*



KGS charity performance of *The Weakest Link*



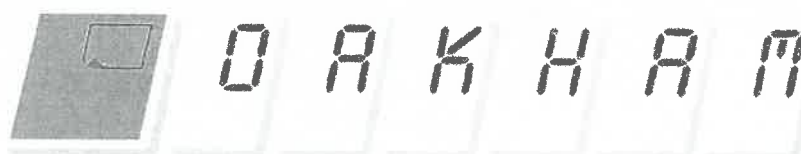
Miss Fryer completes the London Marathon

Individual winners at Sports Day



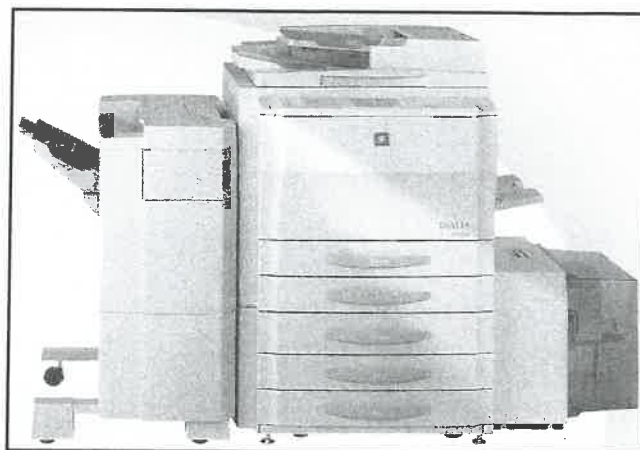
Action during the annual match against the MCC





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GIRLS' SPORT

HOCKEY OVERVIEW

This year has been one of the most difficult seasons to date. The horrendous weather conditions, combined with a flooding astro-turf pitch, have made training and playing matches impossible at times. However, in true Kirkham style, our girls and staff have battled on and once again the results have been impressive in all age groups.

Whilst there have been some excellent individual performances and achievements at school, county, regional and even national academy level, the teams have also enjoyed success throughout the season.

The under 12's have been unbeaten all season. They were semi-finalists in the under 12 invitation tournament and runners up in the Lancashire under 13 mini-hockey tournament - an excellent achievement playing against girls a year older.

The under 13's only lost two games throughout the season and achieved a semi-final place in the Lancashire county mini-hockey tournament.

The under 14's won the Lancashire tournament.

The under 15's were Lancashire champions and semi-finalists in the National Hockey Cup.

The second eleven was unbeaten all season and the first eleven won the Lancashire under 19 tournament and the British Aerospace under 18 Lancashire tournament.

One of the most memorable moments of the season was the invitation match against Millfield Sports School (national under 18 and under 15 champions). Our reputation on the hockey pitch has now been given national recognition, and next season I am aiming to add Bromsgrove and Canford to our fixture list!

Finally, I would like to thank the hockey coaches, Mrs Tabb, Mrs Baxter, Mr Miller and Miss Fryer, for all the time and effort they have put into our teams this season. I would also like to thank staff and parents for their tremendous support!

J Glover



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First XI

P	W	D	L
32	28	2	2

This season was always going to be tough for our first XI. Still a very young side, trying to follow on from the national achievements of last season, but this time a year young!

The first team was ably led by Katie Threlfall. She had a mammoth task - the youngest first XI captain to date, leading her peer group - a task she mastered throughout the season and she must be congratulated on her achievements.

Defensively, we were extremely solid. Danielle Hanley (when fit!) was superb in goal; Ellie Cairns was strong in defence and agile, skilful and dynamic driving into midfield; Katie Threlfall was a solid right back, quick, strong and always determined to come out with the ball; Kate Sannegadu was a pillar of strength - totally solid, always reliable, in fact outstanding in every respect; Jane Meloy was strong, totally determined, extremely perceptive with first class vision - certainly a player who instilled confidence into the rest of the team.

In midfield Vicky Peters, without a doubt the most improved player, was superb on the right - fast, skilful and her work rate was outstanding; Lorna Sissons is undoubtedly one of the most talented midfield players the school has ever had - skilful, versatile and always composed - Lorna was cool, calm and linked the team together superbly; Lucy Martin had her first taste of first XI hockey at fourteen years of age - a superb achievement, and as the season progressed she grew in confidence which enabled her to demonstrate her real talent; Danni Grundy was super on the left - totally solid, always determined and her work rate was first class.

Up front we had a dynamic trio, Rachel Sissons, Amy Twambley and Vicky Wilson. Amy Twambley was fast, skilful and agile - she scored some wonderful goals, in fact, whenever Amy had the ball we looked dangerous; Vicky Wilson's movement off the ball and work rate were outstanding and she scored some great goals; Rachel Sissons was outstanding in every respect and is one of the most talented players that the school has ever had. She has the ability to literally run rings around the

opposing defence and she scored numerous fantastic goals.

Last, but by no means least, is Fiona Morgan. Fiona played an absolutely crucial part in the first XI's season. She was extremely versatile - dangerous going forward and totally solid in defence. She will certainly be pushing for a regular starting place in the team next season.

The girls had another very good season indeed, losing only two games. Kirkham were Under 19 Lancashire Champions and British Aerospace Lancashire Under 18 Champions. However, the highlight of the season was undoubtedly our match against Millfield School. As we walked out onto their impressive double water based astro-turf pitches, we didn't really know what to expect. How would little Kirkham compare to the mighty Millfield? (A team consisting of five internationals on the pitch and two on the sideline). Our girls were fantastic - the play was end to end, a really exciting game to watch. With ten minutes to go the score was 0-0, and we certainly had our chances. In the last few minutes of the match we were very unlucky to concede a couple of goals. Although we lost, the score was irrelevant, we had proved that we could compete against the best hockey school in the country! This is something we really must aim to build on next season.

At the moment the first XI are a very good team with a number of great individuals. Next season the aim is to develop a GREAT TEAM! A task that I certainly am looking forward to - I just hope that the girls, many of them in their final year, are as eager as I am to achieve it!

J Glover

GIRLS' SPORT

Second XI

P	W	D	L
22	20	2	0

Once again, an excellent season for the team. As ever the team faced the problem of providing a consistently high standard of hockey to allow players to develop into first XI players. At this level few schools or colleges are able to produce teams which test KGS to the limit. Therefore a number of fixtures have involved other schools' first XI's.

As ever, Kirkham players produce a high standard of play and are highly motivated. In particular the following players from the Upper Sixth have ably led the team - Emma Johnson, Phillipa Leeming and Liz Rossall. They have worked hard at their game and in leading the team as seniors have been model players and set an excellent example at all times. Valuable contributions were also made by Rachel Blackley and Nicki Furber-Strino.

From the Lower Sixth, Becky Sharrocks was the most improved player and made valuable contributions, along with Helen Green, Nicky Hendy and Jenna Rees.

The fifth form are a very talented year group and have the potential to produce some very able players in the future.

T Miller

Under 16 XI

It is always a very difficult year for our fifth year girls when they are introduced to senior hockey. They leave their constant and familiar surroundings of playing with their own year group and are suddenly faced with competing against thirty six other girls for places in the first and second XI. That is why at Kirkham Grammar, our fifth year girls play together as a year group in the Lancashire Presidents Cup Competition - it gives them an opportunity to play together, occasionally, as a team.

This year our under 16's have been an absolute pleasure to work with - hard working, enthusiastic and always entertaining!! They represented what school hockey should be about - a desire to win combined with total enjoyment and fun!

Our girls performed extremely well in the Lancashire Presidents Cup Competition - we coasted through the first few rounds and the quarter final. In the semi-final we competed against a strong Mansfield High School team. Our girls dominated the match and put constant pressure on a very good Mansfield defence. We hit the post, had the ball cleared off the line and even had a goal disallowed. We did everything except put the ball in the back of the net. This therefore meant the dreaded penalty strokes! It was heartbreaking to lose 5-4 after sudden death.

The under 16's were fantastic and they certainly did the school proud. It is crucial that we learn from the defeat and use the experience to develop into stronger and more determined players.

Congratulations to all the under 16 squad, I am really looking forward to coaching you all next season.

J Glover

Under 15 Cup Team

The under 15 girls have had a great season. They got off to a great start by beating one of their main rivals, Stockport, 1-0 in a Saturday fixture. This gave the team the confidence they needed for the rest of the season. The squad went from strength to strength in Saturday matches and National cup matches. A great attack proved to be too good for most oppositions. The midfield players were solid and battled hard and the defence worked superbly as a team. The squad remain undefeated and deserve all that they have worked for. I would like to thank all the squad members for their hard work and dedication throughout the season. On behalf of the members of the squad, I would like to thank all the supporters who have followed and encouraged us every week and above all I would like to thank Miss Baxter for all her coaching and encouragement.

Results

v Giggleswick	Won 8-0
v Lady Manners	Won 8-1
v Altrincham G.S	Won 5-0
Quarter final v Greshams	Won 6-1
Semi final v Millfield	Drew 2-2 but lost 3-2 on penalty strokes

Leanne Sharples, Captain

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GIRLS' SPORT

Under 15 B XI

The under 15 B team started off the season poorly, then after two matches we began to find our feet and got together as a team. In total we lost three matches, drew four and won the rest.

We had an amazing left side with Helen and Aja working as a pair, scoring over ten goals between them. On the right side we had Lara and Katie, who worked well, showing how capable they both were as hockey players. Jessica, Rachel and Laura were great defenders, stopping every ball they could from getting near the goal. If any ball did get through, we had Kirsty or Hannah to stop it. They both played some great matches! In the centre, we had Sally. She played extremely well and was one of the key players in the team.

I would like to say congratulations and many thanks to everybody in our team for their excellent hockey and their determination to win.

Alex Wilkinson
Captain

Under 13 XI

A superb season for the whole of the under 13 hockey squad, both in terms of results and commitment. The girls have been keen and enthusiastic from the outset, their determined attitude to succeed developing their hockey skills considerably. Such development is being recognised outside school, with Francine McNeela, Emily Martin, Caroline Desborough, Liz Tomlinson and Louise Lord selected to attend county development sessions.

We were delighted to have Bryony Brown back with us this term. She performed stupendously in goal, soaking up the pressure time and time again, her confidence increasing with every cry of "mine!".

The defence, ably led by captain Francine McNeela, worked effectively to close down many oppositions. Their determined tackling was complemented by the midfield whose competent and skilful performances allowed much open play and many great passes forward. The destructive forward line converted these passes smoothly into goals on numerous occasions. The squad have

been tremendous fun to coach. I wish them every success for the future. I am sure they will do very well.

A S Fryer

Under 12 XI

The under 12's have experienced an excellent season of hockey. The squad shows great potential and is made up of a group of dedicated and enthusiastic young ladies with a strong will to win.

Despite the appalling weather conditions in the early part of the season, the A team has played 5 matches, winning each convincingly and scoring a total of 52 goals and conceding only 2. This is a wonderful achievement and credit to both the attack and defence. The B team has also played well throughout the season and has gained much experience from the involvement in the under 13 Lancashire mini hockey tournament. Both our A and B teams took part in this competition a year young and all of the girls played very well showing composure on the pitch. Our A team battled hard to beat St Julies High School under 13 A team in the semi-finals and was very unlucky to lose in the final. They must be commended, however, for becoming the under 13 Lancashire mini hockey runners-up.

The squad has been a pleasure to coach this season and I wish them every success in the 2001-2002 season.

The Under 12 Arnold Invitation

On Saturday 24th March the A team took part in the annual Arnold invitation tournament, a full day event in which 12 teams took part from around the country. The girls battled hard and eventually emerged as the winners of their section. They were unfortunate to lose the semi final 1-0 to Arnold A team, but everyone agreed that the competition was a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

J Tabb

Hockey Honours

Under 14 Lancashire Development

Jane Greenwood	Katie Edgar	Caroline Desborough	Linzi Nicholas
Hannah Gledhill	Elizabeth Tomlinson	Rebecca Norman	Emily Martin
Abby Hookey	Louise Lord	Milly Hookey	Fran McNeela

Under 15 Lancashire

Leanne Sharples	Lucy Martin	Laura Martin
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Under 16 Lancashire

Kate Sannegadu	Katie Gough
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Under 18 Lancashire

Rachel Sissons	Eleanor Cairns	Amy Twambley
Jane Meloy	Lorna Sissons	

North of England, Under 16

Lorna Sissons	Hannah Spacey
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GIRLS' SPORT

SUMMER SPORT

The Kirkham girls never cease to amaze me! They have this incredible desire to compete successfully all year round!

Our athletes have been absolutely superb and I have been extremely proud of them all. We have regularly had 70 girls out training in all weathers. The determined attitudes displayed and the positive atmosphere have been first class. It has been a real pleasure to spend so much time with them.

Similarly our tennis players have been equally superb! Every year group has played Saturday fixtures - and have won the majority. In addition we have once again dominated the tennis leagues and county tournaments.

I feel extremely proud of the achievements of our girls - we have developed into a school that produces sporting excellence all year round!

The sporting success at KGS is a team effort. The relationships and mutual trust and respect shown by both staff and girls enable girls' sport to flourish.

ATHLETICS

Our first, second, third and fourth year teams have competed in seven athletics matches this season. The girls have given absolutely everything this term both in training and matches and have won 24 out of the 28 competitions - an excellent achievement.

TSB National Athletics Championships

On May 15, KGS fielded a Junior and an Inter Athletics team in the county round of this national event. Our girls performed extremely well in both age groups, in fact our Inter-girls won with a score of 329 points to become Lancashire Champions.

On Tuesday, June 12, our Inter-girls competed in the TSB North final at Robin Park, Wigan. The team consisted of a squad of 13 girls, one of which was a reserve. The twelve athletes from each school had to compete in one track event and one field event, and unlike normal events, positions were irrelevant. Points were awarded for the times and distances achieved.

The Kirkham girls, though nervous, were in good spirits and were eager to strive for personal bests in their events. During the competition our girls performed to the best of their abilities on the day - some achieved personal bests, others were extremely close.

As the competition progressed, we did not realise how close the scores actually were. Kirkham had a great day and we increased our points from 329 in the Lancashire round to 353 in the North final. With this excellent score, we finished as runners-up.

Congratulations to Captain Laura Martin, Leanne Sharples, Claire Taylor, Katie Mellor, Antonia Ascroft, Abby and Milly Hookey, Lucy Martin, Jane Greenwood, Linzi Nicholas, Katie Edgar, Sally Rotherham, Aja Hall, Lorna Sissons.

Fylde Coast Athletics Championships

On Tuesday, July 3, our girls competed in the annual Fylde Coast Athletics Championships at Stanley Park. The team spirit, effort and determination was first class, in fact it typified the season's atmosphere.

During the event our girls gave 100%. All of our girls got through their heats and qualified for the afternoon finals. Throughout the day, many of the our girls won their events or finished in the first three. Personal bests were beaten and targets were reached.

Towards the very end of the competition, points were very close in some of the age groups. In fact, our fourth year girls were half a point behind Lytham with just the relay to run.

The final results were once again excellent. Our first years were runners-up; the second years were runners up; our third years were champions and won by more than 100 points; our fourth years were runners up by just half a point. For the fourth year running, Kirkham Grammar School were the overall Champions - a superb achievement!

I would like to thank our girls for the tremendous effort that they have given, both in training and in



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GIRLS' SPORT

matches, I am extremely proud of them all! May I also take this opportunity to thank all those staff and students who helped me with the efficient running of our home athletic matches. Special mention must be given to Mr. Fred Sayer - his constant help and support have been very much appreciated!! Thank you to all those parents who supported throughout the term.

Finally, I would like to thank Linda Baxter, Syl Sampey and Aled Trenhaile for their tremendous support and expert coaching throughout the term. Without this superb staff teamwork, our girls would be unable to achieve these excellent results.

J Glover

Lancashire Schools' Athletics Championships

On Saturday, June 9, the following KGS girls were selected to represent South Fylde in the Lancashire Schools Athletics Championships at Stanley Park:

Jane Greenwood (800m), Linzi Nicholas (800m), Leanne Sharples (1500m), Laura Martin (Long Jump), Abby and Milly Hookey (High Jump), Antonia Ascroft (Shot), Katie Mellor (Shot), Claire Taylor (Discus), Katie Edgar (Discus), Penny Maughan (Discus), Lucy Martin (Javelin), Alex Wilkinson (High Jump).

Indeed, all of our girls performed extremely well. Special mention must be given to:

Laura Martin - First in the inter Long Jump

Lucy Martin - First in the junior Javelin

Abby Hookey - Third in the junior High Jump

Antonia Ascroft - Third in the inter Shot

Alex Wilkinson - Second in the inter High Jump

English Schools' Athletics

Congratulations must be given to Lucy Martin who was selected to represent Lancashire in the English Schools' Athletics Championships in Exeter on July 6 and 7, 2001. This was an absolutely fantastic achievement - we are extremely proud of her!

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TENNIS

After experiencing such a successful season of girls' tennis last year, I was initially a little unsure if last year's achievements could be improved upon. The girls, however, have excelled themselves and played superbly to achieve the best set of results to date. The standard of tennis played has been exceptionally high and the girls have been an absolute delight to watch and coach.

Under 13 and Under 15 Tennis Leagues

The under 13's and under 15's Lancashire league matches have once again been very successful and some high standard tennis has been experienced. The under 13 team, consisting of Jo Jackson, Louise Lord, Amy Dupres and Susie Leyland played some excellent tennis to become group runners up, only narrowly missing out on a place in the semi-finals. The under 15 team, consisting of Jane Jackson, Jane Greenwood, Jenny Dewhurst, Lorna Sissons and Sally Rotheram played consistently well through the group stage, conceding only a handful of games. The girls won their group and easily defeated Westholme B team in the semi-finals. The finals, which were against Westholme A team, were played at Westholme School on Wednesday 4th July. It was an extremely hot evening and the girls played brilliantly to emerge as county champions.

Tennis Tournaments

What an amazing set of results!

The Lancashire under 19's Singles Tournament, which is annually held at KGS was a thoroughly enjoyable event and the standard of tennis was extremely high. Sarah Briggs played steadily throughout the group stage and experienced a nail biting final, consisting of 3 match points. The final was eventually decided through a tie break game, with Sarah eventually emerging as the under 19's County Champion.

The Lancashire under 13's Tournament, which is also held annually at KGS, was a gripping event. Jane Jackson and Jenny Dewhurst, who was a year young for this event, represented the school and easily made it through their group stages to the

semi-finals. As was hoped, it was an all Kirkham final, and after an exciting match, Jenny Dewhurst finally emerged as the under 13's County Champion.

The under 15 Doubles Tournament was also dominated by K.G.S players. We entered two couples, Lorna Sissons and Sally Rotheram, who played very well against some strong opposition, and Jane Jackson and Jenny Dewhurst who battled hard to emerge as under 15 County Champions.

Under 14 County Knockout Competition

After winning this competition last year, the pressure was on to retain the title. The team, consisting of Jane Jackson, Jane Greenwood, Jenny Dewhurst, Lorna Sissons and Sally Rotheram beat Queen Mary School in the first round, Parklands High School in the quarter finals and Bury Grammar School in the semi-finals. The final, which was played at Robin Park Tennis centre on Wednesday 27th June, was a very exciting event and Kirkham emerged as the tournament winners for the second year running.

Friendly Fixtures

This season it has become extremely hard to organise Saturday fixtures. Although at KGS we see this as an opportunity to play other girls who may not have initially made it into the Saturday teams, many schools have cancelled matches with us at the last minute. This has unfortunately made our Saturday fixture list a little smaller than in past years. That apart, fixtures have been played against Lancaster, Arnold, Westholme and Queen Mary School, Lytham. The under 13's squad has won 3 and lost 1. The under 14 squad has won 1 and lost 3. The under 15's squad has won 2 and lost 1, and the seniors have played 2 matches, winning them both. The under 12's squad has made exceptional progress throughout the season, beating Arnold and Queen Mary 6 - 3.

I would personally like to congratulate all of the girls on their excellent performances throughout the season. They have been a delight to coach and a credit to their school.

J Tabb

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The Under 15 hockey squad



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BOYS' SPORT

ATHLETICS

The athletics teams have enjoyed a busy and successful term so far with additional fixtures being introduced to include two Saturday matches, both in Liverpool. In the first of these, against St. Edward's College, we had comprehensive victories in all four age groups, and at the second fixture against St. Anselm's, who were finalists in last year's National TSB Championships, our third and fourth year boys inflicted on them their first defeat on their home ground.

The season opened with victories for first, second and third year teams against Queen Elizabeth GS, with the fourth year match ending in a tie. Our third and fourth year teams then went on to have comfortable victories over King Edward VII School and later on to beat Arnold School in both age groups.

On a regional level, our under 14 and under 16 teams competed against seven other schools in the

English Schools AA Cup and we finished a close runner-up in both age groups to a very powerful Hutton GS.

Individually, we had twelve boys selected for the Blackpool South team to compete in the Lancashire Schools Championships. Chris Briers achieved an excellent double by winning the Senior Boys 400m hurdles and the 400m, and Richard Newton won the Junior Boys 1500m. Richard, who earlier in the term had come second in both the 1500m and 800m in the Lancashire County Championships, was rewarded for his consistency by being selected for the Lancashire team to compete in the English Schools' Championships at Exeter in July.

Once again, the School enjoyed tremendous success in the Fylde Coast Championships. Our first and second year teams finished in second place and our third and fourth year teams were victorious. All of this meant that KGS finished in first place overall and we retained our position as champions.

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CRICKET

Seniors

P	W	L	D
8	3	3	2

In a season that was surely to be affected by the summer exams, it was important to play as many games as possible early after Easter. Luckily this was achieved with a game against King Edward and Queen Mary, Lytham and a short tour to the Isle of Man.

The team played poorly against a strong King Edward and Queen Mary School and lost by 87 runs. On the Isle of Man the first XI defeated the 'Hotel Management School' by a narrow 13 runs (Parker 61, Hopton 3 for 13, Parker 3 for 13); and then drew with King William's College in an all day game with Parker scoring an admirable 145 in Kirkham's innings of 208 for 8 declared. King William's College could not match this - scoring 97 for 5 in return. The team then defeated Habergham High School by 5 wickets (Baer 35 not out) to end the first phase of the season in reasonable style.

However, the under 17 Cup side was beaten convincingly by a strong Lancaster Grammar side in the Lancashire Cup during the exam period. A makeshift first XI played at Hutton Grammar School in a 40 overs per innings game and scored a tremendous 289 (Ashton 53, Parker 85, Briers 66 off 16 balls!). In return, Hutton came back with a fighting 249 but could not reach Kirkham's total.

In the last part of the season, the first XI lost in a closely contested game against King Edward and Queen Mary School (P Ashton 85) and then drew against Queen Elizabeth School, Blackburn, in an all day game (QEGS 261 for 9 declared, KGS 192 for 6). The highlight of this game was a splendid 98 not out from Bradley Hamilton. There have been some excellent performances from some of the younger players recently. With hard work, these players will progress next year and contribute to the making of a competitive first XI.

Under 15 XI

P	W	L
4	1	3

The under 15 season has been affected by the weather. Two important games against King Edward and Queen Mary School and Arnold had to be cancelled. In their first game, Kirkham defeated Hutton in a match which was probably too close for comfort. The side then lost to St. Bede's, Lytham, in the Lancashire Cup and lost again to Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Blackburn having posted a reasonable performance. In their last match of the season the side lost to Bury GS.

The under 15 XI has been well led by Peter Reeh and there are some talented players. They should do well in senior cricket if they continue to work hard at their game.

Under 14 XI

The team seem to make a habit of losing close matches in the last over of the game. With a little more concentration a number of these defeats could have easily been turned into victories.

The team has struggled to post a commanding score in most matches, with a weak tail not contributing much to the team total. In a team of bowlers, special mention should go to Matthew Arkwright and Marcus Jackson who have bowled consistently well over the season. Batting has been more taxing, although Michael Le Breton has impressed towards the end of the season, especially in his innings of 33 against QEGS. I am sure that captain Luke Dickinson has learned a lot about the art of captaincy and we thank him for his efforts.

I am pleased to report that the team's fielding has really improved this season, thanks to a lot of hard work in training. This year's most improved player, Alex Tudge, has fielded bravely throughout a difficult season. The team has also benefited from the tireless chasing in the field of Andrew Crook.

On a positive note it has been pleasing to note that our fans have resisted running onto the pitch, especially with such tense finishes to most matches!



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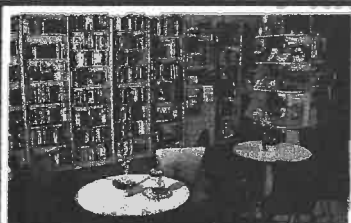
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Under 12 XI

The season began in fine style with a sensational away win at Lancaster RGS by seven wickets. The batting of D. Bell (77) and R. Sissons (65 not out) augured well for the season. Further wins over King Edwards and Queen Mary by eight wickets brought more runs for D. Bell (31) and R. Sissons (23 not out). A fine victory then ensued against Arnold by thirty-two runs, thanks again to D. Bell (41) and R. Sissons (27). The wicket keeping in this match of R. Sissons, with four stumpings and two catches, was no mean achievement for a first form pupil. A further victory over QEGS, Blackburn, by seven wickets thanks to R. Sissons (56 not out), emphasised a good season.

Summer exams affected the rhythm of weekly practice and match fixtures. Defeats at the hands of a powerful Hutton and Bury Grammar School could have been avoided with a little extra depth in the batting ranks. Against Lancaster in the Cup game we lost, partly because restrictions prevent batsmen from reaching large scores.

The team's success revolves around Darren Bell and Robert Sissons, two outstanding players who both came through our Junior School. The enthusiasm of Mark Ashworth, Michael Walker and Jonathan Knowles should ensure a healthy squad as the team develops year on year.

Robert Sissons has the added distinction of being selected for Lancashire under 12's as Captain/Wicket Keeper, whilst Darren Bell is likely to appear in the team during forthcoming fixtures. We wish them both well.

S Painter



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BOYS' SPORT

RUGBY

First XV

P	W	F	A
10	10	440	47

It was felt before the start of the season that the strength of the team would be in the three-quarters with the forwards being an unknown quantity. Five three-quarters, four of whom were County players, were returning from last season's team whilst only three forwards returned who had played five games or more, two of whom were County players. It was sad that Joe Thompson who had played for the 1st XV for the previous two seasons had injured himself whilst summer training and could not play one game.

Many players returned in sound condition but a few ruled themselves out of contention by not attending to their personal conditioning over the summer months. Players may cope to a degree by not attending to personal conditioning in the junior sides but it is imperative that once players reach the senior part of the school that they attend to personal conditioning in any sport, not just rugby. It is an integral part of their development and without it no sportsman will reach anywhere near his potential.

There were two tough games to start the season but the next two games seemed to be an anti-climax to the players and the two worst performances of the season ensued.

It was explained that this could not continue and from the next match onwards the team played some exhilarating rugby. The pack never completely dominated possession but the possession providers released the ball often at the correct time. Correct use of the ball by players staying on their feet to produce a greater range of options in contact, passing into space before contact, running, correct angles and from depth, timing passes, hitting outside shoulders, playing with patience whilst gaining momentum, and having a strong defence, are more important than merely gaining a lot of possession and thinking that 'forwards win matches' alone.

The team had a committed attitude to rugby football both in training and playing and anyone who watched it enjoyed its performance. Many players developed considerably during the season, nine

players playing for Lancashire 18 Group, six for the North, one for Scottish Exiles and six for varying England U19 and 18 Group sides. They were an example to all of how players can develop if they commit themselves to realising their potential and gaining enjoyment and satisfaction.

Particular mention must be given to the captain, Matthew Parr, who was selected to play for England U19 in the *FIFA* World Championships in Chile, the only school player not attached to a club, and vice-captain, Richard Wigglesworth who, on recovering from glandular fever, captained the England January team to success in the International Festival, despite playing out of position and kicking the goals. He rarely kicked goals for KGS because of the outstanding abilities of Daniel Howells.

The final third of the season was devoted to 7-a-side and 10-a-side rugby. It was very disappointing that, after training so hard, the foot and mouth epidemic and wet weather lead to the Birkenhead School 7's, Rosslyn Park 7's, Hereford 7's and the Sedbergh 10's being cancelled. Nevertheless, KGS won the Fylde RUFC 7's with a depleted side for the first time and narrowly lost in an exciting final at Birkenhead Park.

The best performances in an outstanding season were against Sedbergh, Adams GS, Lancaster RGS and Arnold where a severely depleted side took the field.

Daniel Howells, who was a consistently outstanding full back, Andrew Perry, until his 19th birthday, Chris Briers, Stuart Blackburn, who both developed greatly, the former gaining an international cap, and James Mahon were a lethal back five combination. Warren Spragg and Richard Wigglesworth were outstanding half backs, backed up well by Jamie Albinson and Paul McNamee. Warren preferred to play at fly half but gained a cap at outside centre.

The front row of Daniel Tolley, Andrew Kyriacou and Alex Loney backed up by Mark Hanson developed into an outstanding unit both in set piece play and in general play. Andrew Kyriacou and Alex Loney fully earned their England caps. Andrew played flanker last season and Alex has effectively only played prop this season being injured for most of last season.

Simon Gray, John Bowden and John Harrison contested the two lock forward positions and

improved well. In the back row, the captain Matthew Parr was consistently outstanding, Nick Benson improved greatly during the season whilst Simon Jude played all games at open side flanker in his debut season.

The captain, Matthew Parr, and vice-captain, Richard Wigglesworth, have been consistently outstanding in the lead set both on and off the pitch. They have set the highest of standards both in personal performance and the standards expected of the players.

I wish to thank our sponsors, West Point Financial Services, Magic 4 Wireless Software Development and Equifax plc Credit Reference Agency, Decision Services & IT for supporting the team with playing and training clothing, and Mr George Sowerbutts, Osteopath, for his expertise.

Finally, I wish to thank Mr Trenhaile for his outstanding contribution both on and off the pitch and Mr Browning for his outstanding effort in organisational work and coaching the 2nd XV which is part of the 1st XV, both giving the level of commitment which no one has a right to expect.

TOP SCORERS

Daniel Howells	115 points
Chris Briers	61 points
Richard Wigglesworth	42 points
Stuart Blackburn	40 points
Warren Spragg	40 points
Andrew Perry	30 points
Andrew Kyriacou	25 points

RESULTS

v Manchester GS	W	24-7
v Sedbergh	W	22-11
v KE VII Lytham	W	30-3
v St Anslems College	W	33-8
v Adams GS	W	68-10
v Lancaster RGS	W	28-0
v Ellesmere College	W	57-3
v Birkenhead	W	66-0
v Cowley HS	W	66-5
v Arnold	W	45-0

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Andrew Perry

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Paul McNamee

North of England 18 Group

Chris Briers, Daniel Howells, Andrew Kyriacou, Alex Loney, Warren Spragg, Richard Wigglesworth

England U19

Matthew Parr

England U18 January XV

Chris Briers, Richard Wigglesworth (Captain)

September XV

Andrew Kyriacou, Alex Loney, Warren Spragg

England Schools 18 Group Tour to Canada, New Zealand & Australia

Andrew Kyriacou, Alex Loney, Matthew Parr, Warren Spragg, Richard Wigglesworth

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Patrick Sanderson - England, England 'A' XV

B Gornall

BOYS' SPORT

Second XV

P	W	D	L	F	A
9	5	0	4	271	198

The season 2000-2001 proved to be a frustrating season for the second fifteen. It started with a long injury list after pre-season training, was badly affected by the weather and ended with a depleted team, due to a large number of first fifteen players being called away to divisional games. The number of games played over the season was by far the least played by a second fifteen for over fifteen seasons, not even reaching double figures. How annoying it is to train in dreadful conditions throughout the week and then find the game at the weekend cancelled.

Due to the injuries picked up in pre-season training, the season started with a very young and inexperienced team, with ten fifth formers in it, facing a talented Manchester Grammar School side. Not surprisingly, a defeat was the result, though the players could not be faulted for their attitude and effort. Although returning players strengthened the back line at Sedbergh, the forwards still lacked experience and could not supply the backs with enough ball. However, they fought well and made Sedbergh work hard for their victory.

The side was further strengthened at King Edwards and the inexperienced were rapidly gaining experience. However, it took until the second half for the team to really start playing decent rugby and, unfortunately, by then the game had been lost. Finally, the team clicked at St. Anselm's and won comfortably. This was followed by victories at Adams Grammar School and Ellesmere College, both new to the fixture list. The first home game of the season, played in December after the bad weather had taken its toll, brought another comfortable win against Birkenhead. After beating Cowley in the New Year, the season ended with a defeat at the hands of Arnold. It was not totally unexpected, as promotions to the first team, to cover players away playing for the North, injuries and illness meant that a number of players who had effectively 'retired' from rugby had to be called in to play. Everybody gave of their best and the final score did not really do justice to their efforts.

Marshall Margraves proved to be the try scoring sensation of the year, with nine tries in five games,

including four against Birkenhead. Jonathan Swift again scored seven tries (three against Birkenhead), Adam Parker scored six (three at St. Anselms), with Adam Rudd (four at Ellesmere) and George Leeming each contributing five. Half the tries were converted, with the major contributions coming from Paul McNamee. Although the players mentioned above have been highlighted for their scoring exploits, one must not lose sight of the fact that rugby is a fifteen man game. They would not have been in such positions if it had not been for the efforts of the unselfish and hard working players around them.

It would be fair to say that progress was made after an unfortunate start and it is pleasing, overall, to report that the team won more matches than it lost, with a positive points difference. While this progress has been due to the efforts of the players, it has also, in no small way, been due to the coaching of Mr. Gornall and Mr. Trenhaile. Without them the second fifteen would not be as successful as it has been over the past few years. Hopefully, next season will start off with fewer injuries and the weather will be kind to us, so that we can fulfil all the fixtures, and a successful season can be reported.

Under 15 XV

A Team	P	W	L	D
	11	4	6	1

The under 15 squad had mixed fortunes during the season. Well deserved, hard fought wins were counterbalanced by heavy defeats by much stronger opposition. Unfortunately, a number of fixtures had to be cancelled due to the poor weather prevalent throughout the winter.

The season was curtailed even further by the cancellation of all the sevens competitions in the programme. This was a shame because the squad had prepared well in advance of these events.

However, the tour of Italy during the Easter break was a huge success and more than made up for the disappointments of the season. Staying in the Lido di Jesolo area, near Venice, the squad enjoyed the benefits of a great location for relaxation and competitive rugby within driving distance.

The team played tremendously well in all their games and two wins out of three was a great achievement. In the defeat, the side was

out-gunned by a much bigger, physical side but our victories were carved out with great organisation and commitment from all players.

Well done to all concerned and good luck to all the squad who now move on to the challenges and demands of senior rugby at Kirkham.

M Whalley

Under 14 XV

P	W	L
13	7	6

After a slow start to the season, the under 14's settled into a winning run, convincingly beating King Edward's, St Anselm's, Adams Grammar School, St Peter and Paul and Ellesmere College by their highest ever score, 80 points to nil. It was in this game that Kirkham started to play a modern style of rugby with the forwards and backs interchanging positions very effectively.

In the spring term the team continued to make good progress despite the cancellations of matches due to the weather and the foot and mouth crisis. They beat Arnold in one the best performances of the season, 28 points to 17, and Morecambe High School in a close fought 17 points to 12 victory.

I would like to thank all the boys who turned out for training on the cold and wet winter nights and especially Antony Waring who has led the team by example and was well supported by Tom Armer, Mohammed Ati, Michael Le Breton and Ephraim Mwenda.

The under 14 B team had victories against King Edward's, QEGS Blackburn and Arnold and are a major factor in helping with the development of the whole squad. It provided, in Andrew Fulton, the most improved player of the year, with Thomas Brodie and James Leckie winning this award for the A team.

A B Rollins



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BOYS' SPORT

Under 12 XV

A Team	P	W	L	D
	9	7	1	1

B Team	P	W	L	D
	3	1	2	0

The under 12 squad has continued to make excellent progress throughout the season. They have continued to train hard and are a pleasure to coach. They have lots of ability and I am sure they will continue to make rapid progress next season.

The season finished very well for the squad. The sevens squad won the Wirral Grammar School 7's against strong opposition from all over the North West. The full squad then went on to play tremendously well in a tournament organised at

Hutton Grammar School. They defeated Hutton in a closely contested match, drew with Preston Grasshoppers and defeated Tarleton RFC to remain unbeaten in the competition. Although there were no winners in this event, the squad members gained valuable experience throughout the morning.

This season's success in a curtailed programme bodes well for next year. If the boys continue to improve, through hard work and enthusiasm, they should do well.

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SCHOOL VISITS

PARIS EURODISNEY

Monday, April 2

We met at school in the early morning for our journey to France. The coach journey was long, but bright moments were provided by our friendly coach driver 'Uncle' Dave. Eventually, we reached our hotel and enjoyed some typical French food - burger and chips.

Tuesday, April 3

The first day of our holiday and we set off into Paris today and divided into groups: Mr Baron off to the Louvre (briefly) and then shopping (more leisurely) before getting caught up in a demonstration and facing the French riot police; Mr Rushton to Notre Dame, Pompidou Centre and, inevitably, shopping; Mrs Cassidy in search of culture, but settling for a leisurely morning in a café; Mrs Hayton and Miss Oliver off to try and find a pavement artist who could capture their beauty.

In the afternoon, we went to the Eiffel Tower and walked to the second stage, although most of the party took the lift to the top for a magnificent view of the city. Then to the Arc de Triomphe and the Champs Elysees with a highly informative commentary by tour guide, Tom Russell, OKA.

Following an excellent evening meal, we headed to Montmartre. More steps to climb, but it was well worth it for the atmosphere and view. After some free time for just soaking up the atmosphere, browsing in the shops and for Mrs Hayton to get another portrait done - this time it didn't look like Quasimodo - we met up in the main square for a drink in a pavement café before having to return to our hotel after a guided tour of some of the more unusual sights of the city around the Moulin Rouge.

Wednesday, April 4

With the whole day at Disneyland Paris ahead of us, we set off in high spirits. All the main attractions were visited - Thunder Mountain, Space Mountain, Indiana Jones and Mr Baron's special favourite, It's a Small World. Is it true that he managed to acquire the sound track? After a long, enjoyable, but tiring day, we headed home after the evening parade to pack for the journey home.

Thursday, April 5

Unfortunately, the planned boat ride had to be cancelled because of the high water levels of the river, so we were whisked off to the new big arch at La Defense, at the heart of the new development in Paris. It was an impressive end to the holiday.

The journey home followed, long and uneventful and like most other coach journeys. We arrived back late at night, exhausted after a hectic but thoroughly enjoyable holiday.

Many thanks to the staff, Mrs Cassidy, Mrs Hayton, Miss Oliver and Mr Baron, who gave up their time after a busy term, to Tom Russell for his help and informed commentary, and to Mr Rushton for organising the trip.



Fun on the Tea Cups



Mr Baron was responsible for discipline



All the girls had a good time

SCHOOL VISITS

GERMAN EXCHANGE

A small, apprehensive party arrived at Frankfurt Airport to be met by their German exchange partners and whisked off to their homes to prepare for school the following day. This was an early start, first lesson at 7.50 and a shock to the English system. Of course it was difficult to participate in most lessons because of language difficulties, but we did get an impression that lessons were very much more relaxed than in England.

At the beginning of our stay we experienced bitterly cold, miserable weather, but this did not affect our first official outing to the Kubacher Kristallhöhle - the Crystal Caves - where after donning hard hats, we explored one of Germany's best known cave systems. This was followed by a visit to Weiberg, one of the country's best known castles/stately homes, where the thing which impressed most people was the enormous bath and the fact that we had to wear felt slippers to preserve the wooden floors. The day was also made notable by the fact that certain members of the party, looking for typical German food (McDonalds!) managed to be late after walking over two miles and then having to turn back, realising time would be too short to eat.

The party enjoyed a morning shopping together in Giessen on Friday, before we went our own way for the weekend, when fortunately the weather improved tremendously with the hottest days of the year so far. Monday brought the second official outing to Frankfurt where the morning was spent at the Natural History Museum followed by everyone's favourite activity- shopping. The weather was once again glorious and many of the group enjoyed ice-creams at one of the many open-air restaurants. In fact, eating ice-cream was a popular activity for all, because the general meeting place in the evening was the local ice-cream parlour in Linden.

All too soon came Wednesday April 4th the day of our return to England. Most good-byes were said the night before, but there was an extraordinarily large send-off, as not only exchange partners and families gathered to say goodbye, but many classmates were there also. Everyone had surprised themselves. The German Exchange was a real character-building experience. Everyone discovered qualities they never knew they had.

Gary Long, Jenna Lodge, Louise Robinson



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SKI TRIP

The spring half term holiday in February 2001 saw a party of some 40 intrepid skiers depart from KGS and head off towards the French Alps, by coach for a change, much to the disgust of Doc. Hall, who was heard to say, 'I said we should have flown!'

The destination was Les Arcs again, as in 1998 and 1999, but this time via Dover and the cross Channel ferry. In the early hours of the morning there are more enjoyable places. After much hanging around we were soon departing for La belle France.

After a tortuous coach journey which seemed to last for 24 hours with very little sleep ('I said we should have flown!'), we arrived hungry and tired, but happy to see lots of fresh snow and pistes that were blissfully free of the French. The area can be busy, but it is large enough to avoid the queues and was one of the reasons for this return visit, the third in four years.

The usual first day antics ensued, with the beginners finding their feet and some individuals often looked more like Bambi and then they soon discovered the exhilarating feeling only gained by falling over at what seems like 40 mph when out of control.

The intermediates wondered why they had apparently forgotten how to ski and the advanced group complained that their ski-instructor would not take them over the 20 foot cliff drop-off they saw earlier ('It would have been eeeeasy! '). After the first morning those who had skied before soon remembered the techniques and were firing around the mountain in their ski school groups at high speed and over high jumps. Some initial difficulties were encountered by a couple of beginners, but after the expert tutelage of Mr. Watson and Miss Fryer they soon graduated to the nursery tow up the mountain and a massive improvement was made.

The evening entertainment varied from bum-boarding, just outside the hotel (always a favourite with the younger members), to a quiz night won by the girls (by cheating) or just tasting the mountain ambience in the hotel bar for some of the older participants.

The weather could not have been better. Blue skies and sunshine for the first four days and then a slight

break with snow showers at the end of the week. All of the party, even some staff, was enjoying the great variety of skiing to be had in the Les Arcs system and even Mr Watson ventured further afield. It is for this reason we will probably return to Plan Peisey in the near future, but by air to avoid the tedium of motorway travel. The success of this year's trip has been indicated by the fact that the 2002 holiday to Austria, by air, is already fully booked and Mr. Scott is having to hold a reserve list for any cancellations.

The six days passed all too quickly and it was soon time to pack and depart. We left after the evening meal on the last day's skiing to travel through the night for an early channel crossing. This enabled the party to return to KGS by late afternoon rather than late evening and also allowed us all recovery time before Monday morning school.

This trip proved one of the most successful of recent times with no serious accidents (only a green finger and some bruised ribs!) and a wonderful time was had by all. There was good food, great snow and enjoyable skiing. Thanks must go to all involved at Alpine Action, Mr Scott for his organisation and all the rest of the staff who accompanied us. The videos did eventually arrive to remind us of the fantastic, fabulous, fun holiday in France!

The message is clear 'If the ski bug bites - book early in future to avoid disappointment'.

I M Scott

SCHOOL VISITS

On the German Exchange you...

... go to school



... have fun...



... and wear silly hats!

SCHOOL VISITS

This is the way to do it!



Oops!



SCHOOL VISITS

ITALY RUGBY TRIP

The Easter holidays saw the departure of the under 15 rugby team to Lido di Jesolo, Italy. Prior to the tour the squad, boosted by the inclusion of Sam Bensky, John Townsend and Gordon Kipling, had four training sessions to familiarise themselves with new moves.

An early morning flight saw the squad of 20 arrive in Italy in the early evening and settle into the accommodation.

As we arrived for our first match, we saw that our opponent's pitch resembled a farmer's field, with tractor marks zig-zagging the soil. After a relaxed stroll on the pitch, the lads descended upon the changing rooms and the game preparations. Never have I seen a team so fired up to prove themselves after a disappointing season. As we ran onto the pitch we were greeted by a hundred or so locals eager to see what the English were like at rugby. After the first few minutes they probably did not think much at all as we went behind to a soft try. However, we dug in and magnificent performances from Matthew Gargett and John Townsend saw us run out winners 22-15. There were exceptional performances from everybody, notably the vigorous tackling by the wingers Best and Reeh, the dynamic performances of centre pairing Gargett and Bensky, and the cool head of Jack Ward. However, we are always told that the forwards win the battle and it was so in this match. Our lineout play was magnificent, with Alex Bennett and Gordon Kipling towering about the Italians. The back row of Newton, Stevens and Townsend rarely missed a tackle. The front row of Wigglesworth, Shaw, Leeming and Wright and Daniels in the second half looked tired but performed well. The match was followed by a meal and presentation from the local people and it was discovered that we were the first touring team to play there.

Between games, the squad visited Venice for the day and also Gardaland, Italy's biggest theme park. However, it was more like a water park due to the freak weather conditions we had to endure.

A two hour journey to our second opponents meant that the kick off had to be delayed and with little time to warm up and get mentally and physically focused, the preparation was not perfect. However, there can be no excuse for the gaping holes in our defence that saw the Mogliano team race into a 20

point lead in 10 minutes. At half time, the score read 47-0. After a hard team talk we played with more conviction and the defence was better as we halted the flow of points against us and the final score was 64-0.

Our final game was against Arsolo FC. Due to minor complications the match was shortened to 30 minutes. The boys were nervous and tension was evident throughout the changing facilities. This was our final game collectively as rugby commitments in the future subside. We took the lead early on with a Gargett penalty. Then a weakness was discovered to let Arsolo take the lead 7-3. With five minutes left the ball was swung out wide to Peter Reeh, who stormed in at the corner. After a terrific onslaught on our line which saw the Italians pushing maul after maul over our line in the hope a try was awarded, the final whistle sounded and we had completed the tour with two wins and one loss.

The tour was thoroughly enjoyable and thanks must go to Mr Whalley for his tireless work to make the tour run so smoothly. Also, we would like to thank Mr Trenhaile who was ably assisted by Ringo Wu.

Christopher Gorman
Jack Ward

GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

We had not even reached the M55 before we lost Mr. Harrison in his minibus! Throughout the entire journey we managed to lose him about eight times, despite only travelling at 30 mph in a 60 mph zone. First stop was Saltaire, to see the industrial town of Titus Salt north of Bradford. Then our quick stop for a fast food meal turned into a longer pit stop since the fast food was not quite as fast as expected. Having arrived in Scarborough, we headed for the castle, followed by 'The Scarborough Story' museum and an ice cream in the rain! Dinner was just around the corner with beautiful home cooking, as it was all week. Thanks must go to Dot and Kath at Raffles Hotel.

The next morning started with a walk through Scarborough studying the historical buildings and the modern town developments. We visited another museum, then lunch. Following lunch, it was left to us to continue our studies in the rain, and we were split into groups to cover the suburbs of the town in a transect.

The next day, it rained again as we split into groups and carried out individual village surveys in the small settlements outside Scarborough. For most of us, this turned into sheltering from the bad weather in coffee shops.

Friday was our trip to York and it was well worth a visit. Starting with the historical castle walk, then the flood barriers, followed in the afternoon with more heritage and museums, not forgetting the delicious sandwich stop for lunch. Once back at the hotel, it was the usual routine of dinner and evening studies. However, our river studies were somewhat disturbed by the 'Foot and Mouth' disease, resulting in all, apart from our first site, being closed. This was a perfect opportunity to get a head start on the coastal work for the following day, when some of us took advantage of the slightly sunnier weather and went for a paddle in the sea!

Sunday was another rainy day and yet we battled the weather to continue our study of the coasts. This was of huge advantage to our AS module on coasts which was to come once we returned.

Our last full day in Scarborough was spent visiting a model Viking village and feeding trout at the trout farm! Then we were able to finish our week's work in the evening before preparing for the early leave in the morning enabling us to revisit York and study the opposite end of the City, including the Minster. The journey back was slightly quicker for some of us as we were able to leave Mr. Harrison behind and meet back up with him at school.

Huge thanks must go to Mr. Scott and Mr. Harrison for their great efforts and hard work throughout the much-enjoyed week.

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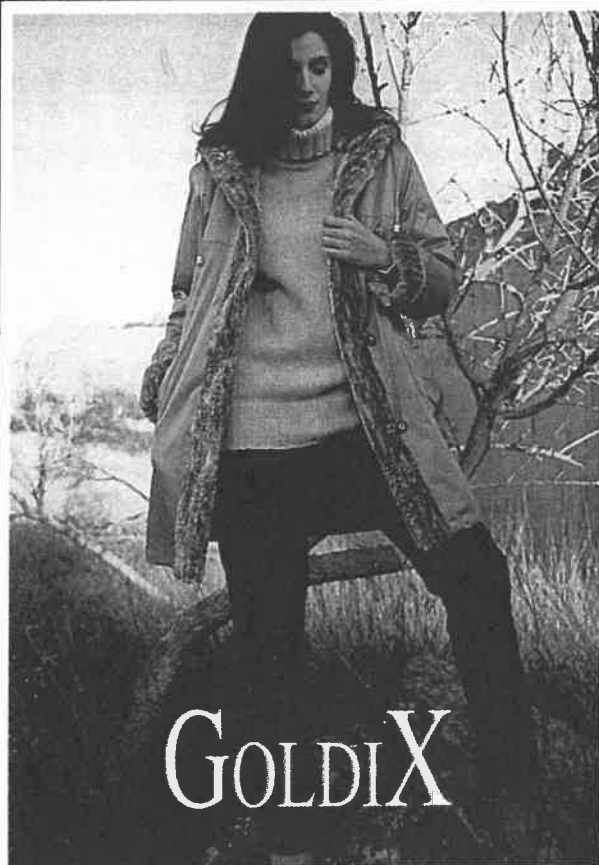


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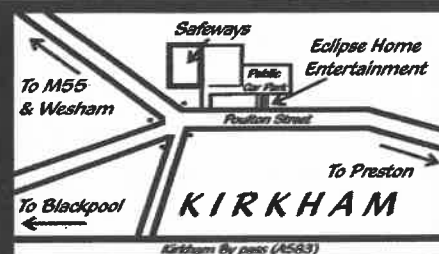


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DRAMA

'That was one of the best pieces of theatre I have ever seen.' This was the enthusiastic response of one of our pupils to the production of 'The Visit' by Friedrich Durrenmatt, staged in the Old Hall.

The programme warned us that the production was bizarre and grotesque: we were not going to spend a comfortable evening watching the workings out of a predictable plot, but were going to be required to think and to make our own judgements. Director of Drama, Mrs. Lynda Poole, had moved the setting of the play from a village in Switzerland, to the local community of Wesham, (pronounced Veshum) and had cut a third of the original script, supplementing it with images, songs and other texts derived from improvisation work with the cast. Needless to say, the piece changed shape many times during the rehearsal process, but the issues of this morality tale - power, revenge, community responsibilities and economic deprivation - were brought home very forcibly in this production.

The leading lady, Katherine Palmer, played the part of the ruthless millionairess, Clair Zacchanassian, brilliantly. Her faultlessly strident American accent conveyed cruelty and a desire for revenge which was mirrored in the visual grotesquery of a yellow fake fur coat and forties style snake skin suit, both kindly made by Mrs. Palmer. Joseph Thompson was equally compelling as her erstwhile lover and the victim of her revenge, Alfred Schill, while Katie Severns, playing her pet panther, twined slinkily round the set. It was from the interaction between Jo, Paul Ashton and Derek Howarth that much of the comedy of the piece was generated: who will forget Paul's ad-libbing in a South African accent as Schill's priest and spiritual mentor, or Derek's bombast as his predecessor in mayoral office. Travis Peters, playing Claire's butler, brought the house down each night with his stiffly self conscious version of 'Boom, shake, shake, shake the room'.

Jodie Stevens and Laura Ford were intimidating and compelling as the predatory Schoolmistress and Special Agent Hankie vying for the favours and attentions of any man with whom they came into contact... with the exception of the two eunuchs, played squeakily and to tremendous applause by Andrew Gregson and Marcus Plowright. The 'heavies' were provided by members of the First XV: Matthew Parr, Andrew Kyriacou and Daniel Tolley

joined by Chris Carter on the last night. They grunted in great monosyllabic style, carried heavy weights about, including a sedan chair and a yellow coffin and were fun to work with.

Sian Hickson revealed her many talents as actress, musician and impersonator. Dayna Perfetti and Sam Bensky played Schill's disaffected 'townie' kids.. and yes, Sam did break absolutely everything he laid his hands on. Carla Hall, Amanda Schofield and Janyll Rawlins provided the montage of rather disturbing characters who were sometimes trees and sometimes leaping deer or cuckoos! Lauren Ainge and Oliver Rogerson were the authoritative figures of the Bailiff and the Reporter, Oliver impressing everyone with his clear and confident performance, having stepped into the role at very short notice.

The set was a stark scaffolding rig with images back projected onto a screen. These images, photographed by Mr Hill, made Wesham seem anonymous in its litter and fog, but sometimes we would glimpse a scene we recognised: Ribby Hall, the War Memorial, the railway station and even Benson's Crisps.

Kelda Rogerson, Katherine Llewellyn and Cheryl Bridges were indispensable backstage, as too was Laura Ford's mum, stitching or painting anything yellow.

The whole show was held together by the meticulous efficiency of stage managers Hannah Spacey and Rebecca Ridley, who made much sense out of what appeared to be chaos. This was a really innovative show with some superb performances. It will be, as they say, a hard act to follow!

MUSIC

The first year of the new millennium has undoubtedly been an extremely exciting one, with the acquisition of a new organ, visits by some eminent musicians, and some splendid performances by our own pupils.

The choral groups have flourished throughout the year, none more so than the Special Choir who followed up their performance at Speech Day in the Guild Hall with some excellent singing in the Carol Concert and at Founders' Day. The group, so ably

THE ARTS

led by senior choristers Adam Tuck, Nicholas Long, Felicity Clarke and Jonathan Wilson certainly benefited from the training day directed by Gordon Stewart, a free-lance musician who undertakes a great deal of work for the BBC. Such days are very costly indeed for the Music Society, but it is felt very worthwhile. The Girls' Choir, too, has delighted its audiences wherever they have sung, be it on stage, in school or at private parties. The packed congregation at St Michael's clearly enjoyed the service of nine lessons and carols, presented by the full choir, and new soloist Mark Ashworth certainly showed much promise for the future by his confident singing in the traditional opening solo. For its major work of the year, the Choir selected Haydn's celebrated Nelson Mass and the audience at the Spring Concert was treated to a splendid performance of this vibrant work, with soloists Felicity Clarke, Felicity Long, Jonathan Wilson, Anthony Rawlins and Steven Watkin certainly rising to the occasion.

Instrumental groups too have flourished, with the orchestra led by senior player Christopher Carter playing particularly well in the Guild Hall in September. It has to be said that perhaps the most significant progress this year has been made by the

Concert Band, whose members enjoyed enormously their day with the Normandy Band, culminating in a highly successful evening concert.

The school was very fortunate to secure the services of the world famous organist Carlo Curley, who played the opening recital on the Makin organ in the New Hall. This flamboyant entertainer enthralled his audiences with a programme which included established favourites from the classical repertoire, as well as items such as 'An American Surprise' arr. Curley!

The auditions for the House Music Festival had to be extended to three days this year, and what a feast of music we enjoyed in the final! At the close of proceedings it was Gareth Jones who received the Rosemary Greaves Trophy as K.G.S Musician of the Year - a fitting reward for a fine performance on the day, and superb service to school music during the past seven years.

And the future? With four coffee concerts already booked, a choral workshop led by Dr John Bertalot and visits by the Normandy band and an RAF band, it looks like 2001/2002 is going to be another busy one for the KGS musicians.

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CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club continues to thrive and meet weekly in the Autumn and Spring Terms. We have managed to purchase a set of chess clocks for use in competitions such as the British Schools' Championships which we intend to enter next year. The best player in the school over the past year has been Matthew Lee. He has defeated all his opponents including last year's grandmaster, Paul Bayliss. He is now hoping that the ex-world champion, Kasparov, can find time to visit us at KGS to test his 'Sicilian Defence' against Matthew's 'Cabbage Patch' gambit.

CLIMBING CLUB

Once again it has been an eventful year for the Climbing Club. The new school term brought outdoor climbing opportunities at local quarries, such as Wilton, before the move indoors to escape the dismal British winter. Indoor climbing at Cliff's Barn and West View gave many new climbers an opportunity to try their hands at the sport. There are many new committed members and they have improved a great deal in the year. In the Winter term the club made a trip to the excellent climbing wall at Warrington, impressively crafted on the inside of an old church. In February, a sponsored climb was held at Ingleton to raise money for an extension to the school climbing wall. Fun was had by all and climbers put in an excellent effort to complete the challenge of climbing twenty climbs in a set time. There was a particularly amazing effort from Nick Cross who took the casual approach and had to complete ten climbs in ten minutes after an extended lunch break.

In the Summer Term, as the weather improved, the club's normal move to outdoor climbing was halted by the foot and mouth outbreak, but in the second half of the term we enjoyed much outdoor climbing at re-opened quarries such as Wilton and Anglezarke.

Thanks must go to Mr Gaddes and Mrs Scott who have done an excellent job in organising climbing every week.

John Maskell

STAMP CLUB

Previously known as the Philatelic Society, the Stamp Club renamed itself in an effort to widen its appeal. The re-launch was a success and throughout the year our members have been busy wheeling and dealing. We were particularly pleased to discover a rare British Guiana 1856 1c Black on Magenta in a shoebox which the builders found under the aspidistra stand in the old canteen before its demolition. Only one other example is known to exist. Which is nice.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

This year's Young Enterprise Company, *Identity* has had a busy and successful year. They managed to make in excess of £650 profit from the proceeds of a lower school disco, 'stress tangles', jewellery and stationery during the life of the company from September to April.

The company participated in the Fylde Area Finals in May with a presentation on the theme of 'Who wants to be an Entrepreneur'. This well compiled presentation earned them the award of best presentation and overall second place. This success was achieved by also winning the award of best Company Report, which had been collated by Rachel Sissons.

The next stage of the process was the Strategic Area Finals, which took place at Preston North End, and although *Identity* did not win on this occasion, their presentation was justly commended by the panel of judges on the night.

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FRENCH CLUB

This has been another good year for the French Club which has become a well-established feature of Thursday lunch-times, especially, I suspect, when the weather makes outdoors less appealing!

We have continued with a steady diet of card games, board games and computer activities along with videos and DVD's from time to time. The Club has been well-attended, particularly by first years and sixth-formers. The latter come along ostensibly to help the younger pupils, but do seem to quite enjoy themselves and to gain from some useful basic revision, too. It would be nice to see more people continuing to attend when they move from the first into the second year and also to see some middle school pupils coming along. It is surprising how much GCSE revision you can gain from helping younger pupils to play number and word games. It can be quite a confidence-booster and even quite enjoyable!

As always, the Club takes a break in the Summer Term when exams and sports events take over, but we shall resume with renewed enthusiasm in September.

My thanks to the sixth-formers who have helped during the year, especially to our secretary Joanne Dudgeon who has represented us very capably at GSC meetings.

S P Long

PUBLIC SPEAKING

On November 7, the Lower Sixth Public Speaking team, comprised of Joanne Dudgeon and Clare Chadwick, entered their first inter-school debating competition at Casterton School. Although they did not win, it was a most successful evening from which they learned a great deal about the art of public speaking and debating. They put this to good use on November 20 when they won the Sixth Form round of the Business and Professional Women's Speaking Competition. They were both ably supported by Gemma White.

However, the overall winner of this competition was our Fifth Year team, Rachael Horton, Anneka

Curdling and Charlotte McNeela. They gave an outstanding performance and went on to the next round of the competition.

Further success for our Public Speakers followed hard on the heels of this. On the very next night a third Public Speaking team, comprised of Rachael Horton, Matthew Hopton and Norman Ralph, entered the national ESU Public Speaking competition held at Ormskirk Grammar School. KGS speakers won the competition, beating Sedbergh, Ormskirk, QEGS, Blackburn and St. Mary's, Brownlow. As a result of their fine win, our team went through to the Liverpool Area Final.

On Saturday, January 20, the finals of the BPW Public Speaking Competition were held at the University of Central Lancashire, Preston. It was a splendid competition with eleven teams. Anneka Curdling spoke on teenage pregnancy, the presentation was chaired by Rachael Horton and Charlotte McNeela gave the vote of thanks. The winning team, however, was from Morton Hall, Oswestry. Nevertheless, the KGS team gave an excellent performance.

On Saturday, March 3, the Lower Sixth team, which won the local Rotary 'Youth Speaks' Competition, took part in the district finals at Lancaster and Morecambe College. Clare Chadwick was in the chair, with Joanne Dudgeon speaking about the Elgin Marbles and Jane Meloy as expresser of thanks. They performed very well. Joanne gave an excellent speech, ably supported by Clare and Jane. The competition was won by Sedbergh School. The girls came away with the satisfaction of having performed well and consolation prizes of a book token each. The judges were lavish in their praise and the team learned from their constructive criticisms.

On Friday, February 16, a Fifth Year team with Rachael Horton in the chair, Matthew Hopton speaking and Norman Ralph as questioner, was in the Liverpool and Merseyside Branch Final of the English Speaking Union Public Speaking Competition. There were five teams in this Branch final which had been picked from a total of twenty-two teams in three heats.

Matthew gave an excellent speech on the subject, "Every Home should have a Computer" and he faced some stiff questions from the girl from Belvedere School, from the adjudicators and from

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the audience, all of which he handled with aplomb. Rachael was confident and in control of the proceedings and Norman posed some tricky questions to the speaker from Belvedere. In fact, their performances were so good that they won the competition and went through to the regional final.

On Sunday, March 11, in the splendid surroundings of the Guildhall in Chester, they beat both Manchester Grammar and Alsager Schools to become official runners-up in the North West Regional Final of the English Speaking Union Public Speaking Competition. They were pipped at

the post by Moreton Hall School. The competition was fierce, but Matthew Hopton won the prize for best performer, Rachael Horton won a prize for her chairmanship and they were well supported by Norman Ralph who pitted his skills against the boys of Manchester Grammar. Matthew also received a special performance prize from the Lord Mayor of Chester which, judging by the applause, was seconded by the audience. Various members of the audience came to congratulate the team and to thank them for the warmth and standard of their performance and their demeanour.

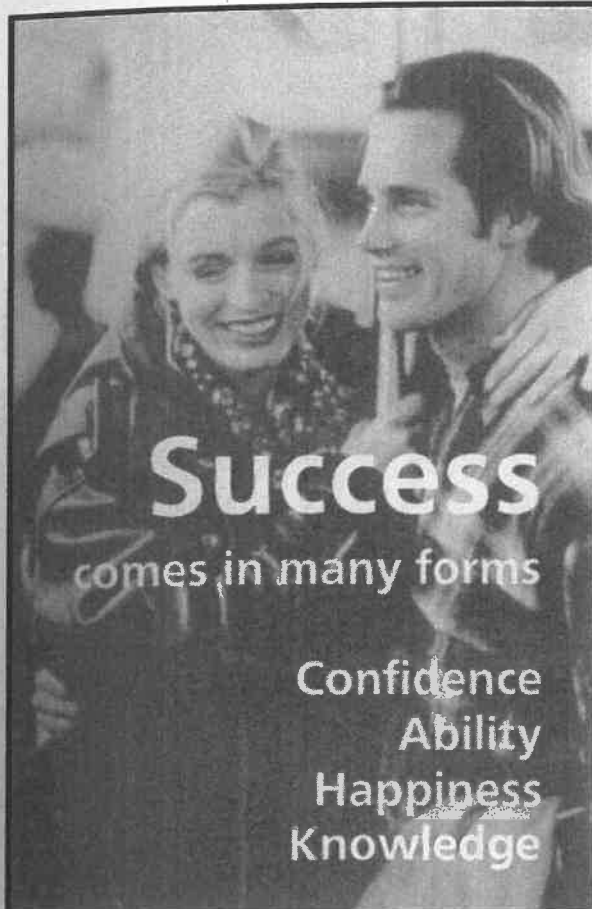
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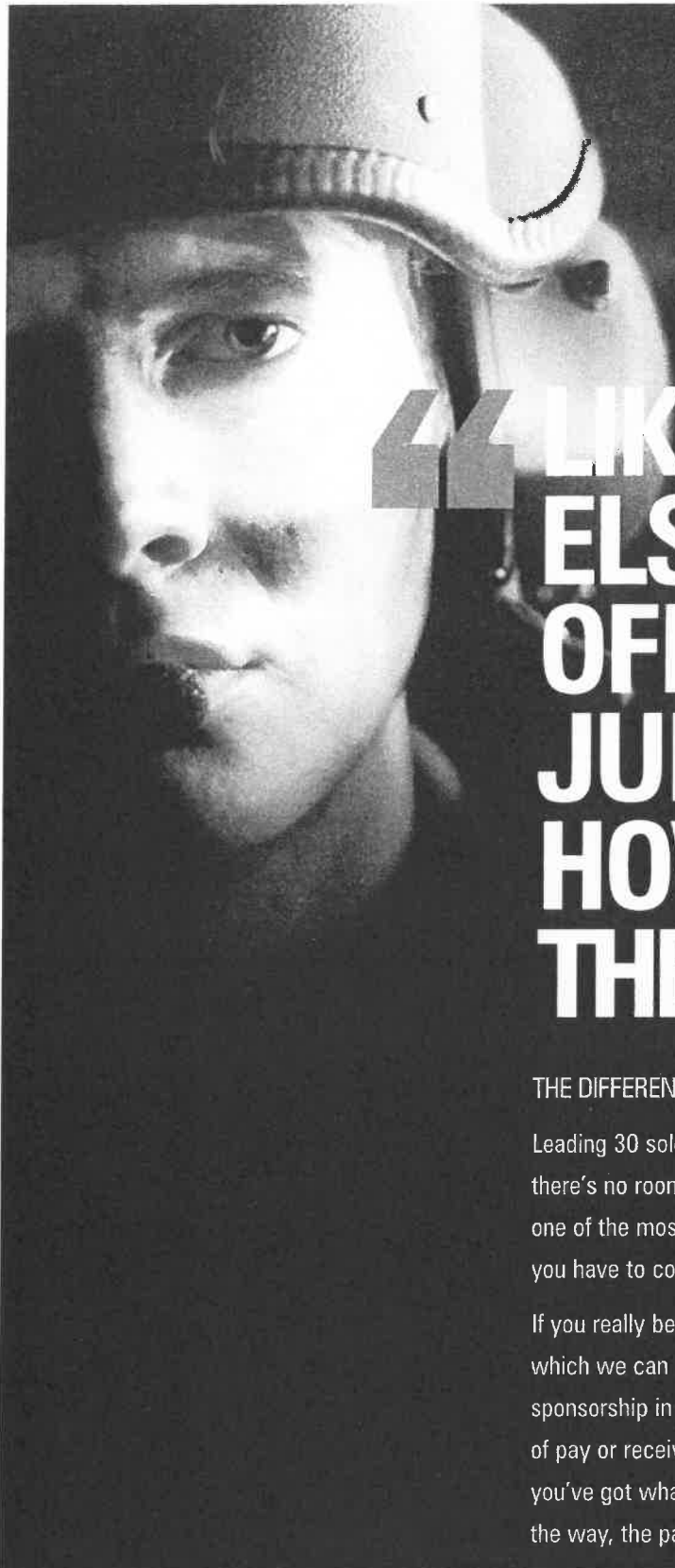
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Field Days, especially the overnight expedition at Waddecar, where cadets learn about survival shelters, catching food and night navigation, were extremely successful.

At our Annual Inspection, Squadron Leader McKenna was impressed by the working displays he saw and the dedication of our NCO's.

Sadly, the foot and mouth outbreak meant that Adventurous Training Camp had to be cancelled and that Field Days in the Spring and Summer Terms were drastically curtailed. However, on a bright note, we were delighted to hear that Flight Sergeant Helen Jacomb had been selected to represent the RAF in Canada over the summer as part of the International Cadet Exchange Scheme, and that Corporals Norman Ralph and Dominic Rhodes qualified for their wings after completing an intensive gliding scholarship, culminating in solo flights.

We were fortunate, however, to salvage a summer camp this year and we are grateful to MOD and HQ Scotland for allowing us to return to Cultybraggan. We hope we shall all be back to normal next year!

HOUSE REPORTS

SCHOOL HOUSE

To say that we were upset last year by losing the overall trophy to Kirkham is a major understatement. For School House, winning is everything, but it's good for the soul to lose now and again, I suppose. Nevertheless, we set about this year's competition with heads held high, determined to regain that trophy at all cost.

The Autumn term began with a second place in the chess competition, followed by a really competitive victory in the senior girls' netball. Mr Smith's sideline enthusiasm and half time pep talks were vital in the outcome of both semi and final. In the junior netball, we were third and we then went on to claim an emphatic victory in the junior girls' hockey. The semi and final proved most exciting, with the Hookey twins, Nicola Rogerson, Mel Smith and Katie Kidd all playing exceptionally well. The term finished with the annual swimming gala which is definitely not one of our strong events. We did manage to gain four first places through Richard Westerman, Louise Mason, the intermediate boys freestyle relay team and the senior boys medley relay. Overall, we were placed fourth. School finished the term in third place overall behind Kirkham and Fylde.

The Spring term began with the House Music Festival, an event that we have made our own. The individual entries from School were extensive and a Beatles medley was chosen for our famous choir. Well, we won the battle of the choirs and the whole festival, but only just. Preston House was a very close and uncomfortable second. Once again, School had the greatest number of finalists and the overall individual winner in Gareth Jones. We then moved on quickly to the dreaded cross country competition, which did not actually prove that dreadful at all. Overall, we gained one fourth place, three second places and two first places with the intermediate boys and girls. The intermediate girls had four runners home in the first five and Jane Greenwood, Amy Twambley and Chris Briers were all individual winners. In the debate we were third and third in the senior hockey after playing in the most dreadful weather conditions. The junior rugby team came second and both the intermediate and senior rugby teams were first. By the end of the second term, School were now placed first overall, ten points ahead of our nearest rivals.

The Summer term saw School go through a real 'purple patch', with exciting and very entertaining victories in both the senior tennis and cricket. The annual Sports Day, as ever, was a wonderfully competitive spectacular. School gained twenty five wins and three team victories in the relays. The winners' names are simply too numerous to mention, but special congratulations must go to Amy Twambley and Chris Briers who were Victrix and Victor Ludorum respectively. For the third consecutive year, School were overall champions. The junior cricketers fought hard in their semi final against Fylde House, but narrowly lost. The result could have gone either way, but in the end, the best team won. The junior and intermediates both finished second in their respective tennis competitions. The final sporting event of the year was the junior rounders tournament in which victory had always eluded us for some strange reason. Not this year, however. School House girls were outstanding and finally brought home the trophy.

These impressive results throughout the year mean that School House has managed to regain the Whitby Trophy.

I would like to thank each and every member of School House for a truly magnificent all round team effort. We certainly have the depth and variety of talent to continue at this level of success for many years to come. Thank you for your time, dedication, determination, spirit and support. Your quality of performance and exceptional desire to be the best and remain the best is recognised and envied by all who know you. Thank you!

Daniel Howells
House Captain

PRESTON HOUSE

The aim for this year was to finish in at least third position overall, one better than last year. The Autumn Term always seems to be a weak one for Preston House and it did not start very well with fourth places in the chess competition, senior netball and junior hockey but there were some promising signs of a new-found commitment as the junior netball team just lost in the final to School House. In what was acknowledged as the best ever swimming gala, Preston came a magnificent third place, only one point off second position. The tremendous team spirit was again evident in the relays, with four out of six relays being won by Preston.

The House Music was the first event of the Winter Term and proved to be one of the highlights of the year; another brilliant team performance resulted in a well deserved second position. Just look at these statistics: Preston House had 87 entries, 9 finalists and a total score of 498 points, only 27 points behind the winners. Mr. Catterall's comments are also worthy of a mention, 'A first class performance by the House, tremendous involvement in the auditions (over twice as many as last year) and some impressive items in the final, most notably Matthew Hopton with his own composition, Alex Dunn on percussion (long live Cozy Powell), Jane Meloy (clarinet) and Jonathon Roberts (percussion)'. A great deal of thanks must go to Mrs. Cassidy, who gladly gave up so much of her free time.

In the cross country we had our most successful spell, gaining two first places and three second places, winning both the senior events. It was a marvellous sight as a wave of sky blue vests came racing around the Wareing Block as the senior boys finished in 3rd, 4th, and 5th positions and the girls in 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th positions - a true team performance.

In the house debate another team effort got us into the final. The first round against School House was very tough, but Jane Meloy and Charlotte McNeela deflected the hostile questions brilliantly and turned the debate round to gain victory. The final was also fiercely fought, with Preston proposing the motion 'This House would rather be at Hogwarts' and narrowly losing to Kirkham House.

The rugby sevens season arrived, but the juniors and intermediates struggled against strong opposition. However, the seniors finished second and could have won the final against School who fielded mostly internationals in their line up. By now the senior girls were also on form, gaining a second place in the hockey.

In the Summer Term, Sports Day dominated the proceedings. It takes a great deal of organisation to ensure that eighty pupils are entered for the correct event and turn up at the right time, so thanks to the House Captains Becky Sharrocks, Paula Wilson, Paul Marshall and Simon Jude for all the work they put into this event. There was a 100% turn out for both the preliminaries and on the day itself and Preston finished in a very creditable third place. There were many excellent performances, with Laura Martin winning the Victrix Ludorum and Harry Leeming the Victor Ludorum. Antonia Ascroft broke the intermediate girls' record when she won the shot and the junior boys were magnificent in the relay final.

The senior cricketers were quite successful, gaining a place in the final but losing to a battling School House. The senior tennis was also fiercely fought. With Preston now in second position overall it was extremely important that we gained points in all the remaining events, but the junior cricketers were disappointed when they lost against Kirkham.

The last week of term was very busy with three competitions and the Work Cup still up for grabs. So it was a major relief when both the junior and intermediate tennis teams gained first place securing the second position overall that we had so patiently worked towards. Thanks especially to Laura and Rachel who were brilliant in the final. A tremendous achievement, congratulations to everybody.

HOUSE REPORTS

KIRKHAM HOUSE

I am sure everyone connected with the House has enjoyed the year as champion house. Defending a championship is never easy, as this year has proved, but Kirkham spirit and professionalism have remained strong throughout a tough year of competition. All deserve a great deal of praise for their efforts.

Kirkham's first win in the Whitby Cup's short history could not go by without a visit from Mr. Kirkham House himself, Mr. Arthur Baines. It was great to see Arthur leading assembly again and he did not disappoint us with his anecdotes and reflections from the past. I would personally like to thank him for all his kind words and his generous gift of 'Celebration chocolates' - for the pupils in case you were wondering!

The year of competition started well with the Ralph brothers in fine form, helping the team to win the Chess trophy for the second year running. Success followed with yet another win in the Swimming Gala for the umpteenth year in a row, albeit with a narrower margin. Moving on to the Astroturf, the girls competed well in both the netball and hockey tournaments with many good individual performances.

The New Year brought mixed results for the House with the Cross Country and Rugby Competitions. This year's cross-country runners had to run in the most muddy conditions imaginable, thanks to the rather wet winter! However, persevere they did and there were numerous heroic performances.

It was good to see an old pupil joining the House this year as a member of staff and Mr. John Baron has certainly made his mark. In a particularly competitive music festival this year his modern approach to the competition was welcome with Music Technology leading the way! Unfortunately our highest entry in recent years ironically saw the House slip to third position overall! - Not the reward we deserved, but it has been that sort of year, I am afraid!

The House debaters had better luck, with Andrew Gregson and Norman Ralph representing the House with aplomb. The Harry Potter books had to be borrowed from the library for the finals after victory was secured over the defending champions

Fylde in the semis. I am glad to say that this 'House' would not rather be at Hogwarts and thanks to Andrew and Norman it isn't! Another trophy in the bag!

The summer term saw the retirement of three House Captains and a team of four replaced Jonathan Wilson, Anthony Rawlins and Helen Jacomb. Katie Threlfall and Gary Livesey, who have already been given the official titles of 'House motivators', will support Luke Newell and Jenna Rees as this year's House Captains. I wish them well for their year of service.

After a somewhat mixed bag of results in the summer term, the fight for second place was on and defeat by School in the senior cricket was as disappointing as unexpected. Sports Day perhaps showed a lack of depth in our squad but certainly not a lack of effort or enthusiasm. Our fourth place was disappointing on paper but everyone competed well and there were some impressive performances in the intermediate events from Steven Gowland.

Unfortunately, the House's tennis players have not done as well as Tim Henman this year, with defeats in all three semi-finals, but the summer term ended on a high with good performances in the Junior Cricket (second) and Rounders (second) competitions in the traditional curtain call to the season. This was followed by success in the Academic Trophy (first) to leave the House in third position overall for the year.

It is fair to say it has not been the easiest of years, but Kirkham remain professional and committed and I would like to thank all house members for all their efforts over the year.

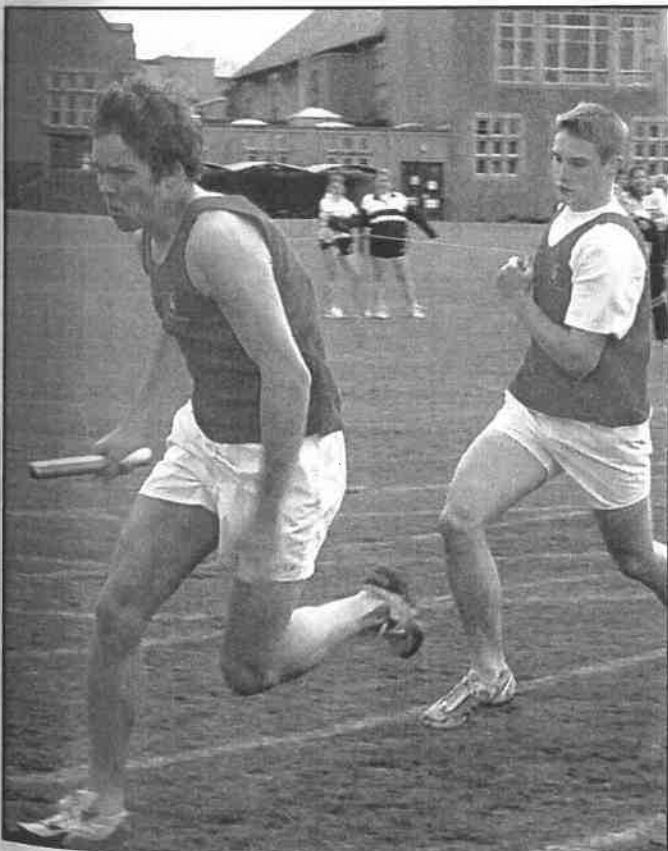
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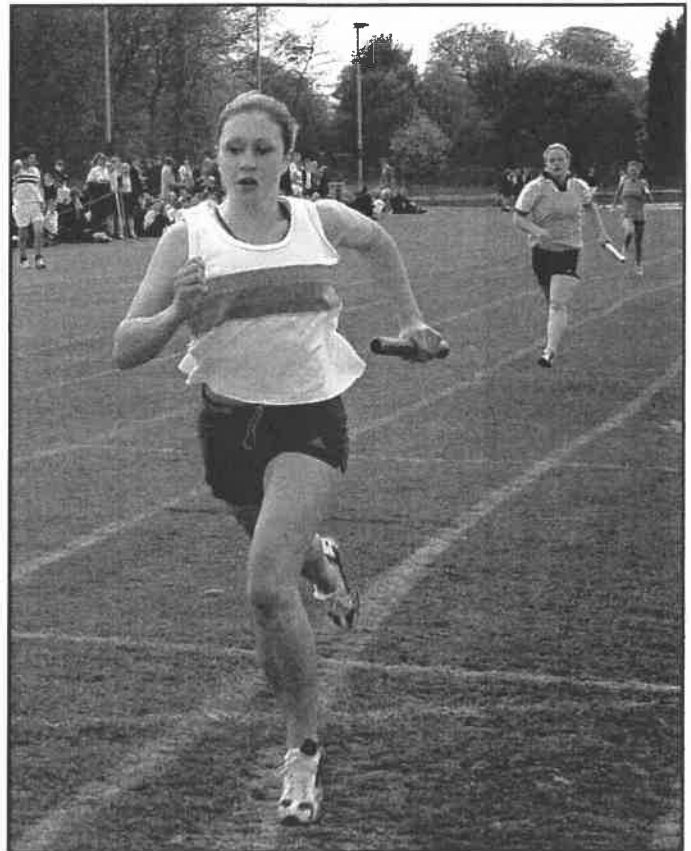
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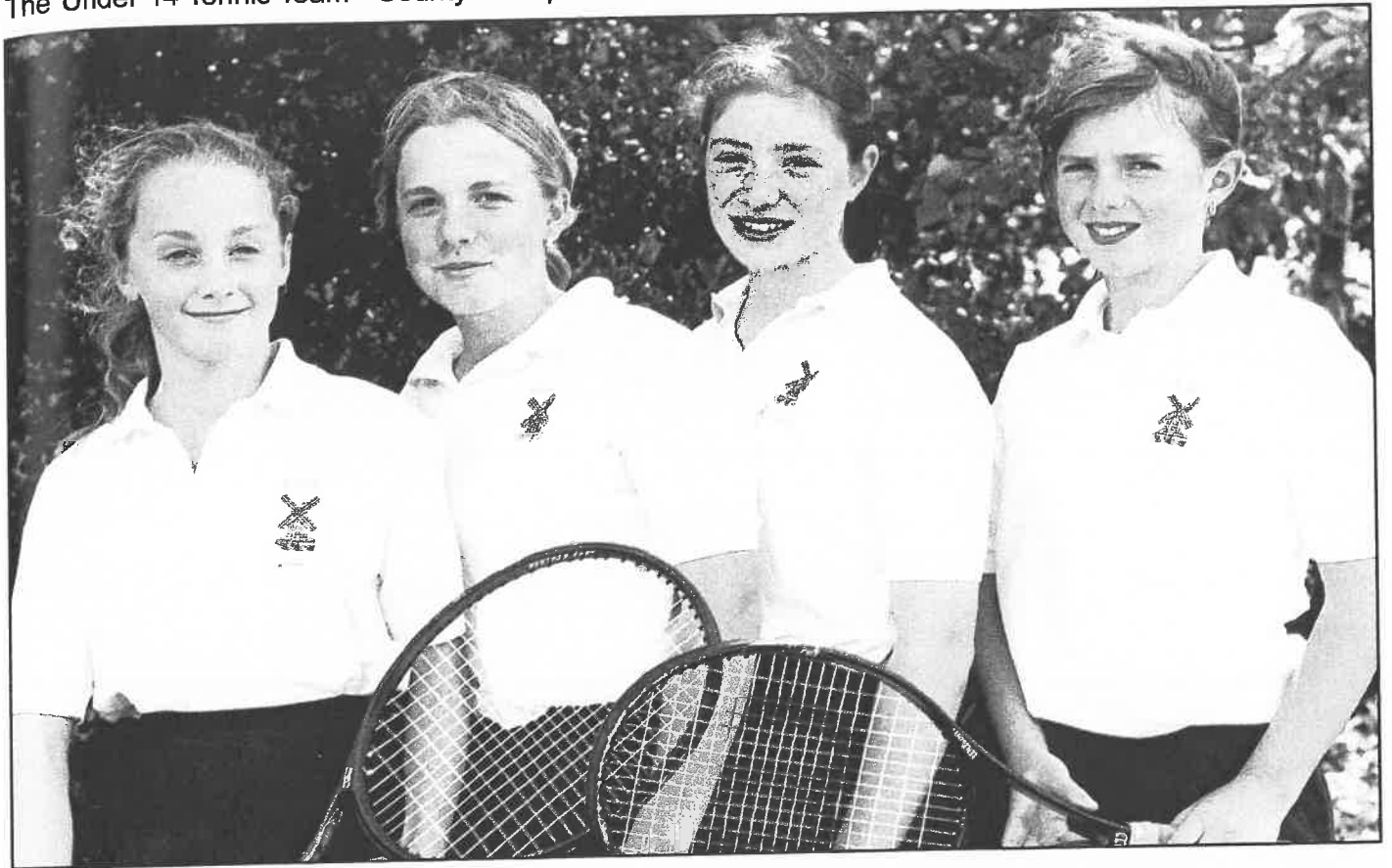
A scene from *The Visit*



Sixth Formers using the new facilities in the Friends' Library



The Under 14 Tennis Team - County champions



The Under 14 Cricket squad



Poetry is...

A point of view that is important to you,
An individual thought that can't be broken,
Irreplaceable feelings,
The diction of thought,
Prose made perfect.
Seeing poems is believing poems,
Bittersweet words,
A door to people's worlds.

Whatever you choose to create,
A song without singing,
For great minds to think alike,
The best days to share with others,
Logical and not logical,
Picturesque, safe and untouched,
The freedom of speech,
An inspiration for life.

Rowena Robson, 3z

POETRY

Poetry Is...

The words may rhyme,
Yet often not.
As years go by
They change a lot.

But even in
The darkest days
Someone wrote
In poets' ways.

In Yorkshire hills
And fields of green,
In towns with walls
And roads between

The gift of writing
Has always had
Pleasure in words,
Good or bad.

And those who read
The poet's book
Can see a picture
And yet not look.

For in the skill
Of the poet's hand
Lies a talent
Some can't understand..

If you can do it
Then count yourself rich,
Like those who sing
In the perfect pitch.

It's a skill!

Poetry Is...

Poetry is someone's opinion or imagination written in verses.
Poetry is your feelings towards a certain subject, expressed in stanzas.
Poetry doesn't have to make sense.
Poetry is your imagination.
Poetry is a way to explain your experiences to other people who you feel you
wouldn't be able to talk to.
Poetry is a story to be illustrated in your mind.
To the world poetry is a passion and an art.
Is this poetry in your eyes?

Lucy Rhodes, 3Z

The Magic Box

I will put in the box
the snow of a white winter wonderland,
the sound of water gurgling down a meandering stream,
the smell of newly cut grass on a blustery day.

I will put in the box
a golden leaf from the trees of autumn,
the breath-taking view from the tallest mountain,
a rose bud standing in a glass vase.

I will put in the box
a dark, dank, black cave known to ancestors from the past,
the sound of horses trotting jauntily in the present
and the sunrise on a frosty morning of the future.

I will put in the box
all the colours of the rainbow,
a snow ball fight in the sun
and a water fight in the snow.

My box is fashioned from crystal, glass and silver,
with stars on the lid and laughter in the corners,
its hinges are the feathers of a dove.

I shall travel the world in my box,
from the North to the South Pole.
It shall seem like a never-ending journey,
arriving at last for a swim in the tropical, blue Pacific Ocean.

Katie Walker, 2X

The Magic Box

I will put in the box
mournful sounds of sleeping waves,
deep sorrows of unhappiness
and times of great misery.

I will put in the box
the smell of clean air,
the aroma of freshly cut grass
and the colour of sweet flowers.

I will put in the box
one million suns and three indigo moons,
ten colourful wishing birds
and a sip of violet water from paradise.

I will put in the box
a fisherman with a lime green cauldron
and a witch with a fishing rod,
the will of an ancient aunt.

My box is dazzling with precious gems,
with a centred diamond freshly cut.
Long lasting memories are hiding in the corner,
protected by a solid, golden lock.

I shall sail away
to find paradise once again.
I will drop anchor close to a
stranded silvery beach where the sun beats down.

Jennifer Dewhurst, 1Z

Space

Spacedust	Silkier
Atmosphere	Blackener
Star	Lighter
Gravity	Stamper
Craters	Deeper
Oxygen	Hater
Sound	Husher
Planets	Orbit
Solar System	Everything

Elizabeth Walker, 3

Sun

You:	
Tan	Maker
Dawn	Breaker
Sky	Lighter
Heat	Projector
Day	Breaker
Water	Heater
Ice Cream	Melter
Cloud	Breaker
Joy	Bringer

Milly Hookey, 3w

The Black Eagle

The sky empties
as the wings of the huge black eagle create a huge shadow.
All things, great and small,
turn to look as he releases a shrill cry.

His beady eyes scan the ground
and see little bodies fleeing from his path.
Every creature becomes
silent and motionless awaiting certain death.

The bird lands softly on the ground,
he walks over to a small field mouse,
who is trapped in twigs.
All the other creatures hold their breath
and watch with huge eyes.

Using his beak,
he helps the mouse escape
and then carefully watches as he scampers away.
He then proudly soars back into the sky
and flies away from the forest.

Nick English, 3z

Dog

You:	
Noisy	Barker
Tail	Wagger
Lead	Puller
Sock	Pincher
Cat	Catcher
Bone	Eater
Daytime	Sleeper
Furniture	Chewer
Hole	Digger

Lucy Rhodes, 3z

Mum

My Mum is a wonderful Mum,
She is kind, gentle and caring,
Like an angel,
Warm-hearted,
Sweet-scented,
Dainty-stepper,
Sugar-plum.

On the other hand,
My Mum is an adventurous Mum,
Like a mountaineer,
Crazy-cook,
Shop-aholic,
Brave and daring,
And sometimes scary.

Sometimes she's a nasty Mum,
Like a monster,
A go-away,
Get-on-with-your-homework,
Tidy-your-room
Not-now type of Mum.

My Mum is the bestest Mum in the world,
And I love her lots.

Alexander Robson, 12

Mum

Mum is the music maestro,
The cooking-chef, the listening-ear,
The nurse-maid, shopping-queen,
Dancing-diva, board-game whiz,
The ever-lovely buttercup,
The beat-the-clock at clearing-up,
Story-weaver, eager-beaver,
Welcoming-host, hockey-post.

But sometimes she's
An 'eat-your-pears',
A worry-worm, a lazy-lump,
A hurry-hare, a nagging-mare.

And I'm a coil without a spring,
Waiting for mum to chill again.

Catherine Price, 1W

Mum

Mum is a super-woman,
The washing machine, the master-chef,
The busy-bee, the unfair-ref,
The friendly-cat, caring nurse,
The angry-tiger, swearing-curse,
The help-at-hand for hard homework
Lady-driver, gear-change-jerk.
Wonder-Mum, not so dumb
My biggest-fan, the watering can.

But sometimes she's
A bossy-boots,
Tidy your room, reduce the volume.

Most of the time, I'm pleased to say,
She's Mary Poppins - practically-perfect in every way.

Robert Sissons, 1W

Mum

Mum's sometimes a shouting-psycho
And she gets really stressed-out,
But sometimes she's a springy-cleaner
And sometimes an angel-cook.
She's described as a hair-spray-loony
And she's also a maniac-shopper,
But she's always a dudey-dancer
And a really funky prancer!

Kate Kidd, 1W

Mum

Mum is the dancing-dictionary,
Garden-freak, laundry-loony.
Her nickname could be captain-kitchen,
Classy-cleaner or splendid-shopper.
She's make-up mad, a dippy-driver,
A shouty-stress, roaring-rascal.
She's a great-gasser, a hippy-hopper,
A wacky-washer, a super-strop,
And sometimes even a party-pooper!

Rosalie Kelly, 1W

SCHOOL LIFE

Practising with the King's Normandy Division Band



KGS England rugby players

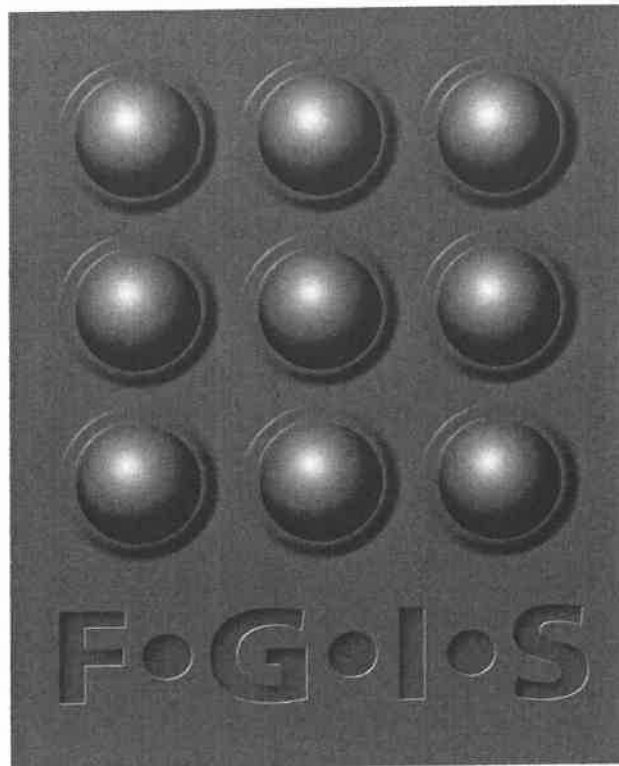


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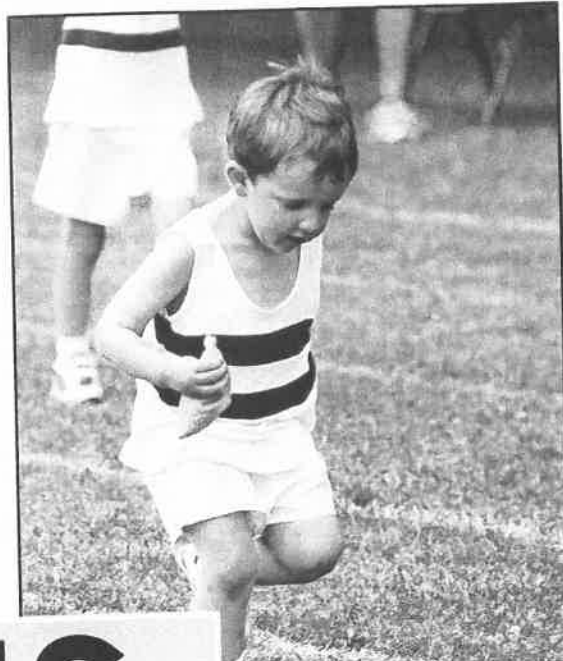
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STAFF CHANGES

Three new members of staff joined the team this year. Miss Claire Evans became our new part time teacher and will continue this year. Mrs Diane Airey was appointed as the Learning Support Teacher for both the junior and senior schools and Miss Lisa Willis joined the reception classes as a classroom assistant.

In July, we said a fond farewell to two members of staff. Mme Florence Snell left us after two years as our French teacher to take up a post in Colne. Mr Steven Milner is moving much further afield... to Taiwan. Both are wished every success in their new posts.

SPORT

Rugby

This year has seen a depleted number of fixtures due to both bad weather and the foot and mouth crisis. However, some fixtures were completed and we had some good results. The under 11's were undefeated in matches and were runners up in the Rossall Budge Sevens and the St. Mary's nine-a-side competition.

The under 10 team won one match and lost two, and were also runners-up in their age group in the Rossall Budge Sevens.

The under 9 team managed one draw amongst their games. Well done to all who took part.

Hockey

The under 11 hockey team are very well balanced and have had an excellent season, winning the Lancashire under 11 Hockey Tournament and the Rossall Budge Sevens, coming runners-up in the Northern Hockey finals and performing strongly in the AJIS tournament. In the 29 games they played this year, they won 22, drew 6 and lost only one. A special mention should be made of Becky

Sharples, the team's captain who has played for the under 11 team for the past three years, since she was in J2. Good luck for the future, we will miss you!

The under 10's show promise and have had mixed results, winning four games, drawing two and losing five. With hard work, I am sure they will develop into a good team.

Mr C Butterworth

Netball

The netball girls worked very hard this year and produced some fine results. The A team won three matches and lost one, whilst the B team won one, drew two and lost one. Unfortunately, bad weather meant that the AJIS tournament was cancelled, an event that we had high hopes for. Next year KGJS will host the event - pray for sunshine!

Swimming

This year's swimmers have had mixed success. The under 9's, under 10's and under 11's had two fixtures: they were narrowly beaten by QEGS in September, but returned as victors in October after beating Rossall School.

At the AJIS boys' swimming gala in October, a group of under 10

and under 11 boys participated. They swam very well and we had one 'Gold' in the under 10 Butterfly final.

Cricket

On 24th May, Kirkham's cricketing finest travelled to King Edward's School to take part in the AJIS cricket tournament. Four teams competed, playing two games each. Unfortunately, we just lost our first game to Arnold School, sending us to the third place play-offs against King Edward's. The boys played very well and were victorious after the twenty overs, meaning that they took third place. The boys also played a fixture against Merchant Taylor's School, where they were beaten by 62 runs.

Special mention must go to captain Sam Bell, who has been chosen to represent Lancashire in the Primary 11's, a marvellous achievement.

Rounders

This year saw the under 11 girls travel to Cheadle Hulme to the AJIS Rounders tournament. They played very well and reached the semi-finals. Unfortunately, they were beaten at this stage, but a good day was had by all!

Athletics

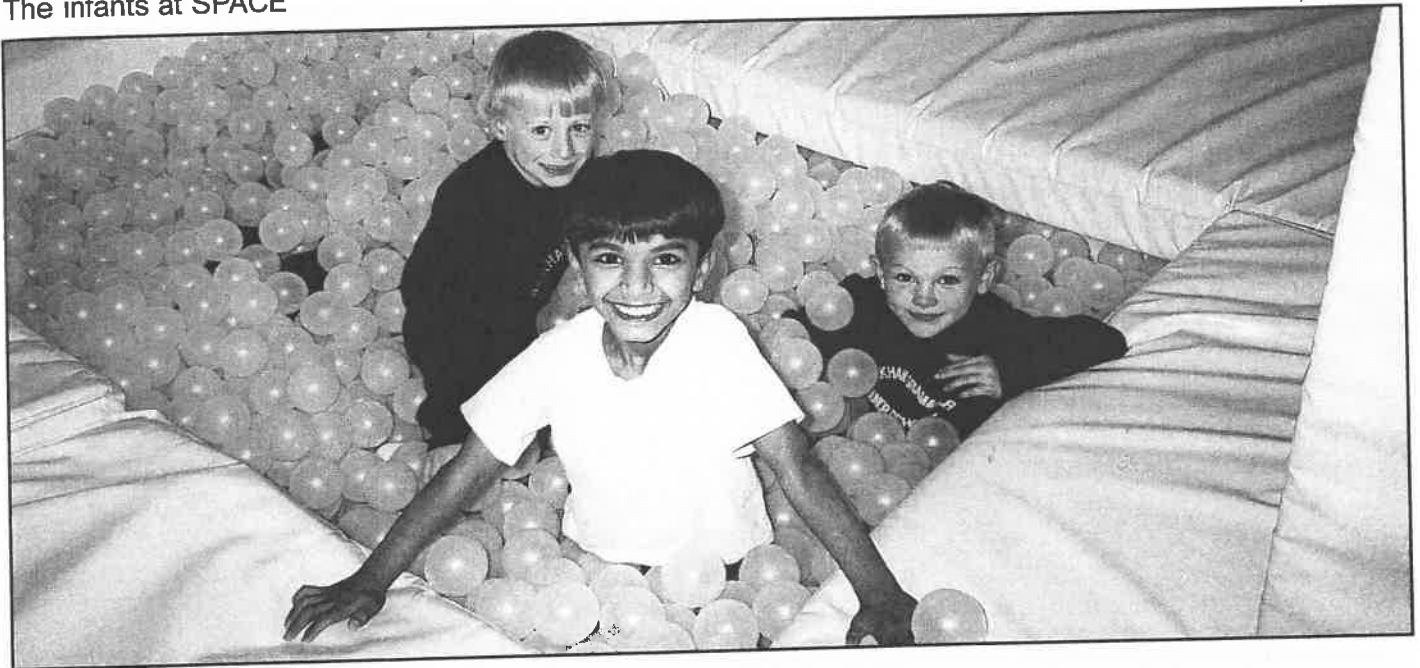
A group of under 10 and under 11 children travelled with the senior school to Bradford Girls' Grammar for an athletics meeting. The children all performed very well in a hard fought fixture. The under 11 team were victorious, whilst the under 10's lost by just one point! Well done to everyone who took part.

SCHOOL VISITS

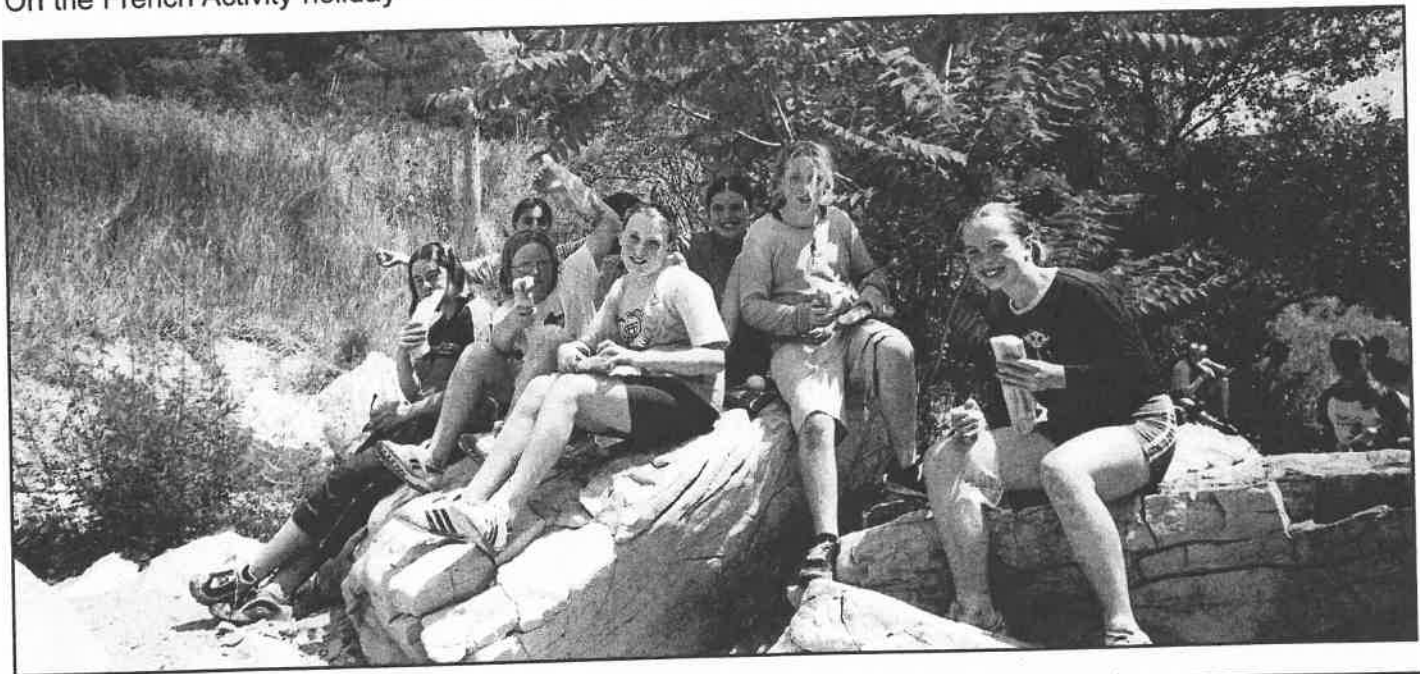
This year the I1 children enjoyed a visit to SPACE and McDonald's, whilst I2 and I3 travelled together to visit the Blue Planet Aquarium in Chester. J1 also visited Chester for a very 'Roman Experience' and a boat trip along the River Dee. J2 went to see 'The Borrowers' at the Guild

Hall, Preston and J3 had a fantastic trip to Winmarleigh Hall where they took part in six activities, including zip wires, climbing and quad-biking. The J3 and J4 children who travelled to Lou Vallagran in France thoroughly enjoyed themselves and tried many different outdoor pursuits.

The infants at SPACE



On the French Activity holiday



JUNIOR SCHOOL

MUSIC

This has been a year of much development and exciting new events in the musical life of the School. Year group concerts took place, in the autumn term for the fourth years, followed by a third year concert shortly after Easter, and a first and second year concert in the summer term.

During the year more than 50 pupils sat a variety of graded examinations for the Associated Board, on several different instruments.

Twenty young musicians, mainly from the fourth year, entertained several visitors who attended the 'Open Evenings' held in October and February.

In November, the School Choir recorded their CD 'Celebrate Christmas with the children of KGJS'. The recording was a huge success, with at least 300 copies of the C.D. sold by Christmas. A few copies remain available as presents for this year and at a reduced rate!!

The second half of the autumn term saw the launch of the Percussion Ensemble, consisting of approximately 12 regular members led by Mrs Lord, formerly Miss Wood. The vocal ensemble, led by Mrs. Shuttleworth, performed with distinction at the Freckleton Festival, held at St. Annes in December.

The Christmas Concert was a delightful occasion, held once again in the MPH. The School Choir led the musical feast of traditional carols and readings. The programme included several new and interesting items, many of which are available on the CD.

The KGJS Ensemble, directed by Mr. Lockett, performed at 'Fun Day' held in May, entertaining parents and friends with a variety of music.

We were delighted to see the progress made by the KGJS Brass Ensemble when they played in assembly recently, ably led by Mr. Richard Evans.

During Prize-giving, the School Choir sang a very moving arrangement of 'Love Shine A Light'. Afterwards, the KGJS Vocal Ensemble performed a number of their favourite songs for parents and governors in the Junior Hall at the buffet reception.

Mr. Lockett would like to place on record once again his thanks to the growing number of visiting teachers who help the children achieve the wonderful standards they so often demonstrate to us. We also appreciate the help given by Mrs. Barbara Cassidy, who so often assists at concerts and helps with accompaniments for Associated Board Music Exams. Congratulations to Jenny Patel and James Edgar, Music Scholars for 2001. We wish all the fourth year musicians good luck at the Senior School. Our loss is their tremendous gain. We all look forward to hearing of your continuing success next year.

Mr P Lockett



The Choir

'RATS' The Musical

The Spring Term was a very busy one for many this year as we set about rehearsing for our production of 'Rats', a musical version of The Pied Piper of Hamelin.

Mr. Milner and I were found on many an occasion in the Junior School Hall, accompanied by Mrs. Sarah Sharples, our expert choreographer, twirling or scuttling, marching or skipping, as we tried out different routines. Mr. Edgar was busy preparing the scenery for any willing volunteers to come and paint, and several of the staff were transformed into dressmakers overnight, as they worked to Mr. Milner's homemade patterns!

The children, of course, were also working hard. The songs were known well by all (including those not directly involved!) as

Mr. Lockett led the musical rehearsals. Acting took place in any vacant spot, including the playground when the weather was fair and nowhere else was available!

As the weeks passed by and the nerves started to show (mainly from the adults!), it seemed an impossible task to put it all together on time. However, with great determination from everyone involved, and a lot of very late nights for some, we accomplished our task and took to the stage.

The two performances were superb and very well received by everyone who was entertained so marvellously. The children remembered their lines, their dancing was excellent and they all looked as if they were thoroughly enjoying themselves.

There were some outstanding performances by the soloists. James Edgar and Jenny Patel,

who played the Pied Piper and the crippled boy, performed beautifully; Bobby Gelsthorpe tried, in vain, to keep his rats from drowning; Katie Jones held the play together well in her capacity as narrator and the Mayor, David Clark, was very convincing! Finally, the live orchestra, conducted by Mr. Lockett, added the finishing touch to a very professional performance.

Miss L Ashton

Infant Ensemble

The 13 musicians have enjoyed musical activities during Thursday lunchtimes. They have experimented with various percussion instruments and have developed their musical talents and knowledge. We wish them every success as they enter the junior department at KGJS.

The Infant Ensemble



JUNIOR SCHOOL

I went to Italy to see my Nonna and my cousins. Mummy and Francesca came too. We went on the plane and in Italy we went on a boat. It was fun. When we left Italy we had lots of toys and Easter eggs to take home. I am really happy to see my daddy again. I have missed him.

Georgia Gaeta-Craven | 1Y

I love my Mummy because she makes cakes on my birthday.

Jessica Pearce | 1X Aged 4 years

Fun day: I went in a police car. I put the sirens on. The lights flashed.

Theo Holland | 1X Aged 4 years

Helen

Helen

Eats like an elephant.

Likes to mess in the mud.

Everything she does is naughty.

Nick her Dad makes her lucky.

Helen Kelsall | 3Y

Bronte

Bronte

Roars like a lion.

Often eats chocolate.

Never checks whether it makes sense.

Talks too much.

Everyday brushes her hair.

Bronte Edgar | 3Y

CATS

Cats eat fishy things

Cats pounce

They sing

Cats meow

Cats bite

They hiss

They fight

They prowl

They have fur

They scratch

Cats purr

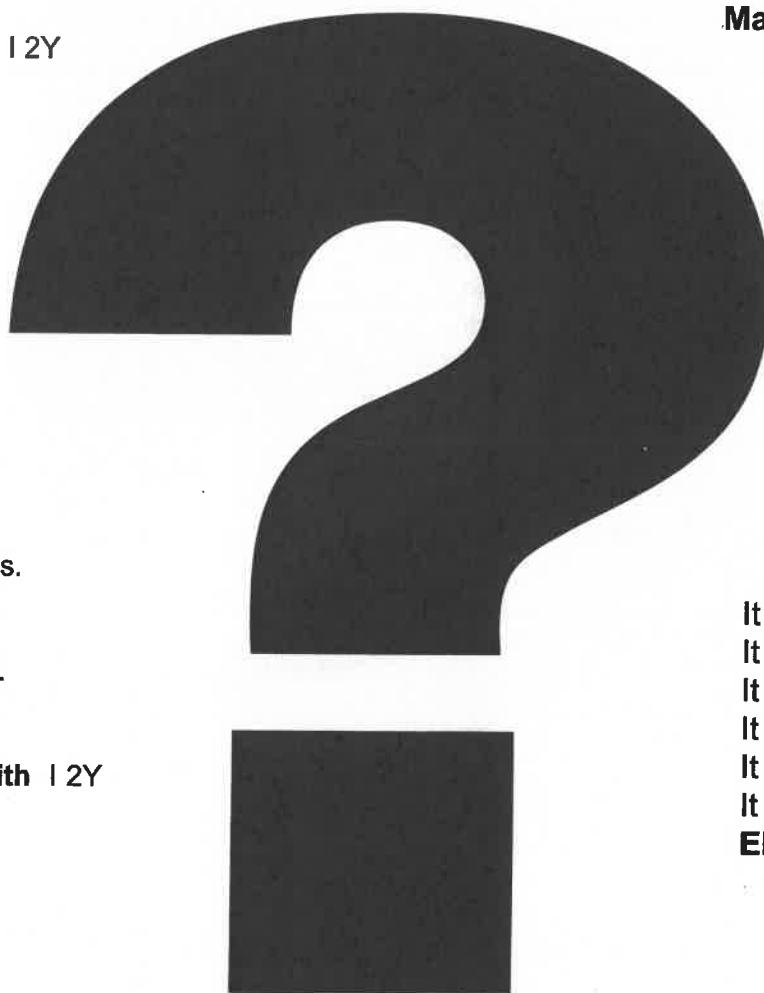
Elaine Chiekrie, | 2X Aged 6 year

INFANTS

WHAT AM I?

It has no legs.
It is slimy.
It slithers along.
It sheds its skin.
Ryan Wilkinson | 2Y

It has some numbers on it.
It needs batteries.
It has two hands.
It tells you the time.
Mark Whitaker | 2Y



It has furry legs.
It's black.
It's an insect.
It catches flies.
It eats flies.
It spins a web.
Jonathon Smith | 2Y

It has four legs.
It lives in a zoo.
It is like a horse
It is stripy.
It has big eyes.
It has big ears.
Elaine Chiekrie | 2X

It has four legs.
It has got whiskers.
It has sharp claws.
It pants.
It barks.
Sam Brooker | 2Y

Spring

Spring is the wind whistling in trees.
Spring is almost a gentle summer breeze.
Spring is the time when you'll see a chick.
Spring is when you hear their beaks go click.

Spring is when you'll see bunnies,
Some are normal, some are funny.
Spring is when you'll see bees
They will be hiding in the trees.

Spring is when you'll hear the birds.
Spring is when you'll see new herds.
Spring is when the leaves go green.
Spring is when windows are clean.

Rowan Leech J 1X

Spring

I went through a forest with trees,
Then I saw lots and lots of bees.
I also saw a white fluffy bunny
Near a pot of sticky honey.

Spring is the time when chicks appear,
Daffodils, tulips, to bring us cheer.
Animals wake up from their sleep,
Then I saw some baby sheep.

Baby ducks play on the pond,
While Mum and Dad look from beyond.
Easter eggs are good to eat,
They taste yummy and very sweet.
Jake Hodgkinson J 1X

Mantis

Swift, fast, slashing, flying, crawling.
Cunningly, silently, suddenly, willingly.
Climbing, grabbing, lunging.
Agile, nimble
Mantis.

Joe Casson J 1Y

Bedtime Dreams

When I go to bed at night
It makes me shiver and cry with might.
But when I close my eyes to sleep,
These little funny men appear with a leap.

I'm dreaming, of course,
A little white rabbit or a big brown horse.
I dream of anything in my mind,
I dream of a teddy bear who is very kind.

I dream of clowns who are very funny,
I dream of birthday cakes that are yummy in my tummy.
I also dream of fish in the sea,
They wiggle their tails and giggle with glee.

I feel excited when I go to bed
With lots of funny images running in my head.

But when I have to wake up early,
I see my hair's gone wiggly and curly.
I cry and cry then fall back asleep,
Then I go back to wonderland and I don't make a peep.

Rachel Kitchen J 2X

Christmas Dreams

Father Christmas, oh, so merry
Ate the pie and drank the sherry,
Left us goodies in our sack,
Every year he comes back.

Turkey roasts, pudding steams,
Full of magic Christmas dreams.

All together around the tree,
Mummy, Daddy, Miles and me,
Looking at the Christmas star,
Thinking how lucky we are.

Turkey roasts, pudding steams,
Full of magic Christmas dreams.

Opening presents, what great fun,
Lots and lots for everyone.
Dolls, teddies, games and books,
Smiling faces, happy looks.

Turkey roasts, pudding steams,
Full of magic Christmas dreams.
Miranda Hopkins-Coman J 3X

The School

The deafening bell erupted violently,
Classroom doors bursting open,
Releasing a pyroclastic flow of bubbling children
Into the meandering mass, hissing and rumbling towards the flame red door.
Then cascading out, down over the rocky steps to the ashen dormant playground,
The flow slowed to a trickle as the over-heated teachers slithered wearily to the
sanctuary of the staff room:
The hall was strangely silent and the corridors becalmed awaiting the next eruption.

James Edgar J 4Y

The Motorway

You're driving safely along the calm, smooth motorway
On a bright sunny morning.
Remember, mustn't go faster than seventy.
At 6 o'clock the ground begins to quake,
Rumble and rattle.
Hundreds of cars and gigantic lorries start rushing
Onto the motorway.
Off to work? Off to school? Off on holiday?
Who knows?
Remember, don't go faster than seventy.
Brightly coloured cars start whizzing past,
They don't know they're going too fast.
Then suddenly, from behind, or even outer space,
Flashing lights appear.
White ones, blue ones, their screaming sirens can be heard.
The shiny bright police car gets nearer and nearer.
I check my speed, just sixty nine,
It can't be me they want this time.
Looking ahead, the illuminations I see.
But these are all one colour.
That's right, it's RED to stop the speed.

Zoe Kirkham J 4Y

School Time

The first day came,
I was scared and shy.
I wanted to go home,
I tried not to cry.

A year later,
It was cool and fun.
I understood it
And the work could be done.

The following year,
I was in the top five.
The work got harder
And my brain went into overdrive.

The final year,
It was really cool.
I passed my exams
And then I knew I was off to the big
school.

Jessica Fairclough J 4X

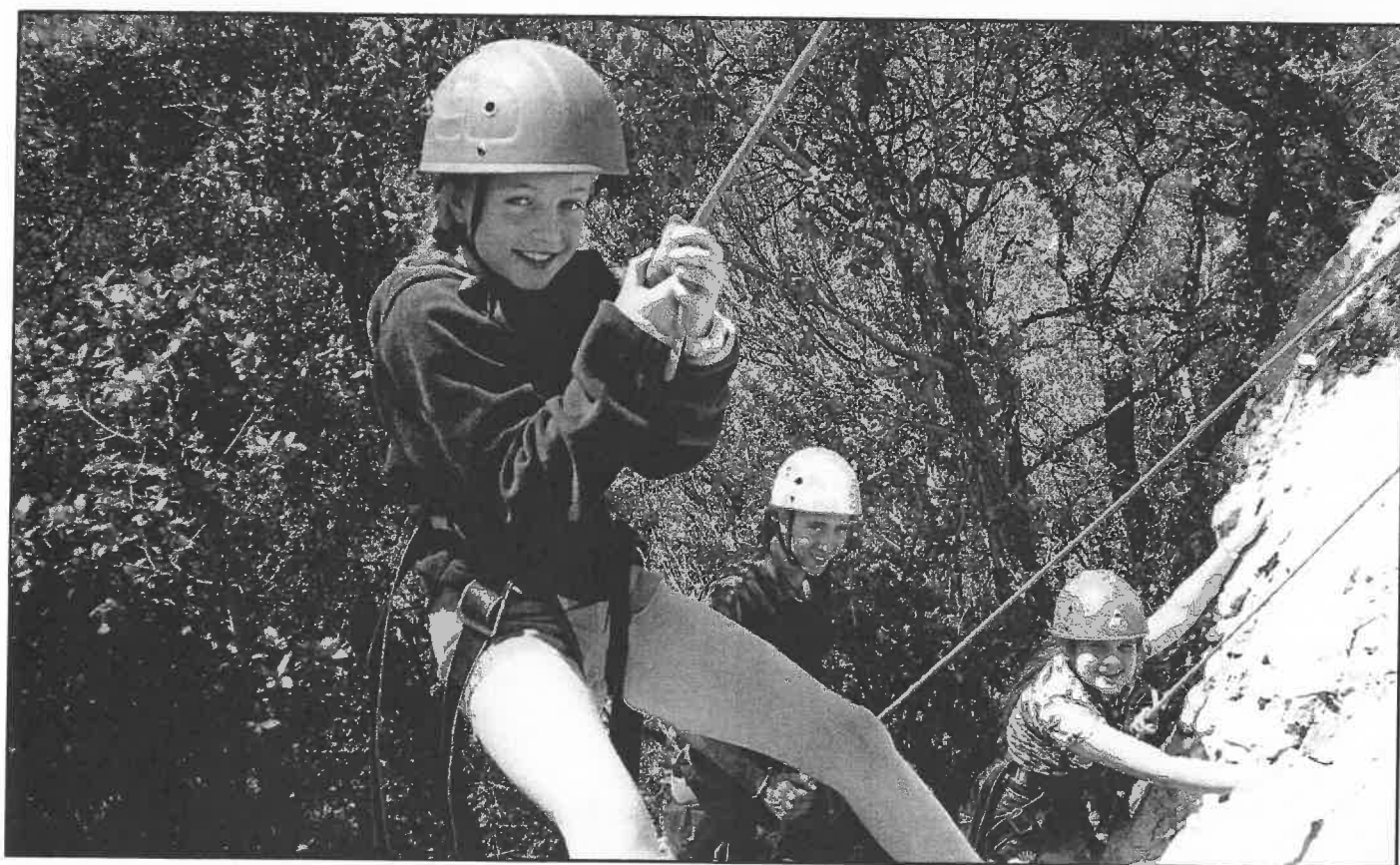
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At Sports Day



Sam Bell, chosen to represent Lancashire at cricket



Climbing on the French holiday

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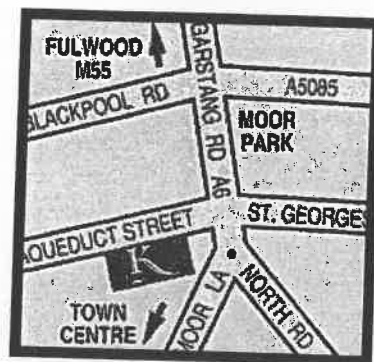
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