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unforgettable visit to a township. These were all memorable experiences and I am grateful to the fundraising committee and all the staff for making this possible. In the fixtures the squad won 4 out of 9 games but they developed both as players and people during the trip. Last season the 1st XV had a mixed year which was a disappointing conclusion to the career of a gentleman who has served KGS for no less than 38 years. Mr Brian Gornall retired from school after 28 years running the 1st XV and enjoying almost uninterrupted success, including taking the school to the Daily Mail Cup Final and on a World Tour. His contribution to the school has been immense over that time both as Director of PE and Master in charge of Rugby and I am sure we all wish him well for his retirement, although I am convinced he will not be gardening for long!

- On the rugby sevens circuit we were pleased to record a victory in the prestigious Christ's Brecon Sevens with victory over Millfield. Harrison Pickavance and his squad were deservedly pleased with this excellent achievement, and I shall long remember Mr Trenhaile's smile upon his return from his beloved Wales having snatched this trophy from under the noses of the Welsh hosts.
- In Hockey, two of our teams, at U13 and U14, gained victories at the Lancashire Cup and the 1st XI performed to a high level, losing only one regular fixture and gaining 3rd place in our own Hockey festival, including registering an exciting draw with Millfield, the eventual winners, on the way. 45 of our players represented their County while we were particularly pleased to see Nicole Pike achieve International honours albeit for the Auld Enemy – Scotland!
- On the cricket field pride of place must go to the U13 team who reached the final of the Lancashire Cup, registering victories against Lancaster and Blackburn along the way. We now await the outcome of their final. Adam Galley has both scored runs and taken wickets all season, and helped a talented squad to a highly successful season.
- Our athletes swept all before them with both girls and boys dominating local competition and 2 students (Tom Bowden and Alex Fell) representing Lancashire at the England Schools Championships. No less than 18 athletes represented the area in the County championships themselves, and 10 of them were placed in the top 3, a proud record indeed.
- We entered the National Golf competition for the first time this year and won through to the Final Round, the National final itself. James Hall and his team can be proud of their achievement in this new venture for KGS.
- I have also been pleased to witness the number of B, and even C, team fixtures over the year, thus allowing large numbers to participate in a team environment.

- Certainly the most remarkable sporting accolade of the season must go to Sophie Ward who has participated in the European Junior Olympic swimming event in Belgrade earlier this year, representing Great Britain. She achieved no less than bronze, silver and gold medals in individual butterfly and relay events – a truly remarkable achievement and one that has placed her in the elite group being developed for the 2012 Olympics.

In our House activity:

- We saw a dramatic finish to the Whitby Cup with Mr Reeves steering Fylde House to a very narrow victory which was dependent on the events of the final week of the year. The contribution of so many pupils to this series of competitions (29 in all) was once again a highlight of our year.
- While Mr Smith could not celebrate a victory in the Whitby Cup, a predicament I know he feels deeply, he has had much to celebrate nonetheless. The Boarding House has had a significant and much needed refurbishment of the boys' accommodation, now providing a suitably high quality provision for our boarders. Additionally, however, the House has enjoyed an outstanding inspection report conducted by the CSCi (now transposed into Ofsted). To steal the Inspectors words, "The boarding experience to be gained at KGS sets an impressive, and in the experience of the Lead Inspector, the unprecedented achievement of excellence in all aspects of boarding management and operation". True praise indeed, and I congratulate Mr Smith and his team for such an outstanding report. It was also noteworthy that within the report there were judgements of excellence against all categories including whole school issues such as medical welfare, catering, pupil welfare, staff recruitment and educational visits. Such visitations are always viewed with a certain amount of trepidation but on this occasion all those involved can look back upon it with real pride.
- The House Captains and prefects had an outstanding year. I was privileged to work with Alex Bonney and Tristan Brooke as Captains of School and thank them for their work on behalf of the school, and I know Mr Long and the Housemasters would echo that sentiment on the part of all the Senior Prefects over the year.

As I conclude my report I must not forget the contribution of my closest colleagues on my management team for their outstanding contribution over the past year and of course to the hard work and dedication of the teaching and support staff who have made all these activities and achievements possible.

This year has seen a significant change in the management team at school with the arrival of a new Headmistress of our Junior School. Mrs Annette Roberts joined us at Easter from Rossall School and having made the short journey south, I believe she is settling in well and hope that she will be very

happy as part of the KGS family. Needless to say she has a very hard act to follow. Mrs Lesley Taylor left us after 17 years at the Junior School with 10 of those years as Headmistress. After leading the school successfully through a time of increasing numbers and new premises Lesley left us to take on a new school in her beloved Yorkshire. We hope both she and her husband will enjoy their new challenge and thank them for the inestimable contribution to the Kirkham Grammar School Foundation.

I believe therefore that the school is fulfilling Mr Carter's dream of giving our children "wings" through the breadth of education that is continually evolving and trying to meet their demands. As the classical scholar Nietzsche wrote "You are rewarding a teacher poorly if you remain always a pupil" and that strikes at the core of what education is about – allowing our pupils to develop so that they can take increased responsibility for their own learning, and that they may go forward to the next stage of their careers with the confidence that stems from a balanced education.

Clearly in order to achieve our goals we require the facilities to be in place and I am indebted to the Governing Body for giving its support to the ambitious plans outlined earlier in the Chairman's remarks. I have promised now not to make requests for further building development for at least the next couple of years! That won't stop me dreaming though!

I am sure my colleagues would concur with my promise given the dislocation we are enduring currently, but we look forward to taking residence in all our new classrooms soon and using our brand new all weather surface over the next

couple of weeks. This faith in the future direction of the school is a constant encouragement to me in my role as Headmaster and I thank the Governors for their continued support.

There is no doubt that the school has made great strides over recent years and there will be no let up in the drive for improvement. There are challenges aplenty which we will meet with the desire to give the best possible experience for our pupils. Rest assured, however, that there is no mad rush for change and that continuity is necessary to retain those roots of which we are so proud. We retain a close link with our heritage. I was interested last week to read an extract from the memoirs of the school in the 1930s written by a member of the Turner family, closely associated with the school at that time. One of the family, related an incident in an RE lesson with the legendary Rev Cresswell Strange, the then Headmaster. The class was asked what it was they cast before swine. One bright spark cried out, "School stew, sir!" He was caned for that as Mrs Strange, his wife, cooked the meals! Now the food has improved immeasurably and we no longer cane pupils but the humour remains, and I believe that Rev Strange would approve of the school's pursuit of high standards in all that it does.

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Brian Gornall

Born and bred a Dalesman, Brian trained at St. Luke's College in Exeter, a renowned PE college. After teaching, being master in charge of rugby and coaching the first XV at Vyners School, Middlesex for a year, he was appointed to join the PE department at Kirkham, as the first ever assistant, in September 1969. However, in the summer of 1969, he was offered the opportunity to study for a Masters degree in America. Fortunately for Kirkham, he decided to turn the opportunity down and fulfil his commitment to Kirkham. In his first year at the school he coached the first fifteen along with David Worth, the then head of PE, but the following season took charge of the under fifteen team. Brian remained their coach for the next nine seasons, apart from 1974/5 when he spent the year at Carnegie College in Leeds gaining an advanced diploma in PE, equivalent to a degree. For a couple of seasons he also doubled as the second fifteen coach.

In 1979 KGS became an independent school and, upon the departure of David Worth, Brian was promoted to become Head of the PE department. From this point on he coached the school's first fifteen, until his retirement from full time teaching in 1997. Even then, he returned on a part time basis to coach the team, until his final retirement in 2007.

KGS rugby teams started touring in the late seventies and Brian has led a number of successful first team tour parties abroad, to Holland, Spain, South Africa and a World Tour in 1987, taking in Singapore, Australia, Fiji and United States.

Since Brian took over as first team coach, KGS has had many successes. In 1985, the team was victorious in the Preston Grasshoppers Rugby Festival. In 1997, they were finalists in the nationally prestigious Daily Mail Cup, playing Colston's Collegiate School from Bristol. Also in 1985 Brian coached the under sixteen team which won the Northern U16 fifteen aside tournament, a tournament which involved the top teams in the North of England. Overall, in the 28 years Brian coached the first fifteen, the team won 65% of the 515 games played and were unbeaten for two seasons,

1999/2000 and 2000/01, a record any coach would be proud of.

As well as team success, Brian's expert coaching has resulted in numerous players playing county schoolboy rugby. 23 wore the white of England at 16, 18 and 19 group level, while one donned the blue of Scotland.

As well as coaching the first XV and the under fifteen XV, Brian also took on the responsibility of running the senior sevens team soon after his appointment. Although sevens was not taken as seriously as it is now, an outstanding team won the Manchester University tournament in 1974 and reached the final of the Fylde sevens.

In 1989 Brian played a crucial role in the instigation of a rugby and hockey exchange with Wairarapa College in Masterton, New Zealand. As a result two rugby players and two hockey players from Kirkham spent the English summer months in the college, learning about life in the southern hemisphere and improving in their respective sports. Four students from Wairarapa then spent the winter months at Kirkham fulfilling a similar role. Those who ventured on this exchange said it was a memorable and life enhancing experience.

As well as being an outstanding coach for Kirkham Grammar School, Brian has been a selector for and a coach to representative teams right up to England 18 Group, where he was head coach to the 'A' XV in 1999-2000 and the January Team in 2000-01, before being the assistant coach to the 18 Group from 2001 to 2003 and finally head coach in 2003-04. In the same season, Brian was the only 'amateur' coach to coach in the RFU National Academy. On top of this Brian was one of the first twelve in the country to be selected to undertake the Rugby Football Union Elite Level 5 Coaching Award in 2005, along with nationally known figures, such as Joe Lydon, Richard Hill, Phil Davies, Jon Callard and Nigel Redman. Unfortunately, however, he had to withdraw midway through the course due to ill-health. In 2006, in recognition of all the work done for schools rugby, the English Rugby Football Schools Union awarded Brian the 'Services to Schools Rugby' Award.

Undoubtedly, Kirkham Grammar School would not be the respected school that it is in national and world schoolboy rugby circles, if it had not been for the dedication, enthusiasm and expertise of Brian Gornall, who spent uncountable hours in the pursuit of excellence for the individual players and the team as a whole.

In the summer term Brian devoted his time to athletics and in 1973 took charge of the athletics within the school. During his time in charge nearly all the school records were broken and many students, too numerous to mention, became Lancashire champions. For many years Brian was the Fylde Athletics Team Manager in the county championships. A number of the athletes went on to compete in the National Schools championships.

We thank Brian for his huge contribution to the KGS community and wish him a long and very happy retirement.



KIRKHAMIAN
SCHOOL YEAR



Results Day



Opening of the Lawrence House Pavilion



Speech Day



Fundraising for North West Air Ambulance



RAF visit to KGS



The German Exchange Party



School Musicians



Scenes from Romeo and Juliet



Scenes from Romeo and Juliet



House Netball Competition





Rugby players selected for Lancashire



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Medecins sans Frontieres	£200
Chernobyl Children	£1700
Derian House	£900
Comic Relief	£900
NSPCC	£100
Macmillan Coffee Morning	£150
Action Aid Coffee Morning	£150
Cystic Fibrosis	£850
Rosemere Cancer Fun Run	£800
Book Aid International	£150
Barnardos	£300
Air Ambulance	£200
Big Hush	£500

Total £9450

Once again the school community has responded well to the various appeals throughout the year. We began in September with our usual collections for Action Aid to sponsor two children, Patience in Nigeria and Adele in Guatemala, to enable them to continue their education and to sponsor projects in their villages.

Very shortly afterwards, we took part in the 'Wear it Pink' Campaign for Breast Cancer and it was pleasing to see so many pupils involved on the day. As November came around, our thoughts turned to the British Legion Poppy Appeal and volunteers were found to help with the collections. As December arrived, we had been geared up to select various presents for communities in Africa, Asia and South America. The list would be too long to go through here, but the presents included bee hives, donkeys, goats, cows, hens, ducks, sheep and fishing nets. Our non-uniform day at the



end of term helped to raise money for Crisis at Christmas to help provide some comfort for the homeless over the festive period.

As we returned in January our early collections were split between the Help a Local Child campaign and Medecins sans Frontieres who work to bring medical and humanitarian support in areas where there have been natural disasters or war. Our non-uniform day collections were split between Comic Relief, which itself supports local, national and international causes, and Derian House, the local children's hospice. In fact, following a visit from a representative, several of our sixth formers volunteered to help at Derian House and have made several visits to assist there.

In the summer the main aim of our fund raising is to support the Kirkham Friends of the Children of Chernobyl and it is heartening to see the school respond so well to the appeal. This year several of our families hosted a child and, at the senior school, we were pleased to welcome Sophia into lessons with the first year. She was made to feel extremely welcome and thoroughly enjoyed her time with us. Victor, whom we have sponsored for some time, continues to accompany the party, now as an interpreter, and is hoping soon to go to university. As is our custom, we continue to sponsor children and during their stay accompany them on an outing to Camelot. This year, thanks to the generosity of the GSC, a further donation was made to buy each of the children a 'goody bag' of vitamins and essential supplies to take home.

A pleasing addition to the calendar this year have been the Staff- Sixth Form Coffee mornings. It has been wonderful to



see so many mingling in the Old Hall at morning break, chatting over a cup of coffee and one of Mrs Taylor's legendary meringues.

Also pleasing have been the attempts by various year groups to organise their own fundraising events. The first years took part in a sponsored silence (some staff even offered to make extra donations for it to be extended!), the second years held a disco and part of the funds were given to charity, the third years took part in the balloon race for the Air Ambulance, whilst the seniors again took part in the collection for Barnardos. The sixth form continued to devour chocolate and thereby raised funds from the chocolate machine (sadly no more) for various good causes. Some of our older pupils took part, once again, in the Rosemere Cancer Fun Run and raised a significant amount, whilst Mrs John 'walked with llamas' (the Darwin alternative to swimming with dolphins) to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis. Two of our leavers, Sam Dunn and Ben Fisher, decided to take a gap year to go and help with projects abroad. Sam worked in Kenya and was involved in educational projects, whilst Ben went to Sri Lanka to help assist with redevelopment after the disaster of the Tsunami. There are many other examples of KGS pupils giving their time and talents to assist others - it is a true sign of their growing maturity and development as a person that they are able to respond like this.

Sri Lanka

Walking out of Colombo airport (without my baggage!) should have been quite daunting, but whether it was the fact that I'd not slept in over 30 hours, or the sunshine that encompassed everything, I was quite calm about the fact I was the only person I knew in a country that was very different to home. Luckily, that calmness never went away.

The first night in Sri Lanka was spent in a hotel in Mount Lavinia, a district of Colombo, with 6 other volunteers and one of the project organisers, and I arrived in Kosgoda the following day. The Sea Turtle Sanctuary sat on a beautiful beach directly opposite my host family's house, with the community centre just behind. It took most of the afternoon to take in my surroundings, meeting the volunteers who were already there, getting to know the locals and, most importantly, preparing myself for work.

The first day was, of course, the hardest, but it was also extremely fulfilling. Within a few days we had developed a routine for work that allowed us to plan and prepare for whatever we had to do.



Morning tasks varied depending on the day. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays we spent from 7.30 until 10.30 working on a building site, clearing the ground for further development by the Red Cross. There were so many homes wrecked by the Tsunami, and only limited funding from the government, so the rebuilding operation is still nowhere near complete.

Thursday mornings meant the weekly cleaning of the turtle sanctuary, scrubbing tanks with coconut husks and pumping in new water from the sea, and Fridays were spent planting trees on the beach, as well as clearing it of rubbish.

Every afternoon except Fridays was spent teaching English at an after-school club in the local community centre. This was definitely the most challenging, and most enjoyable, part of the day. There was a lot of work to be done, everything from the teaching itself to the organisation of classes and subjects to teach, but it was worth all the effort we put in to see the children progressing. By the end of my time there, we had set the children into five ability groups, created a guideline of things we were to teach, and had succeeded in getting every child to a basic standard of letter and number recognition (which is harder than it seems when the local language doesn't use roman script).

At weekends we were given time to travel the island and discover Sri Lanka's culture, and I saw everything from elephant sanctuaries to island temples. There are some extremely impressive sights to see!

Leaving Sri Lanka was even harder than going out in the first place. There is still so much to do, and I felt like I was only just getting started. There's no doubt that I'll be out there again as soon as possible, and in the meantime I'm hoping to volunteer at home.

If anyone reading is thinking about volunteering, at home or abroad, I'd definitely say that it's worth it - the experience benefits both you and the community. Thank you to everyone who helped me to raise money to get there!

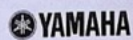
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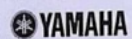
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THE ARTS

MUSIC

Once again the Society has had a very busy year, with performances held both in and out of school. Thanks should be extended to the hardworking music department staff and, in particular, to the Director of Music, Mr Barratt.

The year started with a Celebration of Talent, and this concert displayed the high standard of musicianship amongst many of the first year pupils.

On the 7th November, the Orchestra was invited to play at a Blackpool special school, Woodlands, which itself has an excellent brass band. Individual performances were shared in the classrooms and culminated in a concert to the whole school.

The Rotary Club once again invited members of the school choir to sing at their Christmas lunch on 2nd December, and this certainly got everyone into the Christmas spirit.

On 7th December the annual Christmas concert took place, with soloists and the various music ensembles participating. All that was missing was the staff band that everyone had enjoyed listening to the previous year.

No school year would be complete without the very successful Music Festival. There were around 500 entries from many talented musicians. Several hours of performances were followed by an afternoon of finalist performances. This culminated in a Gala Concert in the Old Hall on 28th March.

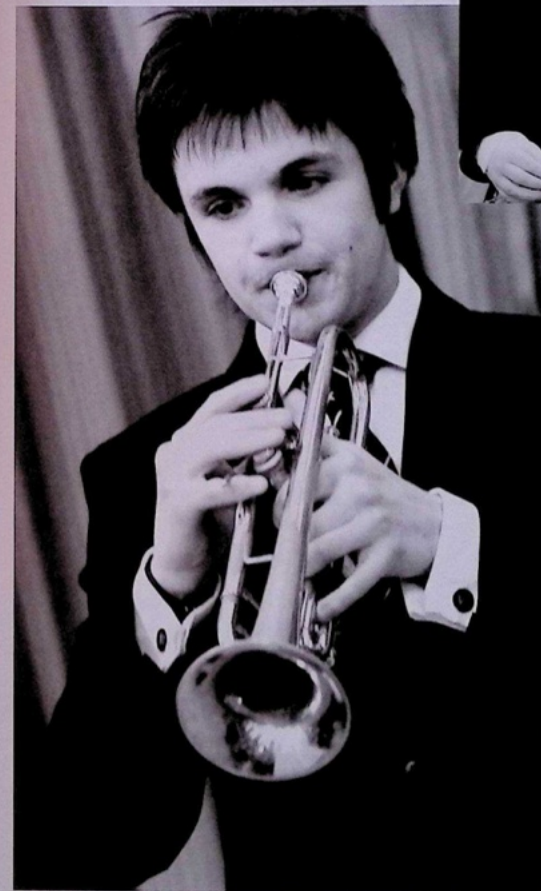
The Spring Concert followed shortly after on 10th May, featuring the Concert Band, String Group, Orchestra, Soloists and the Choir, who treated the audience to Karl

Jenkins' **The Armed Man**. The Choir was grateful to Arthur Lingings for his accompaniment on the organ.

On 15th May, prior to the concert given by the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra as part of the ever popular series of concerts at the Guild Hall, the string group was invited to play in the foyer of the hall.

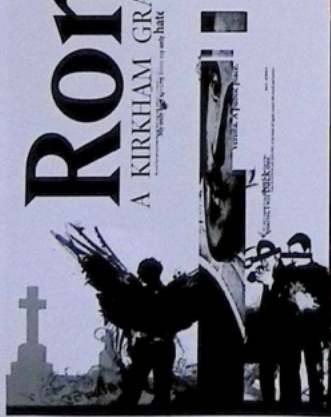
The Summer Proms organised by the Rotary Club of Kirkham and Rural Fylde was once again a huge success and held in the grounds of KGS. The Concert Band performed in the MPH during the first half of the concert and the whole event was excellent and almost raised the roof of the MPH.

The regular series of monthly Coffee Concerts held in the Old Hall at 12.35pm on a Friday have once again been a special treat for staff, pupils and parents and have made a really nice end to busy weeks.



Romeo and Juliet

A KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL DRAMA PRODUCTION



DRAMA

It has been another busy and successful year in the Drama department, beginning in September with the taking over of the wonderful new Katie Caine Drama Studio in the Lawrence House Pavilion. With a sprung wooden floor and state of the art acoustics and sound system, the studio is a truly magnificent space in which to teach and learn; pupils have thoroughly enjoyed an expanded curriculum and a renewed interest in the Arts because of it.

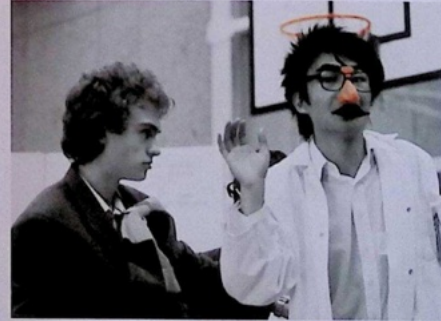
Our major success this year has been December's production of **Romeo and Juliet**, drawing on pupils of all ages for both performance and backstage work. The production showed energy and passion and Tristan Brooke and Charlotte Jackson were exceptional as the eponymous leads, more than ably supported by Cerys Buck, Oli Fisher and Matt Edgar as the nurse, Lord Capulet and Mercutio respectively. The performance played to packed houses each night with the standard of ensemble work at an all time high. The set and costume were sumptuous, enriched with a lighting design drenching the space with the colours of an Italian summer thanks to Alison Walker. We had live music, an original composition by Andrew Barrett, performed by the string group as well as wonderfully atmospheric vocals and sound from our acoustic trio, Sarah Dickie, Tom Anstiss and Chris Monaghan. Rehearsals for our Country and Western line-dancing version of **The Taming of the Shrew** are well under way and we look forward to this rollicking hill-billy comedy in November.

We have had a busy year as far as theatre trips are concerned, attending **The Wedding Dance**, **What the Butler Saw** and Out of Joint's **O Go My Man** at the Bolton Octagon, **Chicago** at The Lowry, as well as **The Tempest** and **The Vortex** with Will Young at the Royal Exchange to name but a few.

We also hosted a Royal Shakespeare Company in-service training day in our new studio for Drama and English staff both here at KGS and from local schools. This was a fantastic day, thoroughly enjoyed by all concerned.

In February we had the A2 Theatre Studies production of Dario Fo's **Accidental Death of an Anarchist**. The standard of the performance was exceptional, resulting in marks of a staggering 100% for all the candidates. Very well done to Tristan Brooke, Gordon Cheng, Oli Fisher and Hazel Fox.

February was a busy month as actors from Years 8 and 9 participated in the national Shakespeare for Schools Festival performing as a professional company with three other



schools at the Charter Theatre in Preston. Their wonderfully vibrant and colourful production of **Much Ado about Nothing** was very well received; it was a fantastic experience for all concerned.

We ended the year with a new venture; the Sixty Second Shakespeare House Drama Festival. The entire first year took part as actors with GCSE drama students directing. Performance time was limited to 60 seconds, but pupils could choose to do one line, one speech, one scene, one act or the whole play. We were honoured that Mr Fred Sayer came back into school to judge. Overall Fylde house won by a whisker!

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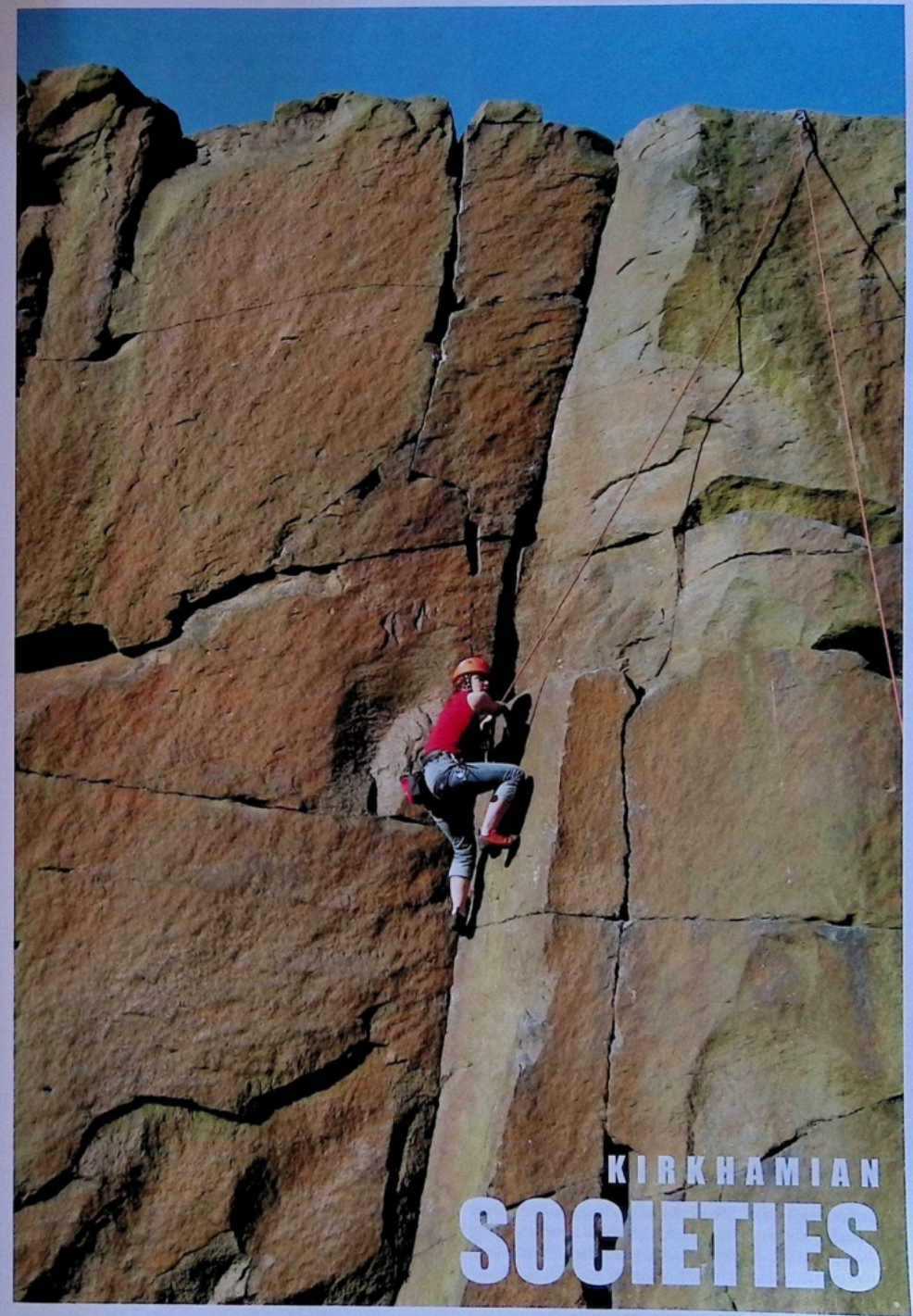
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YOUNG ENGINEERS' CLUB

As 45 new first years depart from T2 after their first Young Engineers' Club session of 2007, I find it difficult to believe that another year has gone by in the life of Kirkham Grammar School Young Engineers' Club. With the new officers of the club, Oliver Evans, Rowan Leech and Stuart Spencer installed last September, we welcomed a large number of new members to the Wednesday lunchtime sessions. Many happy weeks were spent designing, building and programming jitterbug robots, with the work punctuated by the usual high levels of electronic engineering conversation:

MJH: "Can anyone smell burning?"

Young Engineer: "I think it may be my electronic circuit."

MJH: "Let me have a look."

YE: "Careful, sir, it's getting a bit warm"

MJH: "Youch! - My, my that smarts." (Or words to that effect) "Turn it off quick!"

[Smell of burning flesh]

YE: "I did tell you that it was a bit warm."

Or, as the robots were nearing completion:

YE: "Look, sir, I've got my Jitterbug working"

[Jitterbug wanders aimlessly around the desk flashing its eyes and playing nasty mobile phone ring tones]

[Clunk - Jitterbug takes on role of lemming, wanders off desk and hits floor]

MJH: "It doesn't seem to be working anymore!"

But by the end of the project we had dozens of little fluffy creatures wandering around T2 (Jitterbugs, that is, not First Years).

On Saturday, 25 November an exhibition event was held at the Technology Innovation Centre in Birmingham to demonstrate the Schools and Colleges Micromouse competition to a wider audience. Vincent Grumme's mouse 'Trumpmobile' claimed very impressive third places in both the Formula 3 and Formula 1 categories.

In March, three of the club's elder statesmen, Peter Armstrong, Joe Douglass and Oliver Youngman headed down to Portsmouth once again to take part in the national finals of the Royal Navy Challenge. This year the mission was to rescue a damaged satellite from an island using a radio-controlled amphibious vehicle. The team's high hopes for this year's competition were dashed when the craft developed a radio control fault during pre-competition testing, resulting in the loss of power to one side of the craft. However, the Royal Navy seemed to be having similar technical problems as the helicopter they were using for giving the teams a flight over Portsmouth Harbour developed a fault and was grounded after its first run - so we did not even get our free helicopter ride!

Due to the change in venue and problems with the organisation, we did not manage to get to the Schools' Micromouse competition in June, but the mice that the more advanced members of the Young Engineers Club built in the latter stages of the summer term will be allowed to hibernate until next year's competition.

May I take this opportunity to thank Oliver, Rowan and Stuart for all their help with the club last year and in anticipation of their help this year. Also, I would like to take the chance to thank Mr. Eccles, the Design & Technology Technician, for his support and in particular for his help and advice with the building of the amphibious craft for the Royal Navy Challenge.

Finally, anyone in any year who is interested in engineering and who is not already a member of the club should feel free to come along to one of the club sessions and see if there is something to interest them. The Club meets in T2 and times are: First Years - Wednesday 1.20 to 1.50; other years - Monday and Friday 12.30 to 1.00.

M Hancock

DEBATING SOCIETY

Welcome to Debateland!

"Debateland is a mythical place where there are no set assumptions, and every proposition has to be proved on its own merits. The denizens of Debateland spend their lives passionately defending or attacking ideas, not using their own prejudices and beliefs (for neither have a fixed habitation in Debateland) but instead using their reason, logic and oratory to convince the audience that their position is the one that the audience should support."



Debateland has, for the past seven years, led a Narnia like existence in W6. Now the Wareing Buildings are no more, it seems fitting that, until the new build is complete, the Debating Society is, like Debateland itself, of No Fixed Abode!

However, the Debating Society was active in W6 last year, and remains active in its peripatetic form. Misty Hammond, our dynamic secretary, has excelled herself in ensuring that every Monday sees a new activity, whether a formal debate, short notice debate or debate training.

In many ways, the weekly society meets are the most important part of debating. Naturally, however, the most high-profile part is external competition, and here the society has been busier than ever. Oliver Youngman and Misty Hammond took part in the prestigious Mace debate at QEGS Blackburn, opposing the motion "This House would adopt an opt-out system for organ transplant". The pair were praised by the judges for their complementary but different debating styles, and only narrowly failed to progress to the Regional Final.

In the Business and Professional Women's Public Speaking competition, Grace Garlington, the main speaker, supported by Chair Corin Heney and Expresser of Thanks Caitlin McMillan, delivered a passionate speech on issues arising from the fashion industry, arguing that young and old alike have a moral responsibility to make ethical and informed choices. They were deserved winners of the round; in the Regional Final they were very unlucky not to win following a judges' split decision.

The Society has also entered the Oxford Union competition for the first time, and enjoyed a workshop in Didsbury run by two members of Britain's World Cup Debating Team. Following this, Caitlin McMillan, Charlotte Jackson, Misty Hammond and Corin Heney entered this high-level competition, and again attracted praise from the judges: they would have progressed further had the Opposition offered them Points of Information.

The House Debate Final saw the Society stalwarts in action: debating the (much criticised!) motion, "This House Believes that Patriotism is the Last Resort of a Scoundrel", Caitlin and Oliver (Kirkham) proved just too strong on the day for Misty and Charlotte Jackson. Our Judge was Jo Box, a previous House Debate winner, now a member of the Cambridge University Debating Team. Jo also organised a training session for the Society on British Parliamentary Debating - we hope to call on her services often!

Oliver Youngman, one of our foremost debaters, has also transferred his skills to the Law Society: the Mock Trial he organised shows there are many young debaters of the future ready to take on the challenges of this important life skill. Misty Hammond is again to be congratulated for the robust way she has organised the Society: she has taken responsibility for all competition entries, and indeed has increased our *fora* with the addition of the Cambridge Union series, which we embark on for the first time later this term.

If you have been inspired to join in, come to the Secret W6 on Monday lunchtime - see Misty or Nice Mr Hawkes for location information. All ages are welcome - even those who would rather watch and listen than perform. But be warned - debating is addictive!

C Hawkes

MAGIC CIRCLE

The Circle continues to meet every Thursday lunchtime in the Autumn and Spring Terms under the expert guidance of Matthew Denham (upper sixth). The skills of the members have improved throughout the year. Callum Bamber (second year) has demonstrated a real talent for his 'Vanishing Card' routine. The year's most spectacular trick, however, was performed by Matthew himself: he made the entire History, Maths and English blocks disappear in a cloud of dust. He promises to have them re-appear in November, equipped with all the latest classroom gadgets.

CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club meets every Tuesday lunchtime (in room T8). The number of members is growing continuously, and hopefully will continue to increase in the following years. We have held our usual competition this year, the UK chess challenge, which involves schools and clubs from across the country. The first round takes place in school, in which seven games of chess are played. Players that score well will progress to the next round, where they will compete against players from other schools and clubs. A few of our members went to this stage and scored highly enough to progress to the national round. This round takes place on the 15th July in Manchester. None of the players have yet won prizes in the national round, but there is more hope this year, as the standard of play has improved throughout the club. We hope to get more players in the following years. Chess is easy to learn and is more challenging the better you get!

Thomas Fielding

QUIZ AND GAMES CLUB

Quiz and Games Club is new to the list of societies here at Kirkham. During our meetings on Mondays, we enjoy ourselves playing Sudoku, 4 in a row, Mastermind and many other games. We meet in the library where Mrs Copland has been kind enough to secure us two tables by the door where we can spread out our games. Another person to whom credit must be given is Miss Kelly who runs the club; her efforts have kept it going right through its first year.

This year we have been to two competitions, both unfortunately were lost by narrow margins. The first was a senior competition for the Schools' Challenge Competition. The competitors were Alex Edge, Rachael Eineman, Lucy Fielding, Phil Hingley, Miranda Hopkins-Coman, Nishant Parekh, Mel Smith and Josh White. They were all very knowledgeable, however their skill on the buzzer did not quite match that of their opponents from Arnold and Bury Grammar.

The second competition was for the juniors. It was also for the Schools' Challenge Competition and was hosted at Lancaster. The team included Ben Jones-Dale, Emily Bourne, Jack Linley, Venkata Dwarampudi, Andrew Collins, Sophie Jones, Charlotte Lucas and Joe Wareing. The trip was enjoyed by all. However, once again our opponents' skill on the buzzer left us a few points behind. Thanks must go to Mrs Taylor who very kindly arranged all transport for the competitions, and even acted as a question master when we found that we were a few short.

It has been a fairly busy year and we hope to be involved in many quizzes such as the Schools' Challenge Competition for many years to come, although, we hope, with a little more success!

Emily Bourne

SCRIBBLERS' CLUB

Scribblers' Club has been running for some time now. On Wednesday lunch times people from different year groups meet up in the library to talk about their favourite books and short stories or poems which they have written. The club has proved popular throughout the years, however it is often difficult for our members to come, as many compulsory sport practices are on a Wednesday.

At the end of every term a recital is given, during which members and non-members are encouraged to read some of their own material to an audience of about twenty in exchange for drinks and biscuits. Below are examples of some of our poems.

Emily Bourne

The Firework

I
Must
Not be
Touched
By Cheeky
Children, who
Decide that I am
Their plaything,
I am dangerous,
As dangerous as
A big new gun,
Ready to shoot.
I am as noisy as
An explosion next
Door. I often fizzle
And always BANG!

Emily Bourne

Time

Time flies,
Time dies,
Time to gain,
Time to lose,
Time to spend,
Time to use,
Time to begin,
Time to end,
Time to waste,
Writing this was a waste of time.

Chad Bentley

CRAFT CLUB

The Craft Club started in September 2006 and met weekly, on Friday lunchtimes, throughout the year. Initially the focus was on knitting, then later in the year, we introduced cross-stitch. There are plans to expand the range of crafts offered during the next year to include such things as card-making, origami, glass-painting and candle-making.

The Club is indebted to a parent, Mrs Sue Bourne, a talented craftswoman, who generously supplies materials, enthusiasm, expertise and endless patience each week to encourage pupils to develop their creative talents.

We are interested to hear of any requests from pupils for particular crafts or of any skills people have that they would be willing to share with others.

S P Long



WARHAMMER SOCIETY

Last year was the first year of the new club 'Warhammer', so it was mainly a year in which to prepare, gather members and create an army. During that year we have created and painted a huge variety of models and sculptures. We have played battle scenarios on the game board we have received from the school.

In the first year approximately twenty or so people came to the club. We have created a 2000 point army which we hope to use in competitions this year. Also this year we hope to make more models, invite more people to our club and improve the quantity and quality of our army.

At the Societies' Fair this year we gathered another eleven people to join our society, five of whom are first years, so we are well on our way to becoming a well know club throughout school.

YOGA SOCIETY

The Yoga Society began in October, 2006. Originally, we allowed only girls in the fourth year, but later we welcomed all ages. The difficulty in this was a shortage of mats and venues.

We began an advertising campaign to increase our number of participants and succeeded in attracting many new members.

The funding we hope to receive will go towards extra mats for our growing numbers. The mats are essential for health and safety reasons.

Our classes usually take the form of a warm up, postures, followed by a relaxation session.

Hannah Smith and Adele Wilkinson



GREEK CLUB

The Greek Club has continued to meet weekly during the year and pupils have broadened their knowledge of Ancient Greek language and culture.

During the year, two members achieved the first stage of the EMACT Greek graded test certificates.

One pupil is continuing the study of Greek with the intention of entering GCSE Greek in Summer 2008.

Greek Club will be re-launched at the Societies Fair in September in the hope that further pupils will join and work towards the graded test certificates.

S P Long

LAW SOCIETY

The second half of last year saw the dawn of an exciting new society at KGS! In March, Kirkham Grammar School's brand new Law Society began meeting in S2 on Friday lunchtime. With an inconspicuous membership of just a few first and second years and one sixth former, it looked like I was going to struggle to run the society or attract new members. However, with the keen assistance of our treasurer, Joe Douglass, the situation began to improve.

We began a highly successful poster campaign, and after the Easter holidays our membership increased to ten. With a new headquarters in W1, I organised a range of activities to keep everyone interested and, hopefully, improve some of the key legal skills, such as debating and cross-examining. The younger and older members alike enjoyed legal games such as 'Alibi' and 'False Evidence' and we all enjoyed giving Joe the 'third degree'. Taking an exciting leap where no KGS society has gone before, Joe and I then set up a new blog: www.lawsociety.blog.com.

The members are able to check the blog to see what activities I have organised for the coming week. In addition, when I organise visits to courts, I post details on the blog.

After a very successful Societies Fair, we now have twenty members and the society is thriving. This term, we look forward to a visit by a Bar Council representative and I am organising some exciting mock trials. We are interested in increasing our membership even further, so we welcome anyone interested in the Law, the cut and thrust of argument or just having fun. If you want to see what we get up to, come along at 12.25 on Friday or check out our blog.

Oliver Youngman

CLIMBING CLUB

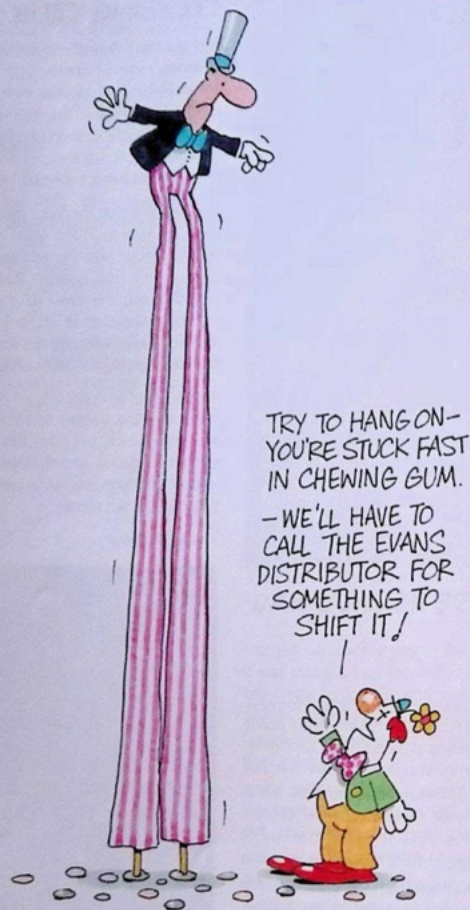
The club has flourished again this year, with many new members joining from the fifth year and the lower school. But unfortunately as new members join, older ones must leave and continue the journey to university and other activities. Nicola Clough, Paul Taylor and I would like to thank Mrs Scott, Mr Hancock and Mr Gaddes for keeping us safe and making our climbing years at KGS very enjoyable.

This year the club ventured onto the usual indoor climbing walls of Blackpool and West View, but as the evenings became lighter and the weather improved, we travelled to climb on the local quarries. As the climbing on real rock is very different, this came as a shock to many of the new members who had, as yet, only climbed indoors. I am sure Richard Draper will soon get used to it, even if it did knock his normally very confident attitude at first.

As the upper sixth depart, we leave the club in the capable hands of Elena Gaddes and Maria Hindley and I wish them the best of luck, but I am sure the squeaking of a certain climbing secretary, who shall not be named, will definitely be missed, although she has proved to be indispensable in the collection of bus money.

Joseph Robinson





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DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

This past year has been another very busy year for the D of E Award scheme at KGS.

Throughout the year the participants have been busily working towards their awards, completing the sections of Physical, Service and Skill as well as their Expedition. The following have been successful at completing their awards and are to be congratulated:

Bronze

Abhinav Chandrasekar	Francesca Lee
Daniel Crankshaw	Harriet Martin
Elena Gaddes	Ross Martin
Grace Garlington	Caitlin McMillan
Gareth Keep	Jade Mottley
Lucy Knowles	Leanne Tuck
Rebecca Lancaster	

Silver

Christopher Box	Rachel Bird
Jane Duncan	Joanne Box
Rose Whitehead	Rachel Brown
Gold	Peter Greaves

The above four Gold Award holders will be visiting Buckingham Palace to receive their certificates during the later stages of 2007.

We have a large number of students enrolled on the Award scheme and have run two excellent expeditions during the past year involving over 70 participants.

The first expedition of the year, during October half term, took in the sights of the Southern Lake District, with the Langdale Valley NT Campsite and Coniston Hall campsite being utilised. The groups did extremely well and all completed their planned routes with great satisfaction and enjoyment despite the often damp weather. A number of forward thinking fourth year pupils had predicted the highly likely event of rain in the Lake District during October and persuaded Mr Callister to run an expedition in July so they could complete their Bronze Awards. Mr Callister, of course, obliged and organised the summer expedition to Snowdonia.

With 3 Bronze, 1 Silver and 1 Gold group the KGS D of E staff set off to enjoy the beauty of North Wales. The report below summarises their experience.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPEDITION, JULY 2007

The expedition was nearly cancelled before it started because of the two weeks of torrential rain that had fallen on Snowdonia prior to our departure during the last few days of the Summer Term. However, by changing campsites, routes and packing extra dry clothes, 6 staff and 34 pupils bravely set off for what turned out to be quite an adventure! On arrival at the campsite near Capel Curig, we were greeted by a Glastonbury like swamp, which, after careful organisation and plenty of plastic sheeting, became our temporary base. Fortunately, the farmer allowed the pupils the use of his barn to dry out and cook and, despite near constant heavy rain throughout the expedition, many of the Bronze groups actually seemed to enjoy themselves!



The Silver and Gold groups were not so lucky. They were taken to Caernarfon to begin a gruelling trek across the Snowdonia mountain range under the watchful eye of external DOE assessors. As a final twist, the night before the Bronze and Silver groups returned to school, the winds grew to gale force in strength, destroying five of the groups' tents. This led to a late night evacuation to a nearby bunkhouse for a number of pupils! The Gold group finished their expedition the day after at Conway Castle after spending a sleepless night at 2500 ft and completing over 60 miles in sometimes unbelievable weather.

I am indebted to Mr Hancock, Miss Cummings, Mrs Copland, Mrs Sutcliffe and Mr Kitchen for their humour and perseverance in supporting the expedition. My biggest thanks, however, go to the pupils themselves. Despite the worst summer weather in living memory they all rose to the challenge and we had no moans, no groans, no arguments and no problems. Quite simply, it was a privilege to be with them all.

J W Callister

Some thoughts from the participants:

The expedition really taught me the value of teamwork and the power of encouragement.

Genevieve Melling, Lower Sixth

Sitting in the middle of the Welsh mountains not really sure where you are, the rain beating down on your map, accompanied by five girls moaning at you because they are tired, their feet hurt and they can't be bothered, just about sums up my D of E expedition. Fun? Actually it was great!!

Toby Townsend, Fourth Year

I had three wonderful friends and team mates accompanying me and we were all so hyperactive that being tired didn't hit us until it was all over. It was amazing to see our skills put to the test and, even though we planned like crazy, we learned to just take whatever comes head on and adjust and alter ourselves to a new plan, formulated at top speed, on the spot.

Catherine Gaskell, Fourth Year

Even though the weather was as bad as it could have been in July, my time on my first D of E trip was better than I ever imagined.

Grace O'Flaherty, Fourth Year

The skills I have learned from this experience are map reading, leadership skills, cooking and making do in bad situations. My only real problem was keeping my socks dry!

Alice Whitehead, Fourth Year

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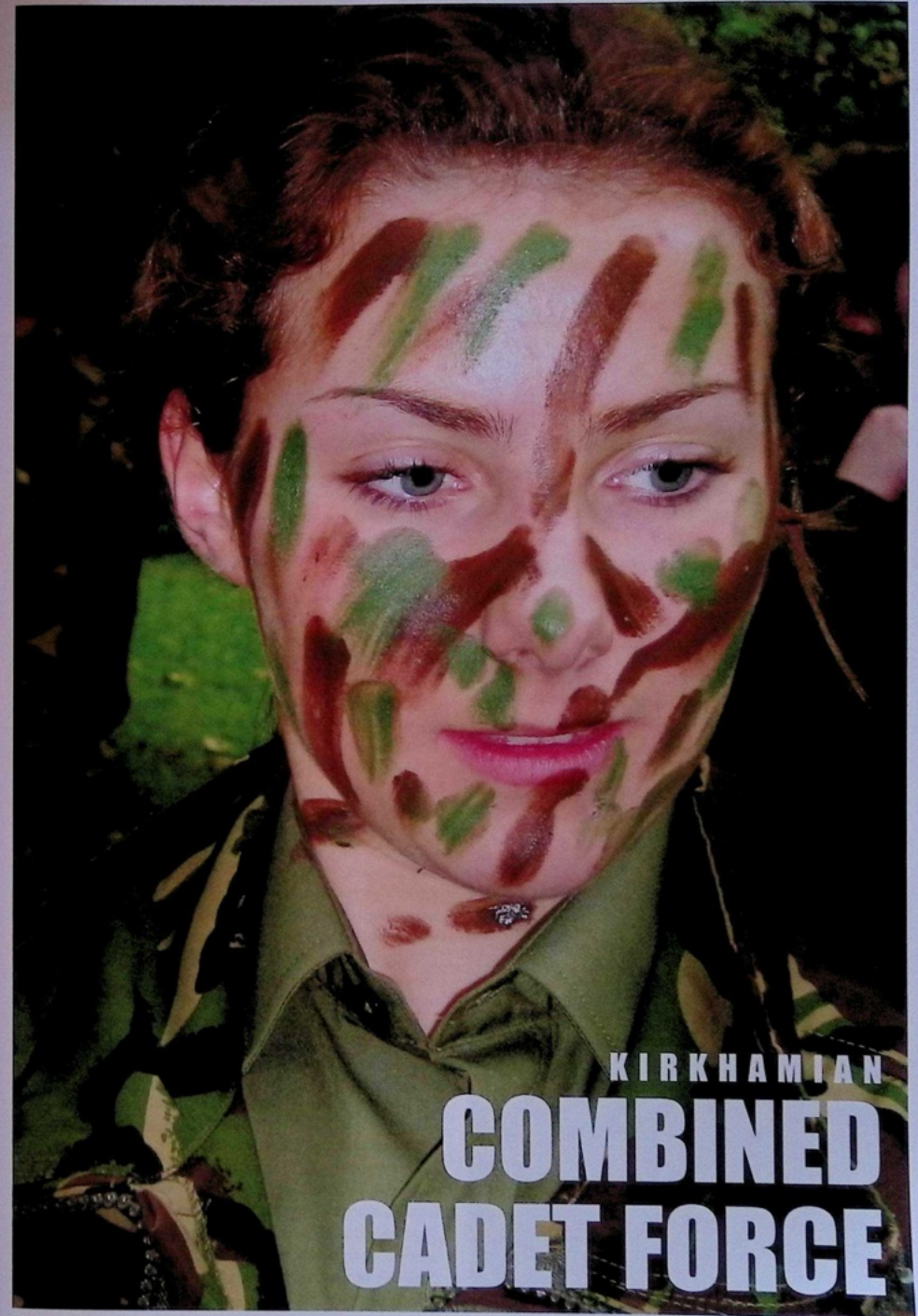
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COMBINED CADET FORCE

It has been another very busy time for KGS CCF. Since the last Kirkhamian report the army section has been rebadged to our new parent regiment - The Duke of Lancaster's (Kings, Lancashire and Border), which was formed by the amalgamation of the NW regiments. So we now wear the khaki berets and new cap badge, with the motto 'Nec Aspera Terrent'.

This summer term saw the second visits from the Schools' Careers Liaison Officers from all three services and many of our cadets are showing an interest in a possible career in the Royal Navy, Army or the RAF. As well as these visits, we had the Presentation Teams from both the RAF and the Army, both of which put on very polished displays which caught the attention of many of our junior cadets. Not to be outdone, a Navy air sea rescue helicopter dropped in for a morning!

Our busy time has continued throughout the year. I would like to thank Natalie Roberts as our first ever female cadet RSM. CSM's Rachel Bird and Jonathan Knowles ably assisted her. And in the RAF, Flt Sgt Phillip Hingley has been a most able leader of the section. I thank them all for all their hard work this year.

Numbers in the contingent continue to remain high, as another 30+ lower sixth NCO's chose to stay on this year, with 24 of them opting to take the GNVQ BTEC award. This makes the contingent strength of around 270 cadets. Our success can be seen by the fact that in last year's intake into the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, three former KGS senior NCO's started their officer training. Ashley Gregory successfully completed her degree at Leeds where she



continued with the UOTC. She hopes to join the Royal Artillery and indeed was an Army Scholar whilst at school. Second Lieutenant Nick Bridges completed RMA and is serving with the Royal Tank Regiment. Nick helped us out at school, on camps and field days for the last few years and we wish him all the best serving in the Middle East. Finally, Lt Warren Marginson, who went through Sandhurst with a Royal Prince, now serves with the Rifles Regiment.

The biggest event of the autumn term is always the Inspection. This year we invited the new RAF Careers Liaison Officer and he was very impressed with the performance of all cadets and NCO's. We were blessed with fine weather, for a change, and several of the hardier, junior cadets enjoyed the survival aspect of the night exercise.

October half term saw both Mr Miller and Mr Reeves attend the Cadet Training Centre, Frimley, to complete their advance training. I congratulate them both on their promotions to Captain. The culmination of the year for our senior NCO's was the Regimental Dinner that was organised in March. An excellent evening was had by all as we dined out our departing senior NCO's with all the finery and regimental silverware and regalia we could borrow from the Duke of Lancaster's Regimental museum and the local TA battalion. Our guest speaker was Lt Col (Retd) F.W. Sayer who recounted his days as CO of KGS and amused us all by identifying the amazing changes in all aspects of cadets, from what they used to wear to what they used to do without the need for pages of risk assessments! Sqd Ldr Callister also managed to ridicule many of the seniors in his usual, amusing way. However, they were allowed the right of reply and the RAF duo of Flt Sgt Hingley and Sgt Bruton gave suitable riposte. Many thanks must go to Lt Janet Knight for all her hard work and the ladies of the catering staff for an excellent meal.

The spring term also saw another successful field day visit to Holcombe Moor Training Camp near Bury, this time for both the fourth and fifth form cadets. All who attended enjoyed numerous activities. There were several initiative exercises, some military formation tactics, an interesting 'close quarter battle run' and a very popular field cooking stand, where hot dogs went down very well with hungry cadets. The weather was once more very kind to us and everyone enjoyed a thoroughly exhausting day.



The end of the spring term saw yet another visit from the Royal Navy. This time a Sea King air rescue helicopter from 771 Squadron dropped in and many of our cadets were given a guided tour of the aircraft and even allowed to sit in the 'driving seat'. The take off did cause a stir as the jet engines started up during our final assembly!

The first few days of the Easter holiday is always Adventurous Training at St John's in the Vale, Keswick. This year we were blessed with exceptionally good weather - sunshine all week and not a drop of rain! So, many fells were conquered and several kilometres covered, much to the surprise of some of our junior girls. The arduous nature of the exercises did come as a bit of a shock to the system, but they did enjoy it. However, the expedition, mapwork, navigation and mountain biking all add to their BTEC achievements, if they choose to follow that qualification in the sixth form.

The Lower Sixth NCO's who managed to attend General Studies lessons for their BTEC award are very close to completing their qualification within the first year. One student, Jonathan Drake, managed this and gained a Merit. Nationally, this qualification is becoming far more recognised as more people complete. At KGS we currently have 57 NCO's registered, 20 have been given a full award (8 Distinctions, 8 Merits and 4 passes). With more time we do hope to increase this success rate even more next year, so that our NCO's can leave with a qualification which is now recognised by many of the top universities as the equivalent of four GCSE passes above grade C.

We were very fortunate this year in gaining four places on the Army's Cadet Leadership Course at Nesscliffe. This camp is designed for junior NCO's and Cpls Phil Berry, Jonathan Drake, Ben Blackburn and Ben Jones were all very lucky to be selected. The reports back on their performances were all very good and Phil Berry must be congratulated on gaining the highest category. Courses like these are an excellent

opportunity for cadets to be tested and show their potential leadership qualities, especially if a service career is being considered. Also Georgina Burton was very fortunate in being selected, nationally from over a hundred cadets, to join an expedition to Mount Kenya in East Africa in summer.

Summer field day was a day at Halton on Lune with range work and an assault course with some initiative exercises. As usual, the year ends with our annual summer camp and a report appears elsewhere..

Finally, we welcome a new member of staff to help out on Thursdays. Mr Lloyd was a member of the Royal Naval Reserve, so a different colour of beret can be seen on the quad on Thursday afternoons. Also, we welcome the experience and assistance of Sgt Devaney, formerly Duke of Wellington's Regiment, as another SSI. He will assist W/O2 Savage with stores, admin and training and we appreciate their time and efforts in helping. I give my personal thanks to all my officers, civilian helpers and all the senior NCO's. It is because of their hard work that the CCF has been as successful as it has this year.

Lt Col I.M. Scott

Contingent Commander

Adventure Training

At the end of the spring term 32 cadets and several staff set off to St John's in the Vale, again, for their annual AT camp. In contrast to last year, the weather was superb. Sunshine all week and not a drop of rain was felt.

One group (minus Alan!) set off early to walk out to their overnight campsite in Borrowdale, to live off operational ration packs for 24 hours and to experience a high level walk up Great Gable the next day.

The remainder arrived at the centre for the evening meal (created by our master chef and commanding officer, Lt Col Scott), followed by a briefing of the week's activities. One group was to spend the day canoeing on Derwent Water. This was totally wet adventurous training, with Sgt Pearson from 40 Cadet Training Team. Another section was to mountain bike around the Keswick area and return early to prepare for their overnight expedition. The final group had a day in Whinlatter Forest orienteering, followed by a quick swim in Keswick pool on the way back.

The whole aim of the week was to develop both teamwork and leadership skills in a semi-arduous environment. The targets certainly were fulfilled as the cadets had to plan routes and navigate upland fells, using map and compass in beautiful weather conditions. This also satisfied the basic expedition requirement for the BTEC award, if cadets choose to complete it in the sixth form. Also the two other adventurous training activities of canoeing and mountain biking can be part of the qualification.

The week was also enhanced by the element of inter-section competition. Not only were all activities assessed on group performance (even the domestic chores in the kitchen!), but there was a challenge for the number and variety of wild woodland creatures seen! In the end CSM Jonathan Knowles took the prize otter for the second year running! Congratulations to Sgt Major Rachel Bird's section, who won the overall competition and were awarded T-shirts on the final evening. They excelled in all the activities and it showed the good leadership and teamwork necessary in producing strong performances-even in the kitchen!

Thanks must go to all the staff involved. It is a result of our success and ability to produce such a fun camp that many non CCF staff come along and others just pop in for a few days. Our thanks go to them all and I hope they enjoyed their adventures. The help of Ms Cummings and Ms Kelly (and Danny) with the camping and walking was much



appreciated. Old Kirkhamian Paul Stanford, yet again, gave his valuable time for the orienteering and even Mr Warren (a part time member of staff) also helped out.

As well as to all my CCF officers, a huge thanks must go to Sqn Ldr Callister for his training programme, because without him and WO2 Shaun Savage, the overnight part of the expedition would not have happened. They camped out every night in Borrowdale.

Many humorous moments were brought to light on the final presentation evening. The staff also devised several interesting and devious games - some resulting in a bit of a wet shock for the participants! Will cadets ever realise that our officers have been playing mess games like these for years on unsuspecting junior cadets.

We all now look forward to 2008 and yet another enjoyable adventurous training camp with KGS CCF. The booking has already been made for 6th-11th April, the first week of the Easter break. I wonder what colour the T-shirts will be next year?

Lt Col I. M. Scott

Contingent Commander

CCF Annual Camp Wathgill

After the June monsoons, our week in the Yorkshire Dales in early July was expected to be a little damp. However, the gods were with us (until the very last day) and the fifty or so officers and cadets from KGS CCF enjoyed excellent weather. Due to the conflicting rugby tour to South Africa, this was the first time ever that more girl cadets than boys were taken to central camp and how well they performed. Positive comments were received all week from the Directing Staff on the attitude and enthusiasm of all our cadets.

Knowing that this camp has excellent facilities and training areas (being part of Catterick Garrison), we were also provided with one of the best, most varied and certainly fullest training programmes of all annual camps. As soon as we arrived, settled in, had an evening meal, we were whisked up to the ranges for weapon training and shooting on the Dismounted Close Combat Trainer. This is a very expensive, computer controlled, indoor range to instruct on the principles of marksmanship without bullets (basically a very good video game!). Misty Hammond was mildly annoyed that our CO posted the best grouping score!

This activity was a good basis for the next day spent on Battle Hill ranges, where full bore shooting and a march and shoot competition took place, along with much fun and hilarity when a mole caused the shooting to stop! Catherine Gaskell was awarded the trophy as the best shot on camp. That evening both platoons enjoyed an hour's drill instruction from a Scots Guards Sergeant Major. It sounded scary, but as he was from Chorley, he took a liking to KGS and some girls were actually asking for more drill instruction at school!

Monday brought more sunshine and Leadership Exercises run by Sheffield University OTC. We actually had the company of James Fletcher (Old Kirkhamian) from this unit to assist us all week. These young under officers provided an excellent varied morning. It was also very physical, but great fun. KGS cadets responded with their usual enthusiasm and favorable comments were received from the training officer. The afternoon was the Royal Signal stand which taught the cadets much about the use of radio communications in the army. Not time for any rest, the evening activity was the Obstacle Course and competition. After the safety walk and talk through, we put in a couple of teams, but did not win any prizes. However, Charlotte Jackson decided to throw herself off the wall and had to be taken to the local A & E. Her smile kept her going all week.

Next day was the Adventurous Training Package. An excellent location provided kayaking, rafting, inflatable dinghies and climbing. Even bacon butties and burgers could be obtained to supplement the 'horror bag lunches'. KGS cadets did not mind getting wet as later in the day the sun shone. That evening we had the orienteering competition, where Lisa Browning decided to slide down a hill and use her arm as a brake (another visit to A & E for KGS).

The next three days linked military tactics with our own exercise, including a bivvy out under the stars. After bashing at teatime on Wednesday, we were allowed to stand down and enjoy a container meal of 'All-in-stew' (when tired and hungry cadets eat anything). This was the first rest period after four days' very intensive training. After a really good night exercise devised by Capt Reeves all slept very well that night, until the heavens opened at about four in the morning. If it ain't rainin' - it ain't trainin' This was when the cadets discovered whether their bashas were waterproof or not, and how to organize your own kit when under attack!



Our own exercise was followed by a military patrols' day - but this time it rained virtually all day. It was the last day of the camp, but morale was exceptionally high, as it had been all week, and our cadets were not daunted by the weather. It was really pleasing to see this attitude all week from KGS CCF. They all put 100% into all activities and, consequently, thoroughly enjoyed everything they did. For some, it was a steep learning curve, but several cadets shone through, showed leadership potential and determination and many deserved prizes.

As usual, the final evening presentation brought the camp to a close. Lt Col Scott thanked all the officers and staff for their help and time and wished the departing NCO's all the best and invited them to the Officers' Mess for the evening. Small mementos were given as a thank you for their services. A special gift was presented to CSM Rachel Bird, who had attended every possible CCF camp. She was also accepted on both the Frimley and Nesscliffe cadet leadership courses, achieved a Merit in the BTEC award and, this year, completed her gold Duke of Edinburgh award - a truly dedicated and hard working senior cadet.

Ben Blackburn and Jonathan Drake shared the Colonel's Trophy awarded to the best junior NCO. Together, they were promoted to CSM for next year. All the acting NCO's were confirmed and further promotions will take place in September.

The Waterloo Trophy for the best fifth form cadet on camp was again shared, by Maria Hindley and James Moncrieff. The Anzac Trophy for best junior cadet was awarded jointly to Ellie Heney and Matthew Gladwell. Congratulations to all, even those who did not win trophies. The competition was very close indeed.

A final mention must be made of Will Rickson and Bradley Bushell. Although only third year pupils, they completed the week, very exhausted, without a grumble, but I am sure they have discovered and developed a lot of life skills that they will never forget. That is what the cadet movement is all about - an excellent camp and we look forward to Barry Buddon next year.

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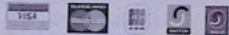
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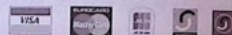
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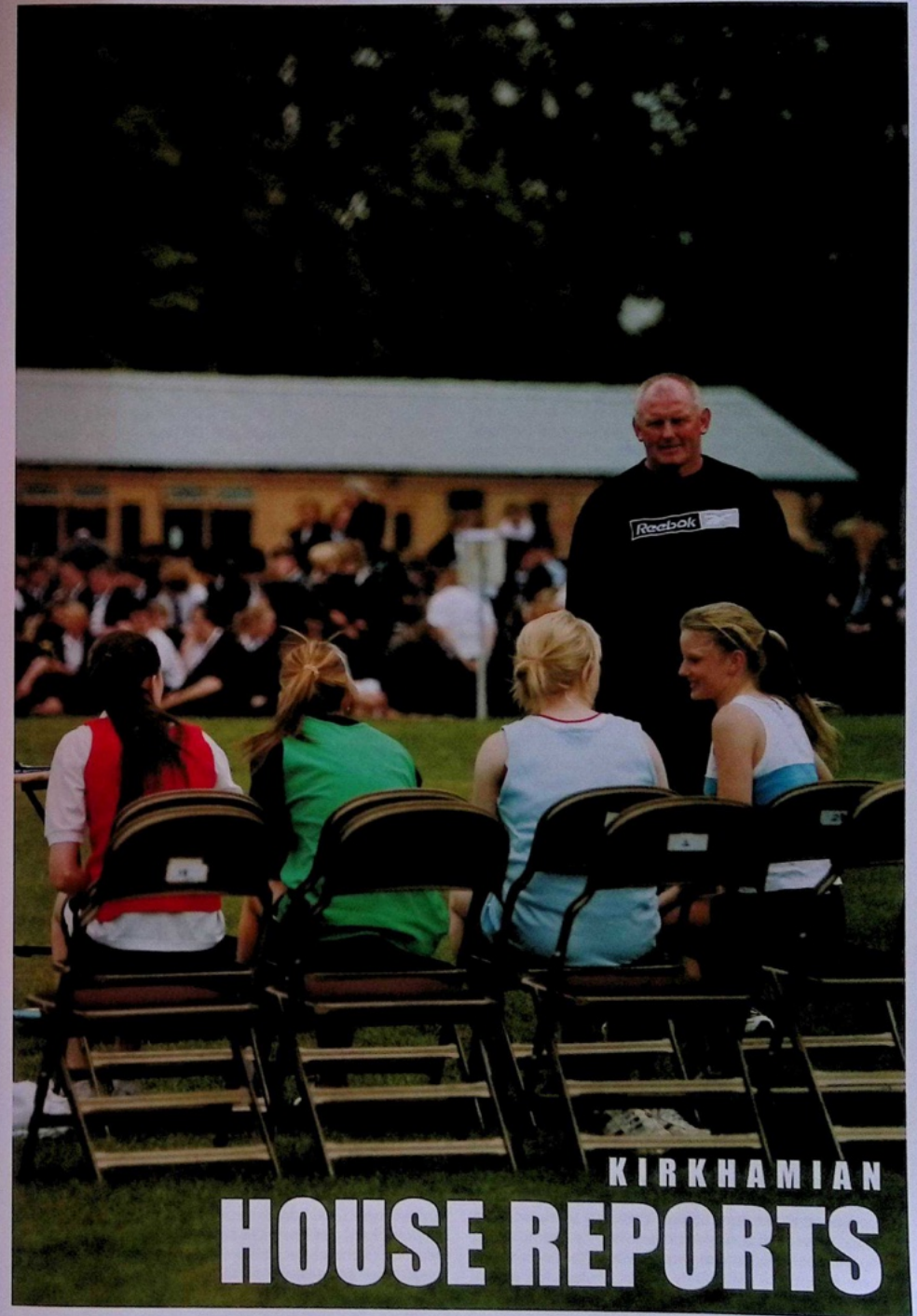
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HOUSE REPORTS**

FYLDE HOUSE

Fresh from their triumphant return to form in 2006, School House started the year in confident mood. The red notice board celebrated a quite astonishing year, with School finishing many points clear of their nearest rivals, Fylde. With a point to prove, we embarked on another exciting year of competition.

September arrived and the Quiz teams were first to take the floor. We faced School in our first encounter, with Mr Smith's team consisting of 75% of the controversial Quiz team of yesteryear. After the first round things were all square at 8 points each, with a variety of questions ranging from "What is the second planet away from the Sun?" to "What was the name of the plane that dropped the second atom bomb on Nagasaki?" The questions were fair and evenly spread out - even Mr Smith did not complain once. Then, in the individual round, Rob Sissons' amazing knowledge of Only Fools and Horses got us off to a great start. Our willingness to gamble on our own superior knowledge left School dazed and confused. Fylde took the contest and faced Kirkham in the final. This was a bridge too far, but Miranda Hopkins-Coman, Jemma Thackray, Rob Sissons and Joe Robinson fought all the way.

Our juniors attempted to equal the achievement of our senior brainboxes. Mr Smith was quizmaster... and didn't we know it! By the end of the second round, Fylde was trailing by some distance. However, capitulation is not the Fylde House way! Fast minds and even faster fingers saw us claw our way back into contention. However, it was too little, too late and our brave team of Stuart Spencer, Alex Edge, Sarah Quarumby and Josh White eventually lost out, despite gaining more points than Preston in the final round.

The Basketball competitions are always a great spectacle and this term was no exception. The Intermediate competition resembled a heavy game of touch rugby, and once again the shooting was more Rodney Trotter than Dennis Rodman. However, all teams played with enthusiasm and Fylde House played with great spirit. The team of Chris Brown, Benedict Fulford-Brown, Matthew Edgar, Dexter Eaves, Henry Tomlinson, Nathan Dickinson, Ethan Harvey, Sam Wignall, Henry Hesketh, Stephen Clough and Lucas Christiano was certainly worthy of merit and they achieved a respectable second place.

The Senior competition closely followed - could we replace Chris Bowden's magic of last year? The answer was a dazzling yes in the shape of a new boy Ashley Wilding. Fylde kept the same team throughout the whole competition which is testament to their superior fitness. Ashley, Rob Sissons, Joe Brown, James Edgar and Graeme "New Leaf" Fulton, a keen connoisseur of Fylde House assemblies, played with great speed and skill. Reserves Ryan Drage, Richard Draper and James Walker were always there in case the going got a little too physical for the lads. Fylde won every game convincingly and gained our first trophy of the year.

Then to the Chess board, under the watchful eye of Grand Master Melling, Tom Fielding, Kirkham's great hope, led the way, fresh from his Grimbaldeston Trophy win and county representative honours, despite a niggling third metatarsal injury. However, it was Fylde House who emerged victorious, regaining the title that has frequently been ours. Our seniors were exceptional, with Andy Bayliss, Michael Gyi and Ed

Askev all proving that quick wits will triumph. Our juniors also held their own and showed a great deal of potential for the future.

The Senior Netball saw the quad full of spectators for the two sets of fixtures. Kirkham were our opponents and the result was never in doubt. Led by all three of our House Captains, the girls were a real credit and were gracious in a convincing victory. The final against Preston was also a one sided affair, which saw Emily Rayson demolish the opposing defence. All the girls played their part, including Georgina Fulford-Brown, Ainsley Harvey, Phoebe Le-Saint, Sarah Hatch and Harriet Martin. A sweet victory indeed; our second of the year.

The junior girls' competition was also full of skill and breakneck speed, with Jessica Balmer being named player of the tournament. Other mentions should go to Alison Glover, Becky Keighley, Catherine Moss and Charlotte Airey who played superbly. Once again, we met School in the final, and won by three points after a nailbiting climax. Trophy number three - and it was not even December yet!

The junior girls' mood in the minibus to Preston Sports Arena was brimming with excited confidence this year. Support from parents and House Captains ensured the atmosphere that evening was electric. In the semi-final, Fylde faced a motivated Kirkham team and the superior tactics of Mrs Glover. All the girls played an excellent game, but Lucy Mellor-Bates' run and finish in the last minute was the difference between the two sides. The final saw a meeting with Preston House. Again, full time arrived with a stalemate situation. This brought penalty flicks - the best of three would determine the destiny of the trophy. The girls again formed a Liverpool-in-Istanbul huddle for luck and the cat like reflexes of goalkeeper Charlotte Airey won the day for Fylde House. Jess Balmer and Catherine Moss scored their penalties with aplomb to give us another trophy. We did not even need to take the third flick!

The last event of the Winter term was the eagerly anticipated Swimming Gala. The main event of the year to date was to be full of surprises. Preston House's Rachel "The Fish" Armistead and Kirkham's young Olympian Sophie Ward did not deter our brave aquatic athletes, despite overwhelming odds. The junior boys' event saw a brave performance from Ryan Vaughan, while first year Rob Lockhart won the butterfly with ease. Unfortunately, our medley relay team was disqualified due to a technicality when they had beaten the rest of the field by a length and a half. Our all conquering junior girls also performed admirably, with Catherine Moss, Antonia and Dale Price and Annabel Mole swimming extremely well. Again, our relay team was strong, even though a last minute addition was required. First year girl Natasha Linton was asked at 9.10am to swim for the House, despite not being on the published lists, and ended up helping the girls to win their event. This kind of attitude will see Fylde House fare very well this year. The intermediate boys were bolstered by impressive individual performances by Toby Townsend and Henry Tomlinson. However, nothing could prepare Mr Reeves for what was to happen concerning their freestyle relay team. On paper, the boys looked unstoppable. A major problem was encountered when one member went AWOL for the start of the event. Enter Benedict Fulford-Brown - in 5 seconds Benedict went from tracksuit clad reserve and supporter to swimming the final leg in one of the last races of the competition. With great poise and finesse he cut through the water like a

salmon, and brought another 10 points to Fylde's total with an excellent victory. Again, it shows that Fylde's members can do anything when they try. The senior events saw emotional final swims from Rachel Bird, Joe Robinson and Ryan Drage. Joe Brown had several strong races, while all of our relay teams put in excellent performances. Both groups put in sterling efforts to win their freestyle relays, ensuring that Richard Draper (and his obscene "Fylde Green" trunks) did not have to finish his coursework until Monday. It all went right down to the wire, with Preston edging out Kirkham by 5 points, while we trailed Kirkham in third. School, by the way, were fourth.

The joys of Cross Country were the first events of the Spring term, with closest rivals Preston House dominating in the past. This year was a different story. With runs postponed due to frozen pitches, and some races being held in icy winds, to have a full team in each race was quite a feat. To make things even better, both Junior teams and the Inter girls were triumphant, with the Inter boys coming a creditable second. Each position made a huge difference in the standings, with only 2 points being the winning margin in one of the races. Special mentions must go to Matthew Edgar, Antonia Price, Cat Moss, Sophie Abbott, Louise Walker, Gemma Coleman, Tom Charter and Tom Hurst who led the way in their respective races. However, Fylde House never has, and never will, solely rely on their masses of individual talent - every competitor counts and the grit and determination shown by all our runners are what made us successful in those events.

The music competition was again of a very high standard and Fylde represented themselves exceptionally well. Mr Barratt made comment of the calibre of our entries this year and things were very tight indeed. Unfortunately, we were edged in to second place, but a mention must go to our finalists - all 17 of them! Our finalists gained the same number of marks as the hundred or so other entries in the House, despite a disappointingly large number of no shows. Our House Choir, superbly organised by Jemima Clarke, enjoyed themselves and put in a great deal of effort, but were not deemed to be worthy of an entry in the final. The adjudicator stated "Using harmonies is a difficult task which did not work so well for you. The endings of lines were lost at times and the tune went progressively flat as the song went on." Let us tell you, House Choir - our uneducated ears thought you were fantastic! Performances of merit included James Edgar, Miranda Hopkins Coman, Chloe Walker, Tom Bennett, Jordan Chadwick, Bradley Johnson, Mel McCarthy, Jemima Clarke, Hannah Smith... the list was seemingly endless. Unfortunately, this year quantity triumphed over quality - let's make sure it doesn't happen next time!

Our shooting team of Lisa Isles, the "reborn" Joe Robinson and captain Iain Croall showed steady hands and steady nerves and narrowly missed winning the competition in March, despite one of them needing a helping hand as they had not fired the weapon before! Iain again achieved full marks and he will be a massive loss when he leaves at the end of the year. Our Debating team of Corin Heney and Miranda Hopkins Coman was exceptionally unlucky to lose out to Kirkham House with Chief Judge "Nice" Mr Hawkes favouring Mrs Glover's team on this occasion.

The final task of the term was to organise the rugby seven's in each age group. The juniors battled hard, but the loss of two key players just before the tournament was to prove costly. Ryan Vaughan tried hard throughout and the first year

players all showed great potential for next year. The intermediates achieved an outstanding victory by demolishing all in their path, with Toby Townsend impressing on the wing. Matthew Edgar and Benedict Fulford-Brown, vital competitors in all the matches and top point scorers, were last seen arguing who would collect the trophy in assembly. Unless a gentleman's agreement is reached, expect to see them go up to the stage hand in hand! Finally, the senior tournament, which Fylde House won in 2005, finally breaking School House's stranglehold on the competition. It seemed that Fylde has as many walking wounded as fit players, with excuses flying from the outset. This meant a great deal of pressure on our younger, less experienced players. Under the expert tutelage of James "Woodward" Walker, the boys in green (well, blue with a white stripe actually) took on the likes of Pickervance, Bowden, Davies and Brookes in the first game. After falling behind, Fylde fought back to win in the dying seconds with a finish in the corner by Ollie Chambers. The underdogs had won - who knows how important that may be in the overall totals? Sam Kindred and Ashley Wilding were singled out for praise with excellent displays, while Edgar, Draper, Stover and stalwart Ryan Drage all put their bodies on the line for the Fylde cause. A pleasing third at the end of the day.

Sports Day was the main event of the summer term and organisation was frantic. The preliminary events all went off without a hitch and saw some fantastic performances. Our inter boys were worthy of mention, particularly Chris Brown and Benedict Fulford-Brown, as was Sarah Hatch who took part in several events on the same lunchtime. Things looked bleak weather-wise on the day itself, but surely the sun would shine on Fylde as it had all year? Our athletes gave their all, with determined, gritty performances from many - Katie Penrose, Gemma Coleman, Lamara Hill and Richard Draper to name a few. Richard took part in most of his events at the last minute after injuries or no shows, while Katie ran the 200m, 800m and 1500m in quick succession. Our individual talent was there for all to see and Lamara Hill and Chris Brown won the Victrix and Victor Ludorum in their age groups - Lamara a year young. Despite these fantastic achievements, Fylde was shoved in to a disappointing third behind School and Preston. The disbelief on many faces was very clear indeed.

Our next venture was the senior cricket competition which saw us pitted against Mr Reeves' old house, Kirkham. The sun was shining, the team was at full strength and Kirkham only had 9 men. Sorry, 8 men and 1 girl! Batting first, several of our key players holed out cheaply and we set a low total for Kirkham to achieve. Sam White and Ben Pickbourn were our main run scorers on a poor day at the office for many. Rob Sissons' excellent fielding behind the stumps early on got a vital wicket and Sam Kindred's bowling was straight and true. However, just as the momentum was swinging our way ex-Fylde House member Simon Pitman took the crease and cracked several boundaries to save the day for Kirkham. Where did it all go wrong?

The senior tennis was a little better; our close rivals Preston had strength and depth and were clearly the team to beat. James Edgar, Joe Brown, Sam Geny and regular attendee of house assembly, Zara Walsh put up a great fight throughout the tournament and were a close second with some excellent, graceful tennis. More ground gained by the team in blue, however!



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Our juniors then took to the cricket field and faced Kirkham once more with Sam Hall in rampant form. He scored over 70 of their runs and set an intimidating total despite some tight bowling from Marcus Eaton. Our batsmen could not quite find their feet, however, and we fell short in our allotted 15 overs. Fylde House this year was clearly as far away from cricket success as England were to winning the Ashes!

A new competition followed - the House Technology competition. With a set of previously unseen apparatus, the team had to assemble a moving contraption to travel as far as possible. What followed was a great deal of hard work from the Fylde team of captain Stuart Spencer, Josh White, Stephen Clough and Andrew Collins. Their vehicle was the Rolls-Royce of the competition and travelled with great style and finesse. The other teams were not so fortunate and were lucky to move nowhere! Another victory in what promises to be a strong field for our young engineers.

The remaining tennis competitions were then held in our now typical summer gloom. Our junior team of Tom Charter, Sarah Quarby, Katie Penrose and Chloe Walker was enthusiastic and committed and achieved a respectable third place. Our inters repeated the feat with Sam Wignall, Charlotte Airey, Benedict Fulford-Brown and Matt Edgar trying their best throughout. Unfortunately, the Lawn Tennis Association is still reeling from the news that Benedict and Matt have lost their 4 year long winning streak in the competition.

Another new competition saw more success - the 60 Second Shakespeare drama festival was brimming with talent and enthusiasm. There were many memorable moments, including unnamed Fylde House members knocking themselves out and making little effort to hide the fact that they had forgotten their lines! It was a most enjoyable hour and a half which saw Fylde triumph once again - a shame these new events would not count towards the House Championship (the Whitby Cup) this year!

Our final tournament was the junior rounders. Held on the Astro turf in glorious sunshine in a strong event for Fylde, our girls performed impeccably and were worthy and convincing winners, despite one of our team attempting to head the ball over third base! Our squad of Chloe Walker, Charlotte Airey, Katie Penrose, Lamara Hill, Lucy Mellor-Bates, Lucia Chow, Antonia Price, Sarah Quarby, Alison Glover, Sophie Abbott, Becky Keighley, Alex Townsend and Catherine Moss fielded and batted superbly. Two demolitions of Preston and School and a close victory over Kirkham saw the girls win our only trophy of the term. This age group has won all their respective competitions and deserves special congratulations for all their efforts this year.

Final assembly saw the announcement of the Academic Trophy results, as well as the overall standings for the Whitby Cup. Kirkham (as ever) waltzed away with the Work Cup and Preston was second - this did not bode well after their successful summer. Nails were bitten as the Headmaster slowly revealed the final results...

1st Fylde (95 points)

2nd Preston (88 points)

3rd Kirkham (86 points)

4th School (79 points)

They thought it was all over... it was then! After an excellent year, Fylde House had deservedly won their second House Championship in three years. The efforts of House captains Jemma Thackray, Kate Gledhill and Lisa Isles were exceptional and they all richly deserved this success. The scene has been set for 2008, but if every member does his or her best another superb year will surely be on the way.

Mr P.T. Reeves

KIRKHAM HOUSE

Once again, I have enjoyed every minute of leading Kirkham House. Most people are aware that I am good through and through, extremely competitive and very proud to lead a terrific group of people!

The Kirkham House members 'upped their game' this year and started to believe that they could become serious contenders for the Whitby Cup. Rather than just have a willingness to represent the house, this year Kirkham House members have really wanted to compete and given everything to succeed in as many events as possible. I would like to thank all of the Kirkham House staff and pupils for their efforts this year. I would particularly like to thank Philip Hingley, Jessica Ashworth and Simon Pitman for their total support and commitment throughout the year as House Captains. Congratulations and good luck to Charlotte Baker and Tom Bowden, Captains for 2007-2008.

Autumn Term

The quiz was the first of the house events and we had a very good start indeed. Our senior team, consisting of Phil Hingley, Alex Bonney, Heather Reid and Chris Box won the final against a strong Fylde team and our juniors were very unfortunate to lose out to a strong School House in the semi final.

The Basketball competition continued to be played with superb spirit and real grit and determination. This event has proved to be a real spectacle, with little room for flair or finesse, but plenty of contact as it resembles very much a game of touch rugby. Both the Kirkham senior and inter teams performed very well but unfortunately they finished in fourth place. Many thanks to all our basketballers.

In the chess competition we fielded a very strong team of Tom Fielding, Oliver Youngman, Lucy Fielding, Jonathan Box, Callum Bamber and Oliver Evans. We performed exceptionally well and were extremely unfortunate to finish in second position.

Both our junior and senior netball teams had slow starts this year. Drawn against the mighty Fylde, we really needed to play at our best from the first whistle. Fylde proved too much for us in the semi-finals, however, in the third/fourth play offs both the Kirkham teams played superbly, defeating School in the junior match and Preston in the senior match to clinch third place in both. Well done to all our netballers.

Our junior hockey team was once again very strong this year. In the semi-final against Fylde House, we dominated most of the game and had a goal disallowed. It was one of those games, nothing went in our favour and we were very unfortunate to lose on strokes yet again. In the third/fourth play-off against School we were superb, winning the game comfortably.



Swimming was the final event of 2006, a competition in which traditionally Kirkham has excelled. This year was no different. Captained by Phil Hingley our swimmers performed superbly. This event was the closest it had been for years and the outcome was decided by the final relays. Unfortunately, we finished runners-up to Preston House. Thank you and congratulations to all our swimmers, there are far too many to name them all!

Spring Term

Once again the New Year started with a bang! Organising and preparing for one of the biggest house events was unbelievably chaotic. However, we managed it and Kirkham performed superbly in the music competition. We had 163 individual entries in the auditions and led the points table after the first stage. Thank you and well done to all those people who represented Kirkham House in this massive event.

We had a fantastic time rehearsing the house choir. A wonderful blend of talented, tuneful and 'out of key' choristers practised regularly and performed 'This little light of mine' superbly.

Thank you to Mrs Shuttleworth from our Junior School who was an enormous help. We all appreciated her expertise! Thank you to Caitlin McMillan and Jenny Patel for their help and support.

Congratulations to all our musicians who reached the House Music Finals and special mention to Jenny Patel and Caitlin McMillan who finished in the top five. And, congratulations to our choir who won the coveted title 'Best Choir' for the first time in years.

The Kirkham musicians were absolutely superb and thoroughly deserved to win the House Music Competition. Well done!!! Finally, I could not have organised Kirkham House in this huge competition without the constant help and support of Phil Hingley. He was terrific throughout and I would like to give special thanks to him.

The dreaded cross country followed. However, I was really proud of our house members. There was a real willingness to compete and all our teams gave absolutely everything and I was very pleased with our efforts. The senior boys, inter boys, inter girls and junior girls finished in fourth place, the senior girls and junior boys were both runners up. Well done to all our cross country runners.

Our shooting team, ably led by Philip Hingley, performed superbly. With a terrific score of 284, Kirkham House won the shooting competition. Congratulations to Philip Hingley, Oliver Youngman and Luke Sanders.

Our debating team enjoyed yet another victory in the event. Caitlin McMillan and Elena Gaddes defeated School House in the final. Thank you to our team for all of their time and effort in preparing and delivering the argument.

The rugby teams battled extremely well yet again. Our senior rugby team had real promise and, on paper, were favourites to win. However, with four injuries, we struggled to deliver the goods and finished in fourth place. The inter boys put up a real fight, but unfortunately finished in fourth place, too. This left the junior team to try and instill a little Kirkham pride into this rugby event. The juniors were superb and, ably led by Captain Sam Hall, the junior team was victorious in this competition. Congratulations to Sam Hall, Ben Rhodes-Powers, Rhys Williams, Max Baker, Pat Parr, Nathan Loftus, Ben Swift, Jacob Butterworth, Joe Wareing and Venkata Dwarampudi. Thank you, and well done to all our rugby players.

Summer Term

Sports Day was the first of our summer events. As usual, we knew this was going to be difficult, however, we fielded a full team of athletes in all events. Our team was a real mix of ability, with very few experienced athletes. In fact many of our competitors were competing for the first time in this sport. We finished in fourth place, but competed to the best of our ability. All of our athletes were a credit to Kirkham House. There are far too many to mention them all, but special mention must be given to Tom Bowden who was outstanding, winning five out of five events and winning the Victor Ludorum.

Both of our cricket teams performed superbly, winning their semi-final matches for a place in the finals. Our seniors performed very well indeed in the semi-final against Fylde House, with Simon Pitman starring with the bat, scoring 48 runs. Special mention must go to Jade Mottley who filled in at the last minute. In the final the School House team proved too strong and we finished runners-up.

Due to the horrendous weather the junior cricket competition was run indoors for the first time. Once again, School House proved too strong and we finished runners-up. Well done to all our cricketers!

The tennis competition was one of the last events. Our senior tennis team, consisting of Jessica Ashworth, Heather Morgenroth, Peter Rigby and Christian Luker performed very well and finished in third place. Our inter team performed exceptionally well and were runners-up. Well done to Robert

Parr, Ashley Jones, Stanley Graham, Kris Turnbull and Georgia Cheyne. This year our junior team was extremely strong yet again. The mighty forces of Max Baker, Jodie Hope, Lucie Rawcliffe and Anna Rigby proved too strong for the opposition and Kirkham was victorious. Very well done indeed!

Rounders was the final event and one in which we needed to do well. Our team, captained by Charlotte Dalzell, performed superbly and finished as runners-up. Another great team display.

The final trophy of the year, and traditionally a trophy that Kirkham has won regularly, is the Work Cup. This year was no different. The hard work of all the Kirkham House members in their academic subjects certainly paid off and Kirkham was once again a worthy winner!

I am extremely proud of Kirkham House. This year the team spirit, eagerness to participate, desire to win and complete house unity has been outstanding. We have shown that we are once again true contenders. This year we finished in a very creditable third place in the Whitby Cup, only two points behind Preston and nine points behind the champions, Fylde House. Being the competitive person that I am, I cannot wait to lead Kirkham through another hectic year of events. Next year we will be giving it everything, once again, to challenge for the title!

J Glover

PRESTON HOUSE

Last year the Whitby Cup was won by School House with a score of over 100 points. The other three houses lagged behind, but there were only three points between them, Preston finishing in third place. So we knew that this year was going to be as close and as competitive as ever, a thought relished by the new House Captains, Jonathan Davies, Natalie Roberts, John Kings and Georgina Burton.

In the Autumn Term, the junior quiz team won their semi-final against Fylde House and came up against School House in the final. Ben Jones, Kerry Emmett and Rachael Eineman were brilliant and won by 48 v 45. Ben Jones showed his skill and knowledge in the buzzer round when he answered all the religious questions correctly (maybe he has a future career as a vicar?) and don't forget about the dog called Pickles. We also improved last year's performance in the chess tournament, gaining a third place. In the intermediate basketball competition we carried on from last year with a win against School (4 v 2), then another easy victory over Kirkham with excellent baskets from the captain Nick Evans, Anish Chandresakar and Chris Travis. In the final match against Fylde, who had also won both matches, we knew that we had to play our best if we wanted to win the tournament. In the second half we stormed ahead and won a thrilling match by 6 v 3, the second victory of the year. In the next tournament, the senior basketball players won the first match easily, drew the second against Kirkham, but then lost against Fylde in the final match, finishing a creditable second place. Thanks to Richard Kwasnicki, Wasim Riley and David Kos for their efforts and organisation.

In the second half of the term it was the turn of girls with the netball and hockey tournaments. The junior girls' hockey was held under floodlights at Preston Arena and provided additional atmosphere to an already exciting competition.

We beat School (1 v 0) in the semi-final, the goal coming by Alex Fell from a penalty corner. In the final, the girls gave their best, most notably Hannah Gardner and Emily Crowther in the backs were well supported by the fantastic dribbling skills of Kerry Emmett. At the final whistle it was still a 0 v 0 draw, despite Preston being the better team. However, after penalty flicks (surely an unfair way to finish a tournament), we finished as runners up, but the attitude demonstrated by all players was excellent and bodes well for the future. The junior girls also showed class in the netball tournament, beating School convincingly in the semi-final by 5 v 1. Alex Fell, the goal attack, scored all five, but it was the quick and accurate passing and movement off the ball by the whole team that produced the opportunities for Alex. Kirsten Martin, the goal keeper, defended strongly throughout the match and was the pick of players along with Alex. In the final we came up against Fylde House who were showing their strength in the overall competition. We unfortunately lost by 9 v 6, finishing runners up.

By now we were well into the Autumn Term and the swimming gala is always held at Kirkham baths on the last Friday before we break up for Christmas. This is one event that really sets the House system alight, with pupils from first year to upper sixth competing in individual and relay events surrounded by a wonderful atmosphere of expectancy. There were notable performances from our excellent swimmers, Rachael Armistead, Alice Whitehead, Stephen Clarkson, Phil Clarkson and Luke Patterson, all gaining first places. The intermediate boys also won the medley relay, but it was the second and third places that led to us winning this competition for the second time in two years.

The Spring Term started with the cross country events and as usual the weather was wet, windy and cold. We did not start that well, with the junior boys and junior girls coming third



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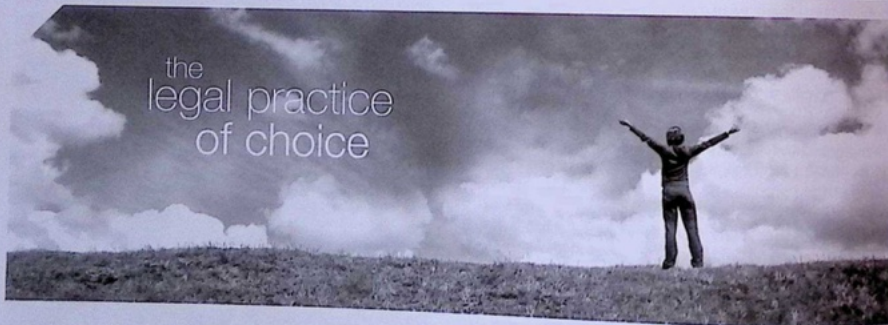
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and fourth respectively, the best individuals being Sam Gale (sixth), Natalie Yates (third) and Tanya Minn (fifth). However, the intermediate boys came to the rescue with an outstanding victory, scoring a record 36 points. These were the results: Richard Morrell (first), Ben Jones (second), Joe Casson (fourth), Adam Whalley (fifth) and Alex Lo (eighth). This is even more impressive when you realise these were all third years running against fourth years. The intermediate girls also performed very well to finish second, with notable performances from Becky Nutbrown (second), Grace Ford (fifth), Alex Fell (seventh) and Kerry Emmett (tenth). Mr Sampey's altitude training is certainly working. The bad weather took its toll on the senior cross country events which were delayed until summer term as we started the House Music Auditions in March. We had over 80 auditions, but without the guidance of Mrs Miller we only managed to gain third place overall. Nevertheless, we had ten finalists: Rose Whitehead with a record five categories, Richard Kwaznicki, Alice Whitehead, Nick Evans, Sophia Crawshaw and the brilliant House Choir with 'Don't Stop Me Now'. This last section typifies the spirit in Preston House, with up to forty of you giving up break time to join the choir practice. Or was it just the bacon butties, I wonder?

A plea for next year already 'Have we anyone that can shoot an air rifle?' Because for the last few years we have always finished fourth in the Shooting competition. In the Debate Grace Garlington and Tristan Brooke opposed the motion 'This House believes that meat is murder', just losing out to the eventual winners, Kirkham.

The traditional end to the rugby season saw the Seven's Tournament take place in excellent spirit. The junior boys beat Fylde (26 v 0) and School (22 v 14), finishing in an unexpected second position, with Mickey Papangelis, Josh Rowlands and Dominic Knowles running themselves into the ground in the last match. The intermediate boys also played very well, beating Kirkham (38 v 5) and School (38 v 0), with notable performances from Captain Chris Travis, Joe Casson and Ben Jones. The senior boys also finished strongly, with victories against Fylde (24 v 7) and Kirkham (45 v 0), to finish second overall. Many thanks to DC for managing the teams and to Wasim for tackling Kieran.

Easter saw the new House Captains, David Kos and Richard De Carpentier, taking over, with assistance from Emily Oyston and Jessica Dean. Their first task was to get out teams for the cross country events delayed for over ten weeks due to the inclement weather. We were triumphant in the senior girls' event, with Rachel Armistead (first), Georgina Burton (second), Lucy Knowles (seventh) and Lizzie Whittle (ninth). The senior boys also performed well, with Lewis Russell (second) ably supported by Jon Knowles, DC and Davis Kos.

The summer term saw the senior girls', mainly fifth form, compete in the Hockey Tournament with a great spirit, showing a lot of potential for the next few years. It also saw the biggest House event of the year, Sports Day. I would like to mention some of the competitors in this massive event later, but it was yet again the overall Preston House spirit that got us to a second place. We didn't have a Victor Ludorum this year, but we certainly won the support of the crowd watching, especially the junior girls', Emily Crowther, Kirsten Martin, Imogen Batt and Olivia Beatty in the 100m relay in a record time. Alex Spratt was first in the hurdles, Tristan Brooke was first in the 1500m and second in the triple jump, but Wasim Riley was the top senior, even though he is only in the fifth form. In the intermediate boys, Joe Casson was

first in the 100m and second in the 200m. Ben Jones had a great win in the 800m and Richard Morrell won the 1500m. Becky Nutbrown won the 1500m and was third in the 800m. In the juniors, Josh Rowland was first in the hurdles, Natalie Yates first in the javelin and Kirsten Martin was first in the 100m. We had too many second and thirds to mention, but they all counted.

The senior cricket has to be held early in the Summer term because of the prolonged external exams and we had not much time before we played School in the first semi-final. They gained a reasonable score of 110 for six wickets off 15 overs; David Kos, Robert Kos and Nick Evans all taking two wickets. David Conway opened our batting and was still there after 15 overs, getting 41 runs. Wasim Riley also batted well, getting 17 runs, but we were unfortunately 15 short at the end. The senior tennis was also held before study leave and history was about to be made. Jenny Dewhurst, James Hall, Jonathan Knowles and Chris Ward had won every tournament for the last six years, with Jenny and Jonathan never losing a match. This year we beat Kirkham (11 v 5), School (14 v 5) and Fylde (9 v 7) to win the tournament for a record seven times.

With Fylde House only five points in front at this stage it was a very close Whitby Trophy and there were only five events remaining, with a total of twenty five points up for grabs. In the tennis events we did not do very well, finishing fourth in each and also finished third in the first indoor cricket tournament. In the meantime, Mr Hancock put on a trial competition 'The House Technology Competition' which involved designing, building and testing a device to carry an egg. Rowan Leech, Bradley Bushell, Callum Palley and Ben McCarthy did not manage to build the machine on the first run, but with an extra ten minutes they were ready for the final run. Fylde House had a run of 17mm and were leading the competition. School and Kirkham both failed to move even 1mm on both runs, so we only needed to move 1mm to finish second. Rowan wound up the device, released it and it moved all of 3mm, with a little help from the open window and a steady breeze. Mr Smith asked for an action replay, but the judge's decision was final. It was a thoroughly enjoyable tournament and surely there is a place for it in the House competitions. The first year trial Drama competition '60 second Shakespeare' was also exciting and entertaining, with Preston finishing in second place.

The overall 'The Whitby Cup' was very close this year, with three positions dependent upon the last competition - The Work Cup.

Many thanks to all the staff involved in organising and supporting events this year, it has certainly been a year to remember.

A B Rollins

SCHOOL HOUSE

Having won the Whitby Cup so convincingly last year, we really felt that we had the strength and depth to retain the trophy this year. With this in mind, School House members approached the opening events with a confidence that may well have been just a touch "OVER"!

We were a little stunned to lose the semi-final of the senior quiz and the final of the junior version. These were two competitions in which School had always had an enviable



reputation. The chess and both basketball competitions went tragically wrong in a similar manner. The girls played really well in the senior netball to gain second place, but the junior netball and junior hockey both turned into a nightmare, due mainly to the fact that our top sports girls, such as Gabby Furnival and Nicole Pike were both out of action due to serious injury. With only the swimming gala to go in the Autumn Term, an event we always seem to struggle in, School was left languishing firmly in fourth place. Overall, we were placed fourth in the gala. With swimming you either can or you can't, but that's life! Nobody disgraced themselves and we were proud of our swimmers' overall performances. In the girls' events, Ashley Bradshaw, Hannah Pike, Katherine Heyes, Rosie Gornall and Emma Fagan all produced impressive swims. In the boys' events, Todd Davies gained a first in the breaststroke sprint and Lyman Choi a first in both the breaststroke and freestyle sprints. Richard Beswick, Jamie Roper, Jak Blanthorn and Alex Choy all performed really well. Having not won one competitor during the term, we hoped that the Spring would see a new and successful dawn for School House.

Everybody seems to hate cross-country running, but we never seem to have a problem putting out teams with reserves. Normally we perform well and win two or three out of the six competitions. The junior girls and boys, together with the senior girls, all took second place overall. Callum Wilkinson, Precious, Sarah Cuerden, Hannah and Ashley all ran well, with Ashley winning the junior girls' event. All the senior girls ran well, especially Rebecca Preskey. Nicole Pike, thankfully back from injury, was our second individual champion in the intermediate girls. Stuart Rowlands and Alex Redshaw both performed well in the senior competition.

We dearly hoped to gain our first win in the Music Festival with a repeat top notch performance as in last year's competition. Unfortunately, we lacked depth in numbers for the auditions, but still produced some excellent individual performances. Our finalist were; Hannah Duckworth, Suzanne Midgely, Alex Choy, Ashley Parkinson and Simon Brooker, who all gave impressive performances. We were all thrilled when Alex Choy was chosen by the judge as the outstanding performer of the concert final for his remarkable piano piece.

Charlotte Jackson and Misty Hammond were entertaining, aggressive and very professional in fighting their way through to the debate final where they were just pipped for the title by Kirkham. When you consider that they are both fifth year students this was an excellent performance. We were then placed third in the junior and intermediate rugby

sevens and third in the shooting competition. We now came to face the final challenge of the Spring Term without a single win to our name so far in the year. This had never happened before to School House and our senior rugby players were keen to stop the rot. Thankfully, we beat Preston 19 points to 5, Kirkham 22 points to 14 and Fylde by 26 points to 0. School had just won its first House competition. A big thank you to Stuart Rowlands who so superbly captained the side.

The Summer Term saw a renewed energy and determination in School House. We looked more like our old self and quickly set about adjusting our position within the system. Our senior girls were outstanding in sweeping aside all opposition in the senior hockey. Jess Morris and Emma Fagan were voted the players of the tournament. Our senior boys followed this by dispatching their opponents in the senior cricket competition. Having beaten Preston in the semi-final we took on Kirkham House two days later. Needless to say, we beat them by an embarrassing score, with Josh Morris, Jamie Roper and Ashley Parkinson all putting in some really magic performances.

Sports' Day was upon us before we knew it and organisation was frantic to say the least. Without doubt, this event is the premier event in the calendar and School always loves to win it. To be honest, we had so many winners it would be difficult to name them all, but a few outstanding performances fully deserve a mention. Hannah Pike won the Victrix Ludorum - a year young, Ashley Bradshaw, Lizzie Woodburn, Rosie Gornall, Rebecca Preskey and the relay teams won easily, Emma Fagan gained a whole string of terrific results and Jess Morris won the senior Victrix Ludorum by winning four events. Overall, the boys did not fare quite as well as the girls, but special mention must go to Callum Wilkinson, Isaac Yuan, Josh Morris and Joe Walsh. Our outstanding athlete was Precious Nwaokomah, who came first in the 100m, 200m, 400m and the shot and was also placed second in the discus. He was duly awarded the Victor Ludorum as overall individual champion. Three individual champions and an array of first places brought the Athletics Trophy home to School once more.

We then went on to win the intermediate tennis, gain a second place in the junior tennis and perform well in the rounders.

The junior boys cricket competition ended up being played indoors due to the adverse weather conditions. We fielded an exciting young team with talent aplenty. We inflicted severe defeats on both Preston in the semi-final and Kirkham in the final to retain the trophy.

The overall points were now very close between all four houses, with just the girls' rounders tournament and the Work Cup to go. Unfortunately, School was placed fourth in both and suffered the indignity of coming fourth overall for the very first time in the history of the Whitby Cup Competition. School House was absolutely outstanding during the Summer Term, winning five of the nine competitions. From here the only way is up and we certainly proved that we can take on any opposition and beat them when we are in the right frame of mind.

We thank all House members and staff for their constant support and hope to see School back up there at the top this time next year.

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The preparation for the season began with the under 17 development match against Sedbergh in January 2006. The team had little preparation time because of examinations and an under 16 match which impeded training. Consequently, the team was heavily beaten. However, as the term 'development' implies, the non first XV players were exposed to high class school rugby for the first time in many of their careers and they could see the standards required to be successful.

The next two weeks were spent coaching the core skills of handling, contact and defence in addition to unit and team skills for the inaugural Manchester GS under 17 Development Tournament. The team reached the semi-final, losing narrowly to Sedbergh on this occasion but showing the potential of this group of players. However, most KGS players were exhausted after the semi-final whilst our opponents were not, showing that not only the core skills and kicking had to be improved but conditioning levels also.

As a result Mr Trenhaile, Mr Davies and myself made an innovation to the preparation for next season. Mr Davies and myself spent the rest of the term developing core skills for the next season with the under 16 and 17 non seven's players. In addition, conditioning work went on at school through the summer term and once per week during the holidays. Consequently, the players had every possible assistance to achieve their potential. No KGS group of players had such support in preparation for this season.

Players were given simple yet effective schedules to follow over the summer period, so it was with considerable shock and disappointment that the worst 'Bleep Test' results were recorded when the players reported back for pre season

training. Nearly all the squad felt they were enthusiastic to reach high standards of playing rugby, indeed, many had entered KGS to pursue academic studies to develop their rugby. In addition over half had representative rugby experience with a desire to go further in the game, so the results were surprisingly disappointing from what was expected to be a highly motivated group.

Nevertheless, the coaching build up to the first match went well. A very inexperienced squad included only two full, two half colours and six regular first choice players from last season, of whom four were in the pack. They appeared willing to learn new techniques and mental approaches to the game in the step up from under 16 to young men's rugby and trained with enthusiasm.

Skill levels improved dramatically in two weeks. It was felt that a small, yet mobile, pack would supply a raw but promising set of pacy threequarters with enough possession to play a fast moving game. Concerns were at fly half and number 8 in the vital 8-9-10 link which drives and controls the tactics of a team. Despite the efforts of the coaches over the summer, a lack of conditioning was surprisingly also a worry at this stage.

On the day of the first match against Manchester GS, the heavens opened and after a fortnight of hot, dry weather the match was played in a deluge, making expansive rugby challenging. KGS dominated the first half but squandered many chances against a side playing simple, direct rugby. In the second half, KGS tired through uncharacteristic poor stamina levels and lack of tactical control, resulting in a disappointing loss. Newcomers to the first XV were shocked to see how the opposition treated KGS as their 'Cup Final', despite the warning I had given them. This was the attitude of all our opponents and would be repeated constantly throughout the season. This is because the team has gained a strong reputation over many successful years, but it does mean anyone who pulls on a KGS first XV shirt has a responsibility to prepare thoroughly to uphold the traditions of the team.

The next match was against Colston's, who have probably been the consistently best side in the UK over the last ten years. A repeat of the previous week's performance would have meant annihilation. Captain Harrison Pickervance, a prop unlucky not to play for England last season but over age this season, was moved to Number 8 to help control tactics. In this game the team was transformed, performing at a remarkable level for such an inexperienced group of players. Colston's had to fight tooth and nail to achieve a close win, indeed it was their closest match of the term. If KGS had possessed more stamina and composure which comes with experience, a famous victory may have been the prize. Nevertheless, this performance showed exciting potential for the team.

Unfortunately, during the following week a 'bug' hit the squad which never left it until after half term. During the next few weeks, players would occasionally be forced to miss training and matches, but many often trained or played through loyalty when they were probably more ill than they admitted. This resulted in many players underperforming and consequently the team did not develop as expected. In this period there were wins against King Edwards and Queen Mary, Wirral GS and Newcastle RGS, but in close defeats by Woodhouse Grove and Lancaster RGS the team did not finish the matches as strongly as a typical KGS first XV. Against a highly motivated Lancaster, debutant fly half Joe Brown dropped a goal almost at the end to seemingly win the match, only for the team to relax, make an error at the vital re-start and snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. They then fully understood the bitter truth of my oft-repeated dictum that a first XV match lasts 4,200 seconds not 4,199 and you always play until the final whistle blows.

After half term the 'bug' had left the squad and the team embarked on the hardest section of the season, playing three 'premier' teams consecutively. The team played very well against Llandovery College for most of the match, but again faded in the last quarter after a win was looking a possibility. Against Hartpury College the team 'never turned up' which was a shock and an embarrassment for a KGS first XV who have a reputation for full commitment at all times, and gave one of their worst two performances of the season.

Against Sedbergh, who were exceptionally powerful this season, the team was penalised for making basic errors in the first half and despite having plentiful possession, was well behind at half time, but rallied in the second half to show what could have been achieved with more composure in the first half. The matches against Merchant Taylors and Cowley were won comfortably to end the term. In these matches the team started to approach the performance levels which were suggested in the Colston's match and many felt it was a pity the season was not starting again. Although small, the forwards were developing well technically. Sadly, against Cowley, scrum half Adam Anderson incurred an injury which kept him out for the rest of the season. He was greatly missed during the rest of the season, both for the standard of his play and his enthusiasm.

The first match after Christmas followed a five week lay off and was played in the middle of exams. Too many players had again trained insufficiently over the holiday season and against a typically highly motivated Hutton GS side, KGS gave the other embarrassingly poor performance of the season. The team was tactically poor when playing with the considerable wind advantage and also faded badly in the last quarter to lose a close match. The final match was against

Arnold, who had previously beaten Hutton GS. KGS gave an improved performance, playing controlled eight man, yes eight man, rugby to win fairly comfortably.

This season it had been intended to take players' conditioning to a higher level than previously, and it was expected motivated players would follow simple personal conditioning schedules in their spare time while more advanced conditioning work was undertaken twice weekly on SAQ, Plyometrics and Speed Work in official training sessions. The game had progressed and this was necessary to maintain the first XV's conditioning on a par with the levels of coaching. This policy came badly unstuck as too many players did not follow their personal conditioning schedules which is essential when playing at the standard to which KGS first XV aspires. The coaches were 'icing the cake' but too few players had 'baked it' first. Consequently, KGS had the worst stamina levels in my experience. This greatly affected the team's ability to last the match at pace with a constantly high skill level.

As stated earlier, the forwards, although small, developed well technically but were held back from achieving their potential because some players lacked stamina. The front row of Richard Kwasnicki, and any two from Andy Darlington, Ryan Drage or Kieran Brookes was outstanding at scrummaging. Simon Pitman performed well in the lineout and loose when he recovered from a 3 month long virus, whilst Richard De Carpentier developed well as a mobile middle jumper in the lineout although he was previously a Number 8. Hooker Richard Kwasnicki was constantly put under pressure against the biggest sides at the lineout because of the lack of height of the pack. This necessitated pinpoint throwing accuracy as the shorter KGS players moved their opponents around, but he stuck manfully to his task and towards the season end became one of the few hookers on our circuit to consistently hit the back of the lineout. The lineout was usually successful. The back row of Captain Harrison Pickervance, Alex Redshaw and Tristan Brooke always listened to advice, so developed well, and gave their best in all phases of the game. Harrison Pickervance was fully committed to the team in playing out of position for the season.

The threequarters were inexperienced and heavily reliant on county players Adam Anderson at scrum half and Vice-Captain Philip Leigh in the centre. Both consistently performed at a high level, were enthusiastic to learn and improve and showed a fine example to younger players. The other threequarters found the step up to first XV rugby a chasm and, although possessing much potential, often



struggled with defensive patterns, contact skills and a lack of an effective kicking game. Nevertheless, Tom Bowden has real pace, Matthew Davies excellent footballing skills, and Alex Spratt power. David Kos, Sam Kindred, Lewis Russell and Joe Brown, who is an excellent goal kicker, also have the potential to be good first XV players. Some could perform successfully and gain representative honours if they set themselves goals of a higher standard for next season and undertake the requisite amount of personal training.

This was the first time the team has lost more matches than it won for thirteen seasons and I know many senior players were deeply concerned at the team's lack of success. I hope lessons have been learned and that the next period of KGS rugby is at least as successful, if not more so, after this season's hiccup.

Captain Harrison Pickervance and Vice Captain Philip Leigh were exemplary in their continued enthusiasm and I thank them most sincerely for never giving up in a trying season. Both are capable of playing at a higher level of representative rugby than they have achieved to date.

I wish to thank KGS Rugby Club Secretary Richard De Carpentier for his administrative work.

I also wish to thank Mr Trehale for helping coach the team so enthusiastically and effectively again and, as this has been my last season at KGS, wish him good fortune in his efforts as the future KGS Head Coach.

Mr Butler provided excellent conditioning work and I thank him for his efforts.

Finally, I wish to thank all coaches, especially the many academic teachers, too numerous to mention by name, who have selflessly given up huge quotas of their spare time to promote rugby during my time at KGS. In particular I wish to thank Mr Browning who coached many rugby teams (and cricket) including the first XV, and helped administer many aspects of rugby (and cricket) for more years than he wishes to be reminded of. What a contribution to KGS sport! For the first XV to be successful, there has to be the basic grounding taking place in the junior teams, with a progressive development to the requirements of the first XV of the correct core skills, positional skills, unit skills, team skills, game understanding, conditioning and, above all, enjoyment. It is a team effort. Thank you, gentlemen.

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A.P. Anderson
R.M. Kwasnicki
P.J. Leigh
Half:
T.J. Brooke
S.J.M. Pitman

SECOND XV

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The second XV was well led by Simon Hope and was a well organised and difficult side to beat. Apart from the outstanding Colston's team, KGS was capable of matching all the sides they met, including three first XV's (QEGS Penrith, Caldys Grange and Giggleswick).

The outstanding win came at Woodhouse Grove, where the second XV showed its talent and demonstrated that many of them were capable of challenging for first XV places. Mention must be made of flanker Dan Naylor who worked tirelessly all season and showed the younger players the toughness of attitude that is needed to play senior rugby.

Stuart Rowlands was also a very positive influence on everyone. He was a dependable character who encouraged everyone to improve.

Overall, a very pleasing season, which could have been an excellent one if they had taken their chances against Sedburgh.

A E Trenhaile

SEVEN'S COMPETITIONS

The seventh annual Christ College/Royal Welsh Regiment Sevens was won by Kirkham who beat the defending champions Millfield 14-10 in a tense and exacting final.

Millfield was going for a fourth consecutive title but fell at the final hurdle against a talented and aggressive team who had beaten tournament favourites Ellesmere College in the quarter finals and then Christ College in the semi-finals.

Phil Leigh was rightly made the Player of the Tournament by Brigadier Rick Libbey, representing the loyal and generous sponsors, the Royal Welsh Regiment.

Kirkham also had the most physical and abrasive forward of the tournament in Harrison Pickervance, whose brutal, but perfectly fair, tackling often frightened the death out of opponents.

In the final, two excellently worked tries by centre Alex Spratt, both converted, were enough to pip two unconverted Millfield tries in an exhausting game in which most of the players collapsed with cramp at one time or another.

In the most open competition in the history of the tournament, any number of schools could have won the Llangoed Hall Trophy, but the composure, competitiveness and strength of Kirkham in stamina sapping conditions carried the day.

UNDER 16 XV

A very enthusiastic, pleasant squad of players with whom I have thoroughly enjoyed working this season. What they lacked in stature and power they certainly made up for with application and hard work. 28 different players represented the School and turn out in training was always high. This was probably the hardest working group of youngsters with whom I have had the privilege of working in my long coaching career!

Looking back at the match reports, it could be argued that there were many reasons for some of our defeats, perhaps the most relevant being that in five of our narrow defeats we played opposing second XV teams where the opposition was that much older and bigger.

Often the scores did not reflect the effort and commitment of the team. Many of my post match notes would read "Best Performance so far", "Camped on their line" and frequently "Could not convert pressure into points".

There is no doubt in my mind that every player in the squad has improved in his personal development and in his understanding of the game.

At the time of writing this report, most of the squad are about to embark on an exciting rugby tour to South Africa. My experiences from many school tours have taught me that going on tour is not just about experiencing different ways of life, meeting new people, coping with life 'out of a suitcase', managing with injuries, non-selection and so on and so on. A great camaraderie builds on tour work for each other, support each other, you are a family first! Only then will you become a successful team.

I have every confidence that upon your return from this tour you will be winners in every sense of the word!

Many thanks for the invaluable help of Mr R Wu and Mr J Roddan throughout the season and thanks to the numerous members of staff who refereed us in our home fixtures.

Congratulations to our captain Wasim Riley, who represented Lancashire under 16's on many occasions and to Tom Sanders who, after a very incapacitating injury which kept him out of action throughout the season, managed to play for Lancashire in their last match.

To the whole squad, thank you for making my season so enjoyable. I wish each of you success in the future, whether it be on or off the field!

J Davies

UNDER 15 XV

A XV

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CUP MATCHES

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This has been a generally very encouraging season. A nucleus of approximately twenty players has provided the structure for the A XV team. These players have worked hard in training and have shown a good attitude throughout the season. Some have displayed the necessary talents to warrant trials for the District and even County teams.

The season started reasonably well with close matches against Manchester GS (L), Ripley (W), KEQMS (W) and Woodhouse Grove (L). There were many encouraging signs in these games, but it was clear that there was still much work to do.

A good win against Wirral was followed by a very disappointing defeat by LRGs. Lessons had to be learnt about mental and physical preparations following this defeat.

The team underperformed again against Newcastle but then bounced back against Giggleswick. A heavy defeat by an extremely strong Sedbergh side brought the boys back down to earth.

Perhaps the turning point of the season was a closely contested draw against Merchant Taylor's who were in the midst of a successful season. From then on, the side played and defeated Cowley HS, Arnold, Hutton, Catholic Boys' School Dublin and St Anselm's College.

In our cup campaign, the side defeated West Derby HS, Lytham HS and Bridgewater HS, but were thwarted by Stonyhurst in both the Daily Mail and Lancashire Cup.

In the seven's season, the team, although skilful, lacked raw pace and was therefore limited in potential. However, a semi final place in the Merchiston Sevens in Edinburgh and a plate win in the Arnold Sevens were just reward for their efforts in this form of the game.

Players should not be picked out in such a team game, but Chris Travis as Captain has shown skill and leadership throughout the season.

B XV

At times the B XV has struggled in strength and numbers, but has acquitted itself well throughout the season. A handful of these players have pushed into the A XV. All of their fixtures have been closely contested, and with one or two exceptions, it could have been an even more successful season than the statistics suggest. I hope that many of these players, some late developers, continue their progress into senior rugby.

M Whalley



Under 15 Tour of Italy

Kirkham Grammar School under 15 squad went on a successful and enjoyable week's tour of Northern Italy at Easter. For the seven day tour they were based at Jesolo Rugby Club just outside Venice and played three games against local clubs. They played Piave di Soligio in the first match, winning by 20 - 7. Try scorers included Chris Travis, Benedict Fulford-Brown and Chris Brown, with a conversion from Jamie Roper. The second match against Tarvisium (Treviso) was a tougher encounter on a very hard pitch, but tries from Benedict Fulford-Brown and James Gardiner ensured a 10 - 5 victory. The third match saw the boys playing their best rugby of the tour against a strong Calvisano side. Tries from Chris Travis and Benedict Fulford-Brown and a conversion by Jamie Roper were not quite enough as Calvisano came back strongly in the second half.

At the end of the week the boys also enjoyed a cultural day around Venice and a day at Gardaland near to Lake Garda. They also watched ex KGS pupil Warren Spragg play in the professional match for Calvisano against Tarvisium.

Many thanks to the tour sponsors, WRT Group and DRS Shopfitters, for the kit. Also, I would like to thank the staff on tour, Mr A. E. Trenhaile, Mr R. Wu and Mr R. W. Harrison.

Dr A. B. Rollins.

UNDER 14 XV

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Overall this was a very encouraging season for the under 14 rugby squad, not only as far as results were concerned, but for the positive attitude shown and for the numbers involved throughout the season, with 38 boys playing for the 'A' and 'B' squads. In the first game we were comprehensively beaten by a strong Manchester Grammar side 34-10, but lack lustre defence let us down. In the next three games we narrowly beat a strong Ripley side and then comprehensively beat KE & QMS 72-0 and then overturned the previous year's defeat by Woodhouse Grove to win 43-0.

Our run up to Christmas saw heavy defeats away to Lancaster, Giggleswick and Sedburgh. However, apart from the former, the performances were excellent against physically bigger opponents. Sandwiched between these losses were wins against Calday Grange (22-0), followed by a 15-0 victory over Birkenhead and another at Merchant Taylor's (26-5).

During the Christmas break, the squad played two games in Cardiff and acquitted themselves well, winning one and losing one match to Plasnewydd and Llandaff Cathedral School respectively.

The post Christmas period saw the squad play some consistently good rugby and, although two games ended in defeat, some of the promising 'B' team players began to come through. Hutton narrowly beat us 10-5 in a tight contest, but local rivals Arnold were trounced 37-0, as were St. Anselm's in the final 15-a-side match of the season.

The leading try scorer was James Lau (12), closely followed by Lyman Choi (8) and Jake Hodgkinson (6).

The final part of the year saw the sevens squad develop into a skilful unit. Tournaments were played at Sedbergh, Merchiston Castle and our own inaugural Richard J Wilson Memorial Tournament, at which we reached the final only to be out muscled by a very strong seven from St. David's, Llandudno.

J R Lyon

UNDER 14B XV

P 10 W 7 L 3 D 0

The under 14's B team has had a very good season. At least twenty four boys trained regularly and competed in some tough fixtures. Early victories against Woodhouse Grove (41 v 24) and Wirral Grammar (27 v 10) indicated that there was potential to have a successful season. However, defeats against larger schools such as Lancaster R.G.S. and Newcastle R.G.S. indicated that defences had to be tightened up, set pieces needed working on and fitness levels needed improving.

It is a credit to the boys that they won all five of their last matches against Giggleswick (56 v 0), Arnold (36 v 5), St Anselm's (36 v 19), Merchant Taylor's (50 v 0) and Sedbergh (32 v 12). This last match summed up the boys' progress throughout the season with a strong defence in the forwards setting up a platform for the backs to use the ball skilfully out wide.

The captain Josh Keay led by example all season and was ably supported in a strong pack by Jonathan Davies and Alex Lo. In the backs, Johnny Taylor (player of the season) and Henry Hesketh (top try scorer) competed with skill and commitment each match. But, above all, I have enjoyed coaching the whole squad because of their positive and determined attitude.

I must finally give my thanks to the parents for supporting both home and away fixtures and Mr Trenhaile for support and guidance.

Dr A. B. Rollins.

UNDER 13A XV

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Leading Try Scorer: Precious Nwaokomah 32, Sam Hall 31

Captain: Tom Hurst

An excellent season overall and some thoroughly well deserved results. Any junior team that can achieve success against the Liverpool 6- Wirral G.S., Calday Grange, Birkenhead, Merchant Taylor's, Cowley High and St Anselm's (four of which were away) is quite unique.

The season started off with two tricky fixtures, against Manchester G.S. and Ripley St Thomas. Losing both games, we soon realised there was a lot of work to be done on both fitness and defensive skills. We were to meet Manchester G.S. again in the last game of the season, in the semi final of the Lancashire Cup. With any junior rugby team there is a fine balance to be achieved between developing and

improving an individual's game and playing individuals in various positions to strengthen the team. Hence the reason to move the team captain Tom Hurst from the back row to inside centre. Despite some minor reservations from Tom, this proved throughout the season to be a huge success. Tom's strength, pace and all round defensive skills were the foundation for the development of the team.

On a very wet and waterlogged December morning the team travelled to Cowley High School. This has never been an easy fixture for any visiting team. However, the boys ran up 77 points, scoring ten tries! I suspect it will be a long time before this feat is repeated. The notable achievements this particular morning were two superb tries by the tight head prop Ryan Baxter, who made excellent progress throughout the season and the four tries by Sam Hall, who went on to score an amazing 31 tries in total throughout the season.

No individual player or players make a team. Rugby is a 15-man game and every individual plays his part. Nevertheless, I truly believe that the 63 tries scored in total by both Sam Hall and Precious Nwaokomah were a remarkable achievement and I commend them on their efforts and determination to succeed. Sam played full back for the majority of the season and Precious outside centre. Without their pace and skill many games would have resulted in defeat, hence I have memories of the away game at Wirral G.S. and of Ripley St Thomas in the Lancashire Cup, where both players tipped two tightly fought games in our favour.

As the season progressed the players gained more confidence, more flair and really started to excel themselves to such an extent that from November until March the team went unbeaten with eight straight victories. Will Roper (stand off) and Harry Moulding (scrum half) began to play at an even higher level. Their pace, vision and ball handling skills were quite exemplary. This was never more highlighted than in the fixture at home to Hutton G.S., where both boys scored two superb tries and played a significant part in the 58 - 0 win over their local rivals. It is always a bonus to have fast centres or wingers, but to have halfbacks of the calibre of Roper and Moulding does make life considerably easier for the coaching staff.

In the final game of the season, we travelled to Manchester in the semi final of the Lancashire Cup. The team was on a high after such a long period without defeat. However, we eventually lost 45 - 12 to a very strong Manchester team with a huge pack. But the unsung heroes of the day were undoubtedly the Kirkham forwards, Mickey Papangelis, Ryan Vaughan, Max Baker and Oliver Turnbull, to mention but a few who played out of their skins. They fought for every ball, worked tirelessly in the scrums and lineouts, and played like warriors. It is always difficult to lose in a semi final in any sporting fixture, but the Manchester forwards were just too strong, which inevitably restricted our backs, who on their day are a match for any team.

To conclude, the players, after a long, hard season, with many nights' training in the typical Kirkham tradition in frost, ice, wind, rain and snow, performed well and were a credit to themselves and the school.

I wish them every success next season.

R. D. Taylor



UNDER 12 XV

It proved to be a very successful season both on and off the field. According to the statisticians, the season's results have been the best of the past seven years. There have been memorable moments with well earned, hard fought, mostly victorious matches against determined oppositions.

Matches that perhaps stand out include:

a) Woodhouse Grove (A) - Our first competitive match of the season. After very little preparation time, the 'A' team secured a decisive victory and the 'B' team came very close. The first time Kirkham under 12's team had managed such a feat in many years!

b) Cowley (H) (W 42-0) - Probably one of the most emphatic victories, when the forwards and backs worked in tandem to produce exciting rugby. The opposition had only lost one match prior to our meeting.

c) Arnold School (H) - A very competitive match against our local rivals. In spite of the saturated playing surface, the 'A' squad showed tremendous commitment and resolve to win 22-19

d) St Anselm's College (A) - On a cold, frosty, foggy day both the 'A' squad and the B squad played exceptionally well with some very brave defensive work from both sides.

e) Monmouth (H) Most definitely the best opposition we encountered all season. They proved to be exceptionally talented and highlighted areas of our game that need to be improved next season. Hopefully the crushing defeat will be the 'wake up call' needed for individuals and the team to improve on their weaknesses.

f) Loughborough (H) The last game of the season produced some of our best rugby. Having to cope playing against strong wind and finding themselves trailing by two tries, the whole squad responded by playing attacking, adventurous rugby.

Thirty nine players represented the School during the season, very impressive when there are only forty eight male pupils in the year. Twenty nine boys represented the 'A' team. All squads players worked extremely hard and the turn-out on training nights was most encouraging.

'Special' congratulations to the players who had not played rugby before last September. Six of them became regular members of the 'A' squad.

The list of rewards handed out at the end of the season included:

Club Man of the Year

'A' team Sam Gale

'B' team Harry Rimmer

Player of the Year

'A' Team After much discussion amongst the coaching staff, it was agreed impossible to distinguish between the consistently fine defensive contributions and all round enthusiasm of Ben Swift and the power-running and impressive try scoring of Ben Rhodes Powers.

'B' Team Player of the Year - Ben Copplestone

Runner up Player of the Year - Joseph Hoyles

Both players improved beyond recognition as the season progressed and represented the 'A' team frequently towards the end of the season.

The coaching team of Mr H Porteous, Mr R. Wu, Mr M. Whalley, Mr R. Taylor, Mr D. Carter, Mr J. Walker and Mr T. Francis have enjoyed coaching both squads immensely. We felt there was a genuine desire to want to learn and improve. At all times all players were wonderful ambassadors for Kirkham Grammar School both on and off the field. We, the staff, felt proud to stand on the side of the pitch and watch you play.

A big thank you to the loyal, vocal (always positive in their encouragement) band of parents who travelled far and wide to support their teams.

This season has been a very encouraging start to your rugby career at Kirkham Grammar School. I feel that this year group has the potential to develop into a very good team, but there is a huge amount to learn and this can only be achieved by hard work. Let's always set our sights high!

Best of luck for the future.

J Davies

CRICKET

This season commenced with the promise of fine weather and plenty of fixtures. A fine start to our fixtures' programme included some good performances, some disappointments, but perhaps most importantly of all, lots of boys being involved on a regular basis. Unfortunately, the poor weather since the exam break hindered the momentum of each age group and, apart from the continued progress of the Under 13's in the Lancashire Cup, most of the sides had to watch the rain fall rather than enjoy cricket in the sunshine. Let's hope that many of the boys can enjoy some more competitive cricket as they play for their clubs during the holidays.

The first XI, led by Harrison Pickervance, had the benefit of longer winter nets in preparation for this season. Tuesday nights in the MPH proved popular for many senior players. There were some good individual performances with bat and ball, and there is talent evident, but they did not play to their potential this season. When they did gell, for example

against KEQMS Lytham, they proved they are a force to reckon with. Their season was badly hit by the weather and in all seven games out of a possible fifteen were cancelled.

The second XI played four games before the break for exams. This team has been made up of mainly fifth year boys. They have shown interest and enthusiasm and it is hoped they will figure in the first team next season.

For the first time there has been enough interest in the fifth year and sixth form to create a third XI. Playing for fun, and with great enthusiasm, this team has played a couple of fixtures and a great time was had by all. It is a shame that more fixtures were not possible later in the season.

The under 15 XI has proven to be a skilful side and has had a relatively successful season. I have my eye on one or two who might possibly play in the first XI next season. They now need to learn how to make the progression from junior to senior cricket and learn to adapt to the demands of longer, tactically different games. They have the potential but must apply themselves.

The under 14 XI has not won too many games, but has made great strides this season. I watched them play at QEGS Blackburn and I recognised some potential. Towards the end of the season I again watched them play at Bury GS when they emerged victorious. I was delighted to note, although they have a long way to go, their improvements and enthusiasm for the game.

The under 13 XI has been our most successful team, having lost only one game. The side brims with ability and they have made continued progress since their successes last year. Adam Galley, who has represented Lancashire this year, is the obvious backbone to the team with bat and ball and he is ably supported by young players of great promise. At the time of writing, they remain in the Lancashire Cup, having defeated local strong rivals QEGS Blackburn in an indoor quarter final game, used as a last resort due to the weather.

The Under 12 XI has had a mixed season but has shown early promising signs. They need to continue to learn the basics of batting, bowling and fielding. I am sure they will continue to make progress if they listen carefully and apply their skills. I watched their game against Ormskirk and I was encouraged by their enthusiasm. Marcus Mollinga has scored plenty of runs this year and it is hoped he can continue to develop his ability in future years.

Once again it is fantastic to see our 'B' teams in operation in the Blackpool Schools League. It is such a shame that many of these fixtures have been hit by poor weather. Even so, some boys have shown enough progress to move into the 'A' ranks on the basis of their performances in the 'B' teams.

Thanks must go to all the parents who have supported all the teams throughout the summer. Their support is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to the catering staff for the very welcome refreshments and the ground staff for their hard work on improving the quality of the playing facilities.

Finally, without the interest, skill and hard work of the coaching staff, cricket at KGS would not be possible. I would like to thank the following for their support:

Under 12

Mr Painter, Mr Wu

Under 13

Mr Duncan, Mr Carter

Under 14

Mr Taylor, Mr Lyon

Under 15

Mr Porteous

Senior

Mr Whalley, Mr Lyon

Also, many thanks to Mr Walker and Dr Luker who have assisted in supervising matches when required.

M A Whalley

FIRST XI

A frustrating season in terms of performances and a programme severely affected by the weather. Some strong individual performances, whilst not enough to win games, gave a good indication of the potential for next year.

The senior players have had the benefit this year of being able to practise in winter nets since February. Therefore the boys were fairly well prepared for the start of the season.

In the first two games, the batting strength was apparent, with scores of 203 against Hutton and 193 against Arnold. However our inability to take wickets resulted in two defeats. Sam Kindred 79 and Andy Brown 46 in these games showed their potential as batsmen.

Despite these defeats, Kirkham remained positive and when faced with the prospect of our next fixture, Woodhouse Grove, looked forward to more progress. On a lovely day, Woodhouse Grove amassed a total of 300 on a flat Kirkham track. In response, Kirkham struggled but held on for a well earned draw. Kieran Brookes emerged as the hero of the day with a batting 70 to thwart the Woodhouse bowlers.

In an interlude to our season the team took part in an inaugural 20/20 competition alongside KEQMS Lytham, Arnold and QEGS Blackburn. It would be true to say that KGS should have won their first game against QEGS. A score of 158 (Phillip Berry 46) should have been safe, but a brilliant century by Clarke of QEGS cancelled our progress. In the second game, we lacked disciplined bowling and batting and could not reach the total of 181 set by Arnold.

In the most exciting game of the season, the first XI tied with Merchant Taylor's School. Merchant's declared on 141 for 8 after a struggle on a difficult pitch. Kirkham looked to be in full control in the chase (Harrison Pickervance 53), but after a batting collapse the tail enders were left to chase a target that should have been reached. In the last over, Jonathon Knowles, after a valiant effort with David Kos, holed out to leave us all out but on the same score. A fantastic day's cricket.

The matches versus Ormskirk, Clitheroe, the MCC and Rossall have all been cancelled due to the weather. This has seriously affected our momentum throughout the summer. I have no doubt that given a full season the team's potential may have been reached. This potential was evident in an excellent performance against KEQMS. On a boiling day, KGS bowled superbly in the early stages. KEQMS were desperate on 90 for 8 (Kieran Brookes 4 for 40), but a determined effort by the tail end resulted in Kirkham chasing 184. Kirkham batted well and Mark Ashworth showed skill and determination with 60 to form the basis of our relatively comfortable victory.

KGS fell into bad basic habits against Giggleswick and allowed victory to slip out of reach in a game they should

have won. Once again, Kieran Brookes (62) made every effort to get us to Giggleswick's total of 209, but KGS was left stranded on 154 all out.

A 20/20 game was the extent of our match in the wet conditions against LRGS. KGS managed a score of 105. KGS seemed to struggle even more in these conditions in the field and LRGS surpassed the total with ease.

Despite the frustrations of the season, there is plenty to look forward to next year. The second XI has played four games with a relatively young side. David Conway has batted well in this team and has progressed to the first XI. We have even managed to field a third XI this season and their matches against Arnold and Hutton were enjoyable, exciting affairs with some interesting skills and tactics on display!

A word of congratulations to Harrison Pickervance who has led the team well this summer. This is on top of a long, demanding season as Captain of Rugby. Well done. His endeavours on and off the field have been appreciated.

Players representing the first XI this season:

Mark Ashworth

Phillip Berry

Kieran Brookes

Andrew Brown (VC)

David Conway

Andrew Darlington

James Edgar

Sam Kindred

Jonathon Knowles

David Kos

Robert Kos

Ashley Parkinson

Harrison Pickervance (C)

William Stover

M A Whalley

UNDER 13 XI

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Following on from the steady foundations laid in the first year, the under 13's have had another tremendous season, culminating in a second successive appearance in the Lancashire Cup final. The team, ably led by Adam Galley, played with a confidence and maturity beyond their age. Indeed their only two defeats of the season came against opposition the team had already beaten in a busy calendar of fixtures over a long season that did not finish until the end of September.

With regular Saturday cricket only interrupted by two postponed matches due to the weather, the team has been able to play regularly. (Who says it has been a poor summer?!) Fortunately, both Mr Carter and myself have been able to field an almost unchanged team over the season due to good form and a lack of injuries in the first choice XI.

The season started well with comfortable wins against Arnold, Woodhouse Grove, Hutton and Merchant Taylor's

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before the half term break. Captain Adam Galley led by example with 54 against Arnold, and 51* against Merchant Taylor's, leading the team to two comfortable victories. The highlight of this set of fixtures came in Yorkshire with a mature performance against a confident Woodhouse Grove side. Keen to make amends for defeat across the Pennines last year, the team played well and an unbeaten 31* by Will Roper led Kirkham to victory by 4 wickets. The only defeat came in a below par performance against QEGS, Blackburn.

After the break, three further Saturday fixtures all resulted in victory and the second half of term started with the team's biggest victory, against local rivals KEQMS, Lytham. Kirkham's 165 was simply too much for King Edward's to cope with and a real all round bowling performance led to victory by 111 runs with 6 bowlers sharing the 10 wickets to fall. Further victories came against Lancaster RGS and Bury, two of the strongest cricket schools in the county. In these games the middle order contributed to victory as the top order was dismissed cheaply. Special mention must go to Sam Hall, whose form got better and better as the season progressed - Sam's 35* against Lancaster and 55* against Bury were real match winning knocks.

As was the case last season, the team experienced both joy and heartache in the Lancashire Cup. The cup run started well with a second win of the season against KEQMS, Lytham. Unfortunately, the second round was much more controversial, with Kirkham the eventual winners by run rate as the heavens opened in our match against Lytham St Annes High. When the rain began to fall, and the umpires abandoned the game, Kirkham sneaked home on a faster scoring rate over the first 10 overs, much to the disappointment of the Lytham team! The bad weather continued, and after much work to get the next round played proved to be fruitless, we had to decide to play indoors against QEGS, Blackburn. In an exciting and tense match Adam Galley and Will Roper found their form, and their 45* and 29 respectively led their team to a great victory to avenge defeat earlier in the season. Regrettably, the semi-final and final could not take place until September.

After a long and agonising summer break, we had to compete with the busy rugby calendar and no prepared cricket square at school! Thankfully, help was at hand and special thanks must go to Mr Lyon and Wrea Green Cricket Club for allowing us to stage our semi-final against St Margaret's Liverpool on the village green in picturesque Wrea Green. Batting second, we knocked off the 90 runs required for victory with the loss of only four wickets - Harrison Moulding and Max Baker top scoring. The final beckoned. Let down by Mr Painter, who could not do anything to prevent Darwin Cricket Club's square being flooded the night before the final (only joking Mr Painter!), we were thankful to Guy's Thatched Hamlet who offered their facilities to stage the final on a cold, grey late September day. Alas, it was not to be our day. And, after losing the toss, we also lost our concentration, losing the two key wickets of Burnie and Galley in the first four overs of the day. Fortunately we recovered, and after seeing off the impressive Bury opening bowlers, we managed to dig in and score 116 off our 30 overs (Sam Hall top scorer with 31, ably assisted by Ryan Vaughan's 21 lower order runs.) However, our score was below par, and after a good start with the ball, where we managed to restrict Bury to 33 for 3 off 11 overs,

we could not break Bury's fourth wicket partnership of 89, a partnership that led to our defeat by 6 wickets.

Losing a final is hard, but losing two in successive years is even harder! Fortunately, the boys were able to reflect on a marvellous season overall and they should be proud of their efforts. They have represented both themselves and their school with distinction, and it has been an honour and a pleasure to work with them over the year. The balance of the team is their strength, and having a team that can bat down the order and all offer something with the ball, gives them an edge on most of their rivals. Player of the season was Adam Galley, with most improved relief going to Tom Hirst. Tom's 19 wickets bowling slow left arm, complemented ably by Harrison Moulding's leg breaks, gives the bowling attack great variety and a real cutting edge.

Both Mr Carter and myself wish them well and hope it is third time lucky in the Lancashire Cup next season!

S Duncan and D Carter

UNDER 12 XI

The opening fixture against Arnold was a pleasant start to the season; a brisk, breezy knock of 29 from Marcus Mollinga set up an excellent win by 30 runs. Rain sadly curtailed our next fixture with Hutton as the team struggled for runs when the sun finally started to shine. Callum Paley bowled well at Merchant Taylor's, Crosby, but far too many of our batsmen played down the wrong line as we lost by 84 runs.

Defeats to Woodhouse Grove and Queen Elizabeth's, Blackburn revealed a lack of application and ability to play straight to a good length ball. The fixture against Ormskirk Grammar School was a welcome relief and ended in a fine win, thanks in no small way to seamer Isaac Yuen who recorded impressive bowling figures of 3-14. Our opponents were reduced to 94-8. A belligerent innings of 67 from Marcus Mollinga and steady singles from Jack Smith saw us home by eight wickets.

Back to back wins were a rarity this summer, so when we comprehensively outplayed King Edward's & Queen Mary's by 36 runs we could take heart in our season. Marcus Mollinga with 77 runs and Jack Smith with 33 runs gave us a good total to defend. Ryan Wilkinson, the captain, then produced a fine spell of off-spin bowling to finish with 3-19, as our opponents finished on 108-7.

The cup campaign ended before it truly began this year, with defeat at Arnold School. After beating Arnold in the opening fixture, we lost too easily by nine wickets. Jack Smith rallied valiantly to score 25 not out, and again, Marcus Mollinga with 14 proved consistent.

In our final game of the summer, a good tussle ensued against Bury Grammar School, although we finally lost by 23 runs. Their innings of 105-6 was down to one batsman, T Parton, who scored 62 runs, an early missed catch proving costly. Issac Yuen again bowled with spirit and took 3-9, ably supported by Ryan Wilkinson with 2-12. The batting looked to be taking us to victory as Mollinga (17), Smith (17) and Ryan Wilkinson (29) brought us close, but, unfortunately, not near enough.

The season, as a whole, rarely gained momentum, partly due to the rather dismal and prevailing sight of rain falling! Credit must be bestowed, as the boys remained upbeat throughout the campaign and listened carefully to the advice on offer. Practice was generally well attended and, provided the boys remain eager to learn, the coming years will bear fruit. Out of the nine completed fixtures, three wins were secured against six defeats. The bowling department was led by Marcus Mollinga, Isaac Yuen, B McCarthy, R Lockhart, L Swithenbank, C Paley, R Wilkinson and C Wilkinson. The batting attack was led by Marcus Mollinga and Jack Smith, with assistance from Ryan Wilkinson, Callum Paley and Oliver Carpenter. The catching and ground fielding improved as the season wore on, but a lot more practice is vital as each individual strives to improve in all aspects of the game.

S Painter

BOYS' ATHLETICS

KGS boys enjoyed a short but highly successful athletics season, combining both outstanding team and individual performances.

The inter and junior boys' teams entered the Sainsbury's ESSA Cup and, in the district round of the competition, both teams won their age groups against six other schools. The points scored enabled the inters to go through to the regional 'A' final whilst the juniors went to the 'B' final.

The inters again scored over four hundred points against fierce opposition and finished fourth out of the twelve schools competing. This was a terrific performance against schools with a much bigger intake of pupils. The junior team again produced a splendid effort by winning the 'B' final – a great achievement.

When the Lancashire Schools' Championships came along it was all about individual performances and KGS athletes had an outstanding day. Tom Bowden completed a double by winning both the senior 100m and long jump, Tom Sanders won the inter shot and Chris Travis, Matthew Edgar, Jake Baxter, Richard Morrell, Precious Nwaokomah and Adam Whalley all made it to the podium by finishing in the first three in their respective events. Tom Bowden went on to compete for Lancashire in the English Schools' Championships at Nottingham and Matthew Edgar competed for Lancashire in the Inter-County fixture.

The season ended with the Fylde Coast Championships, where once again KGS excelled, retaining its position as the strongest athletics team on the Fylde Coast. Our under 13, under 14 and under 15 teams all won their age group against nine other schools and the under 16 team came second. All the boys contributed fully to our overall success; with similar commitment KGS should continue to achieve the very highest standards of achievement.

S. Sampey

VOLLEYBALL

Once again, the School ran three teams in the Preston and District Volleyball League. This league (consisting of nine teams) runs fortnightly and provides a great opportunity for our pupils to compete in this developing school sport.

The Senior team, led by Chris Bamber, had a reasonable season and finished in fourth place. With more consistent performances they could have quite easily finished in the top three. All of this team were predominantly upper sixth pupils who will now go on to university. I hope they continue to play in some form whilst away.

The 'Windmills', our second team, was made up of predominantly fourth year players. They finished eighth in the league, but their performances improved during the season. There are some very skillful players in this outfit and I hope they can make further progress this year.

The 'Juniors', our youngest team, finished last in the league, but this is no surprise when one considers that this is their first taste of volleyball. These third year pupils have made progress throughout the season and we expect them to gain more victories next season. Imagine what they could be like as upper sixth players if they have played for five years!

The most important factor in this league is for all to learn and enjoy their volleyball. We are not out to win the league (although it would be nice!) but trying to improve and develop in this technically demanding sport. Well done to all. Let's look forward to the 2007/08 season!

M A Whalley

GOLF

This year has been the first year for some time that Kirkham Grammar School has entered school golfing competitions.

The team took part in the Independent Schools' Golf Association National Cup. The team consisted of Captain James Hall (Royal Lytham), Joe Brown (Pleasington), Anthony Bolton (Wilmslow), James Ford (Royal Lytham), and Adam Calvert (Preston). Each round played would consist of a three man team playing in individual match play.

The first round was played at Royal Lytham St Annes Golf Club, where James Hall and Joe Brown won their matches, taking the team through to the second round. On this day, James Hall recorded a hole in one on the 12th hole on one of the difficult par threes in golf. The second round was played in Abergele. Sadly, Joe Brown missed the match through injury, but the strength in depth showed, with the team running out 3-0 winners with James Hall, Anthony Bolton and Adam Calvert all winning. The final round was played at Duxbury Park in Chorley against North Cestrian School, with a 2-1 win taking Kirkham to the national finals. This meant Kirkham won the North West regional qualifying stage.

The national final was played at Hollins Hall Country Club in Leeds. The course was extremely tough and the Kirkham team struggled. Joe Brown had an impressive 28 Stableford points in the gale force winds, helping Kirkham to finish day one in ninth position. The second was more successful, with Captain James Hall and Joe Brown recording impressive scores to help maintain their position in the top half of the table. The overall winners were Millfield.

Even though Kirkham did not win the overall national finals, it was a great achievement for Kirkham to get this far.

James Hall

GIRLS' SPORT



HOCKEY

FIRST XI

P 23 W 21 D 1 L 1

The first XI had an excellent season, though at times it was very frustrating. The girls lost only one school fixture out of the twenty three that they played.

In the county round of the National Schools' competition, the first XI played superbly and, after winning the first two games, faced Arnold in the deciding match. Kirkham dominated play, hitting the post three times and having the ball cleared off the line on two occasions. Unfortunately, a controversial umpiring decision cost the girls the tournament, when a superb goal from Kate Gledhill was disallowed for being hit from outside the dee. Uproar from the sidelines, combined with photographic evidence, proved that the ball was at least two foot inside the dee when Kate shot at goal. An apology from the umpire after the match simply added to the girls' sense of distress. However, the girls picked themselves up and continued to play a terrific standard of hockey.

The highlights of the season were the defeat of Arnold (3-1) at Kirkham, putting the record straight after the earlier controversial loss in the tournament and the defeat of the Scottish national champions, George Watson's College, 1-0 on their turf. Finally, the national tournament at KGS was the most memorable to date.

After losing our captain Kate Gledhill to a horrendous thumb injury, which she picked up in the Arnold match, the girls were up against it! However, in true Kirkham form, the girls stepped up a gear and played with real grit, determination

and sheer class. We defeated Rydal School, Wales, Loughborough University third team and with a truly fantastic performance we drew 1-1 with the mighty Millfield after the goal of the season from Jessica Morris. It was all to play for in our final match against the British College under 19 team. At this stage of the competition, and with such a small squad, the girls were very tired and, although we put up a great fight, we unfortunately lost 2-0. Kirkham finished in third place on goal difference, our best position to date.

The team this year has been superb. Captain Kate Gledhill has driven the team from midfield, she was superb in defence and dynamic in attack; Gemma Thackray was rock solid in goal; Alex Bonney, Melanie Smith, Lauren Aspden and Sam Shopland-Reed were organised, gritty, determined and skilled in defence; Rebecca Preskey, Jennifer Bowden, Georgina Fulford-Brown, Nicole Pike and Katie Gorman dominated in midfield and Jessica Morris, Emma Fagan and Harriet Martin provided the excitement and creativity up front.

The first XI this year has been an absolute pleasure to work with. I am extremely sad to say goodbye to Kate Gledhill who captained the team superbly, Alex Bonney, Vice Captain, Gemma Thackray, Lauren Aspden, Melanie Smith, Rebecca Preskey, Georgina Fulford-Brown and Jessica Morris. I would like to thank them for their total commitment to Kirkham hockey and I wish them well in the future.

I also had to say goodbye to a lady who is not just an excellent hockey coach but also a lady who became a very good friend during the last five years. I would like to thank Lil Dykes for her total commitment to KGS hockey. We will certainly miss her.

J M Glover

SECOND XI

The season has been very successful for the second XI senior hockey squad. The team started the season by defeating both Queen Mary School and Stockport School.

The team this year was a very young side who worked hard together as a unit to help to give 100% all over the pitch.

The squad competed in the under 19 Lancashire Hockey Tournament, which saw them competing against mainly first XI squads. The competition saw the likes of Arnold, Queen Mary and Rossall compete against both our own first team and second team squads.

The side was captained by Chelsea Jude who worked hard with the girls to ensure the best results possible!

A very successful season was had by all.

L.Osbourne

UNDER 14 XI

P 27 W 18 D5 L 4

This has been a challenging and ultimately a most rewarding season for the under 14 squad. Losing Nicole Pike for the season meant changes had to be made to the shape of the side and this meant several players had to adapt to new positions and we needed a few matches to allow the team to settle. We were unfortunate to meet first Wakefield, who later became English Schools' National finalists, to whom we lost 4-1, and then Arnold who narrowly defeated us 3-2. We

then gained our first victory by beating Stockport 3-2 and three days later went on to beat Sedburgh 1-0, keeping our first clean sheet.

That result became a turning point as it showed we were establishing a stronger base defensively and this proved to be a key to our future success. We went on to keep nineteen clean sheets throughout the season. In the two major championships in which we participated we conceded only one goal in nine matches, and that via a highly controversial penalty corner awarded as the hooter went for full time. But in February we became worthy Lancashire Champions and finished the season off in March with victories over Arnold, Queen Mary and Cheadle Hulme.

What was so impressive about the achievements of this squad was that for much of the season we were missing a number of key players for weeks at a time through illness or injury, at one time having our complete midfield unavailable. However, this situation provided the opportunity for other girls to come in, which they did in outstanding fashion. In particular, Catherine Moss and Lucy Anson brought strength and determination to our defence and developed their own game considerably.

Throughout the season central figures on the pitch were our captain, Jasmine Norton, and vice-captain Charlotte Dalzell, both of whom had outstanding seasons. They were the heart of the team and led by example. Both our right and left midfielders, Charlotte Corkhill and Lamara Hill brought great endurance qualities to the team, working tirelessly up and down the pitch. Alex Fell was a constant threat to the opposition down the right flank. Her strong running and hitting provided regular scoring opportunities. Vicky Greensmith always had an eye for goal and led the line well



throughout the season. On the left, Kerry Emmett worked hard and got herself in some great scoring positions.

In goal Charlotte Airey had to cope with the difficult opening matches, but finished the season particularly well in the Lancashire Schools' Tournament. Louise Walker and Emma Jordan were very committed players and both improved their defensive skills as the season developed. Hannah Gardner retained her enthusiasm for the game and always provided strong tackling at the back. Catherine Price provided welcome cover at the back when called upon and always gave her best. Vicky Rowe has developed some skilful touches and hopefully can be even more involved next year. She certainly has potential.

I have been delighted with the attitude and effort of the girls in this squad. I think they have had a terrific season and have rightly earned the title of Lancashire Champions.

S Sampey

UNDER 13 XI

The under 13 hockey squad has again been a delight to work with throughout the season. Their enthusiasm has been limitless and they have continued to absorb a vast amount of hockey knowledge.

From the first to the last game of the season, the squad worked hard for each other, developing good team work and tactical prowess. The hard work put in resulted in the team being undefeated throughout the season, with memorable wins being recorded over Arnold, KEQM Lytham and Wakefield Girls' High School.

Katie Penrose quickly adapted to the role of captain and led her team with pride at all times. The junior hockey tour to Holland provided the team with the opportunity to bond off as well as on the pitch. Tough matches against strong Dutch

opposition made the girls think and gel together to overcome the onslaught of skilful players.

It has continued to be difficult to arrange 11-a-side B team matches. I am always looking for opponents to play in competitive matches for all of the girls that attend the training sessions. The girls in the B team squad must be commended for their commitment to improving their hockey skills and I am delighted with the progress that has been made. Thanks must go to Mrs Sutcliffe for her expertise in coaching the B team squad.

The Lancashire under 13 mini-hockey tournament was a great opportunity to give all squad players a chance to compete in a tournament situation. It was a challenge for the girls to revert back to a 7-a-side game after being so successful at using the vast space available on a full pitch in an 11-a-side environment. The A team won through the group stages and semi-finals and faced local rivals Arnold in the final. Despite creating many scoring chances, neither team could convert a goal and the title was to be decided on a series of penalty flicks. In a reversal of last year's results, it was the Kirkham team which was victorious and progressed as champions to the Northern Finals in Durham at the end of April.

I have had the pleasure of coaching this group of players for two seasons now and hope that the skills and games understanding that they have learnt will be a sound basis for future hockey development.

K H Benter

UNDER 12 XI

A strong foundation has once again been established with the under 12 hockey teams. The girls have worked hard to learn new skills and develop their match play. Both A and B teams have been undefeated throughout the season and this has been a result of the dedicated approach all girls have had to training and match days.

The introduction of an under 12 Lancashire Hockey squad alongside the under 13 squad this season has provided many of the Kirkham team with an opportunity for their excellent skills to be recognised. I know that the girls approach their county duties with the same commitment as they do their school duties.

In the under 12 Lancashire Tournament, the A team finished runners up and the B team finished as champions of their relevant sections, a great achievement for all concerned.

In the C and D team squads, enthusiasm and enjoyment were always in evidence. The girls worked hard and made great improvements throughout the season. In the few matches they played in, due to the difficulty of arranging C and D fixtures, the girls conducted themselves in a competitive manner. It was a mark of the progress that the girls made that the C team was entered in the Lancashire under 12 tournament, the only C team in the county to compete.

The squads can now look forward to further development at under 13 level when they progress from seven a side to eleven a side hockey.

K H Benter and S A Alcock

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NETBALL

UNDER 16

P 8 W 6 L 2 D 0

The under 16's team has made terrific progress during the last three years and they have developed into a very good team indeed. They combined super skills with great tactical awareness and a real desire to win. This ensured that they were strong enough to compete with any team in the Blackpool Schools' first division.

Sarah Hatch, Emma Fagan and Claire Pasquill destroyed defences with their speed and accurate shooting; Harriet Martin had terrific vision feeding the ball into the circle; Emily Rayson dominated and controlled the centre of the court; Camille Knowles, Sarah Dickie, Phoebe Le Saint and Fiona Gardiner were totally solid in defence, breaking down the opposition and setting up our attacks.

In the Blackpool Schools' Netball Tournament, the girls played extremely well in a very difficult section. All games were fiercely contested, the girls won five out of seven matches and were very unfortunate to miss out on qualifying for the quarter-finals.

This group of girls has been an absolute pleasure to coach, I wish them well in the future.

J Glover

UNDER 15

P 8 W 6 L 2 D 0

The under 15's netball team has continued to make great progress this season. They have performed consistently well

in their league games, defeating six schools in the Blackpool Schools' first division and losing only two. The girls have developed real confidence, keeping possession, controlling the games and tactically out-thinking the opposition.

In the Blackpool Schools' Netball Tournament, our girls excelled. They showed real skill, determination and a total desire to win. They won their section, the quarter-final and were very unfortunate to lose narrowly in the semi-final. This team has the ability to develop into a real class act next season! Congratulations to Captain Emily Fisher, Lizzie Woodburn, Grace O'Flaherty, Grace Ford, Hollie Wilkinson, Katie Gorman, Hannah Quarmbly and Harriet Watson on their excellent achievements this year. I look forward to working with them next season.

J Glover

UNDER 14

P 6 W 3 L 2 D 1

The under 14's netball team has been plagued by injuries this season and hence, because of the constant changes to the team, they struggled to develop their shape or set plays in the early part of the season.

As the season progressed and the injuries disappeared, this group of girls demonstrated that they have the ability to develop into an excellent team. They gelled towards the end of the season and played some exceptional netball. In the Blackpool Schools' Netball Tournament, they won their section convincingly, strolled through the quarter-finals, but were very unfortunate to be drawn against national netball finalists Baines in the semi-finals. The girls performed superbly and raised their game yet again. After a very close game, they lost narrowly 7-5. This was an outstanding performance. I look forward to working with them all next season.

J Glover

UNDER 13

I was delighted with the enthusiasm of the under 13 netball squad. Throughout the season all girls were committed to attending practices and used these times well to develop their skills and tactical awareness. Team selection was always difficult, with competition for places in both the A and B teams.

The friendly matches were always played in a pleasing spirit and with many victories recorded, the girls looked forward to the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Tournament. The B team worked exceptionally hard to finish third out of nine teams in their group, whilst the A team played and won some tough matches to go on to breeze through the quarter finals and earn a semi-final place. Despite playing their best netball of the season, the girls lost to St George's (the eventual winners) by one goal after extra time.

All girls should be congratulated on the progress they made throughout the season. They have been a delightful year group to coach and will hopefully go on to success next season.

K. Benter

UNDER 12 A & B

The netball season got underway in early September when the squad members were selected. Our practices took place on Mondays and Fridays. There is always a sense of anticipation and excitement at the start of the season felt by both girls and teachers, so netball drills and tactical moves were practised and positions allocated and we felt prepared for the matches that lay ahead. The season culminated in the under 12 Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre Netball Tournament which took place at Stanley Park in April. We had a tremendous day in glorious weather and, after a great deal of hard work, tension and fun, the 'A' Team were runners up and the 'B' Team won their tournament. What a wonderful end to a great season. Well done, everybody.

The season was generally successful, with the toughest matches being a well fought draw against KEQM and a well deserved win against Arnold. All other matches were close and fairly contested, with the Kirkham girls being a credit to the school with their good standard of play and enthusiasm for the sport.

Well played, girls.

S A Alcock

GIRLS' ATHLETICS

P 24 W 18 L 5 D 1

Once again, the girls have been an absolute pleasure to work with this season. As always, the atmosphere has been vibrant, the commitment has been terrific and the determination to succeed has been superb. More than seventy girls have trained regularly four times a week and they made great progress throughout the term.

Our first years have shown great potential throughout the season and they finished the season superbly with a convincing win over Arnold and Queen Mary and winning the Fylde Coast Championships.

Our second years have real strength and depth and have been a force to be reckoned with. This team has a terrific combination of top track and field athletes, and together they have been unbeatable. They finished the season in style, defeating Arnold and Queen Mary by more than twenty points and winning the Fylde Coast Championships.

Our third years have a very solid squad but unfortunately they have been hit by injury a little this season. We have some top class athletes in this age group and they have a strong pack around them. They finished the season with a super victory over Arnold and Queen Mary and they performed exceptionally well at the Fylde Coast Championships. They were very disappointed to finish in second place by four points - they will win it next year!

Our under 17's have a terrific squad and have been excellent role models for the younger athletes. The fourth year girls have shown real commitment and have led by example, and our fifth years have shown exceptional loyalty, trying to fit the athletics in since they finished for study leave in May. This combined age group ended the season with an outstanding

victory over Arnold and Queen Mary. At the Fylde Coast Championships the girls performed superbly and were very unfortunate to finish in third place, only one point behind second place and six points behind the winners.

Fylde Coast Championships 2007

First Place

Gemma Coleman	Under 13 Standing triple jump
Hannah Travis	Under 13 Discus
Alex Fell	Under 15 Javelin
Lamara Hill	Under 15 Shot
Ashley Bradshaw	Under 14 1500m
Georgina Cameron	Under 13 60m
Hannah Pike	Under 13 High jump
Sarah Hatch	Under 17 Discus

Second Place

Alison Glover	Under 14 Discus
Natalie Yates	Under 14 Javelin
Sophie Abbott	Under 15 1500m
Gemma Coleman	Under 13 800m
Alex Townsend	Under 13 150m
Hannah Pike	Under 13 70m Hurdles
Emma Fagan	Under 17 100m
Fiona Gardner	Under 17 300m
Emily Fisher	Under 17 High jump/ Under 17 Relay team

Third Place

Alison Glover	Under 14 800m
Lucie Rawcliffe	Under 14 75m Hurdles
Abi Kos	Under 14 Javelin
Nicole Pike	Under 15 1500m
Louise Walker	Under 15 800m
Katie Penrose	Under 14 1500m
Bronte Edgar	Under 13 High jump

After combining all the scores Kirkham Grammar School won the overall school championship.

In the Lancashire round of the Sainsbury's National Athletics Cup, our junior team was victorious and our intermediate team finished in third place but scored excellent points. Both of our teams qualified for the North finals at Stretford Athletics Stadium on the 11th June. This was always going to be difficult because it took place on the last day of the examinations, so we had not been able to train since before half term. However, the girls gave some really gutsy performances and both teams finished in fourth place out of twelve schools. We would like to thank Mrs Crowther who kindly accompanied us and acted as our official photographer all afternoon.

Many of our girls represented Blackpool South in the Lancashire Schools' Athletics Championships on the 9th June. Mr Sampey organised all our athletes for this event and he was delighted with our performances!

First Place

Lamara Hill	Junior girls Shot
Alex Fell	Junior girls Javelin
Rosie Gornall	Inter girls Long Jump

Second Place

Sarah Hatch Inter girls Discus

Third Place

Jessica Morris Senior girls Triple Jump

Special mention must be given to two girls. Firstly, Lamara Hill who did the double, winning both the Lancashire County and Lancashire Schools' Championships. Secondly, Alex Fell, who attained the English Schools' qualifying standard and was selected to throw the javelin for Lancashire in Birmingham on Saturday, 14th July.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our athletes for their commitment and hard work throughout the season. Special thanks must be given to our squad captains, Gemma Coleman and Georgina Cameron (first year), Alison Glover and Anna Rigby (second year), Lamara Hill and Nicole Pike (third year), Grace Ford and Danielle Simpson (fourth year). All of these girls have done a tremendous job and have led by example in both training and competitions.

Mel Smith and Jess Morris have once again had the honour of being Athletics Captains this season. Their commitment to our girls, both in training and in matches, has been outstanding. I would like to thank them and wish them well in the future.

Our home matches would not have been possible without the assistance of many staff, Mr Browning, Mr Callister, Mr Trenhaile, Mr Harrison, Mr Duncan, Dr Rollins, Mr Miller and Mrs Airey. We would like to thank them for all their support throughout the season. In addition to the staff, the lower sixth A level P.E. group and a group of third and fourth year girls must also be thanked.

Finally, a big thankyou to Mr Sampey who continues to give freely of his time to give our girls his expert coaching. Our field athletes would not enjoy the success that they do without him!

J Glover & L Pumford

SWIMMING

KGS has experienced yet another successful season in the pool, producing great results against Stonyhurst College, Hulme Grammar School, Westholme, Merchant Taylor's, Bolton Grammar, Hutton and Tarleton.

The team has produced some excellent individual and team performances this season resulting in several victories.

The following pupils should be congratulated on their individual performances throughout the season,

Under 12

Hannah Pike
Todd Davies
Liam Marrows
Rachel Williamson

Under 13

Sophie Ward – Great Britain Squad
Ashley Bradshaw
Nathan Loftus

Under 14

Nicole Pike
Sophie Abbott
Lucy Fielding
Catherine Moss

Under 15

Rebecca Lewis
Katherine Heyes
Henry Tomlinson
Toby Townsend

Seniors

Jane Duncan
Rachel Armistead

Overall, the team has produced the best results yet and will hopefully continue to improve into next season.

Well done to all swimmers!

L Pumford

TENNIS

Despite the winter conditions throughout most of the term, the tennis season of 2007 has been a thoroughly enjoyable one for all concerned. Teams were entered in the boys' and girls' Lancashire under 13 and under 15 leagues. The under 13 squad of Ashley Bradshaw, Katie Penrose, Anna Rigby and Jodie Hope won their league convincingly and were unfortunate not to progress further in the competition after a closely fought final.

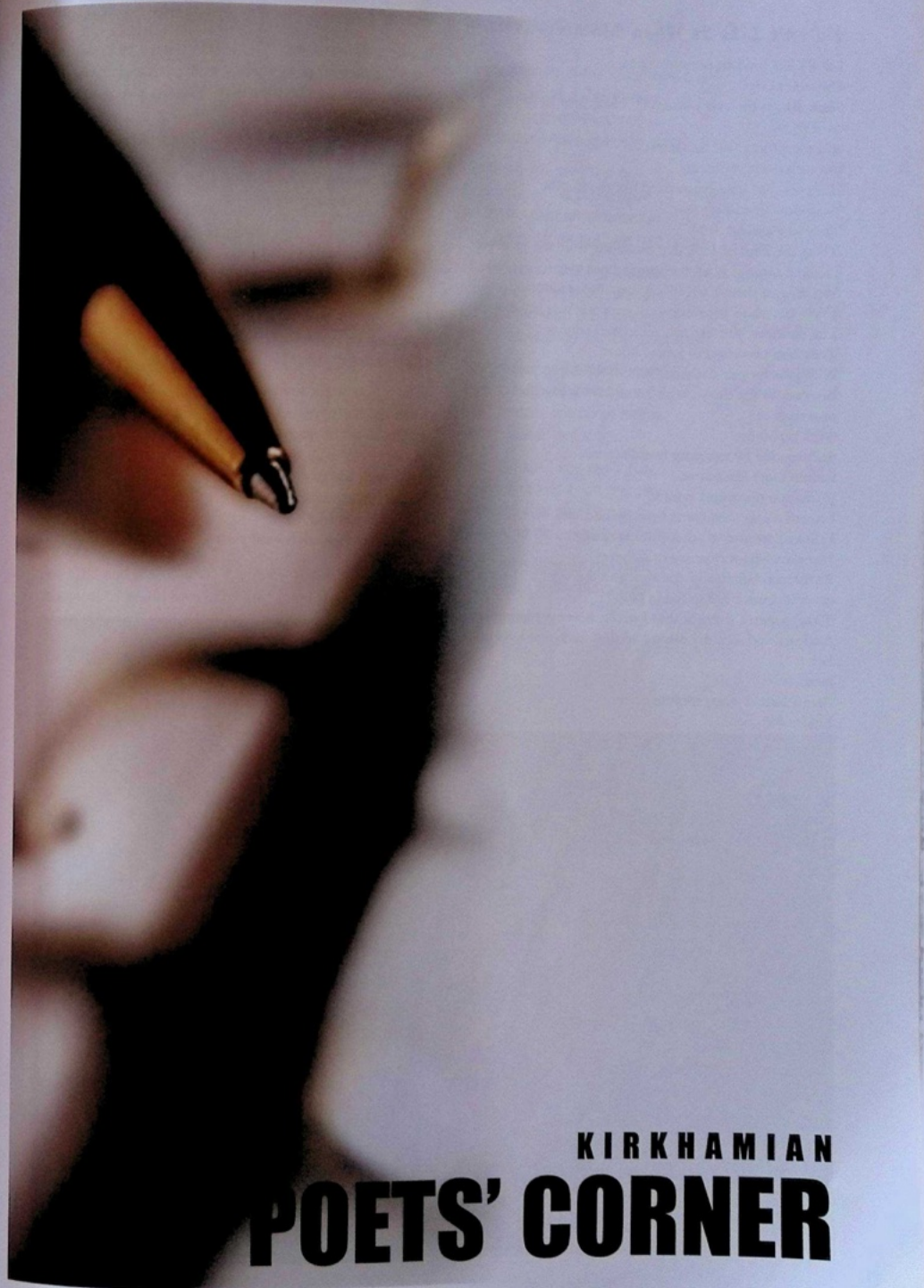
Training sessions for squad players and beginners were led by LTA coach David Shaw, who was delighted with the enthusiasm and dedication of the players. The Wednesday afternoon sessions were invaluable in developing the improvers' groups, and the second session for second to fourth year pupils was vital to the progression of the boys' tennis. The Friday morning squad sessions were well attended, despite some wild and windy conditions, and tactical, decision making skills were noticeably improved upon by all girls.

A busy Saturday fixture calendar was followed, which included strong opposition from schools throughout the North West. The girls recorded victories in all of their Saturday matches, including wins over Cheadle Hulme and Arnold School.

Games lessons were used to play whole year group matches, often taking twelve pairs to compete against other local schools. A pleasing total of 143 girls represented Kirkham Grammar School over the course of the summer term.

The senior tennis players were keen to compete in the few weeks of the term they were available. Tennis captains Zara Walsh and Genevieve Melling should be congratulated on their contribution throughout the term when both playing and coaching.

K H Benter



I Don't Like It When Mummy Cries

I don't like it when mummy cries,
She never cries.
She's always the one who says, "Hold your head up,
darling,
and everything will be alright."
But today was different.
Her eyes that usually sparkled like diamonds
Were now filled with fear.
They just looked dead.
It was the kind of look that made my stomach turn over.
I looked around at all the people near me,
Standing in their rows, filling the whole platform.
Their faces had the same dark expression as my mum's.
The children, just like me, all looked confused.
They had promised us a new home,
With jobs for our dads and houses for our mums,
But over in the distance all I could see were these
towering
brick buildings,
Surrounded by towering metal fences.
It didn't feel like home,
It was too quiet and sinister.
I heard a gun shot come from behind me,
I turned around to see a woman dead,
Her daughter screaming in disbelief
At the randomness of the shot and the sight of her mum
covered from head to toe in blood.
That's when I thought that I might never get home again
And realised why my mum had that darkened look on
her
face.
And I hate it when mummy cries,
She never cries....

Charlotte Airey

The Magic Teacher

School has a magic teacher,
He pops out every night,
He sometimes walks through pupils
And gives them all a fright.
He teaches maths and physics, too,
His lessons are not boring,
He screams and wails and disappears
To stop the pupils' snoring.
He has a great big painted nose,
His teeth are rather yellow,
But, all in all, this magic chap's
A really splendid fellow!

Jack Clarke



When I....

When I think of you
I am a graceful gazelle,
roaming across the plains of Africa,
in a wet, luscious part of Africa,
in search of food
on a hot summer's day,
the sun rising to the left and an orange
horizon surrounding it.

When I see you
I am a devious hyena,
ready to pounce on unsuspecting prey,
the African sun shining on my back;
barren trees surrounding me,
swaying in the wind and
the grass bending to its whim.

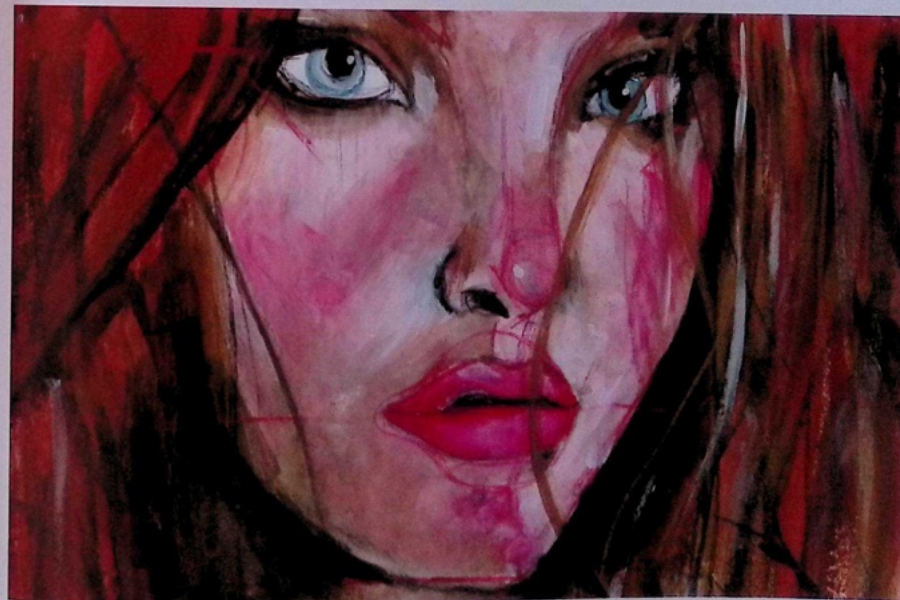
When you walk away
I am an Emperor Penguin
at the dead of night,
making my way across
the ice fields of Antarctica,
alone for eternity,
the bitter cold
attacking me with every step.

Ryan Morton

I wish I were a....

I'd like to be a polar bear
with a thick, warm, snow white coat.
I'd like to be a cheetah
who can run at the speed of light.
I'd like to be a lion
and everyone would be scared.
I'd like to be an alligator
which snaps everywhere.
I'd like to be a kangaroo
with lots of energy to bounce.
I'd like to be a snake
with a bendy body.
I'd like to be a bumble bee
to make sweet honey,
I'd like to be a spider
with a glistening web for a home.
I'd like to be a parrot
to copy every word.
I'd like to be a whale
and make the biggest splash.
I'd like to be an ant
to eat all the picnic food.
I'd like to be a butterfly,
beautiful and graceful.
But most of all I'd love to be me,
because I'm unique,
just like you.

Hannah Seaton



My Magic Guitar

I was walking in the street one day
To find a good guitar to play.
I looked in curiosity shops
And shops where curiosity stops.

I entered the very last one
And realised I'd come upon
An instrument all dimmed in dust
And every string but one had bust.

There was something magical about it.
I really couldn't leave without it,
So I parted with a bit of cash
For what seemed like car boot trash.

But only when I took it home,
Polished it until it shone,
Did I realise, with new strings,
An old guitar just sings.

Even though I still can't play,
I'm hoping that I will one day
And until that day comes
I'll have to be content on drums.

And, still sitting on my shelf,
That guitar really plays itself . . . magic!

Joseph Martin



August Blackberries

There was hint of autumn in the air
As sunny August came to an end.
I walked and walked for hours on end,
Dog at my side, my very best friend.

Across the hedgerows, gleaming bright,
Purple blackberries, glossy and ripe.
They are sweet and fleshy, like thickened wine,
Ready to pick at any time.

Bat at the ready, I cross the track,
I reach for the fat one at the back.
Juice oozes out through my hand,
Like clotted blood or blackberry jam.

Sarah Pickford

Locker 88

Nobody knows my secret, but me.
I have to be careful, make sure they don't see.
It's a magical secret, a magical place
And it all begins at locker 88.
I close my eyes and wish really hard
That I was far away from the grotty schoolyard.
I put in the key and turn it to the right,
I step in quickly and hold on tight.
Everything is spinning, going round and round,
But then, at last, my feet touch the ground.
I open my eyes and everything I see
Is magical and mystical and where I want to be.
Where do I start? Where do I begin?
Which path shall I take? What adventure should I be in?
Should I defy the demons with warlocks and wizards?
Discover old species of dinosaurs and lizards?
Help fairies find toadstools to hide from the cold?
Or help leprechauns find their secret pot of gold?
In what seems like hours since I left my friends
I have slain two dragons and fought many men.
I've saved a princess from a treacherous fate
And been held captive by a pirate and his shipmate.
I blink my eyes, fists clenched tight,
The door reappears, remember now, not to the right.
I turn the key to the left, it's nearly time to go back,
I suddenly fall and land with a smack.
For now, no one knows and that's how I'll keep it.
It's my magical, mystical, very special secret.
But for my next adventure, I'll just have to wait
And it's all behind the door of locker 88.

Hope Murray

I Love Blackberries

I love summer,
my clothes stained,
my hands inked up
from the blackberries I had been picking all day.
I delved in the briars for them,
anywhere I could.
My hands were peppered with cuts and little
splinters of thorn,
my legs were always scratched.
The best blackberries always sat as dark blobs,
the highest up and the hardest to get to.
However high up I am in the bush
I always reach higher or further just to get one
more.

My legs burned from the cuts
and I had a thorn wedged in my leg.
At the end of the day my hands were always so
sticky.
Even after all that, I still love blackberries.

Sam Wignall

Reminders

When I think of you I am a clownfish
down in the deep blue sea
in a cluster of glorious orange anemones,
tucked away amongst the sounds of
swaying seaweed and scuttling crabs
and the soft motion of the warm sea.

When I see you I am a giraffe,
tall, strong and brave,
standing by a pool of blue water,
surrounded by lush green trees,
the sounds of elephants, zebra and antelope
all around me, my friends.

When you walk away I am a horse
in a cold, stormy field,
tucked under the thorny branches of a tree,
ferocious winds howling around me.
My feet are cold and my mane is tangled,
but the memory of you keeps me warm.

Alice Parr



Animal Kingdom

When I think of you,
I am a spider
on a wet leaf
in the Brazilian rain forest,
my silver trap glistens in the moon light.

When I see you
I am a rabbit,
basking in the golden sun,
watching the clouds go by
while I lay on the luscious green grass.

When you walk away
I am a tiger,
hunting in the undergrowth,
the padding of my paws
matches the beating of my heart
as vultures soar above me.

Alexander Lo

Winter

Cold, wet days,
Rain clouds and gale force winds,
Shortened days and soaking wet clothes -
Why don't we migrate with the birds?

Cows in fields with frosty breath,
Wild dogs fighting over food,
Nuts and seeds left for the birds -
Why don't they migrate with their friends?

Nothing to do but to watch the rain
Turn to hail and then maybe snow,
Icicles appearing on window sills -
Why can't we disappear like the sun?

But Christmas comes and the New Year, too,
Watching football by the log fire,
Building, snowing, playing sports -
I think I'll stay and wait for spring.

Ryan Baxter



Secrets of a Garden

Seedlings burst out of the rich soil,
Ready for stories to uncoil.
Bulbs full of promise, ready to unlock,
Just as the medicine from the leaves of a dock.
Ivy hangs over ancient stone,
Whispering to Iris, all alone.
The Rose has the meaning of Love held in its prick,
Making sure nothing will steal her memories, no matter how slick.
Blossom gently floats off an old Cherry Tree,
Just as slow as pollen is sucked by a gentle buzzing bee.
Dainty fairies hide in elegant lilac Foxgloves,
Their friends the fluttering butterflies fly by in droves.
Sweet dew sprinkles off crisp swaying grass,
Exactly like the Snapdragon snapping with such sass.
A bush shakes in the swift winter's breeze,
His long bristly leaves reach for the waiting spring keys!

Lorraine Popely

Just The Two Of Us

When I think of you
I am a gecko, sitting on
a bright yellow flower, waiting
for juicy bugs to creep
past me to drink at a glistening
dewdrop.

When I see you
I am an owl, flying
around the countryside
in the dead of night,
eyes alert while ducking
and diving. Dive down to
swipe a vole and then
ascend back to a hollow
tree.

When you walk away
I am an eel, long and
slimy, slipping and weaving
around the coral. Beams of
light fill the reef with
life, scouting for innocent
prey.

Paul Grayston 4Y



Kirkham Grammar Junior School





Mrs Roberts

Staff Changes

This year has seen a number of staff changes in all areas of the school. In August 2006, we were delighted to hear of the new arrival of Mrs Kate Aldeen's baby girl, Heidi.

In the Autumn term we were pleased to welcome Mrs Julie Wignall to KGJS as class teacher for 11X. Also Mr Alf Oddie was appointed as Head of Sport. We hope they will have a happy and rewarding time at Kirkham Grammar Junior School. Mr John-Paul Stansfield, an 'old' boy of KGS was appointed to help Mr Oddie. We thank John-Paul sincerely for all his efforts and enthusiasm which he has given to the school and wish him every success as he leaves us in the summer term.



Mrs Kenmare



Mr Butterworth



Mrs Wignall



Mr Oddie



Mrs Taylor



Mrs Morgan

We received the lovely news in October that Mrs Lindsey Case had given birth to her second child, a baby boy, Harry. We welcomed her back at the end of the summer term.

In November, Mrs Christine Lawton, our Nursery manager, also gave birth to her second child, a baby girl, Eva. Mrs Jessica Merrick took over her role and has done a splendid job. We welcome Mrs Lawton back this October.

At the end of the Easter term, we were sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Julie Hall who had been teaching 12X and we welcomed back Mrs Kate Aldeen from her maternity leave.

It was a great sadness that Mrs Lesley Taylor left KGJS after 15 years of service to take up her new position as head teacher in Kettlewell. We wish Lesley and Ike every success and happiness in their new life in the Dales. As one door closed, another door opened as we welcomed Mrs Annette Roberts as our new Head Teacher. We wish her every happiness and success at KGJS.

In April we wished a fond farewell to Mrs Helen Shuttleworth who became a mummy for the second time to a baby boy, James. During this time Mrs Anne Mason came to teach 11X and we wish our sincere thanks to her for all her hard work as she leaves KGJS at the end of the summer term. Mrs Sam Kenmare who taught 11X also left at the end of the summer and we would like to send her our very best wishes.

Sadly we had to say goodbye to Mrs Gill Morgan who left after 11 years of service to the school. We wish her good health in her new life of leisure!

Finally congratulations to Mr Chris Butterworth on his marriage to Wendy during the summer. We hope you have many years of happiness together.

Sport Under 11 Rugby

It has been a very busy and enjoyable rugby season for all boys in the under 9, under 10 and under 11 age groups. All the boys have worked extremely hard at all aspects of their game.

The under 11's have not had the same success as the Under 10's but have always performed for the school with passion and enthusiasm, they have never given up and have been a pleasure to coach and a credit to the school.

Results Under 11 boys

Tarleton Rugby Club	lost 17-0
Merchant Taylors	lost 52-0
Preston Grasshoppers	lost 14-0
St Marys Crosby	won 22-7
Altrincham Prep	lost 21-7
Rossall School	won 26-0
Fleetwood Rugby Club	lost 14-5
Tarleton Rugby Club	won 5-0
Preston Grasshoppers	lost 19-7
KGJS Under 10's	drew 0-0
Arnold School	lost 19-14

In the end of season tournaments they performed very well with the following results:

Packwood Haugh 7's	quarter finals
AJIS 7's	semi finals
Budge (Rossall) 7's	semi finals
St Marys Crosby 9's	plate final

Overall a very rewarding season for the under 11's and one they can look back on with pride.

Under 10 Rugby

The under 10's have had an excellent season and went through the season undefeated in normal fixtures. All the boys work for each other and are a very determined group of players. Their defence has been exceptional which has allowed them to express themselves in attack.

Results Under 10 boys

Preston Grasshoppers	won 10-5
Tarleton Rugby Club	won 30-0
Merchant Taylors	won 28-0
St Marys Crosby	won 21-0
Tarleton Rugby Club	won 30-5
Preston Grasshoppers	won 35-5
Cheadle Hulme Under 11's	won 15-0
KGJS Under 11's	drew 0-0
Rossall School	won 49-0
Altrincham Prep	won 25-0

At the end of the season they took part in the Rossall Budge 7's. They played well to reach the final but unfortunately lost to Birkenhead school 7-5. All the boys were extremely disappointed with this final result but should be very proud of their performances throughout the season.



Under 9 Rugby

The under 9's have made pleasing progress and with a little bit more determination in defence should develop into a good side. They move the ball well in attack and generally play attractive rugby.

Results Under 9 boys

Rossall School	lost 10-0
Tarleton Rugby Club	won 54-0
Merchant Taylors	won 15-5
Preston Grasshoppers	lost 30-10
Altrincham Prep	lost 25-15

At the end of the season they took part in the St Marys Crosby 9's. They performed very well winning all their group games. In the semi-final they beat St Marys Crosby and reached the final against Altrincham Prep, only to lose 5-0. A very pleasing start to their rugby careers.

Overall a very satisfactory rugby season with 26 fixtures played, 6 tournaments and 3 finals reached.

Finally I would like to thank Mr Stansfield for his major contribution throughout the season towards all aspects of coaching and general organisation.



Hockey

The girls and boys who have played hockey this year have practised hard and have played very well in matches and tournaments. This year the school has been represented by the following teams, two under 11 girls teams, one under 10 girls team, one under 11 boys team and one under 10 boys team. All that have taken part have played with enthusiasm and a desire to improve. Particular congratulations to the girls teams who remain unbeaten in all matches this season.

In recent tournaments we have achieved the following;

St Mary's Hall Tournament winners - this is the third year running we have won this tournament.

A.J.I.S. Tournament winners - this is the second year running we have won and have won three out of the last four.

We have qualified for the North Finals - fourth year running.

Budge Hockey Tournament winners - second year running.

Boys Lancashire Tournament Sunday 28th January

We entered two boys teams into this tournament, an under 11 and under 10 team. The under 10 team were entered mainly for experience for next year. Both teams should be congratulated for their efforts. They played some very good hockey and were a credit to the school, both on and off the pitch. They finished in fourth place out of eleven. Congratulations to you all.

Girls Lancashire Tournament Sunday 11th March

We entered two girls teams into this tournament. The under 11 B team were entered mainly for experience for next year. Both teams should be congratulated for their efforts. They played some very good hockey and were a credit to the school, both on and off the pitch. The B team came fourth overall. They also won the penalty stroke competition, congratulations.

Netball

Netball practices have been extremely well attended with over forty girls regularly taking part. We had matches throughout the Autumn and Spring terms for A and B teams. The A and B team remained undefeated during the spring term. The A team practised hard for the A.J.I.S netball tournament on Friday 23rd March. They lost three games by narrow margins, drew 1-1 and won 1. All girls involved improved as the tournament went on.

Rounders

Rounders club has been extremely popular with over thirty girls regularly attending after school and lunchtimes. Unfortunately owing to inclement weather, four matches had to be cancelled and the A.J.I.S tournament was also cancelled. We managed to play two matches, the A team narrowly lost to Arnold by one rounder and lost to KGS Under 12's team by half a rounder. The B team beat Arnold by two and a half rounders and lost to KGS Under 12's by two rounders. All girls involved have thoroughly enjoyed playing and made a massive improvement.

House rounders has taken place for all of J1 and J2 and the girls in J3, J4. This was a very close and competitive house competition.

Tennis

Tennis club has been very popular with both girls and boys. All that have attended have learnt how to play and score a competitive game. We have managed to play one competitive match against St Pius X School, narrowly being defeated seven games to five.

House tennis was an excellent competition with some very close matches.

Indoor Athletics

On Sunday 21st January at Hyndburn Sports Centre the school took part in the Lancashire Sports hall Athletics Championship. The team consisted of eight Under 11 boys and eight under 11 girls with each athlete having to do four individual events and one relay. The events participated in were standing long jump, standing triple jump, speed bounce, vertical jump, sitting throw, javelin, one lap, two laps and four lap sprints and the obstacle relay.

The event was mainly for clubs within Lancashire. Ten teams participated, the boys finished fourth and the girls seventh. A very pleasing performance in their first venture into Sports hall athletics.

Gymnastics

The gymnastics club has continued to be popular and all the pupils who attended on Thursday evenings have worked hard to develop personal and partner sequences.

Swimming

The boys and girls teams have made excellent progress throughout the year. They have continued to train hard in lessons and during lunchtimes at Kirkham Baths. Over fifty

pupils have represented the school this year which is very pleasing indeed. All the boys and girls have performed exceptionally well against schools that have their own pool!!

Results

9th November v Bury Grammar School

Under 11's	lost 32-56
Under 10's	lost 44-45
Under 9's	won 49-37

28th November v Westholme

Under 11's Girls	lost 34-36
Under 11's Boys	won 48-40
Under 10's Girls	lost 36-38
Under 10's Boys	drew 43-43
Under 9's Girls	lost 50-29
Under 9's Boys	drew 39-39

24th January v Bolton School

Under 11's	lost 27-39
Under 10's	won 38-27
Under 9's	lost 31-34

27th February v Westholme

Under 11's girls	lost 53-36
Under 11's boys	won 47-41
Under 10's Girls	lost 54-34
Under 10's Boys	won 46-43
Under 9's Girls	lost 54-28
Under 9's Boys	won 57-30

27th March v Cheadle Hulme School

Under 11's girls	won 48-32
Under 11's boys	won 50-30
Under 10's girls	won 43-37
Under 10's boys	won 45-35

16th November

Boys A.J.I.S Swimming Championship (held at St Edwards - Liverpool)

The Under 10's achieved some excellent results competing against the top sixteen schools in the Northwest. The following results were achieved:

Alex Ward	first 25m Butterfly
Hadley Price	first 25 Backstroke
Medley Relay	first
Freestyle Relay	first
Bradley Yates	second 25m Breaststroke
Josh Powell	fourth 100m Individual Medley

20th November

Girls A.J.I.S. Swimming Championship (held at Merchant Taylors School)

Madelene Kearsley	second 100m Individual Medley
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Overall an excellent season with many fine teams and individual performances. Well done to all who represented the school.

Athletics

All boys and girls have worked hard during lunchtimes practices. During the term we had inter-year group matches. On Wednesday 17th May the under 10's competed against the Under 11's in the 80m, 150m, 200m, 600m, 4x100m relay, cricket and rounders ball throw and shot putt. The under 11's narrowly winning the match.

On Thursday 7th June the Under 9's took on the Under 10's and against all odds pushed the older age group all the way with the final event deciding the result.

In the annual A.J.I.S. athletics held at Stanley Park on Monday 11th June the team performed very well against over 30 schools in the North West. The best performances were achieved by Grace Reddy and Harriet Price who came second in the under 10 and under 11 hurdles. Alex Bruce, Alex Hastie, Josh Powell and Grace Reddy also performed well in the high jump, all coming in the top six. In the cricket ball throw Alex Whalley came sixth.

Forthcoming Fixtures

Under 10's & Under 11's Girls v Bradford Grammar School
Under 10's & Under 11's Boys & Girls v St Pius
Inter House Athletics

Junior Cricket

Throughout the season all boys have improved in all areas of the game. The strength of the squad has been their bowling and fielding and the batting has become more consistent as the season has progressed.

The ability to play straight has been emphasised in all practice sessions. If all players can develop a solid defence and the ability to spot and put away the bad ball they will then have the platform to make further improvements.

All boys have worked with enthusiasm and have been a pleasure to coach. The outstanding bowler has been Robert Thomas and the best overall batsman Harry Mason. The fielding has been good with Ryan Powell very efficient behind the stumps.

Results

Under 11's v KGJS Under 10	lost by 19 runs
Under 11's v KGS Under 12B	won by 7 wickets
Under 11's v Arnold School	lost by 7 wickets
Under 11's v Cheadle Hulme	won by 9 wickets
Under 11's v Hutton Grammar Under 12B	lost by 30 runs
Under 11's v Rossall School	won by 9 wickets
Under 11's v Bury Grammar School	lost by 120 runs
Under 10's v KGJS under 11	won by 19 runs
Under 10's v Hutton Grammar Under 12C	lost by 8 runs

Forthcoming Fixtures

Under 11's v Merchant Taylors
Under 11's v Kirkham CC
Under 10's v Queen Elizabeth Grammar School
Under 9's v Rossall School



Cross Country

The boys and girls have made excellent progress throughout the term. They have worked hard during their weekly fitness/cross country lessons which we believe as a department greatly improves their overall performance in other areas of the curriculum.

Results so far:

V St Teresa's Thursday 28th September

Under 11 Girls lost 34-46
Under 11 Boys won 43-35

Harriet Price and Bradley Yates were race winners.

At the annual A.J.I.S. Championships held at Rossall School on Wednesday 4th October we entered four teams and the results are as follows:

Under 11 Girls came 10th
Harriet Price came 16th

Under 11 Boys came 15th
Sam Norris came 23rd

Under 10 Girls came 9th
Eleanor Greenhalgh came 6th

Under 10 Boys came 6th & Thomas Gargett came 1st
Bradley Yates came 1st

Congratulations to Bradley Yates who is A.J.I.S. cross country champion and still has one year left in this age group. Twenty six schools took part in this prestigious event with over 150 runners in each race. Well done to all who took part.



Bradley Yates

House Competitions

A total of 11 different sports were participated in this year. (Athletics, Basketball, Cricket, Cross-country, Hockey, Netball, Rugby, Rounders, Swimming, Tennis and Volleyball).

The emphasis has been upon participation with the majority of pupils taking part. All competitions have been keenly contested with lots of passion and enthusiasm.

All the competitions have taken place in the year group

PE/Games lessons with the exception of the cross-country, swimming and athletics. The cross-country took place over at the senior school on Friday 24th November. This was a very enjoyable event with the majority of pupils taking part.

The annual swimming gala took place at Kirkham Baths on Monday 21st May. This was a very enjoyable event with every pupil in the junior school swimming in at least two events. It was fantastic to see so much support and team spirit across all four year groups.

House swimming champions for 2007 were Drapers. The staff team lost to the pupils quite convincingly but are already in training for next year. You have been warned!

Hockey

J1 Hockey	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	Drapers Birley Clifton Colborne
J2 Hockey	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	Colborne Birley Drapers Clifton
J3 Hockey	1st = 2nd 4th	Clifton Drapers Colborne Birley
J4 Hockey	1st 2nd = 3rd	Birley Drapers Clifton Colborne

Champions Drapers

J1 Netball	= 1st 3rd 4th	Birley Colborne Drapers Clifton
J2 Netball	1st = 2nd	Birley Clifton Colborne Drapers
J3 Netball	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	Birley Colborne Clifton Drapers
J4 Netball	1st = 2nd 4th	Clifton Colborne Drapers Birley

Champions Birley

J1 Rugby	1st = 2nd 4th	Birley Clifton Colborne Drapers
J2 Rugby	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	Clifton Drapers Colborne Clifton



J3/J4 Rugby	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	Birley Drapers Colborne Clifton	J2 Cross Country	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	Clifton Drapers Birley Colborne
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Champions Birley

J1 Volleyball	= 1st = 3rd	Clifton Drapers Colborne Birley	J3 Cross Country	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	Colborne Clifton Birley Drapers
J2 Volleyball	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	Clifton Drapers Colborne Birley	J4 Cross Country	= 1st 3rd 4th	Colborne Birley Clifton Drapers

Champions Colborne

Cross Country

Individual race winners

J1 Boys	Haydn Price
J1 Girls	Poppy Morris
J2 Boys	Bradley Yates
J2 Girls	Eleanor Greenhalgh
J3 Boys	Josh Powell
J3 Girls	Grace Reddy
J4 Boys	Sam Norris
J4 Girls	Harriet Price

Swimming

Champions Drapers

J1 Cross Country	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	Drapers Clifton Birley Colborne	J1 Swimming	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	Drapers Clifton Colborne Birley
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J2 Swimming	1st	Drapers
	2nd	Clifton
	3rd	Birley
	4th	Colborne

J3 Swimming	1st	Drapers
	2nd	Colborne
	3rd	Birley
	4th	Clifton

J4 Swimming	1st	Birley
	2nd	Colborne
	= 3rd	Clifton
		Drapers

Champions Drapers

Basketball

J1 Basketball	= 1st	Drapers
		Birley
	3rd	Clifton
	4th	Colborne

J2 Basketball	1st	Clifton
	2nd	Drapers
	= 3rd	Birley
		Colborne

J3 Basketball	1st	Colborne
	=2nd	Clifton
		Drapers
	4th	Birley

J4 Basketball	1st	Birley
	2nd	Colborne
	3rd	Drapers
	4th	Clifton

Champions Birley

Rounders

J1 Rounders	1st	Birley
	= 2nd	Drapers
		Clifton
	4th	Colborne

J2 Rounders	1st	Drapers
	2nd	Clifton
	3rd	Birley
	4th	Colborne

J3 Rounders	1st	
	2nd	
	3rd	
	4th	

Tennis

J3/J4 Tennis	1st	Clifton
	2nd	Birley
	3rd	Drapers
	4th	Colborne

Champions Clifton

Inter House Athletics

After three cancellations and due to persistent rain and a waterlogged track, the house athletics had to be held indoors over at the senior school multi purpose hall. This proved to be a very enjoyable event for pupils, parents and staff. There were many exciting and competitive races. It was

very fortunate we are able to hold the cricket/rounders ball throw, shot putt and high jump earlier in the week which allowed all pupils to compete in their selected events.

The overall results were as follows:

1st	Drapers 183
2nd	Birley 181
3rd	Colborne 166
4th	Clifton 151

J4 Individual Championship:

Girls 1st Alex Hastie
Boys 1st Sam Norris

Individual year group positions:

J4	1st	Drapers
	2nd	Birley
	3rd	Colborne
	4th	Clifton
J3	1st	Drapers
	2nd	Colborne
	3rd	Birley
	4th	Clifton
J2	1st	Colborne
	2nd	Birley
	3rd	Clifton
	4th	Drapers
J1	1st	Birley
	2nd	Colborne
	3rd	Clifton
	4th	Drapers

After the completion of the athletics the overall house championship positions were as follows:

1st	Birley 222
2nd	Drapers 215.5
3rd	Colborne 198
4th	Clifton 184.5

It has been a very busy and enjoyable year for house sport with eleven different sports for all year groups in which every pupil has been involved.

Congratulations Birley but watch out next year!

Nursery Report

It has been difficult to keep count of all of the visitors we have had to the Nursery this year and we would like to thank every one for the contribution they have made to our curriculum. These include Mrs Davidson, one of the police helicopter team, a police dog handler, Farmer Critchley with his two calves, Mrs Andrews with Dessi the pony, Nigel Smith of Ribby Hall and several members of the Lancashire Fire Brigade. We held a successful Christmas play called 'The Sleepy Shepherd' in which all our children excelled. We also held an end of term production called 'Walking Through The Jungle' which was also a popular event. Our Sports' Day and barbecue in June were very well attended. The children were enthusiastic as were the parents! Once again we had the services of Nigel Smith whose chef cooked tasty food.



Special Achievements

This year has seen many individual achievements which merit acknowledgement. Beth Kenney and Harriet Price were both selected to play for the under 12's Lancashire Hockey team. Bradley Yates came first in the British Biathlon, winning both running and swimming sections. He also came third in the World Championships held in Manchester.

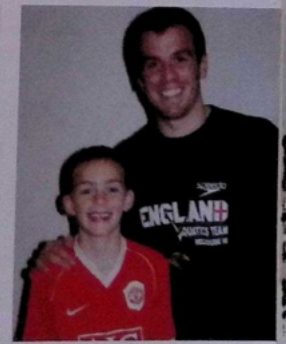
Alex Ward has performed well at the Lancashire Championships and had the enviable opportunity of swimming with a Commonwealth Gold medalist and current Great Britain team members.

Zak Wardell played the 'Last Post' on his cornet with confidence for our Remembrance Service.

After the Entrance Exam, Elsie Linley was awarded the KGJS scholar, Harry Mason was the Headmaster's scholar and Jessica Riley was the KGJS music scholar. Congratulations to all these children on their magnificent achievements and every success for future pursuits.



Elsie Linley



Alex Ward



Zak Wardell



Harry Mason



Jessica Riley

Music at KGJS

We have again had a varied, exciting and successful year on many levels.

During the Autumn Term the Ensemble operated in School and featured in the Christmas Concert. The Choir contributed to the success of the Christmas Concert.

The vocal Ensemble, (directed by Mrs Shuttleworth), joined the Longbridge Band (directed by Mr Lockett), in the recording studio and produced a 'Christmas by Candlelight' which was a great experience for the children. Working in the recording studio was enjoyed by all concerned. The CD proved popular in the run up to Christmas. The Remembrance Service in November was enhanced by the excellent playing of Zak Wardell (trumpet).

The percussion Ensemble rehearsed throughout the autumn term direct by Mrs French and entertained everyone so well in the MPH at Christmas. Vocalists and instruments entertained patients at Milbanke, and the Christmas Readers had the opportunity to present their Christmas Readings to the residents. All offerings were very much appreciated.

Open Evenings in both the Autumn and Spring Terms gave several musicians the opportunity of performing live to the many visitors who attended.

We congratulate Jessica Riley who was this year's Music Scholar and Alex Hastie who was successful in gaining the Music Award. We were again delighted to contribute several outstanding young musicians to this year's Scholarship Competition.

The music talents of our children were highlighted in the Spring production of Aladdin. The main members of the cast performed to a very high standard well supported by the children from J1 and J2 in the large chorus.



Throughout the year, there have been many outstanding achievements, vocal, instrumental and theoretical at Associated Board Exams. We are regularly celebrating 'musical' successes in our Friday Assemblies. The infant Ensemble have continued to rehearse and progress through the year and we look forward to their members stepping up into the school ensemble when they move into the Junior School.

The 'Musical Year' was completed by further successes during the summer term by individuals during examinations and the music contributions made at Prizegiving by the Music Scholars. None of the successes could have been possible without a lot of hard work by the visiting teachers who lay the foundations, to enable the children's talents to come to the fore.

On behalf of the School, I thank all the visiting music teachers for their continued effort, support and encouragement of our talented young musicians.

We wish the fourth year pupils well, as they leave and move to secondary school and we look forward to seeing them growing and developing as musicians in the years to come, by becoming part of the musical life of the Senior School.

Enjoy the summer break, until we return in September when we will once again accelerando towards our Christmas performances.

Peter Lockett. Head of Music



KGJS Performance of Aladdin

Almost a full year ago now Kirkham Grammar Junior School set to the task of preparation of performing Disney's Aladdin. It was not until we started rehearsing all the songs in Hymn practice that we first realised the full extent and colour of the show. After the nerve tingling auditions the cast was ready to roll out the magic carpet and set their minds on the show. Amongst the talented crew were some fabulous actors, others, like myself, practically first timers! Rehearsals became part of our every day lives. Not only were the cast working hard but every member of school, especially Mrs Shuttleworth and Mr Edgar who designed and painted the fabulous scenery. Eventually the show crept closer and the nerves became rougher. The big night arrived. A colossally packed hall filled with tumultuous noise and great anticipation was all that could be heard and thought about backstage. About half an hour before the performance on the first night a disastrous event occurred- I lost my hat!! I clambered onto the stage without it and was part of a spectacular performance. By the end of the second and final night the adrenaline was pumping and the effort and sacrifice was finished. We had put on a fantastic show.

Harry Mason J4X

Rehearsals

Wow! Where do I start? Rehearsals kicked off November 2006 and boy did they go fast and furious. The costumes were out of this world, so bright and colourful. The staff and cast worked like Trojans. All three performances were AWESOME! I'd like to give a huge thanks to all involved; the show received a standing ovation.

Lydia Dickinson J4Y



Junior School Choir

On the 17th June 2006 the vocal ensemble were invited to take part in the "Summer Proms", organised by the Rotary Club of Kirkham and Rural Fylde. This was a super event and the children sang beautifully. Joseph Martin was a guest soloist and he sang four fantastic solos. The other guests included the Senior School Concert Band, Peter Jebson, Blackpool Brass and local singer Karen Robinson. All the audience were invited to have a picnic in the school grounds and join in the traditional flag waving and proms sing-a-long.

Mrs Helen Shuttleworth

Infant Music

The Infant Christmas Production 2006 was called 'The Hoity Toity Angel' which involved all of the Infant Department. This was performed in front of an appreciative audience in the M.P.H. at the Senior School.

The Infant Ensemble continued to meet every Tuesday lunchtime. Their chosen instruments included keyboard, violin, recorder, glockenspiel, xylophone and percussion.

In the autumn term the members started to learn musical theory in order to read the music for the hymn called 'Lord of the Dance'. The children had the opportunity to demonstrate their musical skills by performing this piece in front of an audience in the spring term.

At the start of the summer term the musicians started to practise the hymn 'Kum-Bah-Yah' and a popular song from the '70s, 'I'd Like to Build the World a Home'. The Infant Ensemble had the opportunity of performing this piece of music in front of an audience at Prize Giving.

We hope that all the I3 musicians will continue to work with enthusiasm and develop their musical talents as they enter the Juniors.

Mrs J. Knowles and Mrs S. Kenchington

Class Visits

Class visits form an important and valuable part of the curriculum at KGJS. Over the year all classes have enjoyed a range of educational experiences out of school.

In the autumn I1 had a visit from Mrs Mollie Cottam who talked about 'Life in the Past' which linked in with the children's Humanities topic about Grandparents. In the summer term I1 classes visited Williamson Memorial Park in Lancaster where they went to the Butterfly and Amphibian Houses followed by a wonderful picnic before exploring the beautiful grounds. To link in with their Humanities work about different homes, I1 had a visit from the builders who showed them how to build a wall using different materials and tools.

At the beginning of the Autumn term I2 classes visited Towneley Hall in Blackburn where they learnt more about 'Life in the Past'. To link in with this Humanities topic, Mr Dowbiggin brought in two bicycles, a Boneshaker and a



I1 with 'the builders'

Penny-farthing. The children were fortunate enough to experience first hand what it felt like to ride these bikes from the past. I2 took a short walk to the postbox on Ribby Road as part of their Humanities project about the 'Journey of a Letter'. In the Spring term, I2 classes had the opportunity to visit Colormatrix, a factory in Knowsley which puts colour into objects including bottles. Later in the day, the children were treated to a trip to Knowsley Safari Park to see the sea-lion and parrot show. For their main class trip I2 visited Blackpool Tower where they enjoyed looking at the fish in the aquarium and were brave enough to take the 'Walk of Faith' at the top of the tower. In the afternoon they enjoyed looking at the exciting acts performed by artists in the circus followed by energetic play in the indoor adventure play area.

In the Autumn term, I3 took a trip to Leighton Moss to study habitats. Later in the year, after collecting glasses for Africa, the children walked to the opticians in Kirkham to deliver them.

During the spring term I3 classes received a visit from the firemen who talked about Fire Safety. They visited St John the Evangelist church on Ribby Road to link in with their Religious Studies topic. The year ended with their class trip to Beacon Fell to enjoy a nature walk and a picnic.

Early in the Autumn term, for our annual 'Book Week' we had a visit from an author called Damian Harvey who read various books which he had written. This inspired each year group to read different genres of writing and to incorporate this into the varied areas of the curriculum during the week.

The whole school were fortunate enough to experience a live performance from the pop group 'Angelis' at the Senior



I2 trip to 'Colormatrix'



I3s visit by the firemen

School. An 'old boy' of KGJS, Joe Martin, had been selected by Simon Cowell to be a member of this group. He spoke to the children about his new life of fame.

Mrs Evans came to visit the infants with two tortoises, Alfie and Katie. The children had prepared questions and they learnt a lot about the diet, habits of a tortoise and how to care for them. The school was privileged to receive a visit from the Deepdale Duck from Preston North End and the Bloomfield Bear from Blackpool Football Club, on their Sports' Day afternoon. The children watched in delight as the rivals had a competition to score the most goals. Bloomfield Bear was the winner!



I1 trip to Chester

On their annual trip I1 visited the Roman city of Dewa, better known as Chester. They started with a Roman soldier patrol of the city, looking at the Roman gardens and the amphitheatre which is currently the site of an archaeological dig. He also taught them about his uniform, armour and weapons and how he used them. After lunch they went into the museum where they were taken through a reconstruction of a Roman Galley and then onto the gates and a street as Chester would have looked. To complete the museum trip they looked around a dig and saw some artifacts in display cases and then went on into the 'hands on' room.

They finished the day with ice cream and a boat trip on the River Dee.

I2 were privileged to receive a three week visit from Mrs Karen Cannings, a primary school teacher from Switzerland. She worked with the I2 classes and taught them about life in her home country. I2s had a visit from Easterleigh Animal Sanctuary who came to collect a donation raised by the children. The year group spent at day at Brockholes in the Lake District. In the morning, they enjoyed learning about conservation in the National Park. This was followed by eating ice-cream! Afterwards they took part in orienteering around the centre. In the afternoon, they went on a relaxing boat cruise around Lake Windermere and then returned to the centre to have fun on the outdoor adventure playground.

I3 travelled to Eden Camp in North Yorkshire to extend their knowledge of World War II. In June they enjoyed their class trip to Windermere where they travelled on a steamboat, took a ride on the Haverthwaite steam train and finally had a tour round Holker Hall.

I4 travelled to the Ardeche in France for a week of exciting activities in the sun. These included climbing, abseiling, canoeing and kayaking to mention but a few. This fantastic experience was a wonderful way to round off I4s school life at KGJS.



Eden Camp

On 15th November 2006 J3 went to Eden Camp. We set off at 7.45am, I sat with Megan Hall. The coach arrived at 10.45 and when we got off the coach, we all went around some huts before lunch in our groups. I was in Mr Lockett's group.

The first few huts were about how the war started and there were cartoons of ladies hitting Hitler hanging on the walls. We ate our lunch at 11.30 and then we went in our groups around the rest of the huts.

One of the huts was really dark inside and showed you what a bombed street would be like. There were white lines on the pavement and around the lamp posts. As well as the white lines glowing in the dark we could see our white shirts glowing too. I think it must have been hard to walk about at night.

In some of the other huts there were glass boxes and inside them were gas masks, guns, medals and other tools and badges. My group saw some uniforms and beds where soldiers slept. The smells were not very nice inside the huts. After we had seen 25 huts we had a quick look at a 1940's garden and house, in the house there was a sewing machine and lots of pictures on the walls. In the garden it was full of fruit and vegetables.

We all met together in the souvenir shop and if you had enough money you could buy an ice-cream. Finally before we went back to the coach we had a year group photograph beneath a Spitfire aircraft. We set off to school at 2.30 and arrived at 5.00. Thank you to Mrs Brindle and Mr Lockett for arranging the trip.

Sian Almond J3Y

Lou Valagran 2007

We set off on Friday 1st June and spent a tiring and exhausting twenty four hours travelling. On Saturday, we arrived at Lou Valagran, just in time to prepare for an almighty challenge. On Sunday, we took on the great test of canoeing the Ardeche. We canoed 8km before sleeping under the stars, in our sleeping bags on a piece of tarpaulin. The following day, we canoed the remaining 18km with none stop paddling and some capsizing! We returned to site exhausted but with a sense of achievement. Tuesday was an enjoyable day spent at the beach and shopping at a walled city called Aigues-Morts. In the evening, we had a disco. The next three days were activities, activities, activities! These included: high ropes, vertical playpen, zip wire, kayaking, parachute jump, climbing wall and abseiling. On the last day, we enjoyed our last 'shakedown' (a dance that we did at the beginning of each activity). After another tiring journey, we arrived back at school on Saturday afternoon.

Sophie Breedon and Rachel Howard J4



The Kirkhamian 2007



Action Aid

Each year group has continued to support one child in an under-developed country by raising money through various events. Approximately £1,300 was raised by the following activities:

- I1 (India) - 'Guess the name of Mrs Cases's baby'
 - I2 (Vietnam) - 'Guess the teachers in the photos'
 - I3 (Ghana) - 'Sponsored Skip'
 - J1 (Nigeria) - 'Sponsored dog walk'
 - J2 (Ecuador) and Easterleigh Animal Sanctuary - 'Cake Stall'
 - J3 (Nicaragua) - Guess the number of sweets in a jar, 'Guess the name of the snowman', and 'Name the teddy bear'.
- A big 'thank you' to all the children, parents and staff who have helped raise this wonderful total for Action Aid.



Children from Chernobyl Visit KGS

On Thursday 21st June a small group of Russian children visited our school. They were looked after by the children in the J1 and J2 classes for the day. They enjoyed participating in a range of activities, these included - colouring worksheets, music and collaging and decorating flowers. A group of four girls, Olga, Vica, Anya and Vilencia, managed to complete a beautiful collage of Elmo!



The Kirkhamian 2007

Poems

A Poem about School

They say that school is good for you,
But I think that's insane.
They cram your head with so much stuff,
It almost melts your brain.

The teacher scribbles rapidly
So your eyes can't follow,
But they already know you're incredibly thick,
Because your brain is HOLLOW!

So they feed you with this torture,
It nearly melts your inners,
And before I finish and go home,
Don't get me started on school DINNERS!

Harry Mason J4X

Look! What can you see?

Look!
(What can you see?)
The Autumn leaves
of a windy tree
A black and yellow bumble bee...

Look!
(What can you see?)
The bright light
of a sparkling sun
A lot of children having fun.

Look!
(What can you see?)
The music of an ice cream van.
A chocolate bar.

Charlotte Tagg J1X

Troublesome Tiger

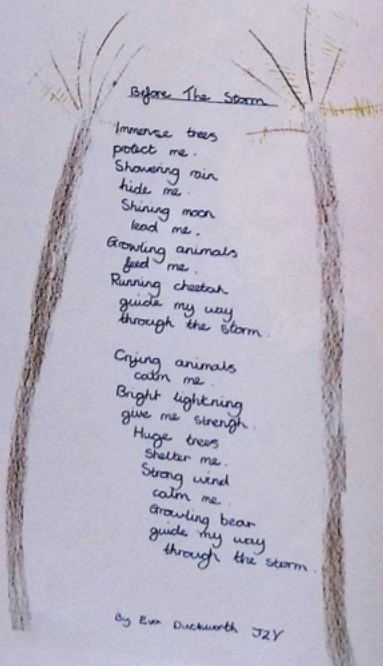
I'm a troublesome tiger.
Who travels in a train.
Who tries on tight tights.
Who tackles with turnips.
Who tinkers with a tortoise.
Yes, I'm a troublesome tiger.
Who doesn't know night from day!

Abby Lees J2X

Shop, Shop, Shopping

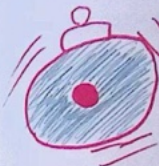
When Mum goes shopping,
There's just no stopping,
With the shop, shop, shopping
We buy
Hats, mats,
This and that,
A watering can,
Gloves for Gran,
Shorts and Shirts,
Pants and vest,
Party shoes to keep for best,
Material for Mum's new dress,
Finger paints to make a mess,
A puzzle to solve
For me to do
A potted plant,
That's for Aunt,
Some bread and cakes,
For goodness sakes!
PLEASE!
No more shopping,
We're drop, drop, dropping,
All that shop, shop, shopping!

By Maria Sayers, J2X



By Em Duckworth J2Y

The Old School Bell



Early in the morning,
children still yawning,
the teachers wait in the classroom,
perhaps with a cup of tea,
then in come the children.

then comes the school bell, ring, ring, ring,
then comes the school bell, ring, ring, ring.

The children slotting round,
the teacher crossly frownded,
while they wait for assembly to come,
they line up at the door one by one,
then march to the hall and sing a song.

then comes the school bell, ring, ring, ring,
then comes the school bell, ring, ring, ring.

they get back to class and start with maths,
the children all want to do arts and crafts,
when the bell goes its time for play,
if only it could last till the end of the day,

then comes the school bell, ring, ring, ring,
then comes the school bell, ring, ring, ring.

Katie Eastham J3x



Chocolate is Incredible

Chocolate is incredible.
And it is edible.
I like it for dessert after tea.
But too much chocolate.
Isn't good for me.
At bedtime I always.
Have a snack.
It's chocolate.
It's nice and runny.
In my tummy!

Charlotte O'Neill J2X

The Dog Song

Neither fingers nor toes have I
But I walk on my legs
And I have
Bark, Bark, Bark

Neither shoes nor socks have I
But I have ears
And I have
Bark, Bark, Bark

Neither clothes
nor trousers have I
But I have a nose
And I have
Bark, Bark, Bark

Neither guns nor missiles have I
But I have a tail
And I have
Bark, Bark, Bark

I master every movement have I
For I Run, Jump, Swim
And I eat
Bark, Bark, Bark

By Darcey Bray J3x

Zara Ikram J3x

Tuesday 15th May

Why is Mum so thoroughly gum?

Why is Mum so thoroughly gum?
Is it the milk on the floor,
Is it the slug in her mug,
Is it because her feet are
sore?

Matthew
Corrall J3x

If you want to see a Tiger

If you want to see a tiger
you must go down, to the muddy care.
It's dark, its damp, its gloomy and scary.

I know a Tiger
who's living down there.
He's big, he's mean he's orange, he's ferocious
fierce, he's a meat eater.
Yes if you really want to see a Tiger
you must go down to the muddy cave
an say
Tiger mama
Tiger mama
Tiger maaaaaaaa!

And up he rises
But don't stick around
RUN FOR YOUR LIFE!

Charlie Fleuriot J1X

funny fish

I am a funny fish
Who fights in faraway fields
Who fiddles with flaming flowers
Who fancies floppy flies
Who frightens falling flakes
yes, I am a funny fish
Who doesn't know
nights from days!

Daisy Salt I2Y

we made jelly
together.
I liked the orange
jelly.

Oliver
Barnett IIX

The
hungry
caterpillar
ate five
orangees
and four
strawberries.

Caitlin Tampin-Hulme IIX

Sand

Sand on beach towel
Sand in eyes!
Sand in flip flops,
Sand in your pies-



Gemma Eastham I1Y

Happily

Happily, Happily, Happily
In the back gardens
planting some flowers and riding bikes

Nicely

Nicely, Nicely, Nicely
Giving me a hug
When I get out from school.

Giggly

Giggly, Giggly, Giggly
Laughing to my self
While watching the tele

Ellis Wilson I3X

Dylan
Lowe IIX

I scooped a big
piece of jelly
in my mouth.

Loudly
Shouting Loudly Loudly,
to my friends,
They can hear me today!

Charlotte Beard
I3X

LETTERS

Evacuee Letter

Willow Bank Farm
Fern Lane,
Clitheroe
Lancashire

24th September 2006

Dear Mommy,
I am missing you so so much and I can't wait
to see you soon.

This is what my journey was like,
The train ride was exciting I sat next to a girl called Jane
we ate our lunch together, talked and laughed the whole way
to Clitheroe. When the train stopped at Clitheroe's main
station and everybody got off I made sure I had my
suitcase, coat and gas mask.

We all walked the short distance to the Town Hall with a
lady calle Mrs Smith, where most of the families from
Clithroo were waiting. The family that chose me was the
Willows family.

Mr Willows (Bernie) took me from the Town Hall to his
farm in his horse and cart. The farm is about 1 mile from the
main town.

Living on a farm is so different from being in Manchester,
we get up really early, help milk the cows and clean out the
horses stables. Mr and Mrs Willows (Bernie and Mary) have
3 children, Maggie (12), William (15) and Peggy (16), they are
all very nice.

I am missing you so so much and Grandma, Grandad and
Hammy.

I really hope to hear from you soon, look after
yourself.

Lots of Love

xxxxxMeganxxxxxx

Megan Crowmer J3Y



Wolf Cottage
Wolverton
W01 F55

Dear Three Little Pigs,

I am very sorry for blowing your houses down.

My mummy and my dad said I am very

naughty for blowing your houses down. At the

weekend I will help you all to build some new

houses. After we finish we can go and get an

ice-cream. Do you want to go for a picnic? we

could come to my house on Saturday or

12/10/06

From Sophia Williams I2Y

Georgia Blakemore I2Y

MEMORIES OF THE PAST

This is what my Gran remembers...

Having a bath... Our bathroom was pale green. The bath was heavy enamel and we shared the water. The youngest went first and the oldest went last. There was a screen we covered with

Keeping warm in bed... No duvets or electric blankets. We had heavy wool blankets. My mother filled a hot water bottle every wintry evening. My own gran heated her beds with heavy enamel 'pigs'.

Cooking and Kitchens... We had a gas cooker that my mum lit with matches. There was no fridge, freezer or washing machine. My mum scrubbed her soiled washing with a scrubbing board and brush. There was a small mangle to press out excess water. We kept our fresh food in a larder. Food was rationed and there was not so much available.

Telephones... We had no telephone in our home until the 1950's. When it came it was black and solid with ring dial.

School... My school was in the city of Dundee. It was fee-paying and took children from 5-17. Some of the children were evacuated to the country as there was a large port area and always the danger of German bombs attacking the ships in these docks. They shed unused bombs before they set off home across the North Sea.

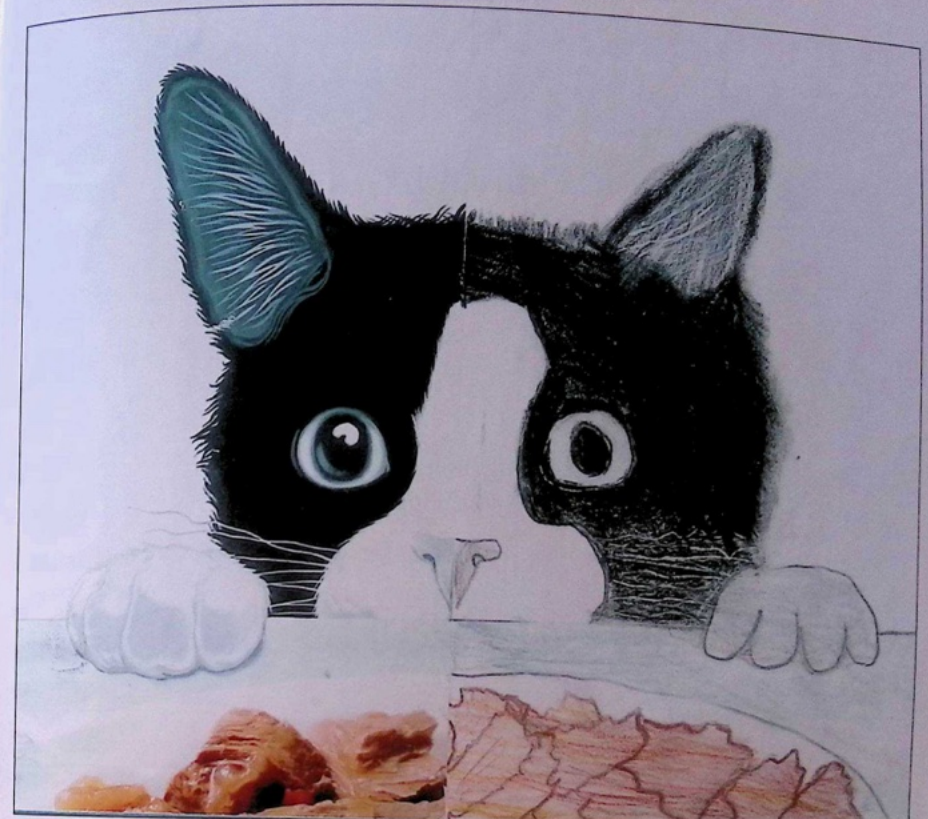
Many nights we spent in shelters and I remember being taken to the school shelters when the alarm sounded. Out

lovely school lawns were lifted for the shelters. The school railings were taken down and the iron used for the war effort.

Entertainment... No television, of course! In the 1950's my father went to London and returned to tell us of this wonderful black and white invention he had seen in the hotel lounge. Our first t.v. came for Princess Margaret's wedding. We listened to the radio and had a gramophone on which we played vinyl records.

I saw "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs", "Henry V" and many war films at the cinema. The "Movie News" was always popular.

Lucy Brown J3Y



Megan Crowther J3Y

Bad

Thorn



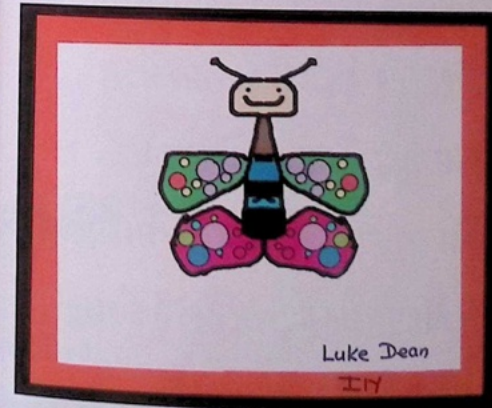
Thorn slammed his hand on his desk with rage. He stomped his thick, black leather boots on the floor of his hideout. His cape dangled so low he stepped on it as he walked. He brushed back his dark black hair. He pulled up his brown trousers to itch his hairy legs. Suddenly he got his best sword and called his army.

Good

Sapphire

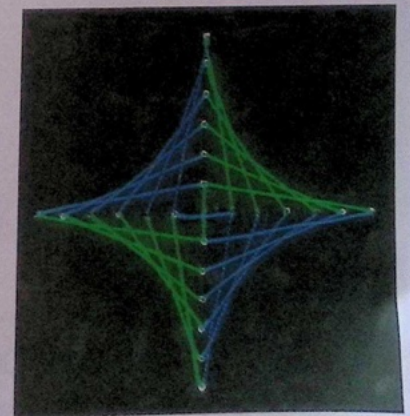


Sapphire flew gracefully in the sky almost invisible because her blue scales matched perfectly with the sky. When she saw an opening in the forest, she landed. A huge wave of wind shook the nearby trees. She folded her wings, they were so big they covered up most of her body. Suddenly she darted forward and snatched a wild boar from a pond. She ripped her dinner apart. When she had finished she took to the sky to go home.



Luke Dean

J1Y



Sachin Nantheesan J2Y

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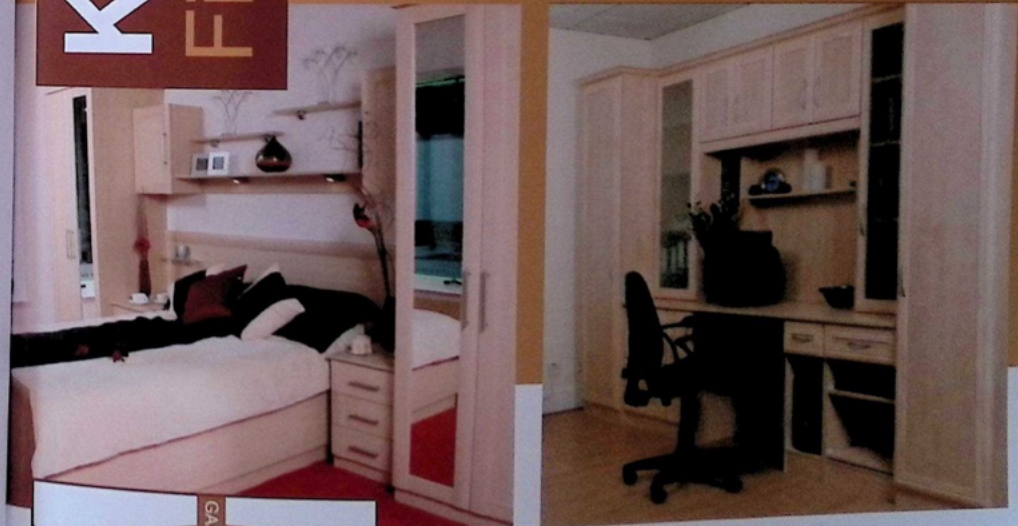
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