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KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER





W E L C O M E



HEADMASTER
Daniel Berry

I am delighted to have been appointed as Headmaster of Kirkham Grammar School, this prestigious, successful school in the Fylde which has over 500 years of tradition. I am looking forward to the stimulating challenge of progressing the school into the future. I believe in the values of a traditional education alongside a drive towards modern ambition. It is my intention to build upon this recognised centre of excellence for academic attainment, and the holistic development of the learner.

The excitement, enthusiasm and commitment in continuing with the enviable reputation of KGS are

what, I believe, embodies a wonderful blend of history and a wide range of curricular and extra-curricular activities.

I believe that leadership is not about individuals but the whole foundation, from parents, pupils, staff, governors and alumni alike; we all have a part to play in the drive for continued excellence.

Schools exist for their children and therefore they must have the best!

It will be my pleasure to meet and work with you all.

One school, one publication!

From Pre-School to life after school, we hope you enjoy this brief insight into the Spring Term at KGS.

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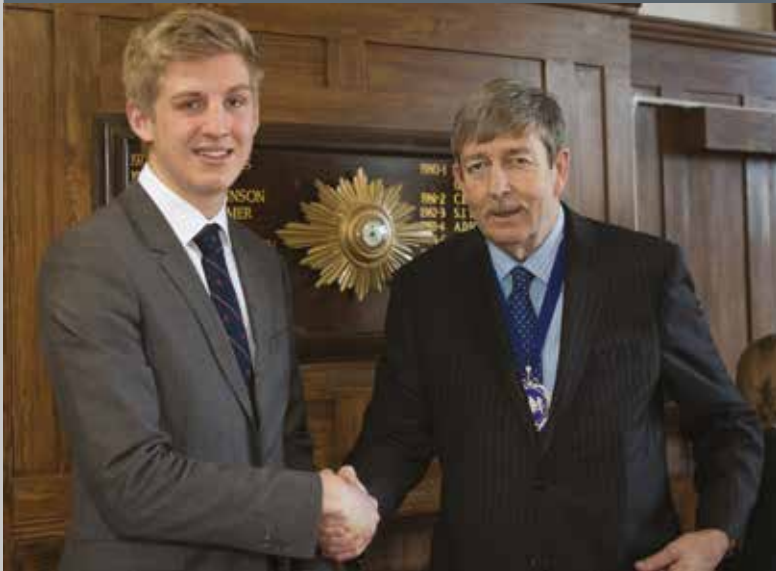
10 years ago

FEBRUARY 2006

Looking through the Headmaster's Newsletter from Spring 2006 there was a page all about the Lawrence House Pavilion (image right). In the article there are images of the then 1st year boys walking through the CCF wood, the foundations being laid and the plan of the pavilion. Ten years on the pavilion has been the cornerstone of Drama at KGS, with Ms Barrie's GCSE & A-level students using the studio for improvisation sessions and rehearsals.

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MASTER DRAPERS' VISIT



The school recently welcomed Mr John Giffard, Master of the Worshipful Company of Drapers in London, for an official visit to the School.

The School's association with the Drapers' Company dates back to the middle of the 17th century, where for almost four hundred years this prestigious City of London Company has taken an active interest in the life and work of KGS. The Drapers' Company is a charitable trust which has similar connections with a number of other schools and universities throughout the UK. The Master, a ceremonial post to which a senior member of the Company is elected to serve for a year, visits charities and organisations supported by the Company as part of his year of office.

Mr Giffard, a former Chief Constable of Staffordshire Police, was accompanied by the Clerk of the Company, Colonel Richard Winstanley, its Head of Charities, Mr Andy Mellows and the School's Drapers' Governor, Mr John Borradaile.

The party started their day with an assembly at the Junior School (photo right), followed by a tour of that part of the School. They then came across to the Senior School, where they also toured the School and met with pupils engaged in a variety of lesson and activities, including Science lessons, a Photography class, a Drama performance (photo below right) and a music rehearsal. They also met pupils planning their forthcoming Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Expedition and visited the School's Rifle Range to see the expertise of some of the young marksmen and women.

They were joined for lunch by a group of staff and pupils from both the Senior and Junior Schools, and left having seen at first hand the vibrancy of this traditional yet forward-looking school. Mr Giffard (photo above) was delighted with the warm welcome that he received from pupils and staff, and he was deeply impressed by the diversity of activities that he had witnessed across the two schools.

latest DEVELOPMENT



With the Groundsman's Hut cleared and demolished late in December 2005, ground work commenced on the Lawrence House Pavilion (plans below) in mid-January 2006. This new and exciting facility will incorporate a drama studio, changing facilities, kitchen and lounge area that will be utilised by the school and local community.

We are indebted to the Lawrence House Trust, Friends of Kirkham Grammar School and a legacy from the late Katie Caine for providing the funding for this much needed development.

The building programme should be completed within the next six months.



Mr Malcolm Summerlee

(1928 - 2016), Headmaster, KGS 1972 - 1991

We were greatly saddened to learn that former Headmaster Malcolm Summerlee had died at the age of 88. He was Headmaster from 1972 until 1991, leading the School through the most significant changes in its long history. Mr Summerlee died after a short period of ill health in his adopted home of Canada, where he and his wife had lived since retiring from the hotel which he ran in the Lake District in the years immediately following his retirement as Headmaster.

Malcolm Summerlee joined Kirkham Grammar School as Headmaster in May 1972 from Seaford College in Sussex, where he had been Head of Geography and a Housemaster. KGS was already facing an uncertain future, with comprehensive reform being imposed across much of Lancashire, but his energetic and innovative leadership quickly strengthened and maintained the affection for and popularity of the School, both in the local area and as a boarding school for boys from well beyond it.

KGS was being increasingly starved of local authority funds at this time. When plans were published to end the school's status as a grammar school and to form a split-site comprehensive for rural Fylde by merging it with Carr Hill High School, the Governors took the bold decision to seek independence, a step which reflected their confidence in their young Headmaster's leadership and the enduring popularity of the School.

At midnight on August 31st 1979, in an original stunt now commemorated by a stained glass window in the Headmaster's Study, a group of governors marked the School's return to independence by breaking a window pane in the Study with a bottle of champagne and summoning a startled Headmaster from his bed in School House, to toast the new era in his dressing gown and slippers!

Despite this light-hearted start, Mr Summerlee, along with the Governors, set about establishing the school as the leading independent day and boarding school that it was soon to become. He oversaw the admission of girls into a school which had long been a bastion of masculinity like so many schools of its type. Some thirty girls joined the First Year that September, along with a few Sixth Form girls. Within seven years, the School was fully co-educational, with girls quickly rising to prominence in the academic, cultural and sporting spheres, inspired by a growing number

of female staff and a supportive and egalitarian Headmaster.

The School's Hockey teams quickly started to emulate the traditional success of its Rugby teams. CCF also proved to be every bit as popular with girls as boys.

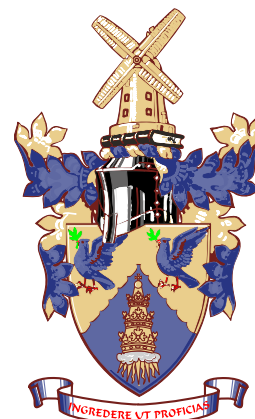
His achievements as Headmaster were significant and enduring. Never one to allow the School to stand still, he pursued plans and dreams with energy and enthusiasm, never more so than in seeing through his vision of a Multi-Purpose Hall, which was opened in 1990. This provided a building which the School's growing population could use for assemblies, sport, concerts, plays, social events and examinations. The Hall stands largely unchanged to this day as a monument to his vision.

At the same time, he was, with the Governors, working on an even more ambitious move, to open a Junior School. Opened that same year, KGJS started life in the recently vacated Old Hall, while the purpose-built buildings were completed over the road, this establishment of a thriving feeder school was another hugely significant factor in the School's subsequent spectacular growth and success.

Mr Summerlee also presided over the transformation of the Boarding House into a facility more in keeping with the needs of modern students. This was at a time when other schools were phasing out boarding as an anachronism, but his personal commitment to boarding, transforming spartan dormitories into study bedrooms was further evidence of his visionary qualities. He also pioneered the recruitment of international students, a group who were to become such a feature of the boarding community in later years.

He postponed his retirement in order to see through changes that he had initiated, eventually stepping down in 1991 with the Multi-Purpose Hall opened and the Junior School already thriving. He left the School poised and ready for the growth and success which it has enjoyed under his successors.

Yet it is for his genial and paternalistic leadership that he will be above all remembered by former pupils. Supported by his wife Joy, who shared with him the role of houseparent in the Boarding House throughout the nineteen years of his headship, he always treated the whole School as an extended family, with the legendary Bisley the Corgi somewhere at the heart of it. In the last whole school photograph of his time



in 1990, Bisley is sitting at his feet. Malcolm's memory of, and affection for, the generations of pupils who passed through the School in his time remained vivid right up to the time of his illness and death, reflecting his enduring love of a school to which he gave so much.

The most fitting epitaph for him is one which he himself used to bestow upon selected teachers on their retirement - those who showed true dedication to the school and its pupils; he was "a schoolmaster, not just a school teacher".

We remember this schoolmaster with true affection and pass on our condolences to his widow Joy, his sons Alistair and Ian, and his grandchildren.

Mrs Kathleen Bagley

(1925 - 2015), KGS 1975 - 1985

We were also saddened to learn of the death of Mrs Kathleen Bagley, former Maths teacher and Senior Mistress at KGS. She will be remembered at KGS and elsewhere with great affection and respect. On top of her scholarly and authoritative Maths teaching, Kath did the vitally important job of overseeing the integration of girls into this previously male-dominated school. She was successful and respected, not just for her teaching skills, but also for her acute wit, her integrity and personal presence.

She was the pioneer in providing pastoral welfare for, at first, just thirty girls in a school of over four hundred boys.

By the time she retired in 1985 Kirkham

Grammar School had become a fully mixed, and in many ways more civilised place, thanks in no small part to her wisdom and kind but firm guidance.

She kept in close touch with the School as an active member of the Old Kirkhamians' Association, serving a term as President in 2001-02. More recently, she also renewed her contact with the school when her granddaughters Heather and Rachel Cara attended as pupils, leaving the Sixth Form in 2010 and 2012 respectively.

She is survived by her husband Peter and her two daughters, to whom we express our condolences.



SIXTH FORM INFORMATION EVENING



The thought of leaving Kirkham Grammar after 5th Year never

crossed my mind...why would I want to leave this supportive and encouraging education family so soon when I could enjoy two more years?

"Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls. My name is Rachel Wareing and I have been invited here tonight to reflect on my time at Kirkham Grammar School.

Ten years ago I was sitting exactly where you are tonight...although it seems like it was yesterday. Since my Sixth Form Open Evening I have passed 10 GCSEs at Grades A and A*, I gained 5 A Levels at Grade A, studied English Literature at York University, graduated with a 2:1 degree and immediately started work at HSBC Bank, before securing my current role as a Personal Banking and Insurance Manager at Nationwide Building Society. It has been quite a whirlwind of a journey. One that would not have been possible without the grounding and foundations I built within this school.

I can remember vividly the many unanswered questions that will be flying around in your minds right now...Am I revising enough? How scared will I feel when I sit in here on the real GCSE day? Should I redraft that coursework piece one more time? And you'll also be thinking about life after exams...not just about your 5th Year Ball dresses...but about what lies in store for you after results day in August.

That was one question that I never needed to ask. Ever since I started in the first year I dreamed of the day I could walk back into school wearing my Sixth Form suit. I think I had planned out my skirt, shirt and jacket combination from day one!

And those two years were incredible. Those years were where the 'Rachel Wareing' of today was born. You leave the 5th year as a pupil and return as a student. The relationships you have with your teachers are on a different level...they become guiders, advisors and equals as they help support you on your educational journey. Preparing you with the skills you will need as you continue to university or into a place of work. Although, I must admit, I could never bring myself to call Mr Hawkes, Chris...and even now I still address him as Sir!

The Sixth Form is such a unique and special environment. Some of my friends left for colleges and were back within the week... the grass is not always greener...here you are prepared for life at university and more so, the world beyond. I flourished at the opportunity to take responsibility for my own learning and development with the free lesson periods and extra curricular activities. I had always hated CCF and hockey terrified me...but in the 6th Form I threw myself into Young Enterprise... hosting many events for fellow pupils whilst making a profit for charity...and I also developed a love for long distance running... much to the shock of my PE teachers....this has stayed with me and this year I will be running the London Marathon for Nationwide...so if Kirkham House is short of a runner for House Cross Country this year I am willing to step up!

I never knew what I wanted to study at both A Level and University and I called on my teachers to help and advise me...after all they knew me...

they had seen me grow and blossom over the years...I wasn't just a name in a mass of students...they knew Rachel. They could help me and they encouraged me to do what I enjoyed. That's what I did! When it came to my interviews at both HSBC and Nationwide my university degree was only briefly mentioned... and instead I was asked all about Kirkham Grammar School...my manager later told me that as soon as he read KGS on my CV the job was mine.

I am a very proud Old Kirkhamian. It was here that I was given confidence, support, motivation and drive. It gave me the behaviours that I live and work to each day...I must refer to 'fail to prepare...prepare to fail' at least once a week. And more so I am driven by a line of the school hymn: 'Past put behind us...for the future take us.' I don't ever want to forget the past but instead I want to learn and take all that experience with me each day. I want to draw on the atmosphere, stability, support and encouragement that I was given here and use it to motivate me today. Kirkham Grammar is in my blood and I know it will be in yours too...it is something that we gain and never lose....and it is something to be valued.

So....as I stand here tonight...ten years on from my evening as a young sixteen year old pupil.... now a manager in Financial Services I can honestly say that Kirkham Grammar Sixth Form was the best investment I ever made."

PRE-SCHOOL PRODUCTION



The Pre-School chose 'Celebrations from Around the World' as their Christmas Production theme. They sang and danced to songs from England, Hawaii and Ireland. They learned that Christmas is all about the birth of a very special baby called Jesus and that He would like all of us to spread love and kindness, not just at Christmas, but throughout the year, too.



CHRISTMAS CATCH UP



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

On Tuesday 15 December, the Junior School once again presented an outstanding 'Christmas Celebration'. An enthusiastic audience enjoyed the traditional carols and readings. During the evening, we were all treated to a wide variety of Music and Drama across the ages, from Biblical times to present day, including a reference to World War I, with the children singing 'Silent Night' in both English and German in remembrance of those events of Christmas 1914. Mrs Roberts reminded us of the importance of the Christmas message, Peace and Love. The performances by the Percussion Ensemble, Choirs and Junior Ensemble thrilled the audience. Several small items featured the following children; Harvey Barber, Tabitha Berry, Teddy Bowker, Harry Case, Darcy Clough, Poppy Clough, Eva Earnshaw, Jennifer Jones, Esther Livermore, Max McGregor, Pippa McGregor, Matthew Oddie, Thomas Shuttleworth, Ella Singleton, James Stacey, Noah Tonry and Ben Wiggins. After processing out to 'Jingle Bells', our guests enjoyed mince pies and mulled wine, a wonderful way to finish off a very enjoyable evening and an excellent start to the festive season!



INFANT NATIVITY PRODUCTION

CHILDREN OF THE WORLD





Following on from the success of our fundraising during 2014/2015 we have got off to a good start in the new school year with a number of events helping us to reach our goal to raise funds to purchase a new school minibus which will benefit both the Senior and Junior School. The main events so far this school year have been a Cheese and Wine evening, the Christmas Fair, a Burns Night and two Ladies' Lunches which together have raised over £7,000.

The Christmas Fair, which took on a Victorian theme, skilfully organised by Mrs Michelle O'Neill and Mrs Vicki Thompson, and was a huge success! The lighting and the market stalls, which were designed by Mr Neale Bennett and his wife Valerie (who is our secretary) made the whole event look absolutely fantastic. Members of the committee dressing in Victorian aprons and mop caps all added to the atmosphere. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Michelle, Vicki, the committee, volunteers and school staff both from the Junior and Senior School who helped with the preparations leading up to the event and also on the day. There are too many people to mention individually, but they know who they are.

Without help we would not be able to run any of the events, even the smaller ones require planning and time to prepare such as our Bags2School in November which was kindly managed by Mrs Jane Burnie who, after a number of years, has handed over the baton to Mrs Celeste Brookes, thank you Jane.

After the success of our Burns Night at the Villa, Wrea Green in 2015 we decided to hold another this year which once again was very successful. The event was co-ordinated by Mrs Valerie Bennett and supported by a team of committee members. Valerie spent many an hour making Tartan bunting as well as organising menus, a Ceilidh band and Bagpiper which were enjoyed by all on the night, thank you Valerie.

Currently we are in the process of organising our annual Spring Fair which will be based on the Alice in Wonderland Mad Hatters Tea Party. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible the 14th May. Our main event of the school year is the Summer Ball, which will be held on 25th June and is going to take on a Hollywood Glamour theme. Once again we look forward to seeing you all there.

Another element of our fundraising is being able to meet up with parents and catch up with friends such as at our Ladies Lunches. We have had two such events so far this year. The Christmas one was held at Singleton Lodge and recently we have been to Rowley's at Blackpool Football Club to enjoy a delicious lunch and an interesting After Dinner speech organised by Mrs S Pendergest and the Friends. Everyone is made welcome at these events, whether connected to KGS or not, and the atmosphere is warm, welcoming and animated! The room was full of conversations and laughter which amplified when retired Police Inspector Jenny Coulston-Herrmann entertained the guests with stories from her Police

career as a Hostage Negotiator. A raffle, with kindly donated superb prizes, was held and overall £1000 was raised for the Friends to benefit our children. Thanks to everyone who helped make this lunch a huge success and to Paul Rowley and staff for the exquisite catering.

To enable these activities to take place we rely heavily on the generous donations and support we receive from parents, as well as other organisations. This helps enable us to reduce our overheads for which I would also like to say thank you.

FKGS always welcomes new ideas. Please let us know if you have any suggestions or wish to get involved, whether it be as a periodic volunteer or as a formal member. If you have any queries about any of our events do not hesitate to contact myself or one of the committee members as we are always willing to help.

I am pleased to say that on 7th March 2016 we took delivery of the new minibus (photos above and below) for which we raised £32,000. By the time you read this newsletter you may have already seen it and your children may even have had the opportunity to have been in it! I am sure it will be used for many short and long journeys by many of the school departments.

Once again thank you for your kind generosity and I look forward to seeing you soon at our future events. So, whether you're on your own or in a large group, please come along.

Best Wishes,
Dawn Burrows
Chair FKGS.



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Friends





Saturday 27 February saw Kirkham Grammar Junior School turn into a busy and action-packed Farmers' Market. There was also an array of craft activities to keep the visiting children entertained, from ice-cream and pancake making, to Easter pot decorating and barn dancing!

One of the highlights of the morning was a Baking Workshop with Dorret Conway, a finalist from BBC's Great British Bake Off. The children were delighted to be given the opportunity to make some of Dorret's special cookies!! They were shown how to sieve flour, melt margarine and syrup and shape the mixture into individual cookies.

Spagó of Lytham demonstrated pizza spinning, with Reverend Bunday, the Vicar of Kirkham, successfully spinning his own pizza to the delight of his young daughter, Ruth!

Visitors were able to browse a number of stalls including; Atherton's Butchers of Longridge, Strong's of Lytham, Goats Meat.com, Greens Deli from Kirkham and Jill's delicious cupcakes!!

Later in the afternoon, the winners of the KGJS 'Decorated Plant Pot' competition were announced and presented with their very own gardening sets! One gentleman, who visited with his wife and two young grandchildren, commented, "I just wish I was young again....I would have loved to have come to this school...the staff and pupils are wonderful, the school has such a lovely atmosphere." Austin, from Anderton's Butchers, one of the stall holders, who had children with him, elaborated, "We have had a fantastic morning and can't wait for the next one!" Jodie from 'Make it Personal 2 U' said, "A very successful craft fair, what a brilliant school, lovely pupils and great atmosphere!"

Mrs Roberts added, "It was wonderful to see so many new families at our school and we hope this will be the first of many events like this! Many thanks to all the stallholders for their support in making the event such a huge success!"





CHARITY report

The Charity Committee have had a busy few months of fundraising activities. This started in October with a very successful Coffee Morning in the Old Hall. This was attended by staff and sixth formers and some very eager bakers from 4S. We raised a total of £239 for BLISS, a charity that funds equipment and care for premature babies. This was in support of wider fundraising activities by Mrs Rogerson and her family following the birth of her grandson who was born prematurely.

Our October non-uniform day raised £865 and the money raised was split between LEPRA and Donna's Dream House. Donna's Dream House is a charity we have supported in the past and we are delighted to be supporting them again. The Charity, in Blackpool is a locally based trust, providing free holiday experiences for children and teenagers with life-threatening medical conditions.

We were delighted to welcome Jackie from LEPRA (photo bottom right) to school in November. The 1st Year at KGS (photo below) really pulled out all the stops this year and were especially enthusiastic when joining in with the Zumba workout in the Sports' Hall. In one lunchtime the year group raised over £1700, which is an amazing effort.

Our next event was our Christmas Jumper Day which raised a total of £900. £400 was donated to the NSPCC and we

donated £500 to CRISIS, the homeless charity. 5X also supported CRISIS by baking and selling mince pies. This amazing effort by Mrs Hargreaves, Mr Percy and the pupils of 5X raised £205. They stayed at school in the kitchens until late into the evening baking the pies after gaining many orders from the staff and students at KGS.

Our 4th form as a whole, under the enthusiastic guidance of Mrs Walter, collected a huge amount of shoe boxes full of toiletries to be given to local homeless people at Christmas. Along with some of our 4th Form pupils, Mrs Walter took a mini-bus with the shoe boxes to the Streetlife Homeless Shelter in Blackpool. This is a charity supported by our School Chaplain, Reverend Bunday.

Natasha Almond raised £67.20 by holding a cake sale in January as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Challenge. This will be donated to the Duke of Edinburgh Charity.

Our February non-uniform day was in support of school secretary, Laura Pitkethly, who is running the Manchester marathon on 10th April in aid of Cancer Research UK. We have donated a cheque for £1000 in support of her efforts and wish her luck with her training and hope she achieves her desired time on the day. At KGS, we remain determined to support a number of local and



national charities via a number of different events throughout the year and we welcome any fundraising ideas our staff and pupils may have.

The school support staff, together with Kirkham and Rural Fylde Fundraisers, organised two successful charity events raising £5,100 for the Rosemere Cancer Foundation. Kirkham and Rural Fylde Tangent Club entertained 150 ladies with an interesting talk about the History of Hats together with a Fashion Show of 'Hats for Hire'. The evening concluded with entertainment by Singleton Hand Bell Ringers.

This event was followed four weeks later with a Charity Funny Money Casino night. Guided by Rochdale Lions' croquiers, guests chanced their funny money at an array of different gaming tables. On the night Leanne Whyman gave a heartfelt account of the help and support she received from Rosemere Cancer Foundation during her illness from cancer. This encouraged guests to be extremely generous with donations. The evening concluded with a delicious Fish & Chip supper and disco.



Reindeer Run & Brian House



Throughout the last term, the Junior School have raised lots of money for a variety of different charities. One of these charities, Brian House, holds a special place in our hearts. Before KGJS broke up for the Christmas holidays, the whole school, both staff and pupils, took part in the annual 'Reindeer Run' in aid of the hospice. Lots of fun was had by all and a fantastic £658.90 was raised for a very worthwhile charity. Thank you to all the parents for their support.

Following on from the Reindeer Run, at the beginning of February, Thomas Shuttleworth, Poppy Kearsley and Noah Tonry went with Mrs

Roberts and Mrs Tickle to visit Brian House Children's Hospice. Upon arrival they were greeted by Lisa and Evan, a little boy who was staying at Brian House. Lisa showed them around the wonderful hospice and they were able to meet some of the amazing staff who work there. During the tour they saw the beautiful golden tree which has all the names of the children who have stayed at Brian House, who have sadly passed away.

Brian House is a fantastic place because it helps terminally ill children make the most of their lives in a positive and enjoyable way.



KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION



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GALA CONCERT



Kirkham Grammar School's Music Department enjoyed a great day of top quality music making in the House Music Final. Congratulations to Kezia Taylor (photo right), the eventual winner, but well done to all the finalists who did themselves, and the school, proud.



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from 1 hour to 1000 minutes I was
there but without an exhibition
of Henri Cartier-Bresson
It was wonderful for me
Henri Cartier-Bresson*



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Derrière la légende des grands Maîtres de la Photographie, après August Sander, Karier, Brassaï, Henri Cartier-Bresson est l'un des plus grands photographes de notre temps. Cette rétrospective n'a jamais été présentée dans la région. Il est considéré comme un pionnier du photomontage ainsi que la photographie d'art. Il est souvent fait référence à lui sous les trois lettres HCB. Avec Robert CAPA, David 'Chim' SEYMOUR, William VANDERBILT et George FLOREK, il fonde en 1947 le célèbre agence coopérative Magnum Photos. En 2003, à l'âge de quatre-vingt-quinze ans son œuvre est montrée au musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris pour assurer la conservation de son œuvre ainsi que pour soutenir et exposer les photographes dont il se sentait proche. Cartier pour le photographe au coupé et le géographe de ses compositions, il s'est surtout illustré dans le reportage de rue, la représentation des aspects pittoresques ou significatifs de la vie quotidienne (Des Européens). Le concept de « l'instant décisif » est souvent utilisé à propos de ses photos, mais on peut l'admettre sans réfléchir et privilégier le concept de « la photographie », qui prend le contexte en compte. Figure mythique de la photographie du XX^e siècle, son héritage se poursuit de nos jours. Il a porté son regard sur les événements marquants qui ont jalonné son histoire. De ses photographes Pierre Assoluto dit ainsi de lui qu'il était « l'œil de siècle ».

Cette exposition de plus 120 photographies noir et blanc est réalisée en collaboration avec Magnum Photos et la Fondation Henri Cartier-Bresson.
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NICE TRIP



The Nice, France trip was an amazing experience, it helped me improve my French vocabulary and pronunciation and also gave me an insight to the French way of life. I liked how we got to see both sides of Nice, the touristy side and the local side.



We visited some beautiful and cultural places like Monaco and Èze where we had free time to explore and practise our French skills that we'd learnt in our lessons. We visited a perfumery and made our own perfume, we also learnt how to play the traditional French game pétanque, also called boules. We had a French cooking lesson (photos right) where we made a three-course meal, it was hard work but worth it in the end.



One of my favourite parts of the trip was going to visit the exhibition (sketchbook above) of the French photographer Henri Cartier-Bresson's photos. We got to see some of his excellent work! I had a wonderful time on the trip and I would recommend it to anyone who takes French!



Frankie Furnival



J4 Trip to the Isle of Man



On Friday 22 January, twenty two J4s, along with Ms Baxter, Mr Edgar and Mr Oddie, met at KGJS to embark on a three day sports tour to the sunny Isle of Man! The tour started with a coach journey to John Lennon Airport in Liverpool and a twenty-five minute flight to Ronaldsway. By midday we had settled into our accommodation, enjoyed our first of many meals provided by our hosts and were now preparing for our first fixtures. The girls Netball team played The Buchan School and won 8-4 whilst the boys won their Rugby match, 30-10. A great start to the tour!

The evening entertainment consisted of a visit to the swimming pool in Douglas for water slides and rapids followed by a meal at the Golden Arches Restaurant. After a reasonable night's sleep, the next fixture for the girls was Hockey against King William's College which they won 5-2. The boys had 'A' and 'B' football against The Buchan where the 'A' team won 6-0 and the 'B' team won 2-1. After lunch, the tour party took part in our annual quiz in Castletown in which pupils worked in pairs to gain knowledge about the local area. A tie for first place was shared by Harry Jones, Matthew Oddie, Sam Abram, Aiden Hayward, Josh Langley and Adam Gregan. In the evening everyone visited the local Laser Blast in which Bo Madden was the girls' champion and Sam Abram won for the boys, closely followed by Mr Edgar. On the final day, the children came up against the Isle of Man U12 Girls Hockey Team and the U11 Boys Rugby Team. The girls played superbly and won 9-0 which looks like an easy victory but they were outstanding! In the Rugby match, our boys came across a very powerful IOM team. Despite this, they also played superbly but unfortunately lost 15-5. The Tour was enjoyed by all and everyone was a credit to the school, both on and off the field.

CSI COMES TO J3



As part of J3's Science Topic, Super Scientists, Caroline, a forensic scientist, came in to speak to the children about her role, within the police.

The afternoon was very interesting for the children (and staff!) and everyone was fascinated by how the material evidence gathered from the crime scene, victim and/or suspect is used by the forensic scientists. Their role is to examine these materials to provide scientific evidence to assist in the investigation and court proceedings. All the children lifted fingerprints, swabbed for DNA, collected fibres and took an impression of their own footprint.

Thank you Caroline for coming into KGJS, the afternoon was incredibly fascinating!



**CHILL
FACTORE**



J4 Trip to the **CHILL FACTORE**



In January, thirty six J4 pupils and five staff visited the Chill Factore in Manchester to take on the 'Skills for Life-Thrills for Life' activity day. Over the course of the day, the pupils took part in an hour-long indoor climbing session, an hour's fun in the Snow Park, which included time on the luge and donuts, as well as sledging. The highlight for most of the children was their one hour Ski lesson. For beginners, this involved getting used to wearing skis and gradually being able to slide confidently down the nursery slope. The more experienced skiers took on the main slope with lots of tips and tuition provided by the experienced instructors. Everyone had a wonderful time!





The party of 61 pupils and 6 staff arrived at Zell am See late in the evening after two flights and a three hour coach journey. The hotel was a most welcome surprise – and the rooms did not disappoint. Ski fit took place from 7am the next morning and by 9.30am all were breakfasted and kitted out ready to embark onto the gondola and hit the slopes.

All groups performed well and made excellent progress during the week with snow parks and night skiing providing new challenges at all levels. The hotel was situated in the pedestrianised centre of the town; which proved to be a vibrant and varied setting. One day the party returned from the slopes to find the square transformed into an open air concert (with DJ) and on another, the street had been transformed into a piste for racing! The local crepe seller found that KGS provided good business throughout the week! The visit to the local ice hockey rink was a noisy but exciting affair, with every school party from a 30 mile radius in attendance! The game was fast paced and thrilling to watch but it was the outbursts of the angry players interacting with each other that proved most entertaining to watch!

KGS skied in style on the last day, it was fancy dress for all. With so many costumes on show, the spectacle brought a smile to all that saw it. From super heroes to the cute and cuddly, the skiing was not spoilt by the flailing attire. The five monks and five Crayola crayons, in particular, did well to manage the terrain in their outfits!

The excellent behaviour of our pupils made the whole trip enjoyable and worthwhile for everyone. We look forward to returning in 2017...



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Woooo we're going to Barbados! All twenty seven Hockey players boarded the Virgin Atlantic aircraft to head off to Barbados for a week's tour of the island.

The tour consisted of seven days on the sunny island with nine fixtures and two excursions. It was the perfect chance for the U15 squad to bond with the older girls as they approach Senior Hockey next season.

A day at the 'Boatyard' saw the girls have lots of fun on the inflatables in the sea, turtle watching and relaxing on the beautiful white sandy beach. Another excursion was the Tiami Catamaran Cruise. The catamaran sailed a few miles before anchoring down to allow the girls time to swim with turtles and feed the fish! After lunch we continued to sail to Sandy Lane Beach where the rich and famous own exclusive properties. A lot of the girls swam to shore to have a closer look and do a little celeb spotting!

Evening entertainment was provided by our own Butlins Red Coats, otherwise known as Mrs Osborne, Mrs Walter and Mrs Glover! This included Bingo, quiz nights, singing on the Karaoke, dancing plus much more.....

All NINE Hockey matches were fantastic with all teams experiencing very competitive games.

1st VII

Won all three of their matches even beating the Bajan National Side 5-3

2nd VII

Won two matches 1-0, 2-1 and drew 2-2 against the U18 Bajan Development side

3rd VII

Narrowly lost all three matches 1-0, 2-1 and 2-0, the last being against the U16 Bajan Development side.

A fantastic tour with lots of time to develop ready for numerous tournaments on our return to the UK.



THE STATS



Games played

28

Win rate

100%

Points scored

1032
For
206
against

Kirkham Grammar School 1st XV completed another unbeaten season. This is the second time in the School's history that it has completed back to back unbeaten seasons. Highlights of the season were the victories over Denstone College (24-14), Abingdon School (42-14), and Sedbergh School (27-0). These victories over top class opposition highlighted the ability of a fantastic squad lead by Captain George Blackwell (back row), Vice-Captains Tom Carlton (full back) and George Williams (prop). The team were very strong defensively and did not concede a try for over 2 months, and this quality was at the centre of their success. Even though defence was important they also had the ability to run teams ragged with a very fast back line, where Arron Reed, James Maddrell and Tom Carleton scored numerous tries. Finally, a special mention to the front row of Jamie Ross, Ben Gregory, and George Williams who have played together for 2 full seasons and have been outstanding in many of the team's victories over the last 2 years.

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This has been an outstanding competitive season for KGS Hockey, with all age groups being crowned Lancashire Champions. The results from all matches have been excellent from our U11 girls and boys squads at KGJS, straight through to our U18s, 8 teams in total.



LANCASHIRE CHAMPIONS



ENGLAND HONOURS

Rachel Greenwood



A very successful season for Rachel indeed. She has represented the U16 Pennine Puma's team which in turn resulted in selection into the U16 England Squad. She is now set to represent England U16s against Holland at Lilleshall during the Easter Break.

Good luck Rachel!

Diary Dates



Thursday 14 April
Full school term begins

Thursday 21 April
Kirkham Grammar School Careers Fair - MPH

Friday 29 April
Friends Bags2School Collection Day

Wednesday 4 May
Senior School House Athletics Competition

Saturday 7 May
J3 - J4 Triathlon

Thursday 12 May
Gala Concert

Saturday 14 May
Friends of KGS Spring Fair - Junior School

Friday 24 June
Sixth Form Ball

Saturday 25 June
Friends of KGS Summer Ball

Monday 27 June
5th Year End of Exams Celebration - Bartle Hall

Wednesday 29 June
New Parents' Welcome Evening - MPH

Friday 1 July
Junior School Prize Giving
First World War, Battle of the Somme Curriculum Day - Years 1 to 4
CCF Field Day Sponsored Yomp

Saturday 2 July
OKA Summer Gathering

Monday 4 July
Junior School Infant Sports Day

Tuesday 5 July
Junior School Junior Sports Day

Friday 8 July
Term Ends

Thursday 18 August
A-level Results

Thursday 25 August
GCSE Results

Monday 5 September
1st Year & 6th Form Induction Day

Tuesday 6 September
New School Year begins

Thursday 15 September
Senior School Annual Prizegiving & Speech Day

Wednesday 5 October
'Douglas Haig and the Battle of the Somme Revisited'
First World War Lecture by Dr Gary Sheffield

Sunday 9 October
Open Afternoon

Thursday 10 November
Open Evening



21 April 2016
6:30 – 8:30 pm

CAREERS FAIR



KGS places a huge amount of emphasis on extra-curricular activities and the building of skills and confidence that employers recognise as so vital. Our Careers Education & Guidance Programme aims to provide increasing contact with the world outside and to this end our students have benefited from workshops, competitions and lectures from a wide range of businesses including ICAEW, Accenture plc, BAE and Rathbones, to name just a few.

We are pleased to announce details of our 'Your Future Careers Fair' taking place on 21st April, 2016 from 6.30 – 8.30 pm in the MPH. This event is being run in conjunction with the North and Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce. 4th, 5th, L6 & U6 pupils and parents/guardians are invited to attend this Careers Fair. The aim of this event is to provide your child with vital information on discovering and solidifying their future career path.

The 'Your Future Careers Fair' will include:

- Attendance by local businesses who will provide information on careers in their companies
- 'Get Involved Workshops' (6th Form only) to include medicine and LinkedIn setup
- Information to raise awareness of the broad range and levels of Apprenticeships
- FREE Goodie Bags to all young people who attend
- Subject staff on hand to help with any queries
- Representation from Manchester, Lancaster and Liverpool John Moores Universities
- Refreshments available throughout the evening

Further details from Mrs Lorraine Hargreaves, Head of Business Studies & Economics:
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