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One of our key responsibilities within school is in ensuring we consider those less fortunate than ourselves and I am pleased to report that our Charity Committee has had another very busy and successful year. The centrepiece at Christmas saw a talent show look-alike with "KGS Has Talent". Further less high profile work continued throughout the year, however, with nearly £10,000 being raised for chosen causes. Always poignant is the visit of the Chernobyl children, an occasion that is humbling in so many ways.

The limits of time preclude me from mentioning all the multitude of different activities that go on in school but I must pay tribute to the increasing array of Clubs and Societies on offer and the willingness of our senior pupils to take a lead in developing these valuable opportunities alongside members of staff. They all play such a crucial role in developing enthusiasm, engaging perhaps minority interests and giving balance and variety within school. Be it LAMDA awards with over 100 enrolled, or Maths Challenge to Warhammer Club or Craft Club they are all an important part of the jigsaw that is KGS.

Each year the family that is Kirkham Grammar School experiences a degree of change. Not only do a cohort of students move on to pastures new but also a number of staff move on to new challenges, be they in another school or the busy life of retirement. We are fortunate at KGS to benefit from healthy stability yet some change is inevitable. This year we said goodbye to Mr Smith who has held the position of Head of Boarding for over 15 years and worked at KGS for nearly 29 years. His contribution to boarding within school has been inestimable as exemplified by the recent inspection where all gradings were at the top level. He has also played a key role in developing school sport during his time in the PE department and also as Development Officer worked to provide the funds and impetus for the Technology Development that now graces the school campus. His commitment to school can be no better shown than by his eagerness that School House won the Whitby cup each year and by his dedication to teaching Junior Science. Mr Smith was committed to the philosophy of providing challenges for pupils to meet and in setting the bar high. His faith in young people served them well. He leaves with our best wishes and gratitude.

Mrs Jones has sadly retired a little early owing to ill health. Her contribution to the English Department has been significant, not just in inspiring a stream of students into a love of literature but also in pioneering the introduction of English Language at A-level and leading the Young writers Club. We wish her a swift recovery from recent illness and best wishes for retirement.

We also said goodbye this year to Mrs Miller who has played such a valuable role in providing us with a high quality of music over the years. Plagued by illness of late it does not though seem long since Mrs Miller was leading the girl's choir or indeed showing her compassion and concern for her pupils as Head of Year. We wish her also a swift recovery from ill health.

Mr Reeves is a Kirkhamian in the fullest sense of the word. As a student here he enjoyed an excellent reputation in many walks of school life while upon his return as a teacher he threw himself into the KGS system in every sense. A talented Physics teacher, a committed CCF officer and a sports coach who gained notable success were the immediate conclusions. Mr Reeves went on however to add to his portfolio of duties by taking Fylde House from a sleeping giant to champion house overnight. We trust he will be

successful in meeting his own new challenge as Head of Physics at Leicester Grammar School.

Mrs Amey seems only to have just arrived and yet it has been four years since she joined the Religious Studies Department and testimony to her success in that short time that I had no hesitation in appointing her to Head of Department last year. She has been highly thought of by both staff and pupils and we wish her well as she travels the world before settling in Australia.

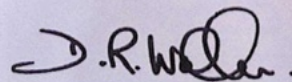
Before I close I would like to dwell a moment on an oft-ignored aspect of school life and that is the work of our support staff. In the modern educational world their role is ever more central and challenging. We are fortunate currently to benefit from an outstanding team of people who look after our school. They ensure that it is running smoothly administratively, looking clean and well maintained, ensuring the finances are sound, grounds are ready for our sports, telephones calls are received efficiently and warmly, medical attention is expert and on hand, bags are collected after school, repairs are carried out urgently, lockers are accessed, pupils are registered in school, stationery is delivered, the curriculum and pupil welfare are supported, very importantly that we are all fed, and the list goes on and on. This level of service received currently at school has no parallel in my experience in educational establishments, and I congratulate Mrs Brown and the varied teams of support staff on the success of their contribution to the school over recent years.

I am no believer in complacency. Any institution must not rest on its laurels and KGS has no history of that. The story is still unfolding and the challenges remain. But in the same way that our pupils relish the challenge, so do we as teachers and governors. We want our school to go from strength to strength and after this one opportunity for reflection we move on to face the clear challenges of continuing to move our school forward amidst the difficult economic climate, a declining school age population nationally, forthcoming charitable legislation and ongoing curricular change. Yet I am always minded of the words of Henry Ford who rejoined that:

"When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the aeroplane takes off against the wind, not with it."

We shall relish the challenges and will work hard to ensure that the school sustains its development and matches our youngsters in meeting their challenges and thus fulfilling the words of our founding fathers:

INGREDERE UT PROFICIAS



Paul Smith

Paul trained as a teacher at Loughborough University and after teaching in London was appointed to KGS as Assistant Physical Education teacher in 1979, the year KGS took the major step from being a state to an independent school again. He immediately contributed enthusiastically to the work of the department in a unique way, never being afraid to think 'out of the box' and initiate ideas and practices which would be for the benefit of the pupils.

He took on a heavy workload, taking over responsibility for swimming, coaching rugby and introduced a GCSE PE syllabus.

He coached the under 15 and under 12 rugby teams until 1992, achieving much success with both teams. He did 'see the bigger picture' and fully accepted that his responsibility was primarily to develop skills and attitudes in junior players which would equip them to play at the highest level on reaching the first XV squad. He avoided the 'win all the matches this season' mentality which can sometimes be achieved at the expense of developing the skills required in the more mature teams. He believed that personal discipline was essential for success, as without this players lack the qualities needed to realise their potential.

In 1992, when he moved from the PE department to become Development and Marketing Manager, he still managed the time in a busy schedule to coach the under 12 XV for a few years. He also coached at representative level, coaching North Lancashire under 15 XV from 1980 until 1986, when he took over the Lancashire under 16 XV. He was uniquely successful, being the first county under 16 coach to achieve two consecutive unbeaten seasons, including an unbeaten tour to Portugal, where Lancashire beat the national team.

He led KGS tours to many countries, including Denmark, Germany, Holland, France, Spain, Portugal and Jersey, also being in charge of the time-consuming fund-raising for them.

He was also responsible for the fundraising of the first XV World Tour in 1987, in which £52,000 was raised in thirteen months! The fundraising culminated in a dinner at the Guild Hall, Preston which 589 people attended which was a record for that venue. During this venture he gained considerable experience of fundraising and was grateful to Bob Ribchester and Roy Wilkinson for passing on their knowledge. This led indirectly to his future appointment outside teaching as already mentioned.

In 1979, he also became teacher in charge of swimming, developing a regular fixture list for boys and girls and initiating training for boys and girls teams at 8 o'clock twice weekly. Age groups were successful in the Inter Grammar, which became the Senior School Championships, which were of a very high standard. He also organised the swimming section of this high quality, yet now sadly defunct, organisation for many years.

He coached the senior boys hockey team in 1979 to 1980, even playing in a match against an adult team to strengthen the side.

In the summer term he was one of only two coaches who coached all six boys athletics teams with much success, coaching every lunchtime and after school, except Friday when junior matches were usually held.

Paul taught Chemistry and Physics up to GCSE from 1984

onwards, except for the years when he was in development and marketing, teaching with the same commitment to high standards.

In 1992, as previously stated, he took a radical change of career to become the Development and Marketing Manager for KGS. He was central to KGS letting facilities for community use long before this became Government wishes. He was involved with the governors in deciding that new buildings should be built in the original character of the school. The first development in which he was involved was the building of the new Sixth Form Centre, music facilities and the Lodge, which received a civic award.

The main thrust of the development of the school at the time was that of developing technology. He was involved in running an appeal for raising funds to develop technology at KGS. British Aerospace awarded sponsorship and KGS became an 'International Centre for the Development of Technology in Education' linked to BAe Systems. A partnership was formed between Loughborough University, BAe and KGS with the aim of furthering technology teaching in schools. This resulted in the visit of the Secretary of State for Education to KGS to view the development.

Additionally a partnership was formed between the Malaysian Government, BAe and KGS which resulted in two presentations given by Paul to the Malaysian Minister for Education. At this time technology was taught in temporary buildings, but the school raised money for the present superb Technology Centre after Paul had stepped down from his post in 1996. Paul had been fully involved in the exciting development of technology at KGS which became acclaimed internationally.

In 1993, as he was developing his new role, he was asked at short notice to take over the running of the Boarding House on a temporary basis. However, in 1994, he was approached by the governors to make this a permanent appointment. Despite the combination of two arduous workloads, he asked the governors to advertise the post and was the successful applicant from a formidable list. He was instrumental in developing a child-centred environment, having the philosophy "this is their home".

He was responsible for much upgrading and many developments in facilities, removing large dormitories and replacing them with personal rooms and leisure/study facilities.

Backed by the governors, KGS bucked the national trend of decreasing numbers wishing to take up boarding places and became oversubscribed. Three inspections were carried out while Paul was in charge, the first one by the Social Services, meriting a "Good" rating, while two later ones by the DFSE gave "Excellent" ratings. Paul continued in this role until his retirement this summer.

Throughout his time in the profession Paul strove for excellence in all he did.

Those familiar with the workload involved in running the Boarding House and being Marketing and Development Manager were aware of the extreme effort required to carry out these roles simultaneously and yet he never flinched in carrying out these duties to the best of his ability.

Paul has made a huge, unique contribution to KGS and its pupils and he has earned a long, restful and very happy retirement.

Yvonne Jones

This year KGS bade a sad farewell to a member of staff who has since 1984 – perhaps an appropriate date! - been a real part of the fabric of the school: Mrs Yvonne Jones. It is perhaps fitting that this pillar of the English Department should have left us at the same time as the English Department left its base in the Wareing Buildings for a new home in the Waite block – as if Yvonne was such a fixture of the Department that her leaving necessitated a physical as well as a metaphorical relocation!

Mrs Jones will be remembered with great affection by generations of school children who have benefited from her genuine care for her charges and love of the task of teaching. Plutarch wrote that "A mind is a fire to be kindled, not a vessel to be filled", and this was always Mrs Jones' belief – no-one who entered her room could doubt her passion for English in all its forms – and her enthusiasm was truly infectious, as all of her pupils will testify.

It is often said that teaching is an acting profession, and Yvonne would agree with this: her classroom was a stage in which her pupils performed. Active learning was integral to her teaching approach: Shakespeare was not a dry dusty text to be studied academically, but a script to be acted and, most of all, enjoyed. And, of course, enjoyment engenders

achievement, and those thousands of pupils lucky enough to be taught by Mrs Jones found themselves stretched and challenged, often without realising that that was what was happening!

Before the establishment of a separate drama department Yvonne directed several acclaimed school plays, including *The Crucible*, *The Importance of Being Earnest* and *The Caucasian Chalk Circle*. She was also a great believer in the importance of public speaking, setting up the School's first LAMDA lessons and successfully entering teams for local Public Speaking competitions, including Rotary and the BPW. And perhaps her proudest achievement in the latter years of her career here was the setting up of "Writers in School", a group that enabled large numbers of pupils to enjoy poetry writing, and to experience the thrill of having their work published.

Yvonne now enters a well-deserved and, we all hope, long and happy retirement, and is looking forward to spending more time gardening, and enjoying the company of her husband, Bob, and her new walking companion, Gizmo the dandie dinmont! We all hope that she will now also be able to gain her advanced drivers' certificate – something Yvonne has secretly been yearning to achieve for many years now. We wish her well - Kirkham Grammar School will miss her – but we hope that she will be a frequent visitor to the school.

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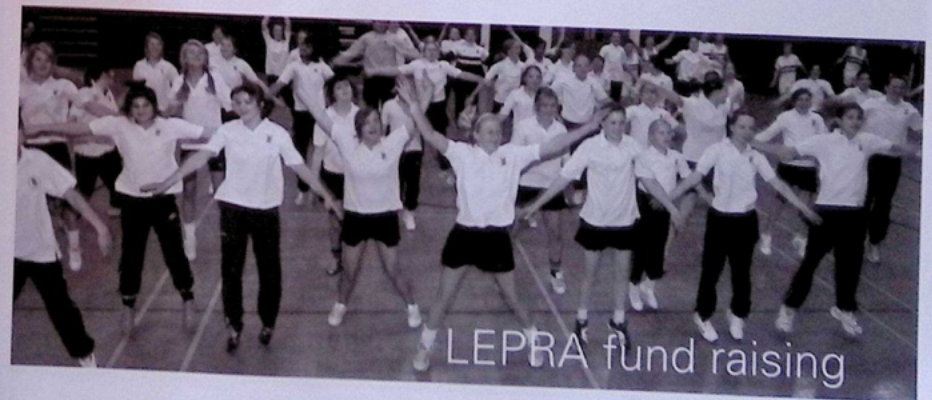
CCF Field Day



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Visit of the author G.P. Taylor



LEPRA fund raising

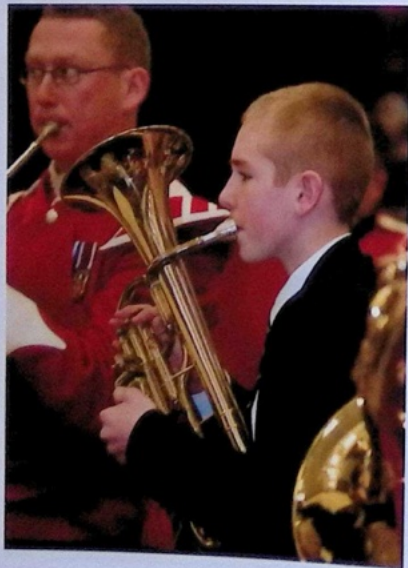
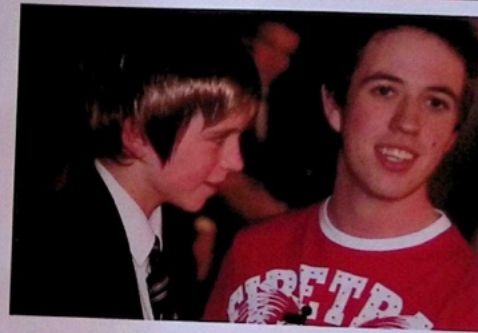
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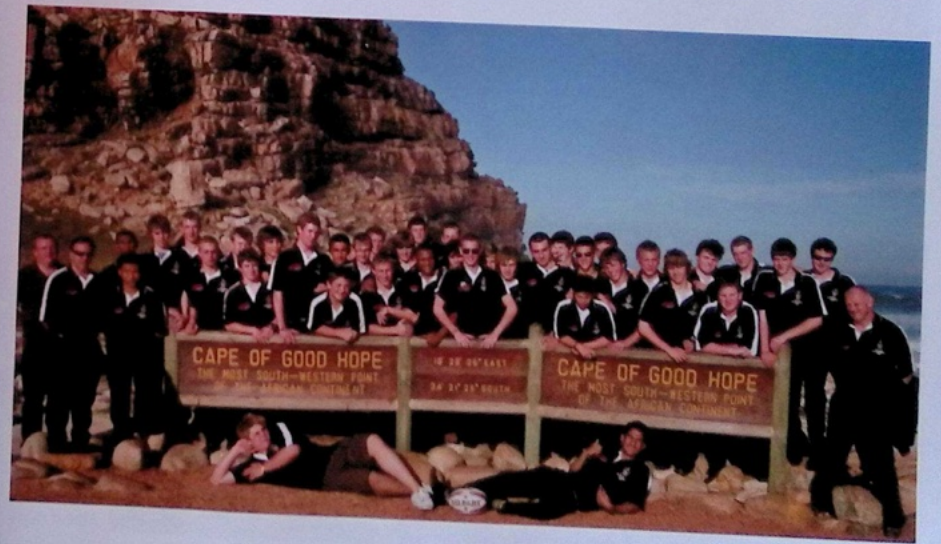
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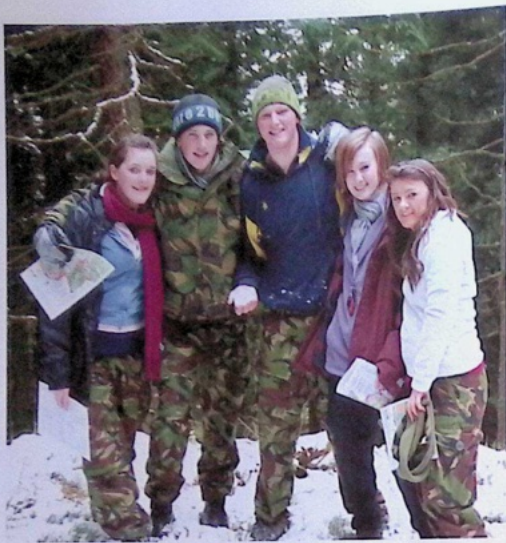
The Christmas Charity Concert



Visit of the King's Division Band



Rugby Tour to South Africa



Cadets on Adventurous Training



Sixth Form Art Field Trip to Scarborough



At the BAE Systems Roadshow



Members of the party on the trip to Normandy



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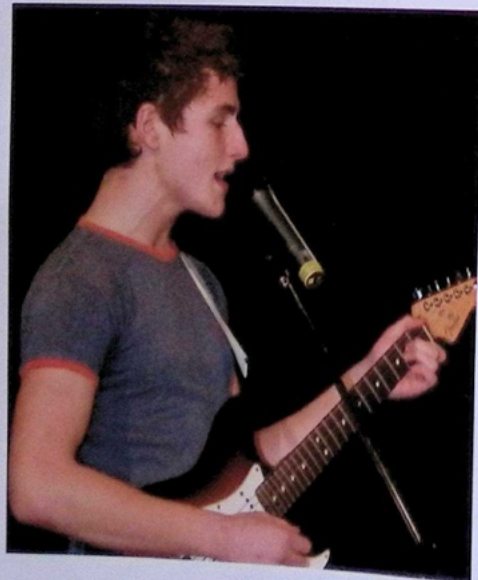
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Derian House	£800
Medecins sans Frontieres	£900
British Legion	£150
Barnardo's	£250
Rosemere Fun Run	£800
Gideons	£100
Total	£8300

In a very busy year there were many things going on for our pupils and it was extremely heartening to see that we responded magnificently and generously to all of the requests made.

Our support for the three children in Peru, India and Nigeria whom we sponsor through Action Aid continues as the projects in the villages continue to provide education and support for the communities there.

In November a representative of Lepra came to talk to us in assembly and our junior forms (and some staff also – many

thanks, Mr Painter and Mrs John) responded to this appeal and turned out for an exhausting lunchtime aerobics workout, raising a huge amount in sponsorship.

As we drew closer to Christmas we opted to support the 'alternative' Christmas presents offered by so many relief agencies, and were able to send a wide variety of items - ranging from emergency relief packs to mosquito nets – and also animals – including several hairy yaks, buffalos, donkeys, pigs, turkeys and chickens.

At the end of term we held our charity 'KGS has Talent' competition and were inundated with entries. The concert, held in the last week of term to raise money for the emergency hostels for the homeless opened by Crisis, was a marvellous occasion.

Coffee mornings were also held throughout the year for staff and the sixth form and these proved to be very popular, with Mrs Taylor's meringues proving a particular favourite among staff and pupils alike. It is a most relaxing way to spend a break and these little 'get togethers' are now firmly established on the calendar.

Individual forms have also taken up the challenge and we have seen cake sales and other fund raising activities organised by enthusiastic groups throughout the school, all of them being well supported and extremely popular.

Once again, many of our pupils took part – and thoroughly enjoyed themselves in the process - in the Rosemere Fun Run over the Spring Bank holiday weekend to raise money for cancer research.

As we reached the summer term we looked forward to the visit of the children from Chernobyl, sponsoring the trip for one of them and also undertaking to take the whole party out for one of the days during their stay here. This year we headed to Gulliver's World for what turned out to be a thoroughly enjoyable time.

Before the term finished we were pleased to welcome a representative from Derian House who stayed with us for the morning and spoke movingly of the work the hospice does.

All this is but a brief summary of a very eventful year in which our community responded to the calls for support from a wide range of charitable and relief organisations. Our thanks go to all who have contributed in any way and we urge you all to continue with your magnificent efforts.

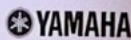
The Library contributes to the charitable work in the school through the fines and donations which are so generously given. Children in Need and Book Aid International have each been given £150 and The Donkey Sanctuary has also proved popular, with £67 donated in the collection box on the library desk. It says much for the generous nature of our pupils that they are usually happy to pay the fines for their overdue books, knowing that this money benefits worthy causes.

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THE ARTS



THE TAMING OF THE SHREW



DRAMA

What's the connection between line-dancing, misogyny and the Bard of Avon? Those who were fortunate enough to secure tickets for the sell-out performances of this year's KGS play know the answer: Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*!

The sexual politics of this story is a real challenge to a modern audience: and this is the challenge that Ms Barrie confidently accepted in her production. Her leads, Benedict Fullford-Brown as Petruchio, and Alice Whitehead as the Shrew, Katherina, bore out their roles with aplomb. Alice was the epitome of the "wild Kate", and Hannah Duckworth's beautiful but placid Bianca was an excellent foil to Alice's energy and (disturbing!) violence. Kate was well matched by Benedict: his Petruchio embodied the enigmatic combination of humour and cruelty in his "Taming" of Katherina.

So why the American context? Ms Barrie's "Cast of Thousands" included many talented dancers and musicians, and the audience was captivated by the country-and-western classics belted out by the vocalists, fronted by Melissa McCarthy and Sarah Dickie, and the duelling guitars and drums of the band. And the visual and aural excitement afforded by the line-dancing was justification enough for the choice of setting.

There were, of course, a number of set-pieces to treasure: Matt Edgar's Hortensio wearing the guitar (or lute!) that "Kate the curst" has broken over his head; the Tailor (Joe Casson) in tears after Petruchio's assassination of his beautiful dress. However, perhaps the most startling – and genuinely frightening – parts of the play belonged to the Cronies, who with their Gothic costume and makeup reminiscent of Kubrick's *A Clockwork Orange* threatened to steal the stage.

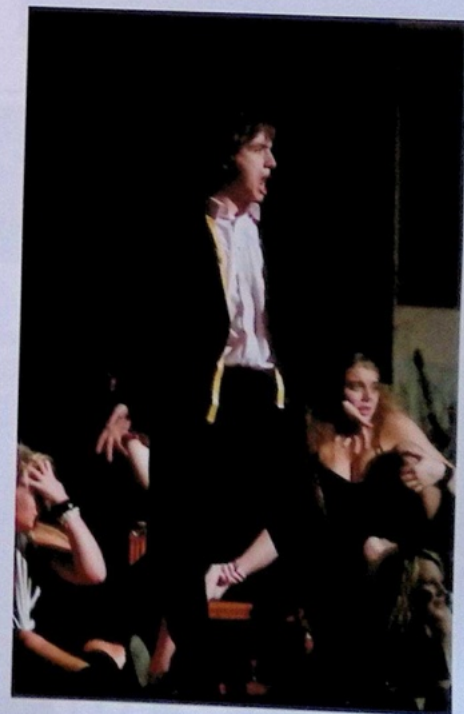
All those who assisted in this theatrical triumph deserve both praise and thanks, whether as actors, musicians, or as part of the Crew, without whom the play could never have been produced. And, of course, the audience and cast alike would wish to thank Ms Barrie and Mrs Walker, the Director and her assistant, as well as the Musical Director Graeme Barrie and the Choreographer, Liz Cross.

But who received the loudest ovation as the curtain fell? All the cast were vociferously cheered by the audience, but the Pantomime Horse (Cerys Buck and Rachel Kitchen) bore



away the prize! And indeed, the greatest testament to the success of the production was the enthusiastic response of the audience. "Disgusted of Tunbridge Wells" is often heard complaining about directors "mucking around with Shakespeare" – but no-one had the temerity to make such a criticism of this performance. For ultimately Shakespeare was a showman – and I can confidently give the greatest compliment possible to any troupe of actors performing the works of the Bard: Shakespeare would have LOVED it!

Mr C Hawkes





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DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

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Bronze:

Charles O'Flaherty
 Sam Geny
 Michael Bennett
 Alex Redshaw
 Gemma Halkett
 Heather Cara
 Mark Graham
 Robert Parr
 Catherine Gaskell
 Corin Heney
 Alice Whitehead
 Toby Townsend

Silver:

Elena Gaddes
 John Kings
 Toby Townsend
 Alice Whitehead
 Catherine Gaskell

Gold:

Rose Whitehead

We have run two very successful expeditions during the past year and are looking at organising three next year to accommodate all those who are working hard to complete their Skill, Physical and Service sections of the Award.

This year's expeditions both took place in the Lake District. The October expedition, comprising of 4 silver groups and 1 bronze group, was a cold experience for all. As the beautiful, clear, starlit Keswick sky (great for the night navigation



The June expedition took place in the south of the Lake District, whilst the two Gold groups travelled from Elterwater to Coniston taking in Wasdale and Eskdale.

Enjoying better weather than most this summer, the groups all demonstrated fantastic team morale and camping skills. Even navigation skills were impressive, apart from the Silver group on the first day, who travelled north for three miles when they should have been going south!

Heather Cara was part of an all girl group and she explains the feelings of her group after their wildcamp at Angle Tarn, "It felt absolutely amazing to wake up in utter silence, to find our tents were surrounded by cloud and that we had managed to survive the night on our own." Another member of that gold group, Alice Whitehead, writes, "Our third day of the four showed me the importance of motivation and team work within a group. We knew we had set ourselves a challenge on this day, walking 24km with our packs, but by 5pm we still had 9km to go and I had lost all my energy, but the team pulled together and we made it to our campsite."

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme continues to go from strength to strength and it is only with the help and humour of all the staff involved that it does so. Thanks must be expressed to Mr Callister, Mr Hancock, Mrs Batty (nee Cummings), Mrs Copeland, Mr Kitchen and Miss Knight for all their hard work.

Mrs Sutcliffe





BIOLOGY

Field Trip

We set off for Malham in glorious September sunshine, lifting our spirits for the tasks ahead. The 'pit-stop' at Clitheroe service station gave a welcome opportunity to stock up on chocolate and other treats to boost energy levels. On arrival at the field centre, we were directed to our rooms. The girls were pleased with their cosy rooms close to the laboratory and the boys occupied the newly refurbished High Stables block in the top section of the woods. This proved to be very entertaining later that night when only the teachers had taken torches and the boys had to use mobile phones to light the path through the woods to their rooms.

Our first afternoon was spent kick sampling in Gordale Beck which runs out of Malham Tarn. We enthusiastically identified the numerous freshwater invertebrates and many students decided that it was a great location for their coursework investigation and planned to return two days later. The small 'Bull-head' fish that were in some of the nets created much interest, but Grace decided that leeches were more fascinating and tried an impromptu experiment to see if one could suck blood from her wrist.

On return to the centre, the afternoon teas and cakes were very well received and became a much anticipated highlight of each day. At first the prospect of evening lectures seemed daunting, but this became part of the Field work experience and allowed thorough discussion of the data collected.

The next day was spent on the bog at the edge of Malham Tarn. The boardwalk to the study area took us through the rare protected habitat of this National Trust and SSI designated area.

The bog plants were quite difficult to identify but everyone worked very well to ensure successful collection of data along two transects. Some students were a little unlucky in their allocation of sample sites. Tommy's wellie disappeared in the bog and had to be dug out, by which time his toes were rather cold. Back at the field centre we celebrated Amanda Yu's 18th birthday with a huge chocolate cake. Fiona had done a great job getting the cake and candles to the field centre and Amanda was totally surprised. Having eaten a massive evening meal, including chocolate pudding and sauce, we did not do justice to the cake, but it allowed us to save some to take back to the boarding house to share with Amanda's friends.

We were very fortunate with the weather throughout the

field course, only experiencing a short shower on the Woodland Ecology day. Our experience of sampling techniques grew and all felt confident about collecting individual data for coursework investigations. The wide variety of investigation topics was pleasing and the careful planning by each student was very impressive.

Field Work at Ainsdale Sand Dunes 2008

Ainsdale is one of the few sand dunes systems in the world that is still growing. New embryo dunes are forming at the strand line on the beach. Much of the sand deposited here has been washed up the shore from Formby Point which is gradually being eroded by high tides and storms.

Sixth form biologists investigated the types of plants found along a belt transect across the sand dune system. In effect this shows the changes going back in time as the dunes next to the coast road were made about 200 years ago.

We had a considerable walk along the beach to the study site as wind blown sand had made a thick layer over the car park that could have stopped the mini bus in its tracks. In fact, in a reconnaissance trip two days before, the staff did try to drive on this section and had to be towed off the beach by the Sefton borough council land-rover.

Despite the rather cold June weather, we collected accurate data using point quadrats that had been specially made by our school caretakers. These quadrats were ideal for sampling the dense vegetation without flattening it. The transect led us over the highest dune ridge and down into a large dune hollow where we had to be careful to avoid trampling the lush vegetation and rare orchids.

On our return to school we successfully analysed our data using statistical tests. Our students will reap the benefits of studying this text book example of succession when they sit their Module 5 exam in June.

SCARBOROUGH

Geography Field Work

Wednesday, 26th April, the lower sixth geographers and art students combined on their annual trip to sunny Scarborough. Mr Gardiner decided not to lock his car so returned to KGS after ten miles. This divided the two groups so the geographers continued on to study Saltaire (the Victorian utopian town), whilst the artists visited the Photographic Museum in Bradford.

On arrival at the hotel, we unpacked rapidly as the local castle visit was booked. We were confronted by a party of Germans intent on storming the fortifications. It started to rain so we took shelter from the prevailing conditions and the invaders!

Remember it's not a holiday! The evening work session eventually finished by 9.00pm. Next day was the rivers' day. The groups worked their way downstream on the River Derwent to Forge Valley. Unfortunately, due to recent rain and health and safety regulations, we were limited to only a few sites as the water was too deep. However, the experience of the North Yorks Moors proved quite exciting as several (three!) adders were spotted sunbathing near the river! Not having had enough water, Max and Richard decided that a dip in the South Bay was required. Little did they know that this part of the North Sea is really the Arctic Ocean.



Day two was the study of the heritage industry and flood defences in the ancient city of York. After a walk round the walls to the Fosse Barrier, we visited Clifford's Tower followed by a walk around the old streets of the old centre. After lunch a tour of the Castle Museum was organised – but no shopping! We were treated to a display of army uniform, where Miss Thompson resembled Private Benjamin!

The final day in Scarborough was spent studying the coastal defences around the Marine Drive and south to Bridlington. Cayton Bay was inaccessible due to recent cliff collapse, causing two holiday homes to be demolished! The highlight of the day must have been the arrival of the police van. Mr Scott's son arrived and the group had more fun playing with the sirens and flashers and wearing his helmet!

By Flamborough Head fatigue was setting in, but Mr Whittle and Miss Thompson took the group around the headland to study the classic chalk coastal features (Mr Scott drove around!). After a final night's work, the busy week ended and we prepared to depart the next day. En route home we spent some more time in York Minster. Catching the end of the Sunday morning service impressed everyone after another walk around the historic walls.

We managed to get home by 4.00pm, despite the fact that Mr Whittle was temporarily misplaced – geographers do not get lost!

NORMANDY TRIP

At 5.00 am in the morning everyone arrived at school with our heavy suitcases. We piled on the bus and little did we know about the memorable weekend to come.

Over twelve hours later, we arrived at our destination, a beautiful chateau with large grounds where we could wander before and after meals. After our first night's sleep, we went to see the Bayeux Tapestry, which having learnt about in the first year made it all the more interesting and enjoyable. We visited the 360 degree cinema, which was very realistic and an eye opener to the experiences of World War II.

The Omaha Beach Cemetery held over 9,000 graves. It was hard to take in that earlier the same day we were running about, having fun on that particular beach when so many people had perished there.

The next morning began with a visit to a traditional market, an opportunity to practise our language skills and a chance to try the local cuisine. From there, we travelled on to a war

museum which entailed several short films and lots to get involved with. When exiting the museum, it was snowing heavily and we couldn't wait to get back to the coach, our safe haven for the weekend. To end this day, we went to a cider farm and got an insight into how it is made (and even got to try a little sip!).

Since it was our last night, we had a disco in a small building near our chateau, a great end to the whole experience. The long and tiresome journey there and back was all worthwhile, and I hope we can visit again in future years. I would like to thank the teachers for organising it and for creating a truly epic weekend.

Merci beaucoup Mrs Parr, c'était fantastique!

Celia Hindley (2X)

YOUNG ENGINEERS

The start of a new academic year sees a new band of budding engineers joining the club from the first form. In the first couple of Wednesday lunchtime sessions these young engineers have soldered together their own little electronic pet spider and are well on their way to building their Jitterbug robots. They are assisted in their work by the officers of the club: Rowan Leech, Stuart Spencer and Oliver Evans who are always on hand to offer their expertise in all technological matters. The Monday and Friday club sessions have become increasingly popular with students from other year groups, notably the third year, who are happily working on their own projects or their GCSE coursework. During last academic year the club had two notable successes.

On Friday, 7 March, 2008 the Rotary Technology Tournament was held at the University of Central Lancashire, attracting over twenty teams from schools across the local area. This year's task required students to design and build a bridge capable of supporting a given load using basic tools and materials. The Young Engineers Club entered four teams into this competition, with the team of Jack Clarke, Todd Davies, David Seaman and Chris Williamson winning the intermediate category of the competition.

Later in the year, the Young Engineers for Britain Northern England Regional Final was held on the 1st July, 2008 at Sunderland University. Michael Lomax from the fifth form represented Kirkham Grammar School and won the GCSE category for Best Design & Innovation. Michael was competing against excellent competition to win this prestigious trophy and also won £150 donated by Rolls

Royce. Michael had designed and made a traffic light system that monitors classroom noise for his GCSE Systems & Control coursework.

M Hancock

DEBATING SOCIETY

Does debating estivate?

The Debating Society has a new home! After so long ensconced in the shady depths of W6, the high perch of W8 seems a big move, but one which we welcome. And, to christen the new venue, we have experienced our most successful season yet - runners up in the Rotary Public Speaking Competition, reaching the North West round of the Mace, the North West and Wales Final of the Institute of Ideas and Prizer Debating Matters Competition, and the Oxford Union Schools' National Final.

In the Regional round of the prestigious English Speaking Union's annual Schools' Mace Debating Competition, Caitlin McMillan and Gracie Garlington opposed the motion "This House would ban rap music with offensive and violent lyrics." Their performance was assured and vigorous and they brushed aside the opposition's arguments with wit and substance. In particular, Caitlin's defence of rap culture as an art form and Gracie's argument that "Nanny State" protests amount to covert racism were powerful and clearly swayed the audience in the floor vote. Sadly, the floor had no influence on the judges, who, after an extended withdrawal to decide results, declared St Francis Xavier winners, with KGS worthy runners-up.

Caitlin and Gracie also took part in our success in the Oxford Union competition, along with Nina Wilkinson (in her first outing as a competitor) and Misty Hammond, who, despite battling the Norwalk virus, gave a very impressive performance. Reaching Finals Day and speaking at the Union itself, "the last bastion of free speech in the Western world" according to Harold Macmillan, is perhaps the greatest achievement in the history of the Debating Society, and made for a very interesting weekend. Following the competition, the competitors met Felicity Long, who acted as their tour guide on the Sunday and opened up much of Oxford's magic.

Our competitors - Gracie Garlington, Ross Harrison, Caitlin McMillan, Nina Wilkinson, Oliver Youngman and Misty Hammond - all deserve congratulation - without their

commitment (and enjoyment!) we should not have had such a successful season. And Misty needs further congratulation: she is our hyper-involved Club Secretary/debate organiser, and without her stalwart efforts in signing up for competition entries and arranging training sessions, this report would be half its size!

Of course, we must not ignore the House Debate competition. The Final, usually at the end of the Spring term, was moved because of our awkward Easter to the Summer term. Caitlin McMillan and Elena Gaddes opposed Miranda Hopkins-Coman and Tessa Perryman (also on her first outing) debating the motion "This House believes that drinking bottled water in the UK is morally indefensible." The motion produced a lively debate, which moved seamlessly between scientific and moral argument, with Gracie Garlington skilfully controlling from the Chair. Indeed, for me, it was one of the best finals we have had for some time; alas, one team has to be adjudged winner, and this year it fell to Caitlin and Elena to take the crown, giving Kirkham their second consecutive win.

Finally, it is important to stress that debating does not stop at competition. Indeed, our Monday weekly meetings are the life-blood of the Society, and form the necessary foundation for competition success. New venue, new members: we have been delighted that a growing number of fourth year debaters have joined our ranks, and their eagerness for the platform (especially in our games of "Just a Minute!") bodes well for the future. Of course, all are welcome: just turn up on Monday. You don't need to speak - but I should be surprised if it takes you long to succumb to the magic of the debating floor! So, Monday lunchtime: make a note in your diaries and come along to join in the fun!

C. J. Hawkes

GERMAN EXCHANGE

The week after the February half-term saw the arrival of this year's exchange group on the first leg of our annual exchange with the Eugen Bolz Gymnasium in Rottenburg am Neckar, now in its fourth year.

Despite the often inclement weather, the ten students enjoyed a very pleasant and instructive eight days at KGS. As well as taking part in a variety of lessons with their English

partners and their headmaster, who always accompanies the group, they visited Liverpool, taking a more than usually wet tour round the city on the amphibious landing craft nicknamed 'The Duck' and visiting the Anglican Cathedral, the scale and magnificence of which they described as breathtaking.

After a weekend spent with their host families, both the German students and their English partners visited the Imperial War Museum North at Salford Quays, both groups leaving some very thoughtful and heartfelt messages in the visitors' comment space recording how interesting and salutary it was to experience the various exhibitions as an Anglo-German group!

Once again the German students were delighted and very appreciative of the warmth and hospitality shown by their host families and at KGS. They left in anticipation of their partners' return visit a few weeks later in April.

The party from KGS began their return visit towards the end of the Easter break. After a late flight from Manchester to Stuttgart, the KGS students arrived bleary-eyed at 7.30 the following morning in school. The morning began with a welcome from the Headmaster and an introduction to the German curriculum, followed by a tour of the school conducted by two students from the previous year's exchange. After an introduction to the geography of the local area from one of the German Geography teachers whose wife is from St Annes, they began their exam preparation with Mr McDowell. As well as three further mornings of lessons, the KGS students visited the sights

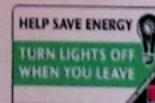
around Lake Constance and took a coach trip up onto the Swabian Jura to swim and relax with their partners before enjoying a splendid bowling match and a meal together. The weekend was spent with the host families on a group outing to the spring funfair near Stuttgart. It was tears at the airport and, once again, plans were made for return visits after the GCSE exams are over.

MAGIC CIRCLE

Throughout the year Matthew Denham continued to entertain and inform a small group of devotees in the weekly meetings of the Magic Circle. By the end of the year we were experts in sleights of hand, palming and dodgy shuffling. Matthew also introduced us to the arcane mysteries of cups,



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balls and disappearing coins. He has now left us to practise his pyrotechnic arts in the ivory towers of academia, but leaves the Magic Circle in the capable hands of third year Jack Clarke. Jack has big plans for the coming year and is keen to pass on his telepathic skills and to introduce us to some routines of his own.

CHESS CLUB

Little changes in the life of the Chess Club. Tom Fielding's complete dominance continued. Now in his final year at KGS, Tom has had six years of chess supremacy here. As usual, he won the individual competition to lift the coveted Grimbaldston Trophy. As usual, he represented the school in the UK Chess Challenge. And, as usual, he won the Regional Round to make it to the National Finals in which he recorded four wins in six matches. In the meantime, he also won the Lancashire Under 18 Championship. He has developed over the years into a very talented player and is now sharing his knowledge and expertise with the younger members of the Club. It will be interesting to see how his acolytes fare when he leaves at the end of the 08-09 academic year. I doubt that any of them will ever master the deadly Cabbage Patch Gambit in quite the same way as Tom.

LIBRARY NEWS

World Book Day took place on 6 March and we celebrated with our customary day of storytelling, ranging from science fiction and fantasy to humour and biographies. We were able to raise enough money, from both fines and donations, to send £150 to Book Aid International, a charity which supplies books to support education in the developing world.

The Library has been busy with the Easter Scribblers' recital, research lessons and a visit from a storyteller, Mr Alec Williams.

In early June I attended the School Library Association Weekend Conference, held at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow. As an elected member of the Executive Committee, I was able to experience this major event from a different perspective and found the whole experience very enjoyable, although tiring. Among the authors I met were Tim Bowler, Anne Cassidy and Celia Rees and I also presented a workshop on 'Out of Hours Learning'; I now understand how nerve-racking these presentations are for our pupils!

The *Carnegie Award* in the Senior School has been very successful and has engendered some lively debate, while the *Kate Greenaway* books have been read to the Junior School pupils and judged on their illustrations. There has also been an event held at Collegiate High School Sports College, Blackpool, to thank some of the many pupils who make valuable contributions to their school libraries. I was able to take four pupils who took part in a variety of activities and were treated to lunch.

Staff at KGS have entered into the spirit of the National Year of Reading by publicising their current book choices on special notices in their classrooms and offices. This has engendered some interesting debate and demonstrated to pupils just how many of us enjoy a good book!

Mrs Copland

THE SCRIBBLERS' CLUB

Last year was by far the club's biggest year yet, with an influx of ten new members from various years. This influx of new members started plans to move from the tiny room at the back of the library to the much more spacious fiction section of the library, which is also the venue for our annual recitals. These attract many people, including teachers and friends of performers.

They are an enjoyable time in which people can relax and listen to all kinds of wonderful things, from poetry to biographies of grandparents.

Sadly, we did not operate fully in the summer term due to other activities.

However, our members took advantage of the free time to carry on writing various pieces which, I am pleased to say, were all of a very high standard. Here are a couple of examples of pieces from our scribblers and, who knows, you may see their names in bestsellers' lists in the future.

Nothing in Sight

"I'm bored" is the groan which echoes from the car,
 "Where are the lights promised by the star?"
 "Where are the trees with the strings of light nearby?"
 "Where are the..." silence is heard throughout the night,
 Just in front the first house is coming into sight,
 Garlands are displayed through its merry winter window,
 Strings of light are smothering it with the very first Christmas cheer.

By Emily Bourne

The Dark

You think you can hide it,
 But I can always tell
 When you see me you feel unwell.
 I crush you like a python
 I bite you like a shark
 Hello it's me again your nightmare,
 The dark.

CRAFT CLUB

Craft Club enjoyed an extremely successful year during 2007-2008, with good numbers attending throughout the Winter and Spring terms.

Some come each week to work on a piece of knitting or needlecraft; others come to sample each week's special activity. Specials have included card-making, beading, origami and glass-painting.

The club is open to people of all ages and is always keen to receive suggestions for crafts that we may be able to include in the future.

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.

Hon. Secretary: Emily Bourne, Staff: Mrs S P Long

WARHAMMER SOCIETY

Over the past year we have significantly built up our collection, broadening our activity range. We have now nearly got a collection large enough to enter competitions and hope to do so near the start of next year. This year we have had lots of enthusiastic first years coming to our club to make and paint the new and old models. Over the coming school year we hope to make an army big enough to enter competitions and keep our newcomers entertained in our own fights.

GREEK CLUB

Greek Club is going from strength to strength! Our first member has reached GCSE level in Classical Greek and gained an amazing 'A' grade. She has inspired others to follow in her footsteps and three more pupils have started preparing for GCSE Greek.

We are now using the two-part Greek to GCSE course by John Taylor. Pupils are each loaned a copy of the text book, thanks to funds from the societies' budget.

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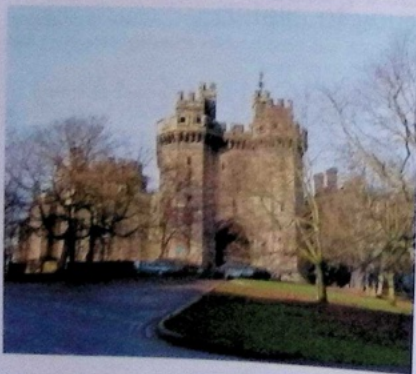
LAW SOCIETY

This term the Law Society has been most successful. The attendance has been at an all time high and has allowed us to play many exciting law related games during our weekly meetings alongside planning mock trials in addition to a trip.

On Thursday, 26th June, we took a visit to Lancaster Castle, which is the oldest fully functioning castle in the UK and is often considered to be one of the most historically interesting buildings in Lancashire. It is also still used as a Crown Court and prison today.

We went on a castle tour, which led us around the civil courtroom, the criminal courtroom and various other remarkable places, such as the Drop room, and the Grand Jury room. Our guide astounded us with eerie stories regarding each room and was most knowledgeable.

The architecture was truly astounding, with regal and ornately decorated rooms adorned with stunning artwork. We were amazed to learn that some of the castle walls were almost three metres thick! The castle's history was explained to us all and how it functioned during the twelfth century in



addition to its role in society today. There were even some original cells that have been preserved and we were (temporarily, of course) locked up in order to experience the dreadful conditions that were experienced by prisoners many years ago.

It was truly fascinating and provided an enjoyable, interesting day out for the Law Society.

M. Hopkins-Coman

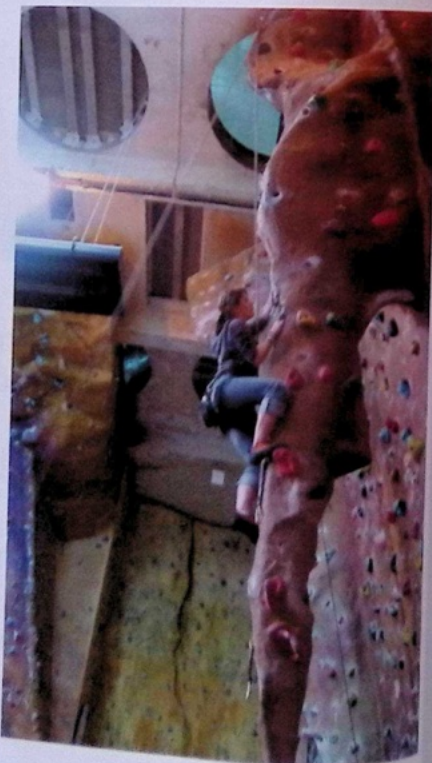
CLIMBING CLUB

The Club has flourished this year, gaining several new members to replace those who left for university last summer. Most notably, mention must go to Luke Paterson, Tanja Schreindl and Tim Naughton, all of whom have thrown themselves into climbing in the last year, and made remarkable progress. In fact, Tim, who is only a first year, already promises soon to be better than some of the older members.

In the dark and wet evenings of the winter we travelled to the usual indoor climbing walls, most of the time heading out to West View in Preston, but also trying the new wall at Blackpool that opened shortly before Christmas

We also held a 'Christmas Party' there one evening in December, which involved a lot of eating of chocolate and not much climbing!

As summer moved in and the evenings got lighter, we timidly ventured to some of the local quarries to climb outdoors.



The new members enjoyed the challenge of climbing on real rock, which is very different to climbing indoors, but did not seem to enjoy the midgets that came with it quite so much.

Also this year, after some persistent nagging from Stuart Spencer, we ordered climbing club hoodies to wear at the wall. These have proved to be very popular and a great success, apart from the fact that they clash horribly with Michael Bennett's pink climbing boots!

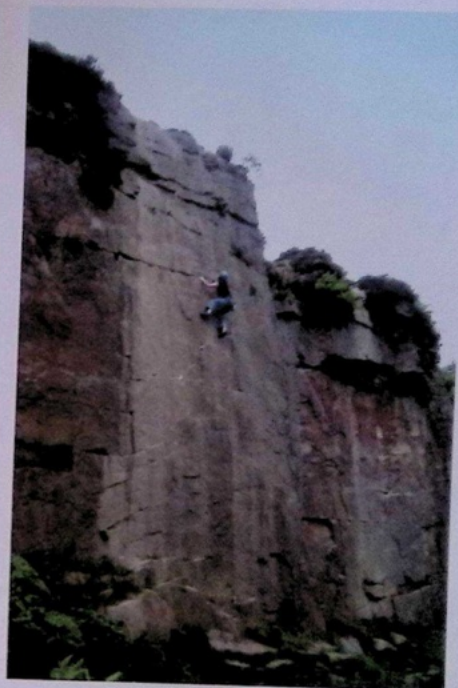
As the year ends, we say goodbye to several members who are moving away to university and other activities. We wish them the best of luck and hope they will continue with climbing wherever they end up. We would also like to thank Mrs Scott, Mr Hancock and Mr Gaddes for giving up their time to take us climbing.

Ellie Gaddes

HARMONICA CLUB

The Harmonica Club is a new club that was set up in January, 2008. The harmonica is a fun instrument, cheap to buy and needs no musical knowledge. Within a week you can easily play a tune. During the winter and spring term, members of the club have learnt to play well known songs such as 'Country Roads', 'Killing me Softly', 'Let it Be', 'Moon River', 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot' and 'Love me Tender'. The Harmonica Club consists of about ten people and what we lack in tunefulness, we certainly make up for with enthusiasm.

Jodie Hope



CROQUET SOCIETY

The Croquet Society continued to meet throughout the Summer Term whenever the sun shone. Matches were played most lunchtimes on the Headmaster's Lawn in a spirited and competitive atmosphere. Many of the upper sixth players commented on how it was a great stress reliever at an anxious time for them – the run-up to the summer exams. Indeed, the Head of Psychology, Mrs Stanbury, is looking to get government funding for a major research project into the psychological and societal benefits of this ancient game in the post-modern era. It certainly benefited the two leading lights of the Society, Joe Douglass and Oliver Youngman, who jointly share the annual Isobel Birley Award for the second year in succession. They have now left KGS, leaving the way open for younger talent to emerge. The smart money is on Jenny Miller (lower sixth) who is hoping to follow in the footsteps of her elder brother, Alex, one of the original members of the re-founded society.

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CCF - Barry Buddon Camp

This year's CCF Summer Camp took us north of the border into Scotland to Barry Buddon Training Camp near Dundee. The RAF camp in England at the same time suffered appalling conditions, but we were more fortunate, as we only had one day badly affected by rain.

After a very long coach journey to Victoria Barracks, Ballater, on Royal Deeside, where the adventure training package was based, the party of nearly 50 cadets, together with several officers and former pupils, settled into rather cramped accommodation. Nearly 150 cadets from three different contingents were billeted in rooms designed for about 50 regular soldiers who form the Royal Guard when HRH is in residence at Balmoral.

The training consisted of walks of varying levels of difficulty, from 'bagging' several Munros (including Lochnagar) in some of the most beautiful parts of the Cairngorm National Park, to a low level circuit of a loch. Another day saw the groups abseiling on a fearsome rock face and kayaking on a nearby lake.

Back at the main training camp we prepared for the first 'green day' on the ranges. The high point of the morning was firing the Light Support Weapon (LSW), which can empty a magazine of 30 rounds in less than 2 seconds! We then returned to be guided over the Obstacle Course by the PTIs. No longer can it be a race over an Assault Course, but H & S deem it to be 'a Confidence Training Area'. So strict was this that each cadet had to declare their own fitness and many asthmatics were disappointed. But it was still made safe fun although sometimes quite wet if confidence was lacking on some of the jumps.

After drying off, our volunteers for the drill competition assembled on the square under the eagle eye of a CSM drill instructor from the Scots Guards - awesome! He gave the



squad some excellent instruction - he must have done, because when it came to the test we were considered the best team over the whole two weeks of camp. This means we came top from about 18 schools. Congratulations to Sgt Grace Garlington, who was the drill NCO, and to all her squad. The evening saw a party of senior cadets go clay pigeon shooting with 12 bore shotguns. Capt Reeves showed his youthful reactions by out-shooting the CO.

The next day was a specialist-training day. This involved a round-robin between first aid, signals, Royal Engineers mine clearing and command tasks, Infantry training on mortars and, the highlight for most, the Royal Horse Artillery who allowed KGS cadets to play with a 105 field gun. Some of our smaller/weaker cadets now realise how heavy this weapon is. This was a great opportunity for our cadets to get their hands on military kit that they do not often see, let alone attempt to break! Pl Tom Sanders tried to disprove that the drill purpose mortar was 'squaddie-proof'.

We were all building up to the final big infantry exercise. However, at reveille (06.00h every morning!) it was a little wet - no, it was pouring down. Apparently some places in England had had one month's rain in 24 hours the day before! We received it in Scotland the next morning.

"If it ain't rainin' - it ain't trainin'."

We did manage to complete (survive) the morning package of Survival Exercises. How appropriate this was, as it consisted of making fire, shelters and collecting water! But the most enjoyable instruction was the snaring and preparing of rabbits! The photos of this activity really do show the fun in what most initially thought was quite a gory exercise. By lunchtime it was apparent that the rain was really set in. When our CO saw the condition of the other schools returning from our afternoon ex, the decision was made to 'bug out'. We returned to camp to clean weapons and have a barbeque cum picnic with our operational ration packs under a shelter. Morale was high and although there was much disappointment about the cancelling of the night ex, this was partially alleviated as our CO managed to book the DCCT range for the whole of the last day.

This very expensive small arms trainer is basically a computer video system which can both coach principles of marksmanship and simulate actual battle scenarios with various different shooting techniques, in complete safety. All cadets spent a good couple of hours on this trainer thanks to Sgt Mick Devaney, our new SSI and qualified DCCT custodian. This is a facility we may be able to use at Weeton camp in the future.

The last day also allowed us to pack up, hand in stores and tidy our billets for a speedy hand-over on Saturday and also have our own drill competition. As usual on the last evening we had a presentation. All the officers, cadets and NCOs were thanked by the CO, especially the Old Kirkhamians who gave up their time: Natalie Roberts and Nicola Clough from last year, Collette Gallagher and Charlotte McNeela from previous years and a very old boss, Sgt Mike Ward (a regular Royal Engineer), who helped out on the AT for other schools as well.

The Anzac Trophy for best junior cadet on camp was awarded to Robert Malings of the fourth year, but a special minute due to a cancellation. He had done no cadet activity at all and he performed superbly all week. Being the only

third year on camp, he thoroughly deserved the special award for all his efforts.

The choice for the Waterloo Trophy, best fifth form cadet, was very difficult indeed. That entire year group performed very well and thoroughly deserved being promoted to lance corporals for next term. The Waterloo Trophy was awarded to Jenny Miller who excelled in our own drill competition, and Mathew Gladwell, who also won the Anzac last year, but every one of the fifth form cadets could have won the award.

All the lower 6th NCO's showed excellent leadership qualities. Promotions were awarded to Lucy Knowles (Sgt), Caitlin MacMillan and Maria Hindley (C/Sgt) and Charles O'Flaherty and Grace Garlington were appointed as our CSM's for next year. The Colonel's Trophy for best junior NCO on camp was awarded to James Moncrieff and he will be next year's Cadet RSM. They all thoroughly deserve their ranks and our congratulations. James was also awarded the shooting trophy for posting the best scores on the range day.

A final thank you and farewell must go to Capt Phil Reeves who has been our Training Officer for the last few years. He is not really saying goodbye, as he will be eligible to attend our central camps in the future, but we will miss his fun and humour on parade days and especially his ability to organise the fire duty!

Adventure Training St John's in the Vale

Early April we set off to the Lake District for our annual adventurous training camp at St John's in the Vale, near Keswick. Last year the weather was fantastic - sunscreen needed for all. How things change over 12 months! It was still in the depths of winter in Cumbria!

This year it was not as oversubscribed as usual, possibly because of other competing trips at the same time. However, the 22 cadets (mostly seniors) had a very testing but enjoyable week under the quite extreme weather conditions. The activities varied between the usual orienteering and mountain biking with a 24 hour expedition walking out to Patterdale and returning the next day via Helvellyn. Because of the snow conditions it was impossible to do Striding Edge, but the trek over Sticks Pass was quite interesting in such arduous conditions. All cadets discovered how to really read a map and prepare for a 24 hour expedition without the need for mobile phones or hair straighteners!

One new adventure was added this year. At the Honister slate mines there is a Via Ferrata, which follows the route the old miners used to follow to climb to work. This quite steep scramble is similar to the methods Italian mountain troops devised to climb in the Dolomites safely as they were clipped on to an iron ropeway - the via ferrata. All the cadets found this activity very challenging, especially as several inches of fresh snow had fallen, even at valley level. It was almost like being in the Alps! After lunch the groups were then given a guided tour of the slate mines with an idea of how hard it was to work in those conditions 100 years ago!

This may be the reason why Sqn Ldr Callister is thinking of a change of both format and location for our next AT camp. He is thinking of trying to take a group to the French Alps to do similar activities which would be run by a commercial company, possibly in the summer of 2009!

All activities were competitive and each section was assessed on everything from orienteering, mountain biking and even the kitchen duties. Congratulations to CSM Ben Blackburn and all his section on winning the competition. The usual last night fun and festivities were enjoyed by all, but there were a few wet cadets who had not experienced the mess games introduced by Captains Miller and Reeves.

All in all, another highly successful AT camp and the CO's most sincere thanks must go to all the staff involved, especially all those who camped out every night (in quite harsh conditions!) so that the expedition could take place.

CCF News

Back at school some NCO's have continued to complete their BTEC awards. The final GNVQ qualification in Public Services is the equivalent of four GCSE grades and many universities now recognise it as a very valuable add-on to academic results. Phil Berry gained a merit, Joe Douglass and Genevieve Melling both managed distinctions and Ben Blackburn, Tom Newton and Olly Youngman all should be congratulated on achieving the new grade 'distinction star'. There are several more who will part certify and a few who have nearly completed the award.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our departing NCO's of all ranks who have worked hard to ensure the smooth running and administration of our contingent. A special thanks must be given to our most reliable CSM's, Ben Blackburn and Jonny Drake.

I must also add as a post script my sincere thanks and appreciation to Capt Phil Reeves. He has gained promotion and moves on to another school next year. However, this will not be his last event as he has offered to maintain his commission and as his new school does not have a CCF, he will continue to help us out on camps. Capt Reeves has risen through the ranks very rapidly during his time with KGS CCF. In fact he was Flt Sgt in the RAF section as a pupil many years ago! On joining KGS it did not take much time to convince him to take a commission. He attended Frimley Park CTC for basic training and then quickly followed that with his King George VI Advanced course and rapidly rose to captain. He will be fondly remembered by both cadets and his fellow officers for his humour and quick wit and we will miss his enthusiasm and ability to organise both the training programme and the weekly fire rota! We all wish him well in his new school and hope that we will see him on camps at a future date.



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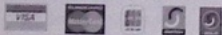
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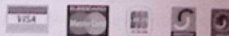
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FYLDE HOUSE

"Parting is such sweet sorrow" - Romeo & Juliet (Shakespeare)

With School progressing through to the final in a comfortable semi against Kirkham, the heat was on to get the 2008 Whitby Cup campaign off to a flying start. Unfortunately, one of the team got the first question of the day wrong: "When is the Senior House Quiz?" Luckily our super sub Hannah Quarmby was on hand to fill the vacant chair and did exceptionally well. Our team captain Michael Gyi was particularly entertaining with his Harry Potter obsession, while Harriet Martin and Fiona Williams attempted to prove that girls are smarter than boys. The first round consisted of 8 team questions which saw Preston creep in to an early 4 point lead. Next up was the individual round, with Harriet Martin demonstrating a sound knowledge of cooking. Preston's lead grew and we had to make up 8 points in the final buzzer round. The final score was a crushing defeat.

Our juniors had the chance of gaining revenge - our team of Sarah Quarmby, Jack Linley, Katie Penrose and Gemma Coleman, with reserves Lydia Gascoigne and Liam Marrows, had a record breaking crowd, with Fylde the most vociferous. Fylde took an early lead in the team round with a pleasing 5/8 questions correct. The individual round was also successful, but Preston clawed back several points to level the scores. It was all down to the buzzer round... or it would have been if the buzzers had worked!!! Despite a desperate attempt to fix them, the round had to be renamed as the "Put Your Hands in the Air as Fast as You Can If You Know the Answer" round. Fylde showed great resolve to fight right to the end, with Sarah Quarmby and Jack Linley answering several tricky questions. It came down to the last few questions until Fylde booked their place in the final against Kirkham.

Our intrepid juniors took on a strong Kirkham team with the main danger man being Joe Wareing, who single-handedly demolished the opposition in the other semi. The first round was of very high quality and saw Fylde take a slender lead, but Kirkham raced back in the individual round. Fylde now trailed by 6 points and with 2 points for a correct answer it seemed like it may be too little, too late. However, Sarah Quarmby and Jack Linley answered the first 4 questions correctly to put Fylde in to the lead. This obviously woke up the opposition when they followed that feat with 4 of their own - half the round over and still 6 points behind. This see-saw battle continued until the very last question...the scores were tied and tension was high. What could it be? A searching political problem? A confusing scientific enquiry?

"What colour is Tinky-Winky?"

Fylde House's knowledge of pre-school television was far superior and they took the trophy, winning 46 - 44. It seems to be said every year, but this was one of the most exciting events of recent years.

Next up was the Chess competition. Grand Master Melling selected the Fylde team and ran the tournament, for which he has our thanks. The tournament saw the debut of many Preston members who were to have a great deal of beginners' luck! Our grip on the trophy was not as tight this year, and despite strong performances from Michael Gyi and Andrew Bayliss, we were beaten in to second place. Our juniors showed potential, but could not finish off their opponents when it came to the crunch. Ed Askew was voted as the most

consistent player of the competition. However, a positive result as we gained second place overall.

The basketball competitions were both fiercely competitive. Our intermediates struggled a little with the concept of getting the ball through the "hoopy thing" but our seniors fared much better, with our squad of house captain Joe Brown, James Edgar, Tommy Banks, Johnny Edwards, Richard Draper, Will Stover and Matthew Edgar playing some entertaining and exciting basketball. Despite a narrow defeat in the game against Kirkham in controversial circumstances, the team finished first on points difference and deservedly so.

Our girls were slightly off target in their senior netball semi-final against School, where we had no answer to the height and speed of Mr. Smith's team who were to advance and win the final. The play-off was a different story with a whitewashing of Preston which saw some great defensive work from Hannah Quarmby and Cat Gaskell, as well as pinpoint shooting from Sarah Hatch and Lamara Hill.

Our juniors again stepped up to the plate and progressed to the final with a comfortable victory over Kirkham. School were once again our opponents but were no match for a Fylde team on top form. All girls played very well with Alix Townsend and Sarah Quarmby solid in defence, Katie Penrose and Olivia Carter strong at wing defence and wing attack and Annabel Mole a great target player up front. Two players worthy of special mention, however, were Alison Glover, who played brilliantly, despite a painful injury in the first minute, and Jess Balmer who scored all our points in the final with some spectacular shooting. Thanks must also go to our reserves Charlotte Airey, Emily Sharples-Lowe and Chloe Walker who supported the team throughout and put the needs of the house before their own. Our junior girls were in jubilant mood for the next event, the junior hockey tournament at Preston Sports Arena.

The now defunct Focus coaches were the chariots on which the mighty Fylde House team rode in to battle on a cold and windy evening. After sorting out the little problem that one game had been booked on a 5-a-side pitch, the draw was made. The two potentially "strong" teams had been put together in the first semi-final, so Fylde were to face Dr. Rollins (or should that be the tactics of Mr. Sampey) in their first match.

As usual, goals were bound to be rare in the end to end battle that was to come. Several shots flashed past the upright but the end of the first half came with Fylde dominating, but the score 0-0. The second half was a similar story, and, for the third time in 3 years, Fylde were involved in a penalty shootout.

The usual approach was taken- all gather together in a Liverpool FC huddle and hope for the best. The first 3 flicks were successful for all the players - Alison Glover, Jess Balmer and Sarah Quarmby all despatching their efforts with ease. This meant sudden death... cometh the hour, cometh the goalkeeper.

Our first flick flew at head height past the post... what now? Keeper Chloe Walker somehow managed to deflect an excellent flick in mid air with a pad. Fylde's next flick... saved! Two saves would be a lot to ask. This time with a flailing stick, Keeper Walker saved Fylde again. Our last flick was successful... 3 saves in succession would be an amazing feat. The flick went along the floor and was kicked away. Fylde

were through in one of the most exciting shoot outs in the competition ever!

The final was to be much more comfortable - Fylde were simply outstanding and Lucy Mellor-Bates smashed home the only goal of the game in the first half. Forwards Jourdan Kenny and first year superstar Harriet Price ran the School defence ragged and the Fylde defence was rarely troubled. Our midfield generals ensured little got in to the Fylde half and the final whistle saw the girls win their third hockey trophy in as many years. All the girls played some excellent hockey and were by far the best team in the tournament. The winning team consisted of Chloe Walker, Sarah Quarmby, Olivia Carter, Jess Balmer, Natasha Linton, Alison Glover, Katie Penrose, Alix Townsend, Harriet Price, Jourdan Kenny and Lucy Mellor-Bates, with reserves Kieran Bahra, Emily Sharples-Lowe and Olivia Fountain. Excitement? Little did we know what the swimming gala had in store.

Records were broken even before we ventured forth to Kirkham's Olympic sized pool. A sick note was received two weeks prior to the day of the event (which after checking with the other housemasters is pretty impressive) and disappointingly we also had two no-shows by house members who were in school that day. What was to follow is certainly proof that Fylde House is much bigger than any individual.

The event itself was frenetic and exciting. The positions changed, it seemed, after every single race! It would be impossible to mention every performance, but every performance was certainly worthy of mentioning. In the individual races, Will and Rob Lockhart were superb and won all of their events as well as being key swimmers in the victorious medley relay team. Chloe Walker, Harriet Price and Dale Price gave their all in the junior girls events and earned valuable points throughout. Sam Wignall and Ryan Vaughan swam themselves to exhaustion by competing in every intermediate boys event they were allowed to! Marcus Eaton swam superbly at short notice and Elliot Smith joined the freestyle relay team 90 seconds before the start - not surprisingly with an attitude like this, the team won the race! Our senior girls were a credit to the House with Cat Moss, Jane Duncan and Antonia Price putting in great performances, and thanks must go to Lamara Hill for joining the freestyle relay team to cover for an ill competitor. Yes, you guessed it- they won their race as well! Our senior boys events saw strong swimmers from Toby Townsend, Henry Tomlinson, Will Stover and Tommy Banks. I wish I had the time to mention more.

After all these races, the competition was a stalemate until the final event. Mr Taylor announced that any one of three houses could win the trophy prior to the senior boys' freestyle relay. School had been two points ahead a few races earlier, and it seemed Kirkham had peaked a little too early. Ed Askew put in an amazing display to gain half a length on his competitor in his only swim of the day. Nathan Dickinson had reorganised a dental appointment to make sure he could be part of the relay and went through the water like a fish and Toby Townsend finished strongly despite being exhausted from his other races through the day. Preston were winners by a fair distance, but a glance to Lane 1 saw that School had no swimmer to complete the final leg and hence were disqualified - had we done enough by finishing second? Mr Taylor read out the results in reverse order. Preston. Kirkham. Had we done enough? And then in





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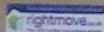
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second place.... School. Fylde had won their first swimming gala for 18 years. By only 5 points! This clearly shows that every competitor was a vital part of the team. Thanks to all those who did events that they were not keen on doing, or even swimming when they were not confident in their abilities. The points you gained and the attitude that you showed was the reason Fylde were victorious. We all trooped back to school extremely happy, but still a little concerned about Richard Draper and his obscene swimwear.

The Spring term began with howling winds and icy temperatures; we could all tell that it was cross country season once again. The week was an overall success for the runners wearing green, despite the vision of our junior boys and girls all wearing what looked more like dresses than vests. Both groups had a great deal of misfortune; a key runner for the boys broke down halfway round the course and a late replacement for the girls had a nasty asthma attack. This saw Fylde have the last runner in both competitions - surely a good result now was out of the question? Our strength in depth meant an amazing first in both categories, with outstanding efforts from Nicky Charter, Harriet Price, Beth Kenny, Gemma Coleman, Will Lockhart, Sam Norris, Tom Baybutt, Sam Fuentes-Moreno and Scott Rudd. The intermediates were less successful, despite excellent runs from Tom Hurst and Stephen Clough in the boys' race and late replacements doing a great job for the girls, with high placings for Cat Moss and Louise Walker. The performance of Sophie Abbott, who walked round the course after a nasty leg injury, showed the commitment that Fylde House has in its ranks. The senior races were unfinished business, but the girls have achieved a very pleasing second place overall, with runs of note from Emily Rayson, Hannah Quarmby and particularly Jane Duncan, who finished eighth in a stong field. The boys were to run in the sun after the Easter holiday.

In the debating competition, Miranda Hopkins-Coman and Fiona Williams were superb in their semi final against a more experienced School set up, with Fylde getting the nod from "nice" Mr. Hawkes. Both speakers acquitted themselves in an exemplary manner in the debate. This House Would Not Send A Valentine" on, yes, you guessed it, February 14th. Emotions ran high, but the Green team were worthy winners on the day. They were to take part in the first debating final Fylde had been party to for six years.

The shooting competition is always a very closely run thing, but very few have been of this quality. Our team was chosen from a group of around nine cadets, where most houses would struggle to find three! Eventually, Hannah Quarmby, Cat Gaskell and Michael Lomax took to the range and shot superbly. Michael deserves a special mention for being one of three competitors who gained full marks. After the competition had finished, Fylde were victorious by 3 marks - further proof that victory and defeat are only a small distance apart. Thanks must go to Mr Hill for running a most professional and exciting competition for so long.


The "double pointer" of the term was the House Music Festival, which went on for what seemed like two months! Our finalists included first years Nicky Charter and Elsie Linley who obviously have a bright future and should be congratulated on their achievement so early on in their musical career. We also saw experienced campaigners such as Bradley Johnson on guitar, Chloe Walker with her voice, Mel McCarthy on violin and Sarah Quarmby on the cello.

Sarah in particular produced a superb performance and was awarded second place in the solo section and heartily deserves our congratulations. The ensembles also saw further success, with Fylde's Chloe Walker part of the trio who were placed first in that section. Well done to Chloe, as well as Cat Gaskell and Hannah Smith who were placed second. The late return of James Edgar also saw him perform his own composition and come second in the composition competition. This year was another snapshot of the immense talent in Fylde House and I wish everyone who gave performances of merit could be mentioned.

Next, to the House Choir. Our piece this year was chosen and arranged by fifth former Mel Mc Carthy, who devised the fantastic harmonies that could clearly be heard at the performance in front of Mr. Dalton and Mr. Barratt. Accompanied by James Edgar, an amazingly talented guitarist, the choir belted out a superb version of Ben E. King's "Stand By Me". The judges were suitably impressed and, for the first time in recent living memory for anyone younger than Mr. Shackleton, a Fylde House Choir was put in to the final - against bitter rivals School. This caused problems, however, with pianist James Edgar and house choir stalwart Sam Kindred away on rugby duty. Due to the news only being broken the day before the final, Friday morning saw panic stations - Miranda Hopkins-Coman stepped into the vacant piano stool and, with no rehearsals whatsoever, the choir battled it out in the final. The performance was entirely different to the one only a few days earlier; a thoughtful, brooding piano line from Miranda saw a spectacular interpretation of the song. The result was irrelevant; many, including School House members and staff, enjoyed our performance much more.

The end of term was a very busy one, with four events being held in the final week of term. The Rugby sevens were not as successful as they might have been; the juniors played some superb rugby and won two of their three games. Unfortunately, so did Preston and Kirkham and on points difference we were ranked third. The boys were a credit and never gave up, with the usual high standards from Rob Lockhart, captain Jack Smith, Ben Coplestone, Sam Fuentes-Moreno, Harry Mason and Will Lockhart. Our surprise packages were Scott Rudd (who ran all day like a headless chicken, just very fast) and Tom Baybutt, whose barnstorming runs and crunching tackles were overshadowed by the "Dive of the Day", as he imitated a dying giraffe over the line in the first half of the game against Kirkham.

The intermediates were up against it right from the off with a much weakened side, but mention should go to Ryan Vaughan for his efforts and captain Tom Hurst for a never-say-die attitude. That is, after all, what we are all about. The senior competition was a different story.... Despite prior warning about wearing the correct kit, our boys turned up in all manner of clothing, which meant scrambling around in as many lost property bins as possible. The first game saw us against School House. Our boys were victorious against the Red Machine, whose spirits were completely broken. The remaining games for School were apparently one massive rucking and mauling drill. An under strength Preston outfit was brushed away convincingly and this set up a nail biting finale against Kirkham House. The game was everything it was set up to be and all seemed lost when with one minute remaining the score was locked at 14 all. After nearly having his head removed from his shoulders by a Kieran Brookes


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clothesline, the quick thinking of House Captain Joe Brown saw a short restart regained by Fylde and some Serevi-style play saw Sam Kindred ghost over the line in the final seconds. A marvellous achievement and deserved victory for the whole squad, namely Joe Brown, Johnny Edwards, Tommy Banks, Sam Kindred, James Edgar, Matt Edgar, Benedict Fulford-Brown, Will Stover, Richard Draper and Oliver Chambers.

The senior hockey was also played on the final Wednesday of term and saw our girls face a tough opening game against School. Despite a very pleasing performance, we lost narrowly 1-0 but were able to carry this spirit in to the next game against Kirkham who were soundly beaten 3-0. The final game was versus Preston and although much of the play was at the right end of the pitch for Fylde, we just could not put the ball in the net. A 0-0 draw saw the girls obtain a pleasing second place behind School. There were great defensive performances from Jane Duncan, Sarah Hatch, Louise Walker and Chelsea Jude, backed up by a strong squad including Charlotte Airey, Cat Moss, Hannah Fountain, Emily Rayson, Sophie Abbott, Harriet Martin, Lamara Hill, Hannah Quarmby, Antonia Price and Hollie Wilkinson. Many will return next year and improve on an already impressive tournament.

The summer term began with a frenzy of organisation to prepare for Sports Day which was only nine days after the holidays. Everyone gave their all in a superb effort and every athlete made a difference. Fylde had so many individual winners it would be impossible to list them all, but record breakers included Sarah Hatch and Lamara Hill, with Lamara winning the Intermediate Victrix Ludorum for the third time. Chris Brown was another individual winner in the Senior Boys' category, a tremendous achievement for a fifth former.

The overall standings were a disappointment for many of our members, but with Fylde trailing throughout the day, I felt it was a great effort to claw our way back into second place. This says a great deal about what members of Fylde House now expect of themselves, and their teammates.

The seniors said goodbye to the house system in a blaze of glory. Our tennis aces played some superb strokes in difficult conditions, with Sam Geny and Zara Walsh undefeated on the day. The less refined pairing of ex-school captain and our own captain Joe Brown battled through the howling winds and picked up points that many would have left for dead. A superb first place was achieved and gives next year's KGS Wimbledon hopefuls something to aim for.

Our cricketers faced a stiff task in the semi-final with Coronation Street extra and intimidating pace bowler Kieran Brookes a major obstacle in the semi. Luckily our own quickie was up to the task; Sam Kindred bowled a good line and length and produced a sterling 50 not out, while Matt Edgar mopped up at the other end with his nagging pace. Preston were the surprise package as School failed to fire in the other semi and on the day they were no match for the Green Machine. Edgar Jr. and Kindred both produced excellent bowling performances once again and Ginger Sam hit the winning runs chasing a target below 50. The huge shield leaves the Boarding House for the first time in several years.

Our juniors faced a very tough task as they were presented with a School team that resembled the under 14 "A" XI. Our batsmen had a tough day with School's front line bowlers impressive stuff. Some resilient pinch hitting from Rob Lockhart gave Fylde a defendable total, and the vital early

wickets of Burnie and Galley gave Fylde hope. Ryan Vaughan was the pick of the bowlers with some superb bowling down the hill, but Harrison Moulding smashed a remarkable half century to save the day for Mr. Smith.

Tennis was again the order of the day in miserable conditions for our intermediates. After sitting out a mini-monsoon, our team of Tom Charter, Sam Wignall, Katie Penrose and Charlotte Airey set about a demolition job on many of the opposition pairs. Tom in particular played some spectacular stuff and he has recently won tickets for the real thing at Wimbledon due to his rise up the LTA rankings. Unbelievably Fylde lost by only a single game out of 26 to Kirkham, mainly due to the experienced tactics of Mrs. Benter.

Our junior girls were a credit in the rounders competition, with our team of Chloe Walker, Natasha Linton, Alix Townsend, Jess Balmer, Lucy Mellor-Bates, Beth Kenny, Harriet Price, Nicky Charter, Katie Penrose, Sarah Quarmby and Ali Glover fighting every inch of the way. Victory over School and a tense draw against Kirkham meant the winner of our final game against Preston was to be crowned winners. Unfortunately, Preston hit form just at the right moment and beat Fylde 9 rounders to 6.

Glorious sunshine greeted our tennis players in the afternoon and the quality of play reflected the weather. Our foursome of Lucy Mellor-Bates, Nicky Charter, Will Lockhart and Robert Lavelle were superb in the sweltering heat and took apart School and Kirkham. However, Fylde and Preston both finished on 31 points, but also drew 8 all in their rubber, and hence the junior tennis is the first trophy to be shared...since 1549 obviously!

The Work Cup finished off the year's hectic schedule, the results of which were revealed in final assembly on the last day of the term. A massive 31 events have been organized over the year - and Fylde have given their all in every one. Our new house captains still have plenty of time to grow into their new roles next year and I wish Sarah, Emily and Harriet the best of luck. The summer term has seen them organize and motivate their respective teams with enthusiasm and vigour - all seems to be well in the enormous task of replacing Joe and Chelsea. The letter sent by members of the third year to Mr. Brown certainly reflects this!

The Headmaster once again delivered the results... Fylde were clear winners by over 20 points, equaling the record set by School several years ago. Just reward for the hard work and determination from all of the Fylde House competitors through the calendar.

And so to the end of another year, but one tinged with sadness for myself. I have taken great pride in leading Fylde House over the past four years and wish it did not have to end. The excitement and enthusiasm of you all when competing in every event over this time has been a joy to behold. It is impossible to mention my special memories as housemaster as there have been so many in such a short time. As a house you have given everything I could ask of you and even more. At the start of the Autumn term in 2004 I stated "You can't create a reputation on what you are going to do." We have played fairly, won with grace but more importantly lost with pride. The reputation we have has been well and truly earned. I wish Mr Whittle and all of you the best of luck in keeping that reputation up.

Mr. P.T. Reeves

KIRKHAM HOUSE

This year has been another very competitive year and the achievements of our House have once again been superb. Kirkham House is developing a real team spirit, our members are keen to represent the House and everyone strives to give every activity 100%. In addition to some glorious victories we have had a solid pack who have come in second and third to top up our points.

This year the Kirkham House members 'stepped up a gear' and really started to fight for the top prize, the Whitby Cup. I would like to thank all the Kirkham House staff and pupils for their efforts this year. I would particularly like to thank Tom Bowden and Charlotte Baker for their support and commitment throughout the year as House Captains. Congratulations and good luck to Tom Sanders and Jade Mottley, Captains for 2008-2009, and Kieron Brookes, Vice Captain.

Autumn Term

As always, the quiz was the first of the house events. Our senior team was very unfortunate to lose in the semi-final and our junior team battled well in the final but finished runners-up.

The basketball competition was once again a fierce and closely contested battle. Our lads, ably led by Tom Bowden, performed superbly and narrowly missed out on victory. Our Inters put in a gutsy performance; Stanley Graham, Johnny Taylor and the team played well and finished in third place.

Chess has always been one of our strong events, however, this year we struggled to stamp our mark on the competition and we finished in fourth place.

Both our senior and junior netball teams entered the competition with high hopes. Our seniors performed extremely well with solid performances from our girls who won their semi-final convincingly but were beaten in the final by a strong School team. Our juniors were very strong on paper but really struggled to play as a team and finished in fourth place.

Our junior hockey team was young this year but battled superbly against School in the semi-final and was very unfortunate to lose narrowly. In the third/fourth play off against Preston House we put on a real gutsy performance and won 2-0. Well done, girls.

Swimming was the final event of 2007, a competition in which traditionally Kirkham has excelled. We were very unfortunate this year to lose two of our top swimmers through injury. However, we battled on and finished a creditable third place.

Spring Term

Once again, the New Year started with a bang! Organizing the music competition, as always, was total chaos but extremely rewarding. We had 160 individual entries in the auditions and led the points tables by 110 points after the first stage. Thank you and well done to all those people who represented Kirkham House in this massive event. We had a great time rehearsing our choir but our song choice was not as good this year. After spending ten weeks watching "Last Choir Standing" I now feel ready to move forward with our choir and pass on numerous tips I have picked up! Congratulations to all our musicians who reached the House

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Music finals, Jenny Patel, Caitlin McMillan, Lucy Fielding and Jodie Gaston Ross. Thank you to Caitlin McMillan for her total support. The Kirkham House musicians were terrific and thoroughly deserved to win the House Music Competition for the second year running. Well done!!

Though cross country tends to be dreaded by most, Kirkham House always fields full teams who are keen to give it everything. All our teams were an absolute credit to the House. The inter girls and inter boys finished in fourth place, the senior and junior girls finished in third place (a special mention to Jade Mottley who won her race) and the senior and junior boys were both runners up. Well done to our cross country teams.

Our shooting team once again performed very well. Oliver Youngman and his team finished a very creditable third place.

The rugby teams battled extremely well, yet again. Our senior boys and junior boys were very unfortunate to finish as runners-up and our inter-team finished in third place. Our lads competed with real grit and determination, well done!

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

Summer Term

Sports Day was the first of our summer events. As usual, we expected this competition to be difficult, however we fielded a full team of athletes in all events and we were eager to do well. We competed in force with a great team spirit amongst our competitors. We had so many athletes representing the House that it would take too long to mention everyone.

Therefore, I will mention just a few. Tom Bowden was terrific in the 100m but was injured in his first race. This was a devastating blow, but in true Kirkham style everybody rallied to get the team sorted. Theo Mason, Gregor Aitken, Matt Davies and Tom Sanders were keen to do as much as possible for the House.

Jade Mottley, Katie Gorman, Emily Fisher and Rebecca Lewis led the way for the senior girls. Stanley Graham, Johnny Taylor and Vicky Greensmith led the way for the inters. In our juniors Alex Kiziltas, Ben Swift, Jo Martin, Ben Rhodes-Powers, Anna Rigby, Lucie Rawcliffe, Courtney Rawcliffe and Katie Ingham all performed in three events.

The anticipation at the end of the event was unbelievable and after celebrating 'not coming last or third' we were ecstatic to be crowned Sports Day Champions! Every athlete, regardless of where they finished, contributed to this magnificent victory.

In cricket Kieron Brookes organised the teams and, although we gave it our best, we were unfortunately beaten in the semi-finals.

In senior and junior tennis we finished a creditable third place. Thank you to Peter Rigby and Jodie Hope for organising the teams. Our inter-tennis team excelled. Stanley Graham started the tournament with Kris Turnbull, knowing that Kris had to leave for the drama trip. Johnny Taylor was ready and waiting to step in after a few games. These three, together with Max Baker and Anna Rigby, performed superbly and won the competition. Well done!

Our rounders team, led by Lucie Rawcliffe and Frankie Gaeta-Craven, played very well indeed and was unfortunate to finish in third place.



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The final competition was technology and our team of Olivia Butler, Oliver Hulme, Tom Bullock and Oliver Bedford finished a creditable third.

I am extremely proud of Kirkham House. This year the team spirit, eagerness to participate, desire to win and complete house unity have been unbelievable. We have shown we are real contenders, finishing in second place.

I cannot wait to lead Kirkham through another hectic year of events. Next year we will be giving it everything once again! Kirkham is ready to compete. Let the battle commence!!

J Glover

PRESTON HOUSE

After the long, hot summer we returned in September ready for another year of intrigue, suspense and excitement with the return of the Inter-House competition.

The quiz teams were first on the floor, with Fylde winning the junior competition due to a strong team defeating Preston in the semi-final. This was all the more impressive due to the malfunctioning buzzers in the final round becoming 'Put your hands in the air as fast as you can if you know the answer round'. Well done to Mr Duncan for keeping the peace in a very tense competition. In the seniors' competition, Jacob Hilton of School led the team to victory in the final against Preston. Maybe the change of venue at the last minute gave School home advantage or put Preston under too much pressure, we will never know. Many thanks to Mrs Amy for providing an excellent variety of questions throughout the competition.

Next up was the chess competition. Grand Master Melling



organised the tournament and the winners for the first time in ten years were Preston House. Dr Rollins was over the moon with the victory because five minutes before the event two of his senior competitors were discovered to be ill and absent from school. Walking across the quad he picked the first two members of Preston that he came across to stand in at the last moment. Chris Travis and the House Captain Richard de Carpentier were the lucky two. Little did he know how well these two would perform. Both won their matches and, with the juniors also performing well, a victory for Preston was guaranteed.

The basketball competitions are always a great spectacle and this term was no exception. A very close intermediate competition saw Preston gain another victory, with a team consisting of half the under 15 rugby players showing great teamwork. We beat School House 4 v 1 and Fylde 10 v 0 with great performances from Anish Chandresakar and Adam Whalley. The senior event was dominated by a strong Fylde team, but a resurgent Kirkham pushed them all the way to a victory on points difference.

School House dominated the senior girls' netball with a high standard of netball throughout, but Kirkham House finished a creditable second, with Preston finishing fourth. In the junior competition, Mrs Glover was also unlucky to lose to Fylde House. Preston finished third, beating Kirkham by 7 v 2 with six goals scored by Sophie Crawshaw and great defence from Abi Kos.

On a cold November night we saw the arrival of the junior girls at Preston Sports Arena for the most nerve wracking and intense competition of the year so far, the annual hockey tournament. As usual, goals were bound to be rare and Preston v Fylde, after an end to end battle, finished 0 v 0. The next stage was the penalty flicks, but amazingly all

players from both sides scored their goals and so it went to sudden death. This was a repeat of last year's final and Preston was unfortunate to lose again. The final was much more comfortable for Fylde, beating School 1 v 0, but all competitors agreed that it was another enthralling tournament, with the floodlights and spectators all adding to a wonderful atmosphere.

The final event of the term, the Swimming Gala at Kirkham baths, is always on the coldest day of the year (it is in the rules), and sees hoards of competitors trudging along Ribby Road to the baths. Preston, the winners last year, had lost two very strong swimmers and struggled all day to gain any momentum in the competition, but the other three houses fought neck and neck until the final relay events and any of them could have won the trophy. You could feel the tension in the pool. Ironically, Preston won the race, but Fylde finished second with enough points to win the Swimming Gala for the first time in eighteen years.

The cold, wet and windy weather of February heralded the start of the cross country season. The juniors were the first to brave the elements and, after a couple of weeks practising during PE lessons, the junior girls put on an excellent race to finish in second place, with Imogen Pierce of Preston House just beating Lindsay O'Brien of School House to first place. In the intermediate event Preston has traditionally been strong, thanks to the Christmas training camp at altitude organised by Mr Sampey, and again we were victorious in both events. In the intermediate boys, five runners finished in the first twelve home, including Ben Jones (first) and Adam Whalley (second). Not to be outdone, four of the Preston House girls finished in the top ten out of a possible twenty four positions and finished in first position overall. The weather got so bad that the senior boys event had to be postponed until later in the term, but Preston House provided the winners, once again, in the senior girls, with Lucy Knowles and Becky Nutbrown running well. Fylde House, with Matthew Edgar in first place, eventually won the senior boys' event in April.

Amidst the organised chaos of the 400 House Music auditions, teams of crack sharpshooters were sent out in search of victory in the shooting competition. This is always a very close run event, but this was the closest for years. Mr Hill, in his last competition, was amazed at the quality of all four teams. Until the final round Preston was leading, thanks to Alice Whitehead, but Fylde was victorious over School by three points.

The double pointer of the House Music Festival seemed to go on for over two months, with over 400 auditions heard by Mr Barratt and Miss Dickinson in three days being whittled down to the finalists. The overall standings in the music festival were once again very close but, sadly, we finished fourth, but it was great to see the first years along with the sixth formers in front of the whole House during a Preston House assembly singing the Queen classic 'Don't Stop Me Now', organised by Rose Whitehead. The eight finalists included Grace Garlington, Cerys Buck, Patrick Callery, Alice Whitehead, Richard de Carpentier and Emily Ryding.

Many thanks to the music staff and all the competitors for putting together another brilliant event.

The Debate competition, as would be expected, brings out a fierce rivalry between the senior members of the houses. The semi-final between Preston and Kirkham was very close, with Kirkham winning thanks to a stirring performance from

Caitlin McMillan and Oliver Youngman who then went on to meet Fylde in the final.

The end of the rugby season sees the start of the House Sevens competition. Preston House was successful in the juniors, winning all their matches; the leading try scorer was Adam Coates. Preston played particularly well considering they had four first years in the squad. They beat Kirkham 26 v 12, Fylde 36 v 12, and School 19 v 0. Congratulations to Matt Beatty, the captain, and his team. The intermediate team was also victorious in all three matches, beating Fylde 46 v 5, School 15 v 0, and Kirkham 24 v 0, Ben Jones being the player of the tournament, ably supported by Bobby Garlington, Josh Keay, Alex Lo and Anish Chandresakar. The other houses got their act together in the seniors, with an enthralling tussle between Fylde and Kirkham. With one minute remaining, and the score level at 14 all, the quick thinking House Captain of Fylde saw a shortened restart picked up by Sam Kindred who shot over the try line in the final seconds to gain victory.

The senior hockey tournament is the last game for many of the senior girls and is a fitting tribute to their hockey careers at KGS. The matches are always played in a tremendous spirit and it was won on the day by School, with Fylde finishing runners up. It was also a fitting tribute to the two retiring housemasters, Mr Smith of School and Mr Reeves of Fylde who have both set a great example with their leadership, commitment and support for the house system for so many years. They will be a hard act to follow. Preston had a very inexperienced team but fought valiantly, none more so than Lucy Knowles and the goalkeeper Grace Garlington, to finish third after drawing against Kirkham.

After Easter, the weather did not help with the organisation of the preliminary Sports Day events such as the hurdles and some field events. However, with the support of the PE staff and the sacrifice of numerous lunchtimes by the competitors, we managed to get to Sports Day on schedule. We were blessed on the day with glorious weather and, with thrilling track events witnessed by the whole school, it was pleasing to see Mr Smith 'The Guest of Honour' present the trophy to Kirkham House. The last few events have seen Mrs Glover's house emerge as strong contenders to Fylde who were beginning to pull away in the Whitby Cup. Special mention must go to Joe Casson, the intermediate Victor Ludorum.

With the start of the examination season looming, the seniors had to finish all their competitions quickly. In the cricket semi-finals, Preston beat School and Fylde beat Kirkham to set up the final. Preston, who had played very well against School thanks to the runs from the House Captain, David Kos, struggled against the bowling and batting prowess of Sam Kindred and Matt Edgar of Fylde, losing in a good spirited final. This final demonstrated what the house system is all about; events played in a competitive but fair nature, sprinkled with plenty of fun and humour.

In the junior cricket, Preston easily beat Kirkham in the semi-final thanks to a tremendous batting performance from Micky Papanagelis (43 runs) and Matt Beatty (34 runs). The captain Marcus Molinga bowled well and was well supported by Ben McCarthy.

In the final against School we batted first and scored only 65 runs, with Matt Beatty being the top scorer. In return, School scored 66 runs off 12 overs. But it was a good achievement

to get to the final with a very young squad of mainly second and first years.

The new technology competition was held in the technology room, and the competitors were given the task of designing, making and firing a catapult, the winners being the team who fired it the greatest distance. Preston started poorly in the first round, not recording a centimetre. However, after a few minor adjustments from Callum Palley, Ben McCarthy, Chris Williamson and Macaulay Murqatroyd, on the final shot of the competition we got a world record 6.45 metres and easily won the trophy.

The junior rounders was on the same day as the cricket final and you could hear the excitement all around the ground. Preston performed exceptionally well, winning all three matches. The team spirit was excellent and they were captained well by the backstop Antonia Evans, while Emily Crowther put the opposition under pressure with some accurate bowling. It was the team spirit, however, that won the competition. Well done, girls.

The last event of the year, the junior tennis, was on the same day as the cricket and rounders. It was a lovely hot day and brought the best out of the players. The team of Sophie Crawshaw, Georgina Cameron, Marcus Molinga and Alice Allen played extremely well to win 31 of their games. However, in the closest and best tournament for years, Fylde also won 31 matches and the decision was made to share the first place.

The final weeks have seen an enthralling end to the house competition. As many people get involved as possible and give their best, whatever their ability. Preston House has a great spirit and I wish you all the best for next year. Finally, I would just like to thank all the competitors, all the staff involved and the house captains in the thirty competitions over this year for making it such a successful and enjoyable part of school life.

Dr Rollins.

SCHOOL HOUSE

Having come fourth last year for the very first time in this competition and not gaining a first place in any event until the summer term, we all approached this year knowing that the only way was up! We wanted very much to build on the outstanding performances of the summer term, 2007, during which we gained six first places from ten competitions. In the first of this year's house assemblies, we called upon all house members to rally round and produce those spirited performances throughout the coming year that really sets School apart from other opposition. We also knew that this was to be Mr Smith's final year as School House Master and we dearly wanted to give him the best sending off present for his retirement.

Well, we certainly set off with a bang in event one - the senior quiz, in which we dispatched Kirkham House with ease. In the final, our team of Andrew Brown, Jonny Jacobs, Jacob Hilton and Ashley Parkinson was matched against a strong Preston House side. With a little help of wizardry from the youngest team member, Jacob Hilton, who answered some truly amazing questions, we eventually won by 43 points to 31. This was a terrific start. We did not fare quite as well in the junior quiz, with our team narrowly going down to Kirkham. The chess tournament once again proved

a closely fought battle. Garrett, Jacob and James represented the senior side, with Alex, Charles Redshaw and Charles Hyde in the junior section. Each competitor won either one or two games with narrow defeats in the others. School was placed third, with only a few points separating first and fourth.

Both basketball competitions always provide an exciting spectacle and this year proved no different. The juniors won two and lost one, with the overall result being decided on points difference. Jake Hodgkinson proved an outstanding captain and player and, with some very classy moves from James, George, Ryan and Lyman, we were eventually placed second. The senior competition is always drama from the first whistle. In game one we narrowly beat Preston 6 - 4, but failed to capitalise on this in the next two games. Once again, the points difference decided the final placing, with School finishing fourth. Gary, Alex, Jason and Ahusan proved classy players.

In the senior netball, the semi final against Fylde provided a display of classy footwork and exceptional team skills. On paper, Fylde should have walked this competition, but we managed to thrash them 17 - 11. The final against Kirkham was not a high scoring game but we just managed to edge the result 9 - 2. Overall, Emma scored five and Lizzie an impressive 21 points. In the junior competition, we beat Preston in the semi final but narrowly lost to Fylde in the final 8 - 5, which was a just and fair result. Gabbi, Hannah and Bronte played really well, with Lindsay O' Brien - a first year pupil - recognised as the player of the tournament.

The hockey tournament for junior girls was again played under floodlights at Preston Sports Centre. School did not have a strong squad but we managed to put Kirkham under immense pressure throughout the semi final, eventually winning by the only goal scored. Unfortunately, we could not repeat this result in the final against Fylde but our defence was so strong that we only lost by one goal. Very well done to Bronte and Lindsay and also to Hannah for an exceptional performance.

The final event of the autumn term was the swimming gala. The following girls gained first places; Hannah and Ashley in the junior girls, with Nicole and the freestyle relay team first in the senior section. In the boys, Todd Davies was first in the breaststroke in a new record time and Lyman gained two firsts in the sprints. The overall result depended on the placings in the very last event. Unfortunately, we just lost out to Fylde and had to be content with second, which was our best result for a long time.

The spring term began with six cross country competitions in which we failed to win a first in any age group for the first time. Going into the House Music Festival Final, we found ourselves a long way behind Kirkham when the audition points were added up. Fortunately, so did Preston and Fylde. School maintained its record of having the most finalists overall with Ashley, Amy, Alex, Christina, Rebecca and the choir producing exceptional performances. Under the whip and the guidance of Sarah Dickie, the choir, singing *Hero*, took first place. The individual final was won by Suzanne with Ashley place third. A classic result all round.

We were placed second in the shooting competition, with Phil Berry gaining maximum points.

In the senior hockey tournament we fielded a terrific side who had both experience and real self belief. We played



three and won three with no goals conceded. To make the day ours, Emma, Emily, Katherine and Jen were our goalscorers. In the three rugby competitions, we gained one second, one third and a fourth. Ryan Wilkinson captained the juniors, Jake Hodgkinson the intermediates and Ashley Parkinson the seniors.

The summer term began with a loss in the senior cricket semi final against Preston which everyone expected us to win. We then moved into the senior tennis in which we have a poor record, but we managed to finish runner up. Sports Day arrived too early for everyone as usual, but with a stack of extra house assemblies, our organisation was spot on. In the girls' section Lindsay was first in the javelin and Hannah won the Victrix Ludorum for the second year. Ashley Bradshaw was first in the 1500m and Bronte first in the high jump. Our senior girls provided us all with an array of dazzling performances. Lizzie and Emma fought a tough battle over the senior Victrix Ludorum, with Emma taking the prize. She gained three firsts, one second and a fifth place and was a key runner in the relay team who won by 40m. In the boys' section Ryan Wilkinson was first in the discus and Lyman was first in the hurdles. Our most outstanding all round athlete without doubt was Jake Hodgkinson, who gained three firsts and one third. Jake just missed out on winning the individual Victor Ludorum. Overall, School was placed third in Sports Day. The junior and intermediate tennis did not go well but we finished the year in style with a second in the Technology Competition and a well deserved first in the junior cricket.

Overall this year, School has gained nine second places and four first places. Unfortunately, these results were not good enough to lift us out of the fourth place slot. It would have been brilliant for School House and Mr Smith to win the Whitty Cup this year for reasons already stated, but as Mr

Smith often says..."That's life." On behalf of all School House members, we would like to thank Mr Smith for all his support, dedication and hard work and wish him well in retirement. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all House members for their support throughout the year, which really has been exceptional and so rewarding for us.

Jennifer Bowden

Ashley Parkinson

House Captains

Having watched every house event throughout the year, I am pleased and proud of the commitment and level of performance of all School House representatives, no matter what the final placings were. Throughout the year we have fielded young and inexperienced teams and individuals and they all showed terrific potential for the future. I believe in the house system and all it has to offer and it has been a privilege to lead School House over the past sixteen years. I hope that next year sees School back at the top where we belong. My very best wishes.

Paul Smith

Housemaster (1993 - 2008)

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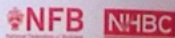
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First XV

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Taking over the first XV from Mr Gornall was always going to be a daunting task. New captain Richard de Carpentier, however, did have the support of at least eleven other upper sixth who had experience of first XV rugby from the previous year. This and the fact that many boys came back fitter than in previous years made my job a lot easier than I anticipated.

Manchester Grammar School was dispatched 54-0 in the first match of the season, which showed Kirkham had much ability and a willingness to run from everywhere. The next match was against Colston's, whom Kirkham have never beaten at the fifteen-a-side game, and had not even come close away from home. This time it was different. Kirkham played with confidence and no little skill and deserved to be further ahead than just a Joe Brown penalty at half time. James Edgar was outstanding in this match and caused problems for Colston's all afternoon. However, Colston's did come back strongly in the second half and went 8-3 ahead. Kirkham showed resolve and fought back despite being hindered by a yellow carding. Tom Bowden scored a try after outprinting the Colston's defence from seventy metres. Later on Kirkham had the chance to win with a penalty attempt which just went wide. Instead Kirkham had to be satisfied with an 8-8 draw, an outstanding result against one of England's top sides consistently over the last ten years.

A 54-3 win over local opposition King Edward's, Lytham again showed that Kirkham wanted to play attractive rugby

Unfortunately, we seemed to lose our way in consecutive defeats against RGS Newcastle 9-16 and RGS Lancaster 3-19, where more of an emphasis was needed to battle. So, after half-term the pack was re-vamped and Phil Berry, Tom Sanders, Dan Sissons, James Hesketh and Gregor Aitken all forced themselves into the starting line up. This new emphasis gave Kirkham an easy 48-3 win at Calday and allowed Kirkham to travel to Llandoverly College with confidence.

The match at Llandoverly has to be the pinnacle of the season, as everyone in the squad of eighteen performed. Llandoverly had a huge pack and a number of international school boys on the pitch. Kirkham defended heroically and was well led by Richard de Carpentier and Alex Spratt who contained everything that Llandoverly offered. Inspired by a Lewis Russell try to open the scoring, Kirkham created a superb team try for Tom Bowden just before half time and finished 19-7 victors with another Tom Bowden special from sixty metres out. This was a first win at Llandoverly by KGS.

The following week KGS faced Sedbergh. Unfortunately, KGS missed numerous opportunities to win this game. If they had been more composed and kicked their penalties, a victory would have been forthcoming. Instead, Sedbergh walked away with a 15-0 victory, knowing they had been very lucky.

Kirkham continued to progress with wins over Birkenhead 21-5 (with mainly a second team), an outstanding 44-10 away win at Merchant Taylors, a 58-10 win against Audenshaw High School and a 25-11 victory over Hutton Grammar School to end the season.

Overall, this was a very successful season, which took KGS

towards the elite rugby playing schools in the U.K. Much time and preparation goes into success, but only if the players want to achieve. Richard de Carpentier and his fellow upper sixth showed what is possible. A strong scrum led by Irish International Kieran Brookes, a second lineout with Gregor Aitken at the forefront and a very competent back row of de Carpentier, James Edgar and Jonathan Edwards led the foundation for an unlikely back line. Scrum-half Sam Kindred has developed enormously over the past twelve months and he was also responsible for the development of young fly-half Daniel Bibby. Centre Lewis Russell and Alex Spratt were a strong unit who were difficult to pass, with both wings, Tom Bowden and Tommy Banks, the main strike force of the side. Finally, Joe Brown turned into a very reliable fullback who contributed many points.

I would like to thank Mr J. Roddam for outstanding efforts in his first season of working with the first XV and Mr Wappett for his contribution, whilst our generous sponsors Xenon Commercial Ltd, Canterbury Rugby and DeCent need a big thank you.

Representative Honours

Lancashire Under 18

Kieran Brookes
Richard de Carpentier
Phil Berry
Tommy Banks
Jonathan Edwards
Tom Bowden
Sam Kindred
Matthew Davies

North Under 18

Richard de Carpentier
Sam Kindred
Tom Bowden

Welsh Exiles Under 18

Daniel Sissons

Irish (AER Squad)

Kieran Brookes

First XV Colours

Richard de Carpentier
Tom Bowden
Sam Kindred
Kieran Brookes
Alex Spratt

Half

Daniel Bibby
Lewis Russell
James Edgar
Gregor Aitken
Theo Mason
Phil Berry
Tommy Banks
Joe Brockbank
Joe Brown

First VII

After winning the Christ Brecon sevens in 2007, I knew with a number of the squad returning that we had the potential to have a successful season. What we did achieve was something very special and will be very difficult to repeat.

Birkenhead School Tournament - Runners up

North of England Tournament - Winners

Fylde National Sevens Tournament - Winners

Rossllyn Park National Sevens - Quarter Finals

Winning two huge tournaments in one season shows the quality of this squad. Richard de Carpentier was able to inspire his fellow players to gain success at the highest level.

For only the second time KGS reached the final of the Birkenhead School sevens, losing only 15-14 in injury time to Sedbergh School. The North of England sevens was won for the first time by the school, with Kindred, Spratt, Bowden, Banks and Bibby outstanding in all games.

The Fylde sevens is always difficult with much local anticipation and pressure. This team, despite losing through injury top players, played with much skill and clear understanding of the game. A terrific final was won 22-19 against Ivy-Bridge Community College (Saracens Academy), with a huge contribution from Bowden, Banks, Bibby, de Carpentier and replacement hooker Lewis Russell. The support from KGS pupils probably made the difference and this tournament will always be remembered. This was the second time KGS had won the tournament in its long history.

Moving on to Rossllyn Park, a tired and depleted squad progressed to the second day. A golden opportunity was put in front of us as we reached the quarter finals. Nervousness and tiredness may have contributed to failure to win this tournament. I wonder if, when we look back, we may reflect that we had the best chance of any KGS sides to win this tournament, but maybe we had reached our peak at the Fylde sevens.

First VII Colours

Richard de Carpentier
Tommy Banks
Sam Kindred
David Bibby
Alex Spratt
Tom Bowden
Theo Mason

Half

Jonathan Edwards
Wasim Riley
Lewis Russell

Many thanks also to Mr Browning, Mr Duncan and Mr Lyon for their support during these tournaments.

Second XV

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Although the results perhaps do not say so, this has been a very satisfying and enjoyable season. All involved should look back and reflect on games that should have been won, but also congratulate themselves for their commitment and enthusiasm throughout the campaign.

The squad's enthusiasm is evident by the fact that some 36 young men have worn the second XV shirt this season. A good proportion of these have gone on to represent the first XV as the season has continued. This is especially pleasing as it is clear that good progress has been acknowledged in these individuals.

The season started well, following a tour to South Africa and pre-season, with a good win over Manchester GS (34-0). Our optimism took a blow, however, when we travelled down to Bristol to meet Colston's School. Whilst we performed well for 20 minutes, our mistakes allowed Colston's to take a lead and then, unfortunately, their superior fitness came through as the game progressed. We came away a little shell shocked and sore having leaked 64 points without reply.

Lessons were learnt and a confidence boosting 49-3 victory over KEQMS Lytham was followed by a good 17-3 win over Woodhouse Grove. KGS only decided to start playing against Wirrall in the second half, but could not catch up in a 37-17 defeat. A 22-0 defeat against Newcastle RGS perhaps did not reflect the evenness of the two sides in this enjoyable game, but once again our decision making in tight situations

and our inability to convert territory and possession into points let us down. This same argument could be said against Lancaster RGS, where we went down 12-6. In the last game before half term, we were matched against QEGS Penrith (who went on to the Daily Mail Vase Final this season), who were basically too strong in all departments. Despite a rally in the second half, QEGS were deserving of their 50-7 victory.

A half term break obviously did the team some good as they performed well in a 22-5 victory over a young Calday Grange side. This was followed by another crushing defeat by Giggleswick 1st XV (63-0) who proved too strong on this occasion, whereas in other years the fixture has been a good match.

Perhaps our strongest performance of the year was in the game against Sedbergh. Keen to prove a point after the Giggleswick game, the team showed great determination, improved skill and more tactical acumen. KGS was unlucky not to be in the lead at half time and only poor tackling and ball retention allowed Sedbergh to coast ahead as the game progressed. Both coaches agreed that this was one of the best games they had seen in a long time. Unfortunately, our poor habits returned in the game against Merchant Taylors' and our inability to score resulted in a 11-5 defeat. The season finished with a satisfying win against Hutton 20-10.

The squad, both in good times and bad, has been held together by a backbone of committed players who have pushed themselves and others to work hard throughout the season. Ashley Parkinson has been an excellent captain and

was the top points scorer with 38. David Ellis played 13 times for the second XV, the most appearances. He also scored the most tries (5).

U6 Players

Drake, Heyes, Parkinson, Davies, D Kos, Brockbank, Berry, Brown

L6 Players

Ellis, Moncreif, Chambers, Fagan, Draper, R Kos, Hamilton, Riley, O'Flaherty, Spencer, Luker, Sanders, Spedding, Hesketh, Gyi, Martin, Cheng, Gale, Sissons, Kelsall, Stover, Edwards, Leyland, Atherton

5th Form

Travis, Edgar, Fulford-Brown, Smith

Despite the fact that many of the lower sixth might hopefully play first XV next season, there remains a strong nucleus of older players for the second XV next season. This is good sign. When pushed by some of the talented new lower sixth, selection could be quite a problem. Therefore, the squad needs to realise that pre-season training will be essential, as will a firm commitment to all aspects of senior rugby next season in order to secure selection.

M A Whalley

Under 16 XV

P 16 W 11 D 1 L 4 F 289 A 115

With such a small squad of players, this was an excellent season in terms of results. As well as excellent results in the traditional fixture list, the boys were quarter finalists in the Lancashire Cup and losing finalists in the Preston Grasshoppers' Floodlit Cup.

After some particularly impressive victories in the early season matches against Manchester GS, Wirrall GS and Woodhouse Grove, the side faced Lancaster GS. Having lost 42-0 the year before, the side was clearly very apprehensive, but with a superb team effort, the boys managed to leave Lancaster with a fine 17-12 victory. Good efforts were made by all against Sedbergh and it was only in the last ten minutes when three tries were conceded that the score was made to flatter the opponents. Having drawn previously with Merchant Taylor's and quickly going a try behind, it was a credit that the team played some scintillating rugby to leave with a fine 44-5 victory. Weather forced the cancellation of five fixtures and with a cup run culminating in a final against Hutton GS, which saw the opposition in the final five minutes sneak a victory, the season ended on a low which was not really deserved.

Christopher Travis was an excellent leader of the team, constantly leading from the front, and with regular support from Henry Redshaw, Matthew Bennett and Christopher Brown, the pack turned into a real strength. Daniel Smith, Ethan Harvey, Robert Parr and Elliott Walker and Sam Pearson were strong in the set play and gave an excellent platform for the backs to work from. Jamie Roper, Richard Beswick and Ashley Jones instigated excellent moves and the likes of James Gardner, Mark Graham, Benedict Fulford Brown, Toby Townsend, Matthew Edgar and Nick Evans obliged by generally turning them into points. Defence was

a strong point of the team and six clean sheets were kept in the season.

My thanks to all for their attendance, to Chris for his captaincy, to the parents for their support and Mr Davies and Mr Wappett who contributed immensely to this season.

Under 16's VII

Sedbergh Sevens - Plate Semi Finalists

Stonyhurst Sevens - Cup Quarter Finalists

Merchant Taylors Sevens - Group

National Sevens - Final 32

Lacking confidence, belief and enthusiasm for sevens, it seemed this could be a long season!! However, with glimpses of brilliance in the Sedbergh tournament against St Peter's, York and particularly in the second half against Abingdon, there seemed to be some real hope amongst the team. A thumping victory over Arnold was a highlight at the Stonyhurst sevens, with James Gardiner scoring some excellent tries. A depleted squad attended the Merchant Taylor sevens, but still managed to salvage some good victories to give us a positive edge going into the National Sevens.

The aim was very simple - to get out of a very tough group. The opening fixture was against Oaklands Catholic College, who materialised to be Saracens Academy. After initially taking the lead with tries from James Gardiner, Chris Brown and Ashley Jones, the side stuttered and found themselves 19-15 down with one minute left. However, some excellent runs by Henry Redshaw and Matthew Bennett led to all the team being involved in a movement that started well in our half. Just as the move looked to have died with James Gardiner, the ball was quickly popped up to Chris Travis, whose quick hands sent Matthew Edgar under the posts and with the conversion the game was won 22-19. With Chris Brown scoring in the last minute against Magdalen College and winning 10-5, the boys relaxed and played some attractive rugby, winning against Latymer Upper 26-7. Benedict Fulford Brown scored an excellent try. The goal was met and we went into the last 32 against a very powerful Bromsgrove side. With no rest in between the last and this fixture, this was always going to be a step too far and subsequently we bowed out by putting up a fine effort. My thanks to all the parents and boys for their efforts and support.



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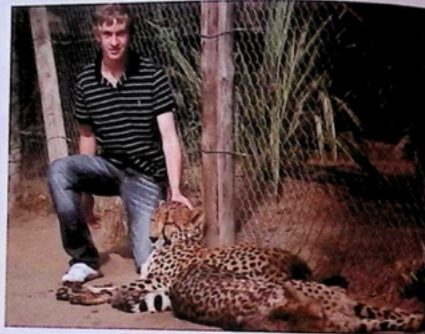
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South Africa Tour 2008

KGS's rugby touring party undertook an adventure of a lifetime in South Africa where they not only played rugby, but explored the Western and Eastern Provinces of the country. The teams played some memorable games that included the 36-0 win against Hamilton Seapoint RUFC and an agonizing 8-6 defeat to Nico Malan High School. The boys won many admirers for their tenacity and sportsmanship on the field as well as their charm and friendliness off it. All opposition sides sang KGS's praise, particularly with regards to the strength and skill of our forwards. The boys' rugby improved significantly as the tour progressed and they will no doubt be much better players for the experience. Throughout the tour they made many new friends and were cheered on by the locals as well as our own 'Barmy Army' of parents, family and staff.

In addition to the rugby, an enormous amount was packed into this 19 day tour. Cape Town was the starting point, with visits to the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, Table Mountain and the old Maximum Security prison on Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela and many other political prisoners were incarcerated. Perhaps the most unusual excursion was a visit to the Langa Township. The tour party was met by an African guide and shown around this famous township where Nelson Mandela lived and was instrumental in setting up the ANC. Features of the tour included areas of interest such as the sheep's head kitchens, the local hostel, the old shanty town dwellings, the local home brew house and the herbalist/witch doctor.

The boys were a real hit with the locals, especially the young children, who posed for photos and played cricket with them. This was the first encounter of the real Africa and the warmth and generosity shown by the township people left the group with a great sense of humility.

The days were very busy, packed with either rugby matches, training sessions or excursions. In the Cape Town area the boys had matches against False Bay RUFC and Hamilton Seapoint RUFC. These two club opponents were a warm up before the tougher school rugby they were later to encounter.

Moving on from Cape Town, the group travelled the short distance to Simon's Town, visiting Cape Point and the Cape of Good Hope, where they experienced the full force of the Southern Atlantic Ocean crashing against the Cape Peninsular shoreline. In Simon's Town the boys had a day of contrast, as they visited the penguins at Boulders in the morning and played rugby in the afternoon on a ground that had a spectacular view of False Bay. The two teams were to experience two very good wins, with the under 15 XV beating Fish Hoek HS 30-3 and the under 16 XV defeating Simon's Town HS 31-0.

The following day they were on the road again, travelling 250 miles east along the "Garden Route" to the Wilderness. On route, the boys took in some seal spotting at Hout Bay. From the Wilderness stopover a trip into the Little Karoo (thirsty land) followed. Travelling via the Outeniqua Mountain's pass to Oudsthoorn the group visited the spectacular Kango caves and an ostrich farm, where a

number of boys and Mr Harrison had the opportunity to ride the large birds.

After another 200-plus mile drive up the coast to the university town of Graham's Town, the touring party stopped off at J-Bay (Jeffery's Bay), home of Billabong and South African surfing. Four more hard-fought games were played against two very strong rugby schools, Graham's College and Nico Malan. At these two schools the two teams felt the full passion of South African rugby as they played on pitches with stands full of supporters. At Nico Malan the boys experienced an Afrikaans lifestyle, staying with local families with the added bonus for some of hunting, shooting, fishing, orange picking or just "chilling" and the opportunity to have a near normal day.

The final two days were a real treat for the tour party as they stayed at the Game Reserve, Kariega and undertook two game drives. Wrapped up ready for the late afternoon game drive there was an air of excitement as the group drove off into the bush in their open top Toyota Land Cruisers. The vehicles split up in pursuit of elephants, driving up and down hills, stopping occasionally to watch wildebeest, impamla and nyala, both South African antelopes. An hour into the drive, a small herd of elephants was spotted just off "Ambush Alley" (all dirt tracks have a name), a group comprising of three females and two males, one being a large bull. It was a fantastic sight to see these magnificent creatures in the wild. The bright red African sun was rapidly dissolving into the distant hills. With the dark of night upon them, imaginations only exaggerated what was beyond the reaches of their vehicles. On the second game drive in the early morning, after a hearty breakfast, the group once again mounted their rangers' vehicles for the last time in pursuit of big game. They were after the "Big 5". They did manage to see a vast amount of game, with the highlight of the day tracking a pride of lions whilst in their open top vehicles. It really was a heart pumping moment when the lions passed by the vehicles, just metres away. A perfect end to this South African Tour.

Throughout the trip the camaraderie of the players was outstanding and they were wonderful ambassadors for the school. The tour was truly memorable and a great deal of thanks is due to our hosts in South Africa and to all of the parents, supporters, sponsors and friends of the school who helped to make this possible.

Under 15 XV A

P 17 W 11 D 0 L 6 F 411 A 142

The season started with the usual pre-season training in preparation for a difficult game against Manchester Grammar School. All that was needed was some fine tuning of set pieces and some organization to build on the hard work and good coaching of Mr Trenhaile and Mr Lyon in previous years.

The first game against Manchester Grammar School was always going to be a difficult one, but some basic errors in tackling and contact proved too much to overcome, despite looking dangerous in attack. However, lessons were learned and this was followed by a convincing win against Ripley St Thomas School.

The fixture against Woodhouse Grove was one of the closest and most exciting matches of the season. Against strong opposition and despite conceding points early on, the under 15 XV clawed back points and only a last minute missed penalty stood between Kirkham and a win.

Many games followed a similar pattern throughout the season. There were three very close games against Birkenhead, Sedbergh and Calday Grange. The fact that Birkenhead progressed to the quarter final of the Daily Mail Cup and Calday Grange participated in the Daily Mail Vase Final is a testament to how well we did in these close games. All three games could have gone either way as the team defended well but lacked penetration in attack. However, in all of these matches, valuable lessons were learned about decision making and great discipline was shown by all players. The Sedbergh game in particular was tremendous, with excellent commitment shown by James Coulthard, Lyman Choi and Alex Lo.

Ironically, the best game of the season was the last game. Regardless of the difficult weather, the team played attractive and tactical rugby. In severe winds and with the absence of two players, individuals had to work tremendously hard to keep possession, with Bobby Garington, Matt Ellis, Stanley Graham and Jake Hodgkinson showing their true potential. Kirkham dominated the game and won convincingly.

Special thanks must go to Dr A. B. Rollins and Mr A. E. Trenhaile for all their effort and for giving up a huge amount of spare time to develop junior rugby in Kirkham Grammar School.

Representative Honours
Lancashire 15 Group
B. Garington

Under 15 B

P 6 W 3 D 0 L 3 F 382 A 123

After attending pre-season training the under 15's started the season well. They beat Woodhouse Grove by 68 v 0 and Giggleswick by 50 v 0, with strong forward play setting up a platform for the backs to score lots of tries. They played well against a strong Lancaster side, but lost by 34 v 12. The next match was the toughest match of the season, away at Sedbergh. The boys were tremendous, showed a great attitude, and scored some good tries from Jonathan Davies and Henry Hesketh. However, Sedbergh pulled away in the last few minutes to win by 31 v 19.

The squad trained very hard all season and showed good commitment, with many players being promoted to the A team and were well led by captain Jonathan Davies. The most improved players of the season were Tom Dewhurst and Kristian Turnbull, who both reflected the progress of most of the squad. They were rewarded during the Easter holidays when the squad went on tour to Italy around the region of Venice. They lost to Calvisano, but beat Pieve by 22 v 12, with outstanding performances from Oliver Rowlands, James Lancaster, Jonathan Davies and Robert Malings.

I have enjoyed working with the squad and wish them all the best for the future.

Dr Rollins



The under 14 squad

Under 14 XV

The start of the season was mixed, with losses against Manchester GS and Woodhouse Grove. However, there was a convincing victory against KEQMS 41-5 and against Ripley St. Thomas 19-14. A difficult Friday night fixture against a well organised Clifton College, on tour in the North West, led up to a five match winning streak.

We outclassed Wirral GS in a superb display of running rugby in which captain Tom Hurst scored 3 tries and Precious Nwakomah scored four. A difficult game then followed against Newcastle, whom we had not beaten in two previous attempts. A fantastic performance from the boys saw us win our biggest game of the season so far 29-19, putting the two previous results behind us. Then the big scalp, local rivals Lancaster G.S. A fantastic performance of running rugby from both the forwards and backs saw us continue our winning streak 24-5. It was a benchmark for the season and epitomized what the team had been working for all year. This was followed by two victories over Caldway Grange G.S. 35-24 and Giggleswick 54-0. In both these games A. Galley and Micky Papangelis made a significant contribution to the results.

However, the winning streak soon came to an end when we lost to a very strong Sedbergh team, 27-8 in poor conditions. The boys were not outdone, though. We seemed fitter, but just could not break the Sedbergh defence. Had it not been for a disastrous first fifteen minutes in which we conceded twenty one points, Kirkham could have pulled off a remarkable victory against one of the strongest teams in England.

In the first round of the Lancashire Cup against KEQMS a convincing victory 39-5 put us into the second round

against Manchester G.S. Here we lost to our old adversaries, but were not downhearted.

In the win against Birkenhead, 19-5, in which very little time was allocated to warm up, we eventually scored first half tries but the second half was much different as we eased off the pressure, allowing Birkenhead to step up the pace. There followed a spectacular victory against Audenshaw 56-12 in which we dominated the game. Will Roper deserves a special mention as part of this win, as he managed to land all eight conversions. The season was capped off with a superb hard earned victory against Hutton 15-14. This was the perfect end to a perfect season.

A number of players who started in the 'B' team played themselves into the 'A' team by the end of the season. Players such as Ben Jones, Craig Whalley-Hunter, Patrick Elley and Joe Wareing deserve credit for their fantastic efforts in the 'B' team and fully deserved their opportunity in the 'A' team. The bad thing has been the amount of games lost to the weather. I am sure the boys would have loved to play more rugby, but I am sure they understand the weather cannot be helped.

The end of season culminated in the under 14 sevens squad reaching the final of the Rydal School Invitational Sevens Tournament. The team went unbeaten until the final itself, losing narrowly to Adam's G.S. The squad was quite magnificent in difficult conditions and deserve much praise.

Finally, a special mention must be made to our faithful band of adult supporters who follow us wherever we go, lured by the chance to taste the wares of local refreshment bars and cafes. They never failed to turn out, providing us with continual support and inspiration.

R.D. Taylor

Under 14B XV

P 7 W 3 D 1 L 3

The season began with a trip to Ripley to face a team that had a strong look to their line up. On a sunny day, the team struggled to stop the onslaught. Points were racked up quickly in the first half and we started the second half still believing we could score and so close in on the points score. We succeeded in stopping the rot and even managed to score a try ourselves, with W. Fleuriot crossing over between the posts. N. Loftus added the conversion and the game finished 22-7 to Ripley St. Thomas.

Another away trip and this time to Woodhouse Grove. This time our line-up included Sam Hall. A superb performance by the team, but most prominently by Sam, culminated in a 24-10 victory. Sam twice dived over, followed by L. Williams and P. Callery. N. Loftus and S. Hall each converted one try, completing the victory.

Our third game was at home against Wirral Grammar School. Wirral dominated the first half, but Kirkham held out well under immense pressure, only conceding one try at the very end of the half. In the second half, Kirkham came back with a try in the corner by B. Jones. Kirkham created many chances but the game ended in a 5-5 draw.

The fourth game was the low point of our season. Newcastle RGS came to our school looking confident and carried this appearance through. Many tries were scored by the opposition in the first half. This rout continued in the second half, but it is commendable that we did not allow our heads to drop.

Our next game of the season was on the second XV pitch against Lancaster Royal Grammar School who were unbeaten in the season so far. After the Newcastle game we were ready for a victory. We went quickly on top with a try from C. Whaley-Hunter and dominated the rest of the game. The final score was a clear 26-10 victory.

We travelled to Giggleswick in a confident mood after our thumping victory against Lancaster. Just before the start, it came to our attention that Giggleswick did not have the correct number of players. Up stepped J. Butterworth, T. Leach and J. Longhurst who volunteered to play for the other team. This showed great character to play for the opposition and still try to win. In the end, Kirkham scored a grand total of 9 tries. P. Callery (3), M. Baker, J. Walker, M. Eaton, N. Loftus, V. Grumme and B. Jones dived over, with points added by 6 F. Burnie conversions and 1 from N. Loftus.

In what turned out to be the final game of the season due to the horrendous weather after Christmas, we travelled to Sedbergh School. Kirkham conceded 43 points, with a late consolation try by A. Gardener.

Jack Linley and Ben Jones

On reflection, the 2007/2008 under 14 "B" season was one of great promise, but massively curtailed by the weather with so many matches postponed. The excellent team spirit and skill improvement was great to see. I look forward to seeing how they progress in the fourth year.

Mr D. Carter

Under 13 XV

P 15 W 6 D 4 L 5 F 491 A 141

The season began with what was to prove to be our toughest fixture. In fact we played Manchester Grammar twice, with the matches bookending our season. The first was played with a depleted squad away, with the 25 boys all playing their part in a relatively open game. Manchester had power in the backs with one particular strong running centre whom we found difficult to handle. However, we did score four tries and battled right to the end, but lost 44-22. The next two matches against Ripley and KE & QMS schools ended in comprehensive victories (50-5 and 59-0 respectively), both schools finding it difficult to cope with a rampant Kirkham pack. Woodhouse Grove away is always difficult and on this occasion we played a well drilled outfit who kept the game tight. We did score twice, coming back from 17-0 down to eventually lose 22-14. Most pleasingly, the boys regrouped to beat a strong RGS Newcastle side 26-19 with Ben Rhodes-Powers leading the way with another two tries to go with the five he had already scored in previous games. After this we began our Lancashire Cup run, which was to culminate in a final berth against our nemesis, Manchester Grammar School. We disposed of Ripley 44-0 in round 1 with an eight try romp away from home. However, this was not ideal preparation for Lancaster Grammar the following Saturday who, as usual, were a strong outfit and ran out convincing winners 26-7, Isaac Yuen scoring Kirkham's only try. Another easy win against Caldway Grange followed (53-0) with nine tries spread amongst six players. After half-term we continued our Lancashire Cup run with another convincing second half display away at St. Edwards, Liverpool (44-0) but made life very difficult for ourselves early on. After Christmas we had matches against Arnold and Hutton cancelled due to the weather but we soon regained our momentum, easily beating Audenshaw 50-7 and Lytham High School 62-0. After these two convincing wins, we hosted Hampton School, Middlesex who were on tour in the North West and proved that rugby in the south is strong. Hampton were extremely well drilled and had a strong running set of backs whom Kirkham failed to close down sufficiently. This led to our heaviest defeat of the season (62-0), which was extremely disappointing.

The team obviously learned from this crushing defeat the following week as we played West Hill in the Lancashire Cup semi final at home. Kirkham went behind early on in testing conditions and found it hard to claw the deficit back. However we did kick an easy penalty to reduce the deficit, but still trailed 7-3 at the interval. The second half was all Kirkham, but despite much possession we could not score. Kirkham kept pounding the West Hill line, but to no avail. However, with three minutes to go, Jack Smith was given quick ball to give out to the backs who ran it quickly to Alex Kiziltas on the left wing who scored in the corner. Relief all round, as Kirkham managed to hang on for the remaining two minutes to secure a place in the final.

The final was to be the squad's last 15-a-side game before the sevens season began and it took place at Rochdale RUFC in March against the formidable Manchester Grammar side, who raced to an early 21-0 lead inside 15 minutes. It was always going to be difficult to come back from that, but to their credit the 21 man squad did fight back to force

Manchester back deep inside their 22 on occasions and made them defend resolutely to keep their try line intact. Manchester scored only one try in the second period, with Kirkham finishing strongly and becoming runners up to deserved winners.

Ultimately this was a successful season for the under 13 squad who won two thirds of their matches. All the players who played either A or B team rugby gave their all, trained hard and, I hope, thoroughly enjoyed their season. Matthew Beaty captained the squad with maturity and showed some encouraging leadership skills throughout. Ben Rhodes-Powers was the leading try scorer with 29. Finally, many thanks to the ever vocal support from the parents who, come rain or shine, supported the boys with passion and enthusiasm.

JR Lyon

Under 12 XV

The under 12 rugby team has made an encouraging start to their playing days at Kirkham. They have found it hard going in some games where the physical superiority of the opposition has been obvious. A good squad has been assembled, despite the loss of the Bruce twins to Australia, and there are some promising players in the B squad waiting in the ranks. The squad has trained well at practice sessions and they have been a very pleasant bunch of boys to coach.

The team has made steady progress and throughout the season there have been some pleasing victories amongst some defeats. These victories include Arnold, early in September, Birkenhead, Audenshaw and Lytham High School. It is also noteworthy that there are some exceptionally talented teams around at this age range this year. Woodhouse Grove are a fine example of what our under 12 team has had to cope with this year.

This squad must maintain their efforts into next season, where I am sure they will continue to develop. If they keep working on their skills, attacking capabilities and defence against strong teams they will do well eventually. Well done, and keep it up!

Mr M Whalley, Mr H Porteous, Mr G Wappett, Mr B Lyon



CRICKET

First XI

The first XI has managed to play a total of eleven fixtures this season. This is a marked improvement over the last few years when matches have had to be cancelled because of poor weather. Only two games were lost owing to the weather and unavailability of players.

Twenty one boys have represented the first XI this season. The early stages were dominated by a nucleus of older players and as the season has progressed younger players have been drafted in for experience and as a reward for their good performances in the junior teams. This gives us an insight into the possibilities for the first team squad in the next year or so.

Our campaign starts in February when we undertake practice in winter nets. A group of players regularly attended and their enthusiasm should be recorded. A shame that some of the younger players could not attend as this would have given them a good start to the season.

The performances during the season have had a distinct flavour. The batting line up has some strong players but is frail when the middle order has been exposed. This was evident throughout the season. We have had some superb knocks by individuals, but often they have been unsupported by other batsmen. In the bowling, the opening partnership of Brookes and Kindred was possibly one of the best in the

area, but strength in depth in the first and second change bowlers again was often our downfall. These bowlers are good prospects, but must practise this winter for more consistency. Our fielding has generally been very good, although some dropped opportunities have been costly at times.

Here is a brief account of the games played this season.

vs Hutton GS. KGS bowled out cheaply for 79. Poor application by KGS at the crease. Lost by 9 wickets.

vs Woodhouse Grove. Toiled in the field. Chasing 251 only Berry made any impression with a battling 39. KGS bowled out for 83. Lost by 168 runs.



vs Merchant Taylors' School. A promising knock of 50 by Brookes, supported by Kindred (23) and Hesketh (37), gave KGS a score of 140. Alas, the bowlers could not protect this score. Only Kindred (3 for 27) could make any impact. Lost by 6 wickets.

vs Ormskirk. KGS batted first and scored 229 off 40 overs. Kindred top scored with a superb 101 not out, ably supported by Parkinson with 40. The KGS bowlers proved too strong in awkward conditions and toppled Ormskirk for 86. Brookes took 4 for 17, whilst Parkinson, Luker and Riley each bagged a brace. KGS won by 143 runs.

vs KEQMS Lytham. A thriller of a match. KGS batted first and stumbled to 203 for 9 declared. This took 54 overs. Luker showed determination to score an unbeaten 48. Parkinson (34) and Hesketh (26) added valuable runs. In reply KEQMS had a good start, but then wickets fell in regular succession. With only one over remaining, three results were possible, but KEQMS managed to find the last runs to win a clincher. KEQMS won by one wicket!

vs LRGS. Lancaster batted first and amassed 303 off 35 overs. Even in this onslaught Kindred still managed figures of 3 for 37. KGS replied with 166 for 8, Brown offering stern resistance for a 54 not out. LRGS won by 137 runs.

vs MCC. MCC batted first and declared on 165 for 9. Robert Kos bowled well (3 for 34), as did Christian Luker (2 for 3). In reply a promising 54 by Kindred was typically isolated and KGS were left 17 adrift. MCC won by 17 runs.

vs Rossall. On a very tasty wicket, KGS failed to apply themselves and were skittled for 78. In reply, Rossall passed the total with only three wickets fallen. In his debut, Galley showed his potential with the ball. Rossall won by 7 wickets.

vs QEGS Blackburn. (20/20). QEGS batted first and reached 146 off their allocation. Galley claimed 3 for 40, and Garlington, making his debut, grabbed 2 for 23. In reply, KGS were easily on target with a swashbuckling 79 from Brookes, but the lack of support resulted in KGS being 6 runs short. An exciting encounter, nevertheless. QEGS won by 6 runs.

vs St Laurence College, Brisbane. In this 40 overs per side encounter, KGS batted first and totalled 205. This included an exciting 81 from Brookes, who looked destined for a ton, and a valiant 50 not out from another debutant, Ben Jones. In reply, our visitors looked on target until some tight middle overs starved the batsmen and forced errors, leaving St Laurence some 18 short. Robert Kos bowled intelligently for 3 for 27. KGS won by 18 runs.

vs Bury GS. In the last game of the season Bury batted first and scored 217 declared. In reply, KGS were bowled out for 184, making a clear attempt at going for the total with only 30 overs available. Brookes hit a fine 100 to cap off a good season. Bury won by 33 runs.

KGS has won only two out of eleven games. This could quite easily have been a different story if excellent individual performances had been supported by team efforts in batting and bowling. There is plenty of promise here, as the majority of the team will return next year. Some of the younger players making their debuts in the latter part of the season have made a real impression.

The team has been well led by Andrew Brown in the early part of the season and Sam Kindred in the later games. The following boys have represented the first XI this season! A. Brown, S. Kindred, K. Brookes, P. Berry, A. Parkinson and D. Kos. (All received Full Colours). R. Kos, W. Stover, W. Riley, G.

Martin, C. Luker, T. Anstiss and S. Hesketh. (All received their Half Colours). J. Roper, B. Pickbourne, A. Jones, B. Jones, A. Galley, R. Garlington, P. Brook and T. Mason.

Second XI

The second XI played three games, against Hutton (lost), Merchant Taylors (won) and Woodhouse Grove (lost). These were good competitive matches. Christian Luker emerged from these games and went on to represent the first XI on a regular basis. Ashley Parkinson scored a ton against Merchant Taylors'. A third team was brought together for two matches, against Hutton and Arnold. All seemed to enjoy these encounters.

Under 15 XI

P 10 W 4 D 1 L 5

The first game of the season against Woodhouse Grove set the tone for what was to follow. A good start was followed by a lack of concentration to allow the hosts to get to 157-7. In reply, some indifferent batting resulted in KGS slumping to 59-8 from 58-3 in three overs; however, sterling defence by Smith and Wilson in the final eight overs was enough to gain a draw.

The game against QEGS Blackburn followed a similar batting pattern. A disastrous opening four overs left Kirkham at 1-51. Garlington and Coulthard put up a brave effort, but the damage was done and with only 65 to score and an opening stand of 58, the game was soon lost.

Merchant Taylors' amassed 147 for 6 despite KGS bowling well, with Garlington taking 2 for 10 and Brook 3 for 27. In reply, KGS struggled to 80 all out after a middle order collapse. Only Coulthard made any impression with 17.

The 20/20 County cup game against Arnold saw another Kirkham batting collapse, only mustering 51. The bowlers worked hard to produce a tight finish and it took 15 overs before the match was lost.

The first home game of the season brought a change of fortune. Winning the toss and batting first against Ormskirk, an opening stand of 60 between Garlington (24) and Jones was consolidated with a first wicket partnership of 119, before Brook was dismissed for a hard hitting 66. Jones was eventually dismissed for 96 with the score on 222. Chasing 236 was always going to be a tall order, but after an opening stand of 42, Malings dismissed both openers to allow Whalley (3-11) to attack the middle order and, despite some sterling defence, the visitors were soon dismissed for 102.

The game against Hutton saw Jones continue his run of form and, with Brook hitting 22 in ten balls, a total of 145 was quickly achieved. This was only restricted by some poor shot selection by the middle order and Jones was left high and dry, having carried his bat for 50 n.o. Hutton were soon in trouble due to a devastating first over from Brook, dismissing both openers. Taylor, despite bowling erratically, ended with 3-12 and Wilson took the final 2 wickets in his opening over to give Kirkham a 59 run victory.

KEQMS batted first and struggled to 50 all out. The KGS

bowlers showed their continuing progress as a varied attack with Garlington 3 for 22 off 5 overs, Brook 2 for 6 off 4 overs and Whalley 3 for 4 off 4.4 overs. KGS fielded well with 4 catches and a run out. In reply KGS made short work of knocking off the total. Garlington made a quick fire 35 and, although wickets fell at the other end, KGS cruised to a six wicket victory.

The game at Lancaster brought a quick return to reality. Despite some tight early bowling, the home side finished at 219-3, Taylor returning 2 for 36. The loss of early wickets put KGS under pressure. A good stand between Brook (30) and Coulthard (24) and some sterling defence by Barclay (20) made the score a little more respectable as the North of England 20/20 winners dismissed the last man with the score on 117.

Despite poor weather the game at Bury G S went ahead. Kirkham won the toss and chose to bat. The all too familiar poor start found KGS at 29 - 4 after eight overs. A rearguard effort by Jones (26), Coulthard (16) and Wilson (17) brought a final total of 93. A small total and short boundary coupled with some erratic bowling saw the home side win in the tenth over for the loss of three wickets.

The final game of the season was at Rossall who won the toss and elected to bat. A wicket fell in the first over and then the floodgates opened as the KGS bowlers tore through the Rossall batsmen. Garlington took four wickets for three, whilst Whalley, Taylor, Brook and Malings mopped up the rest. The Rossall side could only muster nineteen runs in total. In reply, the KGS side achieved the target quickly and consequently used the time available for some batting practice as the home side agreed to continue the game.

H B Porteous

Under 14 XI

P 10 W 7 D 2 L 1

Following last year's successful season, the under 14's have continued to develop and mature and have had much success this season. The squad is very talented and enthusiastic about the cricket they play and they are keen to learn and improve all aspects of their game. Batting first, the team often set big totals and, with a team who can all bowl, captain Adam Galley has many options to give variety to his bowling attack.

The season started well with victory against one of Yorkshire's top cricketing schools, Woodhouse Grove. KGS won the toss and elected to bat. After the worst possible start, with opener Fraser Burnie out for a diamond duck first ball, the team recovered well, with captain Galley steadying the ship with a steady 34. On a difficult track no-one really got in and Kirkham struggled to dominate the bowling. However, a last wicket partnership of 22 gave the team a fighting chance and meant Woodhouse Grove had to score 119 to win. In difficult conditions the team responded and bowled impressively as a unit, taking wickets regularly. Again, captain Galley led by example, bowling with both pace and accuracy. However, Tom Hurst was the pick of the bowlers, taking 3 wickets for 18 off his 7 overs - Tom also had a cameo role with the bat earlier in the match, scoring an impressive 21 not out as a number 11. After Hurst



dismissed Woodhouse Grove's top batsman for 24, victory looked on the cards and the team soon ran through the lower order. Woodhouse Grove were all out for 83, giving Kirkham a victory by 35 runs.

Our next fixture saw the first of two ties of the season in controversial manner against QEGS, Blackburn. In an exciting match a late flurry of wickets denied KGS a victory. On a damp early morning pitch, KGS invited QEGS to bat. After some early luck, both openers got a start, but KGS struck in the seventh over when Adam Galley removed the pinch hitter Taylor for 24. The other opener and danger man Davies soon followed, thanks to the accurate bowling of Tom Hurst. Throughout the innings KGS bowled and fielded well and managed to restrict QEGS to 86 runs off their allocated 25 overs. The team bowled well as a unit, although Will Roper stood out, taking three wickets for nine runs. In reply, KGS's top order struggled, with only Captain Adam Galley scoring runs (27). Fortunately, some sensible batting by the lower order gave KGS a fighting chance and, with 3 overs to go, KGS looked comfortable with the score moving onto 85 for 7. Unfortunately, a late flurry of wickets meant KGS finished all out for 86 and the game was tied. In all the excitement Ryan Vaughan thought he had secured a victory with a well-placed shot, but the visiting umpire declared he had run his first run short! Unfortunately, Ryan was stumped off the next ball and at the beginning of the next over Joe Walsh was cleaned bowled! All agreed that this was a dramatic end to a first-class game of cricket, played in a friendly but very competitive spirit.

The team's Lancashire Cup campaign got off to a winning start against Arnold. Inserted into bat, KGS started slowly but Adam Galley, scoring 47 runs, soon picked up the pace. Tom Hurst, scoring 28, then swatted the ball to all parts of the boundary (Hurst only faced 15 balls) to set Arnold a challenging target of 154 from 30 overs. Galley (2-24) and Fraser Burnie (1-20) bowled tidily initially for KGS, but Hurst made batting difficult with his miserly spell of 6 overs for 10 runs of left arm spin. Will Roper and Ryan Vaughan then took two wickets each as Arnold crumbled under the pressure of a souring run rate and finished on 134-9. All ten out field players of KGS bowled during the innings, showing such variety and strength in depth as KGS advanced into round three.

Three further victories followed, against Merchant Taylors', Crosby; Our Lady's, Fulwood, and Hutton Grammar School. However, the highlight of the fixture list would prove to be a double-header against archrivals, LRGs, after the half-term break. The team went into these two matches with every confidence after the most emphatic victory of the season against KEQMS by 138 runs - Adam Galley scored a magnificent century in which he batted for 28 overs, finishing 114 not out, hitting 14 boundaries, including two magnificent sixes.

On a sunny Saturday afternoon KGS kept their unbeaten record for the season in an exciting battle with LRGs. KGS batted first, putting on 18 for the first wicket. After a flurry of wickets went down, Adam Galley was again top scorer (56), passing fifty for the fourth time this season - Galley was

ably supported by Max Baker (12), Ryan Vaughan (15) and Tom Hurst (20 not out). Jonathan Pickbourn, playing in his first 'A' team game of the season, contributed a crucial 11 runs at the end of the innings. LRGS started their innings steadily and found it difficult to score off the excellent bowling of Joe Walsh (6 overs for 8 runs). Galley (1-22) and Hurst (2-26) both bowled solidly, making LRGS slip further behind the run rate. However, in the final over, with 14 runs needed to win, KGS saw red mist, giving away several runs in overthrows to make the scores level at the end of the match.

Unfortunately the second of two fixtures against LRGS saw our good run in the Lancashire Cup, which has included two finals in the previous two years, come to an end by a clinical LRGS at Wrea Green Cricket Club. After losing the toss, KGS was invited to bat and was somewhat blown away by the accurate, tight bowling of LRGS. On a pitch where good line and length produced results, only Fraser Burnie put up any real resistance, scoring an unbeaten 22. KGS bowled well in patches and Tom Hurst's spell of 8 overs for 14 runs and 2 wickets pegged back Lancaster for a short period. Unfortunately, with not enough runs on the board, Lancaster eased home and won by 7 wickets.

Fortunately, the boys responded in the best possible manner with victory in the last game of the season, beating last year's Lancashire Cup winners in an emphatic manner. Only one Bury batsman got into double figures as KGS took wickets regularly. Adam Galley, bowling spin, was the pick of the bowlers and he produced the best figures of the season, taking 5 wickets for 7 runs in 3 overs. Everyone bowled well and it was clearly our day as even poor deliveries took wickets! The weather did not look good as KGS was about to bat, so the management and captain changed the batting order and sent in the big hitters to knock off the runs as quickly as possible. This proved to be a masterstroke as Galley and Hall played in true Twenty20 fashion, treating Bury's opening bowlers with contempt! Both batsmen let fly and Galley finished on 39 not out which included five fours and one enormous 6! KGS only batted for 5.4 overs, knocking off the 47 runs needed with ease just before the heavens opened. This was a tremendous end to the season against one of the strongest teams in the area who had just beaten Manchester Grammar the previous week. (Incidentally Manchester Grammar went on to win the Lancashire Cup against Lancaster.)

Both myself and Mr. Carter really enjoy coaching the team and we are both honoured to look after one of KGS' most talented sides of the last few years. Many in the team can be match winners and it is pleasing to see so many different players stepping up to the mark in differing match situations. The team can build on these steady foundations as they move into senior cricket in the future.

Mr S F Duncan / Mr D R Carter

Under 13 XI

P 8 W 3 L 8

The under 13 team started the season with the usual tough fixture away at Woodhouse Grove in a 25 over a side game. The home team won the toss and elected to bat on a

beautiful day. Woodhouse started steadily, but, after the two openers had retired, began to lose wickets steadily. These openers were shared between Marcus Molinga, Calum Paley, Ryan Wilkinson and Ben McCarthy. Kirkham ended the Wilkinson innings on 90 and looked forward to the run Woodhouse started well, Jack Smith (11) and Calum Paley (18) putting on 35 for the first wicket before Ryan Wilkinson (20 not out) and Matthew Beaty (14no) passed the 90 run target with 7 balls to spare.

Merchant Taylors', Crosby were our third opponents and, batting first, amassed 127-4 in 25 overs. In reply, Kirkham struggled to 88 all out, with an outstanding knock of 59 from Marcus Molinga being the only noteworthy contribution. The next match took us to Heysham in the Lancashire Cup. Tight Kirkham bowling restricted Heysham to 63-5 from their 20 overs and Kirkham easily passed their target in 10 overs with Wilkinson 16 not out and Molinga 28 not out.

Arnold completely outplayed us away from home on a lightning fast outfield which exposed Kirkham's fielding. Arnold amassed 183-3 from 25 overs which was always going to be difficult to chase down. Kirkham put up an excellent fight but the lower order collapsed, leaving Kirkham on 143-8 at the close.

Our Lancashire Cup run ended at Hutton despite posting a competitive 114-3 from 20 overs, Marcus Molinga top scoring with 39. Hutton were behind the clock from the start but slowly got on top of the Kirkham bowling and passed our total with 3 overs to spare.

Ryan Wilkinson led the side with authority and bowled some encouraging spells of off spin as did Ben McCarthy with some well flighted leg spin. The contribution made by some of the 'B' team players was most encouraging, notably Seth Ali, Oliver Carpenter, Gus Graham and Liam Swithenbank. In all, 17 boys represented the 'A' team, with the rest of the squad playing in the Blackpool Schools' League and although all four games were lost, they competed well and showed good signs for the future.

JR Lyon

Under 12 A

P 11 W 3 D 1 L 7

It was an unfortunate start to the cricket season with a lack of batsmen resulting in losses against Arnold, Woodhouse Grove and QEGS Blackburn. Nevertheless, Ryan Powell and Daniel Jones were the high scoring batsmen in these matches, with Jones scoring an impressive 25 runs against QEGS before retiring and Powell scoring 13 and 14 runs against Arnold and QEGS respectively. The fielding clearly needed work but the bowling was excellent, with Adam Coates taking four wickets against Woodhouse Grove and Lewis Leech taking three wickets against QEGS Blackburn.

The next match, against Hutton, was a closer game. It went down to the last over. Hutton needed three runs to win the game. With some naive fielding from Kirkham and some brave running from Hutton, the game was declared a draw. Again, there was some impressive bowling from Kirkham, with Lewis Leech bowling four overs and taking three wickets, and William Lockhart bowling just one over and taking two wickets. However, the best bowling of the season had to come from Adam Coates, who took six wickets against Merchant Taylors.

After the slow start, the season improved with back to back wins against Rossall, King Edward's and Queen Mary's School and Lytham St. Annes High School. Daniel Hanlon was the batsman to watch against Rossall, making twenty two runs, whilst Penrose bowled well, taking three wickets.

Kirkham's bowling against KEQMS was good, with Robert Lavelle, Daniel Jones and Daniel Hanlon taking two wickets each. Lewis Leech's batting in the same match saw Kirkham gain thirteen runs. Then Harry Mason finished with a high at the end of the season, taking four wickets for six runs against Lytham St. Annes High School.

Centurions, 2008

Four Kirkham cricketers have scored centuries this season. Each received a new cricket bat from the Headmaster in the final assembly to mark their achievement:

Ashley Parkinson 100 Second XI vs Merchant Taylors' School. Saturday, 10th May.

Sam Kindred 101* First XI vs Ormskirk School. Saturday, 17th May.

Adam Galley 114* under 14 X1 vs KEQMS, Lytham. Saturday, 7th June.

Kieran Brookes 100 first XI vs Bury GS. Thursday, 3rd July.

VOLLEYBALL

Once again the school was represented by three teams in the Preston and District Volleyball League. The Senior Team was made up of Sixth Formers. These included on a regular basis, Sam White, Edward Askew, David Marsden and Sarah Hatch.

The second team (Windmills) was dominated by fourth and some fifth years. The regular players were John Taylor, Oliver Rowlands, Bobby Garlington, Adam Whalley, Jake Wilson, Elliot Smith, Stanley Graham, Josh Morris and Henry Tomlinson.

The third team (Juniors) was made up of promising third years who started to attend practices. These included Tom Hurst, Will Roper, Marcus Eaton, Nathan Loftus, Mickey Papangelis, Adam Galley, Ryan Vaughan, Max Baker, Harrison Moulding and Josh Rowlands

All those who took part enjoyed their time playing this difficult sport. I hope that if some of the younger players continue to play, they will develop into good players.

M. Whalley

ATHLETICS

The boys' athletics teams have had an extremely successful season in 2008. We work hard on our fitness for the track and try and learn and develop our technical aspects for the various throwing and jumping disciplines. We train hard on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as in various PE lessons during the week.

In the English Schools' Track and Field Cup we were very successful. At the local round we won both the Junior (1st and 2nd Years) and the Intermediate (3rd and 4th Years) in a strong competition at Blackpool. In the regional round, again at Blackpool, we performed well, but were unable to push on to the National Finals. Nevertheless, there were some excellent performances and all should be proud of their achievements in this national competition.


At the Fylde Coast Championships in Blackpool, we again did ourselves proud. We won an amazing three out of four age groups, at under 12, under 13, and under 14 in a competition involving twelve schools. The under15 team was narrowly beaten into second place. We were overall winners by some margin.

At the Lancaster area competition at Salt Ayre, the under 12 team finished a pleasing third, as did the under 14 team. This was a good performance against strong schools from the Lancaster and Morecambe area.

At a more local level, the under 12, under 13 and under 14 sides competed against Hutton in an annual event. With some very good performances, the under 13 team was victorious. The under 12 and under 14 squads were narrowly beaten.

Our individual athletes had the opportunity to shine at the Lancashire Schools' Championships in Blackpool. Out of the boys and girls that took part as part of the Blackpool South team, Sam Hall became the Lancashire Champion in Junior Javelin, as did Tom Bowden in the Senior Triple Jump. Richard Morrell was second in the Inter 1500m, as was Tom Bowden again in the Senior 100m. Tom Sanders was third in the Senior Shot, as was Dan Casson in the Senior Pole Vault. Fourth places went to Adam Whalley in the Inter Javelin and Precious Nwaokomah in the Junior Discus.

This has been a very good season. Well done to all who took part and many thanks to all the staff who have given up their time to coach you - Mr Whalley, Mr Taylor and Mr Whittle.

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GIRLS' SPORT



BARBADOS TOUR

Day 1 – The Flight

All 39 girls and 5 staff met with their bags at KGS ready to transfer to Manchester Airport. On arrival, we checked in and took to the duty free shopping. Before long we were called for boarding and transferred to gate 27. The trip suddenly began to feel very real!!!! After a lengthy flight we landed at Barbados Airport and transferred to the Butterfly Beach Hotel.

Day 2 – Hockey

In the morning, the tour party relaxed around the pool and caught up on some sleep! Before long it was time to transfer to the Garfield Sobers Sports Complex to play our first two games.

First XI vs Combermere School - Won 3-0 with goals from Harriet Martin (2) and Emma Fagan

Under 15 XI vs Springer Memorial - Won 9-1 with goals from Vicky Greensmith (2), Charlotte Corkhill (3), Alex Fell (2) and Kerry Emmett (2).

An excellent start to the hockey with more to come! After transferring back to the hotel, we were ready to sample some local cuisine from the hotel restaurant.

Day 3 – More hockey

Up early and down to breakfast. Morning spent on the beach and in the VERY clear sea! At midday, we transferred to the Sports Complex for our third match which saw the under 18 second XI take on Alexandra School. The game

started well and before long we took the lead. By the end of the match the score stood at KGS 7 Alexandra School 1, with goals by Katie Fisher, Vicky Greensmith (2), Lizzie Whittle (2), Lucy Knowles and Francesca Hughes.

After another successful day, we decided to spend the evening at 'The Ship Restaurant'. We ate nice food and danced for a while before we made our way back to the hotel for a good night's sleep.

Day 4 – Another successful day of hockey

The two teams playing today were the under 15 squad and the second XI squad. Both sides were to face the National Sports College teams. The under 15 squad started the match well and opened the scoring with a goal from Alex Fell. Not



long after NSC replied with an equaliser. KGS fought hard to take the lead and before long another goal came from forward Alex Fell. The final score resulted in a 3-1 win to KGS, with Vicky Rowe completing the match with a great goal from top 'D'.

Day 5 – The Catamaran Cruise

An early breakfast and then off to meet the bus for the Catamaran Cruise. After a short transfer, we climbed aboard a large catamaran which was reserved for the KGS Hockey party. The catamaran set sail in 'bumpy' water which resulted in Mrs (PE) Glover not feeling so well! A short while later, Mrs (Biology) Glover was soaked by a giant wave after looking soooo cool at the front of the catamaran! (very, very funny). After reaching our first port of call, we jumped into the water to see the local fish!!! Little did Mrs Osborne know that the water was absolutely swarming with them and she took a sharp exit out of the sea!!! Shortly after we reached our second port of call, where the giant turtles awaited us. In the evening we ventured to 'Oistins' to sample some local culture and cuisine. We dined on fresh fish and listened to local music whilst browsing around the locally made jewellery stalls.

Day 6 – Hockey and shopping in Barbados

Today was the final set games. Each team was to play against the Barbados National teams.

KGS First XI vs Under 21 Barbados National Squad

KGS Second XI vs Under 18 Barbados National Squad

KGS Under 15 XI vs Under 16 Barbados National Squad

The first XI fought hard and the game went down to the

final thirty seconds, when the Barbados side made a terrific run which led to a short corner. The corner was well worked and resulted in a goal for the Bajan side. The second XI followed and unfortunately against very strong opposition lost 0 – 3. The final game was left to the under 15 squad. Once again, the Barbados side put out a great team with fabulous individual skill. The final score for the under 15 side was KGS 0 Barbados 5.

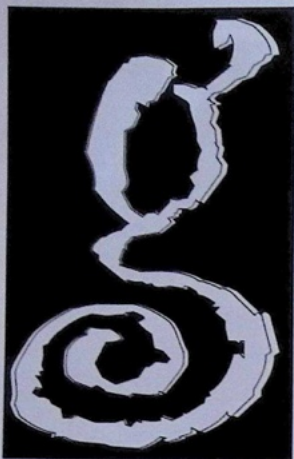
Later in the day after the girls had recovered we booked buses to the Sherriton Shopping Mall. We left the girls to some retail therapy and bought lunch in the food hall. In the evening it was back to the hotel for food and a karaoke evening. By 11pm the girls were tucked up in bed ready for another busy day!

Day 7 – The Boatyard

Our final day and we were keen to do something that the girls would remember. Whilst Mrs Benter was in Barbados in the summer she visited the Boatyard and recommended that the girls should experience the fun! The Boatyard had trampolines in the sea, icebergs to climb and a rope swing from the pier. The girls thoroughly enjoyed this final day before eating lunch and transferring back to the hotel to prepare for our departure.

Once back at the hotel, the girls packed up their hand luggage and patiently waited in reception for the bus to take us to the airport. The week had been fantastic and was topped off by seeing Mick Jagger at the airport, ready for his own departure to the USA. All of the tour party enjoyed this extremely successful tour and some hope to experience the same again in years to come!





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First XI Hockey

HOCKEY

First XI

P 17 W 13 D 2 L 2

After losing eight first XI players last year, the season began with a very young and inexperienced team. However, the newcomers soon settled into their roles as first team players and repeatedly rose to the occasion. As captain I could not have asked for a better team, each player was eager, reliable and keen to listen.

As happens every year, the first round of the Nationals came quickly, taking place on the 6th October. Although we did not progress through to the next round, we did not lose motivation and were still committed for the rest of the season.

After the Christmas break, preparation for the senior tour to Barbados began. The tour party consisted of an under 15 XI, second XI and first XI. Within the week, each team was able to play four matches. With all our matches in the afternoon, it proved more difficult for the girls, as we were not used to the hot weather conditions. However, we won two, drew one and narrowly lost the game against the Bejan national team.

Not only was the hockey fantastic, but seeing and learning the ways of a completely different culture was an experience none of the girls will forget. Whilst in Barbados we enjoyed several excursions, including a catamaran cruise, sailing the west coast for five hours and snorkelling with turtles. The time spent together as a team ensured greater teamwork and helped strengthen friendships.

Once back home, the build up to the under 19 Lancashire tournament started. It took place on the 5th March, with the two group stages being played at Arnold and Kirkham. After winning two and drawing two matches in our group, we successfully moved on to the semi-finals. We then met Lancaster Girls' Grammar in the semi-final and at full time we came out with a draw. It went to penalty strokes and, with all our stroke takers successfully converting their chances and Genevieve making some excellent saves, we came out victorious to face Rossall in the final.

We continued to battle throughout the final game but could not change the score line and finished with another draw, to face the final penalty stroke contest. Once again, our stroke takers and Genevieve stayed as cool as ever and we came out as under 19 Lancashire Champions for 2008. This was the highlight of our season.

Just two events were left, the under 19 invitational tournament and the Vicky Peters' memorial match. Hosting and playing in this tournament against teams such as Millfield, British Colleges and Loughborough is always the hardest competition of the season. All the girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves, even though we were not to win, and the girls all gained valuable experience.

The last game of the season was the Vicky Peters' memorial match, which as always had a large turnout from all the Old Girls, and by the end of the game they had fifteen players on the pitch to our eleven. It was a close match, as ever, and the atmosphere throughout was amazing. It was a fantastic way to finish off our successful season.

Jenny Bowden, First XI Captain

Second XI

Once again, the second XI enjoyed an extremely successful season. They defeated Stockport Grammar School, Altrincham Girls' Grammar School and Bradford Girls' Grammar School, to mention just a few!

The side was led by Yashmin Adam-Zahir, who worked hard throughout the season to develop a fantastic team spirit within the side.

In the Lancashire under 19 tournament, KGS held Arnold's first XI to a 1-1 draw and fought hard to achieve very creditable results against Rossall first XI, Stonyhurst first XI and Lancaster first XI.

A fantastic season was topped off by a very successful tour to Barbados, where the girls played in a series of games against both local and national opposition.

Under 15 XI

After a slow start to the season, with many changes to the squad, the under 15 side started to flourish. The team was led by Vicky Greensmith, who captained the side to victory on many occasions.

The squad beat Altrincham Girls' Grammar School (6-0), Bradford Girls' Grammar School (3-0), Queen Mary, Giggleswick, Lancaster Girls' Grammar School and Stockport School.

In the under 15 Lancashire Tournament, the girls worked hard and battled to achieve some great results. Some

fantastic performances came from Catherine Moss, Vicky Greensmith, Jasmine Norton and Charlotte Airey.

The end of the season was topped off by a fantastic tour to Barbados which prepared some of the under 15 squad for the under 19 Lancashire Hockey Tournament, an achievement that will stay with them for ever.

Well done to all of the girls on a fabulous season!

Under 14 XI

This season proved to be an important stage in the development of the team's response to more challenging demands of competitive hockey. On paper we appeared to possess natural attacking flair and indeed for much of the season we spent long periods attacking the opposition. In the fifteen games we played against other under 14 school teams, we scored 61 goals and conceded only 11. Whilst playing to our strengths, we produced increasingly exciting and impressive performances and at times some of the best hockey I have seen from an under 14 team. However, we were unable to convert our weekly performances into winning the major trophy competitions, when conceding crucial goals cost us dearly. This is something we need to address as an under 15 team if we are to fulfil our true potential.

Despite many hours' practice with the squad, I am conscious of the fact that not enough quality time has been given to the goalkeepers. Their role is crucial and, as such, their training schedules will be more clearly identified next season. Goalkeeping duties were shared between Antonia Evans in the first half of the season and then later by Chloe Walker.

Defensively, Emily Crowther and Kirsten Martin worked hard at their game. They are both strong and have pace. Jessica Balmer always gave a hundred per cent effort in every game, despite troublesome knee problems and I hope she can achieve an injury free season next year.

In midfield Alison Glover settled into the right mid. position and developed an increasingly skilful attacking side to her game. Sarah Quarmby found her true position at left mid, where her strong tackling proved an invaluable asset in the middle of the pitch. In the centre, Ashley Bradshaw had a very impressive season and developed her all round game to a high standard.

In the wide attacking positions which we emphasise in our game, both Anna Rigby and Bronte Edgar gave us good attacking options. Anna has pace and with greater confidence she should be looking to increase her goal tally next season, whilst Bronte is skilful and a regular goalscorer. Centrally, Imogen Batt provided a natural link between defence and attack and her ability to receive the ball and bring others into play was impressive.

A feature of an impressive season overall was the example set on the pitch by our captain, Katie Penrose. A talented player, Katie showed total commitment throughout the season and possesses a will to win mentality which, when developed by others, will produce a team that can realise its goals.

During the first half of the season Olivia Carter provided important cover when called upon in defence, and at the end of the season Jourdan Kenny joined the squad and will provide another option in attack next season. But throughout the season it was Charlotte Lewis who was called upon most as first reserve, filling in whenever and wherever she was asked, and as such was an important member of the squad.

This team has huge potential. Individually, each girl improved her game and became more tactically aware. At their best they produced outstanding hockey and I would expect further progress next year. However, to achieve the successes of which I feel they are capable, they also need to develop a mental toughness. They need to believe they can beat anybody - because they can!

S. Sampey

Under 13 XI

Kirkham Grammar School's under 13 hockey squad has made excellent progress throughout the course of the season. After a shaky start against a strong Wakefield Girls' High School side on an uneven grass pitch, the team went from strength to strength as the season progressed. In all future Saturday fixtures the girls were undefeated, holding Wakefield to a draw in the return fixture, recording a draw and a win against Arnold School and comfortably defeating traditionally strong hockey schools such as Cheadle Hulme School and Stockport Grammar School.

The competitive nature of all the girls in the squad resulted in many determined performances and when the ball was passed from player to player using good team work the side was impressive to watch. It is challenging for such a young side to understand when to retain the ball and demonstrate individual skill and when to work together as a team and the under 13 squad began to understand the need for a mixture of both concepts towards the end of the season.

The North-West under 13 mini-hockey tournament brought about mixed feelings. The B team won all but two of their eight group games, finishing the highest placed B team in the tournament. Outstanding performances by Rachel Williamson and Gemma Broomhead ensured that many goals were scored. The A team won their group comfortably, securing eight victories. However, a disappointing performance due to a distinct lack of team work in the semi-final against Bolton Hockey Club resulted in the team losing via a penalty shoot out.

Over the last two years the girls in the squad have developed into outstanding hockey players. This is highlighted by the number of them being selected for representative hockey. Jennifer Malings, Alix Townsend, Hope Murray and Hannah Pike played for the Lancashire Schoolgirls under 14 squad and Hannah Travis, Georgina Cameron, Rachel Williamson, Sophia Crawshaw and Lucy Mellor Bates for the County under 13 squad. Hannah Pike and Sophia Crawshaw also earned selection to the North under 14 hockey training squad, with Hannah later going on to attend an England High Performance Centre.

I hope that with determination, hard work and, above all, team work, the squad will make good progress in years to come.

KH Bentler

Under 12 XI

Kirkham Grammar School continued their run of tournament success when the under 12 hockey teams competed in the Lancashire Schools' under 12 championship.

In the A team section, the KGS team began steadily from the start, recording a two goal to nil win over Ripley St Thomas and a one nil win over Rossall School. It was the third game against Arnold School that saw the team produce some outstanding hockey. Solid defending mixed with creative attacking from both teams led to a nail biting encounter, where, despite numerous goal scoring chances, the deadlock could not be broken. The confidence of the KGS team following this match was high and superb performances against Westholme School (6-0) and KEQM, Lytham (3-2) earned the vital points needed to come top of the group and be crowned Lancashire Champions.

The KGS B Team, spurred on by the A Team performances, also had a successful day as they recorded wins against KEQM, Lytham (3-0) and Ripley St Thomas (2-0) and a draw against Arnold (0-0) to win the B Team title.

The victories for both teams are well-deserved, reflecting the progress that both squads have made.

A Team

B Kenney (Capt.), Lydia Ireland, Kiran Bahra, Lindsey O'Brien, Harriet Price, Katy Ingham, Courtney Rawcliffe, Megan Kitchen, Charlotte Whittle, Georgia Gaeta-Craven

B Team

Elsie Linley (Capt.), Courtney Fitton, Vanessa Eaton, Nicola Charter, Alex Hastie, Savanagh Des Etages, Rachel Howard, Hannah Butler, Harriet Brady

COUNTY HOCKEY SUCCESS 2007/08

The following girls represented Lancashire Schoolgirls at hockey during the 2007/08 season:

Under 18

Sam Shopland-Reed
Harriet Martin

Under 17

Katie Gorman
Nicole Pike

Under 16

Grace O'Flaherty
Francesca Hughes
Charlotte Airey
Rebecca Lewis
Jasmine Norton

Under 15

Charlotte Dalziel (captain)
Katie Penrose
Lamara Hill
Alex Fell
Kerry Emmett
Anna Rigby
Emily Crowther
Victoria Greensmith
Sarah Quarmby

Under 14

Ashley Bradshaw
Hannah Pike
Alison Glover
Hope Murray
Alix Townsend
Bronte Edgar
Imogen Batt
Jessica Balmer
Jennifer Malings

Under 13

Hannah Travis
Sophia Crawshaw
Rachel Williamson
Georgina Cameron
Lucy Mellor-Bates

Under 12

Beth Kenny (captain)
Vanessa Eaton
Katy Ingham
Harriet Brady
Alex Hastie
Charlotte Whittle

NETBALL

Under 16

P 8 W 6 D 1 L 1

The under 16 netball team has been an absolute pleasure to coach this season. The girls developed into an excellent team this year, skilled, confident and mature. Their understanding of the game and tactical awareness flourished in their final season. We were accurate, fast and agile in attack, composed and skilled in the centre of the court, determined, committed and very solid in defence.

The girls had a marvellous season, winning six, losing one and drawing one match to finish in third place in the Blackpool Schools' Netball League. I would like to thank Emily Fisher (Captain), Elizabeth Woodburn, Hollie Wilkinson, Grace Ford, Grace O'Flaherty, Katie Gorman, Hannah Quarby and Catherine Gaskell for their commitment and hard work. I hope they continue to play netball throughout the sixth form and I wish them luck with their A Level studies.

J. Glover

Under 15

P 10 W 7 D 1 L 2

It has been a difficult season for the under 15 team because the organization of the league at this age group was disappointing. However, the girls showed real commitment throughout the season and, after a re-shuffle of the team early in the autumn term, the girls gradually started to grow in confidence.

With a consistent attitude and approach this team has the potential to develop into a real class outfit. In attack they are skilled, agile and fast on the break, in the centre of the court composed and in defence really gritty and strong. When the girls play as a real team, they are superb.

The girls achieved some excellent victories this season and finished third in the league. I hope they come back with a positive attitude and with a real determination to finish their school netball careers in style. Well done to the following girls: Lamara Hill, Alex Fell, Lucia Chow, Kerry Emmett, Charlotte Dalzell, Nicole Pike, Vicky Greensmith and Jasmine Norton.

J. Glover

Under 14

P 12 W 10 D 1 L 1

The under 14 netball team had a magnificent season. They started to develop into an excellent netball team. Skilled and agile in attack, composed in the centre of the court and determined and committed in defence, this team grew from strength to strength as the season progressed.

The girls played twelve matches, they won ten convincingly, drew one and played in a nail biting final match against St. George's to decide the league winners. After a slow,

nervous start the girls got into their stride but were very unfortunate to lose by just two goals. Though they were disappointed to finish as runners-up in the Blackpool Schools' Netball League, they also realised how well they had actually performed throughout the season.

This team has the ability to develop into a first class outfit. I am looking forward to working with them again next season. Well done to the following girls: Gabby Furnival, Ally Glover, Bronte Edgar, Imogen Batt, Sarah Quarby, Sarah Cuerden, Abi Kos and Katie Penrose.

J. Glover

Under 13

The 2007/08 season arrived and the competition for places in the teams was even more intense than usual. Once the selections had been made, which is never easy, work began to build on the skill base and tactical knowledge of the previous season. The girls practised hard and I was delighted to see the progress they made with the new challenges set. The friendly league began in the middle of September. Both teams performed exceptionally well and remained unbeaten through the season.

HMC NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Tournament entry was restricted to A teams from Independent Schools and was hosted by Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Blackburn. The standard of netball was very high and the team enjoyed the challenge.

The team played with great determination and lifted their level of play to compete well with the strongest teams. A great day was had by all and the team was a credit to the school.

BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SCHOOLS' TOURNAMENT

Unfortunately, the format and time of this tournament had to be scaled down owing to the unavailability of Stanley Park. The A team was very unfortunate not to qualify for their group for the semi-finals, missing out narrowly on goal difference. This was very disappointing for the girls but it did mean they were able to support the B team who played with great determination and thoroughly deserved to win the B team tournament. Congratulations to both teams for a splendid season.

A Team Squad - Kate Meagh, Sophia Crawshay, Hannah Travis, Georgina Cameron, Hannah Pike, Carolyn Evans, Alix Townsend, Hope Murray, Jodie Hope.

B Team Squad - Jennifer Malings, Gemma Broomhead, Natasha Linton, Celia Hindley, Tilly Tomlinson, Alex Lord, Lucy Mellor-Bates, Annabelle Mole.



Girls Athletics

ATHLETICS

As always, the girls have been an absolute pleasure to work with this season. The atmosphere has been first class, the commitment has been terrific and the determination to succeed has been exceptional. More than seventy girls have trained regularly four times a week and the progress made throughout the term has been excellent.

All our teams competed in five matches and, out of twenty matches, we won 18.

Our first years have shown real potential throughout the season, with strength in both track and field events. Our second and third years have real strength and depth and are a real force to be reckoned with. These teams have a terrific combination of top track and field athletes and together they have been unbeatable. Our fourth and fifth years have led by example and have shown real commitment and loyalty, trying to fit the athletics in alongside their examinations. We have a talented Under 17 squad with a number of top class athletes.

In the Lancashire round of the Sainsbury's Athletics Cup both our junior and inter teams were victorious. Both of our teams qualified for the North finals at Stanley Park on June 16th. The girls pulled out some real gutsy performances and the inter team was very unlucky not to qualify for the National finals. The junior team won the North final convincingly to qualify for the Sainsbury's National Athletics School Cup Final - an absolutely fantastic achievement!

Lancashire Schools' Championships

Six of our girls were selected to represent the Blackpool South team in the Lancashire Schools' Athletics

Championships. Mr Sampey organises all of our athletes for this event and he was delighted with our performances.

The following girls were selected to represent Blackpool South: Natalie Yates (Javelin), Rosie Spedding (High Jump), Lamara Hill (Shot), Alex Fell (Javelin), Sarah Hatch (Discus), Rosie Gornall (Long Jump).

Congratulations to our girls on their selection. Special mention must be given to Sarah Hatch who won the Senior Girls' Discus, Lamara Hill who won the Inter Girls' Shot and Rosie Spedding who was third in the Junior Girls' High Jump.

Fylde Coast Championships

On Wednesday, 2nd July the girls from Kirkham Grammar School competed in the annual Fylde Coast Athletics Championships at Stanley Park, Blackpool. Over 50 girls wore their Kirkham vests with pride and they all performed with real grit and determination in both the field and on the track. There were so many outstanding performances that it would be unfair to single out individuals from what was a terrific day for Kirkham Grammar School girls' athletics, with 36 girls finishing in the top three in their individual finals.

Waiting for the final results with twelve schools competing is always nail biting, as the standard of schoolgirl athletics on the Fylde Coast is first class. However, there have to be winners and losers and on this day it was the turn of KGS girls to get their just rewards for all the time and hard work they have put into their individual events throughout the summer term. The results were as follows:-

We are champions at under 13, under 14 and under 15 level and missed out by one point at under 17 level. With such wonderful results Kirkham was declared the champion school.



TENNIS

The tennis season of 2008 has been a thoroughly enjoyable one for all concerned. Teams were entered in the boys' and girls' Lancashire under 13 and under 15 leagues, and, for the first time, 8 teams were entered in the girls' competition, ensuring that more KGS pupils experienced competitive league tennis. Matches against KEQM Lytham, Arnold School, Rainford High School and Westholme School were played throughout the summer term. The under 13 girls A team was the team of the year, winning the league comfortably and progressing into the regional round of the British Schools Tennis Competition in the Autumn Term. Team captain Jodie Hope and team mates Olivia Bence, Jennifer Malings and Lucy Mellor-Bates all excelled and we wish them well in the forthcoming rounds.

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 it was pleasing to see a high number of talented first year boys make superb progress. 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. Victories against Arnold School, Cheadle Hulme School and Westholme School were particularly impressive, demonstrating the increased tactical and skill abilities of the players. Attendance at practices was excellent from all year groups. The standard of tennis continues to get better each year, which all bodes well for the future of the sport at KGS.

KH Benter

SWIMMING

Kirkham Grammar School took part in some very competitive swimming galas this year. The swimming squads took on Bolton School, Westholme, Hulme Grammar, Stonyhurst, Hutton Grammar and Bury Grammar.

Whilst the girls fought hard against tough opposition, the mixed team had great success. The squad convincingly beat Stonyhurst and also enjoyed victories against Hutton Grammar and Bury Grammar. The toughest fixture came against Bolton Grammar, when our mixed team faced an all boys' squad. Although KGS worked hard and enjoyed some excellent performances, Bolton pipped us to the post at the final results.

A special mention should go to the following swimmers who have recorded some excellent performances this year: Imogen Pierce, Katy Ingham, William Lockhart, Robert Lavelle, Lindsay O'Brien, Hannah Pike, Todd Davies, Robert Lockhart, Rachel Williamson, Ashley Bradshaw, Ryan Vaughan, Lucy Fielding, Nicole Pike, Catherine Moss and Adam Whalley.

L Osbourne

SPORTING HONOURS 2007/08

INDIVIDUAL

Athletics:

Lancashire Schools Championships

Boys:

Sam Hall, Junior Boys Javelin Champion
Tom Hurst, Junior Boys Discus Runner Up
Richard Morrell, Intermediate Boys 1500m Third
Tom Bowden, Senior Boys Triple Jump Champion
Tom Bowden, Senior Boys 100m Runner Up
Daniel Casson, Senior Boys Pole Vault Third
Tom Sanders, Senior Boys Shot Third

Girls:

Lamara Hill, Intermediate Girls Shot Put Champion
Sarah Hatch, Senior Girls Discus Champion

Cross Country:

Richard Morrell, Fylde Coast Schools Champion

Hockey:

Scotland U16

Nicole Pike (Captain)

England High Performance Centre U15 Training Camp

Hannah Pike

North Hockey U14 Development Squad

Sophia Crawshaw
Hannah Pike

Lancashire Schoolgirls

U18

Harriet Martin
Sam Shopland-Reed

Victoria Greensmith
Lamara Hill
Katie Penrose
Sarah Quarmbay
Anna Rigby

U13

Georgina Cameron
Sophia Crawshaw
Lucy Mellor-Bates
Hannah Travis
Rachel Williamson

U17

Katie Gorman
Nicole Pike

U16

Charlotte Airey
Francesca Hughes
Rebecca Lewis
Jasmine Norton
Grace O'Flaherty

U14

Jessica Balmer
Imogen Batt
Ashley Bradshaw
Bronte Edgar
Alison Glover
Jennifer Mailings
Hope Murray
Hannah Pike
Alix Townsend

U12

Harriet Brady
Vanessa Eaton
Alex Hastie
Katy Ingham
Beth Kenny (Captain)
Charlotte Whittle

U15

Emily Crowther
Charlotte Dalzel (Captain)
Kerry Emmett
Alex Fell

Rugby:

North U18

Tom Bowden
Richard de Carpentier
Sam Kindred

Lancs U18 Squad

Gregor Aitkin
Thomas Banks
Phillip Bery
Tom Bowden
Richard de Carpentier
Matthew Davies
Jonathan Edwards

Wales Exiles U18

Daniel Sissons

Scottish Exiles U18

Gregor Aitkin

Ireland U18

Irish Exiles U18
Kieran Brookes

Lancs U17

Daniel Bibby
James Hesketh
Wasim Riley
Matthew Spedding (Captain)

Lancs U16

Christopher Travis

Lancs U15

Robert Garlington

North Lancs U15

Jonathan Davies
Matthew Ellis
Robert Garlington
Jake Hodgkinson
Benjamin Jones
Adam Whalley

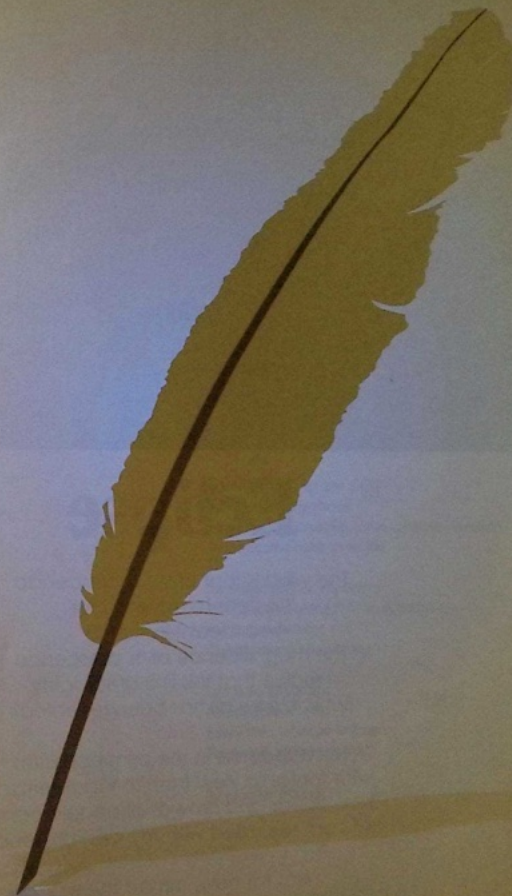
TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

Athletics:	Boys:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U12 Fylde Coast Athletics Champions U13 Fylde Coast Athletics Champions U14 Fylde Coast Athletics Champions U15 Fylde Coast Athletics Runners Up Junior Regional Qualification ESAA Track and Field Cup Intermediate Regional Qualification ESAA Track and Field Cup
	Girls:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Regional Qualification ESAA Track and Field Cup Junior National ESAA Track and Field Cup – 6th Place Intermediate Regional Qualification ESAA Track and Field Cup
Cross Country:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U12 Girls Fylde Coast Cross Country Champions U14 Girls Fylde Coast Cross Country Runners Up U16 Girls Fylde Coast Cross Country Runners Up U16 Boys Fylde Coast Cross Country Runners Up
Hockey:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U19 Lancashire Champions U12 A Lancashire Schoolgirls Hockey Champions U12 B Lancashire Schoolgirls Hockey Champions
Netball:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U14 B Fylde Coast Netball Winners
Rugby:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st VII Fylde RUFC National Sevens Champions 1st VII North of England Sevens Champions 1st VII Birkenhead School Sevens Runners Up U16 XV Preston Grasshopper Floodlit Trophy Runners Up U13 XV Lancashire Cup Runners Up
Tennis:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U13 Lancashire Schools Tennis Champions



The under 13 tennis team

KIRKHAMIAN POETS' CORNER





Eclipse

The wind is that of such crescendo
It is near to us yet so far
I can feel it in the air
The magnificence of its presence
I realise that this is a great rarity
But is it, now all has been revealed?

My abode sits in the prime position
With fantastic view from the roof terrace
Now floods and crowds of people come
But I am secluded with my own presence.

Not far now, almost there...
A roar of voices echo throughout the county
I look through the lens - where to?
To heaven or the sky?
To space or to infinity?
In admiration or radiation?
The sun is now covered, by what?

By Jacob Lewis - Leeson



Forest of Sorrow

I enter a dark, desolate place
Once teeming with life and joy
An enchanting place
Filled with thousands of magical tales
Of times once gone
That now seems like a different world.

A place where I could be whatever
Or whoever I wanted
I was Robin Hood
Stealing from the rich
And giving to the poor
I was a daring adventurer
Livign life off the land
In search of unimaginable treasures.

I was a young boy
With my dog and a stick
I had my whole life ahead of me
But I was living in my dreams.

But then my dreams were shattered
Taken away by the cruel mechanical hand of man.

A place that was once full of endless possibilities
Now just carries the foul stench of death
How could someone destroy something so majestic?

The once godlike trees came crashing down onto my dreams
Crushing them, taking them away forever
The once colossal trees not longer sway in the wind
The birds no longer sing their song
The boy with his dog and stick
No longer live in their dreams.

By Chad Bentley

The Amazon

Homes destroyed by man
Animals on the verge of extinction, tribal homes destroyed.

Trees guzzling up the CO2
So why destroy them?
They help us breathe, form cures to disease
And become habitats to life.

Farmland isn't as important
As the world being able to breathe
Rocks beneath the soil
Can be found elsewhere.

Life is so important
As precious as gold
Every tree, plant or animal
Matters in so many ways!

By Jennifer Malings



Dreaming

In my dreams I see the past, present and future
 What has been and what has yet to come
 In my dreams I see sadness
 A time where hope is dead
 And regret takes its place.

A time where all the animals are dead
 Most of them gone within the blink of an eye
 Disappearing into the pages of history
 Alongside the places they once inhabited.

A time when the planet is covered in a ghastly smog
 Our once proud nation sits in the cold and darkness
 Places we used to love buried in a watery grave
 The most memorable landmarks covered in rust
 A distant memory of a time when they were symbols of
 greatness.

Then I awake and I see a planet we need to save
 A planet we must try our best for
 But even though people know of its problems
 All they do is make empty promises
 And dirty lies.

And the great smog is forming in the air
 Waiting
 And hiding the truth.

By Chad Bentley



Wanting to Walk

There are wooden bars surrounding me
 Everywhere I turn
 I want to see the world
 Without my mother holding me.

These things
 Attached to my legs
 Yes, feet they called them
 But how do I make them work?

People say they are used for walking
 And that is what I want to do!
 But, I have never walked in my life!
 Oh, how I wish I could.

Get up and step out of my crib
 Run and jump with Ronnie the dog
 But I am stuck here
 Forever?

My mother brings everything I need
 Milk and warm clothes
 So why do I have a need to escape?
 I can hear her coming to me now
 She picks me up and holds me close
 "Dont grow up too fast", she whispers.

By Rachel Williamson 3W

Show You Care

Show you care!...
 Stop poisoning the air
 Think about air pollution
 Stop driving's one solution
 Get yourself a bike, a board
 Stop jumping that 4x4

Cos don't you see?

Oil is going, fuel is scarce
 Things are bad-they could be worse
 Land is sinking, seas are rising
 Let's be eco-enterprising
 Do something NOW - it's a waste
 Then ban it coz all we'll have soon
 Is a lonely dead planet.

Lucy Mellor-Bates

The Moon Stuck in Gravity

Ever since the big bang
 I've been held by that lump
 Blue, green and white in colour
 There is nothing in between us though I still can't escape.

Whenever I try to escape
 I get pulled in closer
 By that invisible rope of gravity
 That never gives up in flight.

I want to be important
 I want to be my own planet
 With oceans, animals and wonders
 Orbiting the sun.

Every now and then
 I see planets passing by
 They give me that urge I need
 To be out there alone.

What I have is good
 A beautiful sunrise and sunset
 And many fabulous views.
 I just wish the earth would let go
 And let me float around.

Callum Paley 3 X



One Man's Street Is Another Man's Home

I'm alone on the streets
 What more is there to say?
 I had it all once
 A home, a family, an identity
 But not anymore.

Why did my job dissolve
 Into the cracks of my life?
 My home with it
 But now this box replaces it
 The bare walls encase me
 Like an icy blanket of despair.

I remember birthdays
 Jelly, ice cream and hugs
 I've been here two years and yet
 Not once have I celebrated a birthday
 As I did when I was human
 But I am now nothing.

By Emily Gornall



**KIRKHAM GRAMMAR
 JUNIOR SCHOOL**



STAFF CHANGES

In September 2007 we welcomed Jonathan Tuson and Christopher Gorman to the school to assist within the P.E. Department. They have been valuable members of staff and they will be greatly missed as they move on to the next phase of their careers.

Mrs. Joan Aitchison and Miss Charlotte Fothergill also joined our fold in the roles of part-time Junior and Infant teachers, respectively. Unfortunately, we had to say a fond farewell to Miss Fothergill at Easter when Mrs. Helen Shuttleworth returned from her maternity leave after the birth of her second son, James Harry. However, Miss Fothergill has since gained the position of I2 class teacher, starting in September.



Joan Aitchison



Charlotte Fothergill



Claire Hardman



Audrey Holford



Julie Bell

After several years working in the Reception classes, it was extremely sad to say good-bye to Miss Claire Doxey, who moved on to pastures new. Her position was ably filled by Mrs. Claire Hardman.

In February, Mrs. Audrey Holford was appointed to teach J4X on a part-time basis until the end of the summer term. We wish her every happiness in her future pursuits.

Mrs. Kate Aldeen began her maternity leave in the summer and we eagerly await the arrival of her second child.

Finally, it was with regret that we also had to say 'au revoir' to Mrs. Julie Bell after four years teaching in our Infant department. She has contributed in many ways to all aspects of school life with her fun-loving personality and infectious smile. She will be greatly missed and we all hope she enjoys her new post.

SPORT

Rugby

This year KGJS has had children competing at U8, U9, U10 and U11 level. All the teams throughout the autumn and spring terms have trained hard and developed their individual and team skills.

This year the U11s embarked on a tour to the Isle of Man which was thoroughly enjoyable and a reward for their outstanding efforts throughout the season. It was also a pleasure for KGJS to be able to host the return visit of our Manx opponents.

The U11s have been a very talented year group who developed as a team as the season progressed. They have strengths in all areas and played some very attractive rugby. The U11A team results were fantastic. They won eleven and drew two, making them undefeated in their matches. The B team won one, drew one and lost one.

The U10s have some very talented backs who, when given the opportunity to attack, proved difficult to stop. However, defence is of equal importance and is an area they will need to improve upon next year when their game moves up to 12-a-side. The U10 results were good this season with three wins and two losses.

The U9 team have made good progress and are starting to understand the requirements of the game. Their defence is the team's strength and should provide a good base to develop further skills. In their early fixtures they notched up two victories. We look forward to seeing them compete more regularly next year.

The U8s have enjoyed tag rugby tournaments held in school which allowed confidence to be developed and encouraged individuals to express themselves. The U8 team also took part in a tournament in Bradford in below freezing conditions where they were runners-up.

The U9, U10 and U11 teams have also taken part in a number of tournaments throughout the season with some excellent results.

The U11 team are the AJS Champions once again, winning a thrilling final in extra time against Kings School, Macclesfield. They were also victorious at the St. Mary's, Crosby 7's Tournament and Runners-Up in the Budge 7's held at Rossall School.



The U10 team reached the quarter final stage in both the Budge 7's and Bradford 7's tournaments and the U9s were Runners-Up at Bradford and came 3rd in the St. Mary's Tournament.

Cross Country

All the boys and girls have trained hard throughout the term during lessons and lunchtime sessions. The U11 teams competed in a fixture against St Teresa's in Penwortham in September. The boys won 59-30 and the girls also won, by 44 to 29. The individual winners of these races were Bradley Yates and Ele Greenhalgh, both of whom are Under 10s.

In the annual A.J.I.S. Cross Country Championship held at Rossall School in October, the Under 10 and Under 11 Boys' and Girls' teams competed against twenty six other schools from the North West. The results were as follows:

U11 Girls – 13th (Lucy Meagh – 7th)

U11 Boys – 9th (Robert Thomas – 28th)

U10 Girls – 2nd (Ele Greenhalgh – 3rd)

U10 Boys – 1st (Bradley Yates – 1st)

This meant that the Under 10 Boys are the A.J.I.S. Cross Country Champions, 2007/8. Congratulations to all the children who took part.

Swimming

Unfortunately several swimming fixtures were called off this year, but we did manage one meet against Bolton School in December. The U11 and U9 teams were both victorious with only the U10s being defeated.

In the A.J.I.S. Boys Swimming Championships in October the U11s produced five gold medal winners in Hadley Price, Joshua Powell, Alex Ward and the Freestyle and Medley Relay teams. Bradley Yates (swimming for an older age group) also picked up a silver medal. The U10s swam well but failed to make any of the finals.

At the A.J.I.S. Girls Swimming Championships in November all the girls who swam in both the U10 and U11 age groups performed well but did not reach the finals.

Cricket

This season saw the Under 11 team playing seven fixtures. They were victorious in four of these games. A special mention should be given to Robert Thomas for his quick and accurate bowling and to Alex Whalley and Joshua Powell for their batting skills. This was a pleasing season overall with some good fielding displayed.

Athletics

With some good weather and hard work, this season has seen Kirkham's athletes unbeaten. They produced excellent results against three other schools in both the Boy's and Girl's Under 10 and Under 11 teams.

Ten of our best Under 10 athletes went on to compete in the

A.J.I.S. Athletics Championships at Stanley Park in May. Thirty other schools throughout the Northwest took part. K.G.J.S. achieved one first place, one second and four third places.

Overall this was a very successful athletics season.

Indoor Athletics.

On Sunday 4 October K.G.S. entered the Lancashire Sports Hall Athletic Championships held at Blackpool Sports Centre. They competed against ten athletic clubs from throughout Lancashire and achieved superb results. The U11 boys were placed 2nd overall and the U11 girls came 3rd. As a result of their performances fourteen children were selected to represent Lancashire in the North Region Inter Counties Championships at Sport City, Manchester. Nine of those who took part are pictured here.



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 two Under 11 girls' teams, one Under 10 girls' team, 2 Under 11 boys' teams and one Under 10 boys' team. Those who have taken part have played with enthusiasm and a desire to improve.

In recent girls' tournaments we have achieved the following accolades;

Lancashire Tournament winners.

St Mary's Hall Tournament winners – this is the 4th consecutive year we have won this tournament.

A.J.I.S. Tournament winners – this is the 3rd consecutive year we have won this tournament and the 4th year in the last 5.

North Finals runners up.

Congratulations to all the girls who have taken part in this season's matches and tournaments. They have had an exceptional year.

The boys have also taken part in a number of matches and tournaments this season. Kirkham hosted the inaugural A.J.I.S. Boys' Hockey Tournament in December. This was very successful and will become an annual event. We entered the U11A, U11B and U10 teams. All those who took part are to be congratulated on their efforts, particularly the U11A team

who won the tournament to become A.J.I.S. Champions, beating Arnold in a very close semi-final and Kings School Chester in the final.

The boys' U11A team also finished 2nd in the Lancashire tournament and qualified for the North Finals where they lost to the eventual winners in the semi-finals.



Netball

Netball practices have been extremely well attended with over thirty girls from J3 and J4 regularly taking part. We have played matches against other schools with A, B and C teams participating. All the girls in J4 have played for a school team during the season. The A team has also played in two tournaments this season. In the A.J.I.S. Tournament they played very well, winning their group and reaching the semi-final which they lost in a closely fought game.

In the Highfield Priory Tournament, the A team played some exceptional netball and went on to win the tournament. Congratulations to all the girls who took part.



The Kirkhamian 2008

Rounders

Rounders Club has also been very popular this year. Two Under 11 teams have played many of the local schools throughout the summer term. The U11A team are to be congratulated on remaining unbeaten all season in these matches.

They also competed well in the A.J.I.S. Tournament, qualifying for the quarter-finals by beating The Grange School in a close game before eventually losing in the semi-final to St. Bede's, Manchester.

Inter-House Sport 2007-08

A total of twelve different sports were participated in this year. These were athletics, basketball, cricket, cross country, hockey, indoor athletics, netball, rugby, rounders, swimming, tennis and volleyball. The emphasis has been on the participation of every pupil. All competitions have been contested with passion and enthusiasm.

Results 2007/08

1st	Drapers	363
2nd	Birley	344
3rd	Clifton	303
4th	Colborne	296

Congratulations go to Drapers!

Inter-House Sports Winners 2007/08

- Basketball - Drapers
- Volleyball - Birley
- Hockey - Drapers and Clifton
- Netball - Birley
- Rugby - Drapers
- Swimming - Drapers
- Indoor Athletics - Drapers
- Cricket - Drapers
- Tennis - Colborne and Drapers
- Rounders - Colborne
- Athletics - Birley
- Cross Country - Drapers



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Individual Cross Country Winners:

- J1 boys - Kieran Wilkinson
- J1 girls - Olivia Huyton
- J2 boys - Harvey Morris
- J2 girls - Lucy Keelan
- J3 boys - Bradley Yates
- J3 girls - Ele Greenhalgh
- J4 boys - Robert Thomas
- J4 girls - Amber Vaughan

Junior Sports' Day

Our annual Sports' Day took place in glorious sunshine on 30th June, 2008. The children participated in over 70 events, beginning with the Long Jump, Triple Jump and the cricket ball and rounders ball throw.

Our guest of honour, Mr. Dave Tate (chairman of Lancashire Schools' Athletics) as well as our parents enjoyed some excellent races including sprints, hurdles, middle-distance, sprint relays and agility races. They also had the chance to watch the high jump and shot competitions.

Final Results:

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

In the boys' competition the individual 2008 champion was Dominic Grimshaw and the girls' individual champion was Lucy Meagh.

Congratulations to all individual and team successes!

A SPECIAL WEDDING

Our first ever Head Girl, Sarah Horrocks, daughter of Mrs. Maureen Horrocks, was married earlier this year to Mr. Richard Norton. The happy event took place in North Wales on 6th June 2008. Everyone at the Junior School wishes them a life of health and happiness.



PRE-SCHOOL REPORT

Another busy year has flown by in the Pre-School and we have yet again had an exciting and successful time. I was pleased to return to my post in November 2007 as Manager after my maternity leave and launched straight into our topic of 'Celebrations' where we made Divali cards and even had our own Wedding Ceremony.



The year ended with our Christmas production of 'The Bossy King' which was very entertaining.



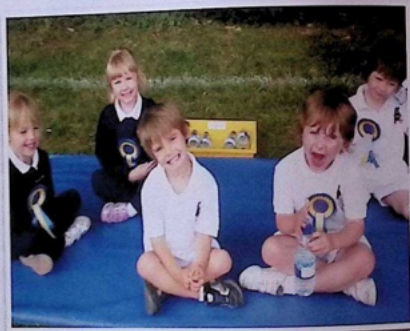
The New Year began with a new topic of 'Winter' which saw the children exploring and investigating melting ice-cubes, making bird feeders out of Cheerios breakfast cereal and learning about arctic animals. We finished with a pretend expedition to the Antarctic!

The next topics were 'Nursery Rhymes' and 'Water'. These provided many learning opportunities for the children including matching, sequencing, counting, role play at both the hairdressers and the car wash. We also found out about where water comes from and the many ways we use it! Our final popular topic of 'Holidays' gave the children time to discuss their own holiday experiences, draw and make model aeroplanes, role play in the pretend travel agents and take part in our end of term production, 'Summer Holiday'. This

was a very enjoyable event for the staff, children and audience.



Our Sports Day and buffet lunch were well attended and all the children were full of enthusiasm as they ran races, balanced an egg and spoon and completed a long distance run.



I would like to thank all the parents for their support and for the many ways in which they enhanced our topics. In particular, Mr. Eastham for generously giving us a wide selection of winter fruit and vegetables to explore and better still taste! Also, Mrs. Dowbiggin who brought in some fascinating equipment to help us see germs on our hands. The children enjoyed a morning learning about hygiene and even had 'the cleanest hands' competition! Finally, Mrs. Barber who kindly brought in her BA air stewardess uniform to enhance our aeroplane role play. All the children stepped aboard and flew to Africa, which was great fun!

This wonderful year was a joint effort by all the children, parents and, in particular, the Pre-School staff of Mrs. Merrick, Miss Lace and Mrs. Norris. Thank you all for your dedication and effort.

Mrs. Christine Lawton
Pre-School Manager

MUSIC AT K.G.J.S.

Several musicians from the fourth year began the musical year by entertaining us at Open Afternoon, held on Sunday 14th October. Next was the Remembrance Service on 12th November which was enhanced by the Cornet playing of Thomas Newton, performing The Last Post. A new event was included in the Autumn Term, an Arts Cheese & Wine evening, which featured music and drama items. The Choir & Ensemble, led by Mr. Lockett, performed in the Christmas Carol Concert held on Monday 17th December. Rebecca Paterson opened the concert singing Once in Royal David's City and it also featured the whole of the Junior School singing selected Christmas Songs. Before finishing for Christmas, the Musicians managed to squeeze in visits to Milbanke and the Adult Day Centre, L.C.C., Marquis Street, to entertain patients & staff with carols, readings and Christmas songs.

In the New Year, the Choir, led by Mr. Lockett, enjoyed singing popular items from the Sound of Music. The ensemble continued to rehearse a varied repertoire of music.

Early in the summer term, the Choir, now led by Mrs. Shuttleworth, and accompanied by Mrs. Roberts, attended a Choir Workshop at Cheadle Hulme School. The day was enjoyed by all and the children involved even recorded a CD to celebrate the occasion.

Throughout the year a very large number of pupils have entered Associated Board Exams in Practical, Vocal and Theory studies. The success was 100%. Some pupils achieved extremely high grades. Well done to you all!

Our congratulations go to Thomas Newton, our Music Scholar for 2008. He has been an excellent music role model for School. Thomas has contributed much to the musical life of the school during his time with us and we hope he will continue to develop his musical talents at the Senior School. Towards the end of term, the Choir & Ensemble featured at Prizegiving on Friday 27th June.

My final thanks go to all the visiting teachers, who have supported our musicians in school. As a busy year comes to an end, we reflect on the range of musical achievements enjoyed by all at K.G.J.S.

Mr. Peter Lockett, Head of Music.

Infant Music

'The Pied Piper' was our Christmas production of 2007. The entire infant department took part and performed superbly in front of family and friends in the M.P.H. at the senior school.

The Infant Ensemble practised diligently every Tuesday lunch time. Their chosen instruments included keyboard, violin, recorder, xylophone, glockenspiel and percussion. These talented musicians quickly acquired the ability to read music and learnt the beautiful Christmas carol 'Silent Night' which they performed to the rest of the infant department.

During the Spring term we welcomed more members to the group and began to learn the songs, 'Clementine' and 'Edelweiss'. The musicians were able to display their musical skills by performing in front of an appreciative audience during a special Infant assembly. Each year group entertained our visitors with a variety of songs. The finale, 'Can you count the stars' was sung beautifully by all the infant children. This song was also performed during our annual Prize Giving and was ably accompanied by the Infant Ensemble. Max Huyton, Sam Read, Daisy Salt and Isabelle Turner also sang a beautiful accompaniment.

We would like to thank all the Infant Ensemble members for their hard work during the year which was duly rewarded in their performances and wish them every success in their musical pursuits in the Junior Department.

Mrs. J. Knowles and Mrs. S. Kenchington



"Consider Yourself" ...Hired!!!

After a day of singing, dancing and drama workshops, followed by two more days of intense deliberation, the cast for our 2009 production of 'Oliver' has finally been chosen. Rehearsals began in September, although the main cast spent their summer holidays getting into character and learning their parts.

Well done to all the J2 and J3 children who auditioned and congratulations to all those who were awarded a named part. Five of those lucky few are pictured here. They are: Robert Wallace (Bill Sykes), Helena Dale-Martin (The Artful Dodger), Grady Rawlinson (Fagin), Arron O'Neill (Oliver) and Elyssia Cockshott (Nancy).



CLASS VISITS

We have all enjoyed a range of educational activities both in and out of the classroom this year.

The I1 children visited Lowther Gardens, Lytham in October as part of their Book Week topic of 'Percy the Park Keeper'. At the end of the Spring Term they enjoyed making a pizza each at Pizza Express and felt very proud when they brought home their creations for tea! The weather held for their bug hunt and butterfly house visit at Williamson Park and they were able to eat their picnic in the beautiful gardens. At the very end of the year the Reception classes were treated to a lesson in building a wall when the local builders came in, as part of I1's topic on 'Homes'.



Towneley Hall in Blackburn was the first destination for the children in I2. This linked in with their History topic work about 'Life in the Past'. Here the children enjoyed handling items which were used by their great-grandparents. In October all the children walked down Ribby Road to the post box. They posted letters which had been written in their Geography lessons after learning about the 'Journey of a Letter'. I2 reached amazing heights when they visited Blackpool Tower and the Circus in June.



Early in September the I3 classes travelled to Leighton Moss to study habitats as part of their Science work. A short visit to The Willows Catholic Church tied in with their RE work. Many children in school donated old glasses to be sent to the Third World, a collection organised by the I3 children, and then taken to the local opticians in Kirkham. A summer trip to Beacon Fell was enjoyed by all the top infants where they experienced the wonders of nature.



The Juniors have also been busy this year. The J1 children visited the Museum of Lancashire in Preston to look at a display about the Romans. Later in the year they also had the opportunity to go to Chester where they became Roman soldiers for the day, wearing helmets and carrying shields. As part of their DT work the J1s made kites and flew them on the beach at St. Annes.



In I2 the children have been learning about the Tudors. As part of their studies they enjoyed a morning full of fantastic activities presented by Lucy the Tudor. They spent time weaving wool, making butter and grinding corn. This was a valuable experience that the children will never forget.



Brockholes, in the Lake District, was the destination for the I2 classes' summer trip. Here they viewed an exhibition about the importance of conservation. They then completed an orienteering exercise and spent time on a fabulous outdoor adventure playground.

After a long coach journey the J3 classes arrived at Eden Camp, excited and ready for a fun-packed day learning about World War II. Back at school, later in the year, the children (and teachers!) enjoyed a day of dressing up in typical 40s clothing, eating food and listening to music from this era. In the summer term the J3s travelled to Windermere to enjoy a steamboat trip and a ride on the Haverthwaite steam train followed by a tour of Holker Hall.



This year's French trip to Lou Valafran proved to be an exciting week filled with outdoor activities for the J4 children to enjoy. They experienced adventures such as kayaking down the Seize river, climbing, mountain biking and a Jacob's Ladder.



ACTION AID

Once again the children have worked very hard to raise money for under-privileged children throughout the developing world. A total of approximately £1,400 has been collected this year from these events:

I2 (Vietnam) – Sponsored Hoola-hoop

I3 (Ghana) – Sponsored Skip

J1 (Gombe) – Fun Run in St. Annes

J2 (Ecuador) – Cake Sale

J3 (Nicaragua) – Cake Sale

This fantastic total wouldn't have been possible without the support of all the children, parents and staff and for that we say a huge 'Thank you!'



INFANT & JUNIOR WORK

Hansel and Gretel



They saw a strange little house in the distance. When they got there Hansel got a piece of gingerbread. Then the door flew open the children were frightened. Then a witch came out of the door. Then the children came in. The witch who put Hansel in a cage. Every day the witch felt Hansel's finger. The witch told Gretel to do all the work.

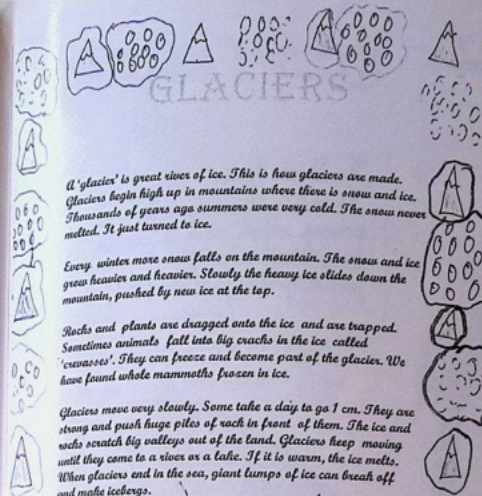
Oliver Barnett I2Y

My Dad is Special Because....

He makes me laugh.
He helps me with my homework.
He buys me toys.
He hugs me and kisses me.
He reads to me.
He makes me feel really special.
He lets me have ice cream.
He helps me up when I fall over.



Hannah North I2Y



GLACIERS

A 'glacier' is great slices of ice. This is how glaciers are made. Glaciers begin high up in mountains where there is snow and ice. Thousands of years ago summers were very cold. The snow never melted. It just turned to ice.

Every winter more snow falls on the mountain. The snow and ice grew heavier and heavier. Slowly the heavy ice slides down the mountain, pushed by new ice at the top.

Rocks and plants are dragged onto the ice and are trapped. Sometimes animals fall into big cracks in the ice called 'crevasses'. They can freeze and become part of the glacier. We have found whole mammoths frozen in ice.

Glaciers move very slowly. Some take a day to go 1 cm. They are strong and push huge piles of rock in front of them. The ice and rocks scratch big valleys out of the land. Glaciers keep moving until they come to a river or a lake. If it is warm, the ice melts. When glaciers end in the sea, giant lumps of ice can break off and make icebergs.



Grace Broughton J1X

ice lolly
The ice lolly was a liquid. When it was frozen it turned it to a solid. The ice lolly was cold.



Louis Hurst I1X

I chased it ...

I chased it round the city
I chased it down the street
I chased it to the Atlantic Ocean
That's where I wet my feet.

I chased it over the Himalayas
I chased it round Texas
I don't think I'll ever catch
That naughty Hunting dog.

Jonathan Brown I3X

Beanstalk

I reached the top of the beanstalk and it was boiling hot. I saw an alien and it was running towards me. I was so frightened I scrambled down the beanstalk.

When I got down the alien was waiting for me. He threw me over his shoulder and climbed back up the beanstalk. I woke up in a cage.

Luke Dean I2X

THE BULLYBOW FROM THE CRYSTAL COASTLANDS

The sea throve down on the long, long grass.
There were stakes and legs that arrived on mass.
They brought out some fruit.
Finding berries, apples and grapes.
They sped off to the road and then they die.

Thrown by the sea to a land far away,
There's a cloven fish playing at the end of the day.
It dips and it dives with its bright shiny skin.
It would look very silly with a human shaped fin.

On the shore are great turtles
And they move oh so slow.
Their shells are dark colours.
Not like a rainbow.



Oscar Cornah-Burrows J1X

Jungle Animals



The Common Gecko Lizard.
The Common Gecko lizard have highly developed eyes, covered with eyelids joined together to form a transparent horny covering.



The Striped Hyena.
The Asiatic Striped Hyena feeds on herbivore animals which it captures during the night, the African species faces competition from other predators.



The Crimson Rosella Parrot.
Other members of the parrot family are the Crimson Rosella, a very able flier and the hanging parrot with short blunt tails, such as the Blue-Crowned Hanging parrot.

Hannah Sayers J1X



My favourite thing in school this year was eating our ice lollies.

Emily Scott I1X

Narnian Poetry

Aslan is fair
He can fight a bear
He sits up straight and strong
With his golden mane flowing long
The lion is the king
He looks after everything
He's not very keen on the Ice Queen
Because she's cold and mean!

Hannah Knight J2Y

Before the Storm

Pounding wind
Hear me
Falling rain
Watch me
Gleaming stars
Assist me
Crashing waves
Soothe me
Leaping dolphins
Guide my way through the storm

Arron O'Neill J2Y

The Parrot Song

Robert Wallace J3Y

Neither spears nor guns have I
But I fly gracefully through the sky
And I have beautiful
Colours, colours, colours!

Neither horns nor hoops have I
But I can speak the language of humans
And I have beautiful
Colours, colours, colours!

Neither coat nor pattern have I
But I dance to the beat of the drums
And I have beautiful
Colours, colours, colours!

I master every sound
For I listen to the animals below
And I show off my beautiful
Colours, colours, colours!



A rainbow



When I think of red, I think of poppies swaying in a field.
 When I think of orange, I think of juicy satsumas at Christmas time.
 When I think of yellow, I think of a great big bunch of daffodils.
 When I think of green, I think of freshly cut grass.
 When I think of blue, I think of waves splashing in the sea.
 When I think of indigo, I think of a beautiful sunset.
 When I think of violet, I think of the churchyard full of bluebells.

By Oliver Billington J1Y

A Stormy Day

I am inside, looking outside,
 Listening to blustery winds,
 Bright lightning striking,
 Crooked houses swaying,
 Heavy rain splattering,
 Strong gales wafting,
 Loud thunder clashing,
 Deadly hurricanes terrorising,
 Freezing hail stinging,
 Devasting tornados rampage,
 Listening to blustery winds,
 I am inside, looking outside.

Scott Collins J4Y

Happiness

Happiness is pink
 It tastes like a Chinese take away
 and smells like ten million flowers
 Happiness looks like when a baby is born
 and sounds like children laughing
 Happiness is a hot tub that warms you up in Winter

Charlotte O'Neill J3Y

★ Today There is snow

Today there is snow
 I have to go out
 To build a snow man
 To scream and shout!
 It's so cold outside
 I need my scarf
 Quick run inside
 And sit by the hearth!

Today there is snow
 It is fun you know
 We run and play
 Ho ho ho!
 The birds are hungry
 They have nothing to eat
 We throw them some bread
 And a handful of wheat!

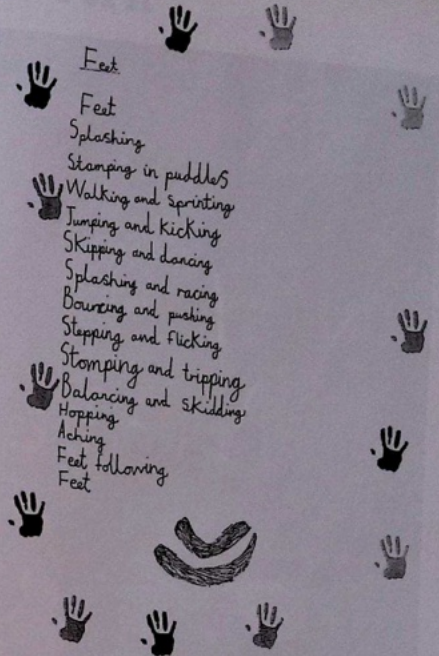


Brooke Turnbull J2X

Sunny Day

I am inside, looking outside,
 Watching children playing,
 The fluffy clouds gliding,
 The glassy sea rippling,
 The gleaming grass shimmering,
 The brilliant bees buzzing,
 The white sand whirling,
 The calm breeze blowing,
 The colourful kites nodding,
 Watching children playing,
 I am inside, looking outside.

Ruby Barrie J4Y



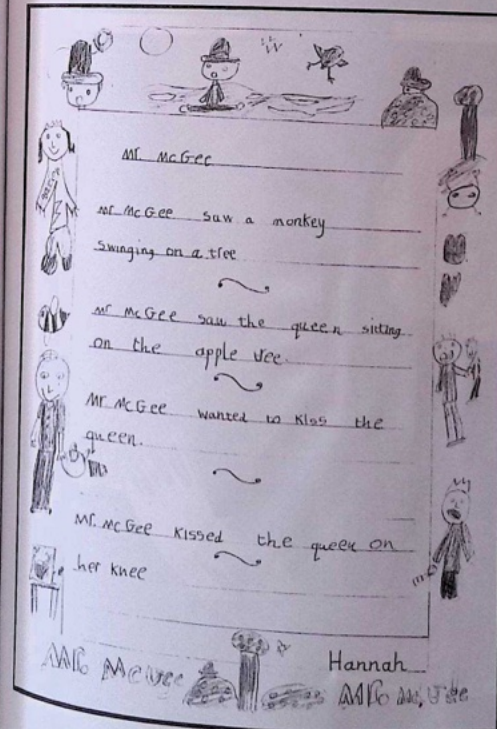
Max Duxbury J1X

My Mood Poem

My happiness rises, my happiness falls,
 I sit quietly as the church bell calls,
 Sitting on the bench I hear a dog bark,
 I think the noise is coming from the park,
 My happiness rises, my happiness falls.

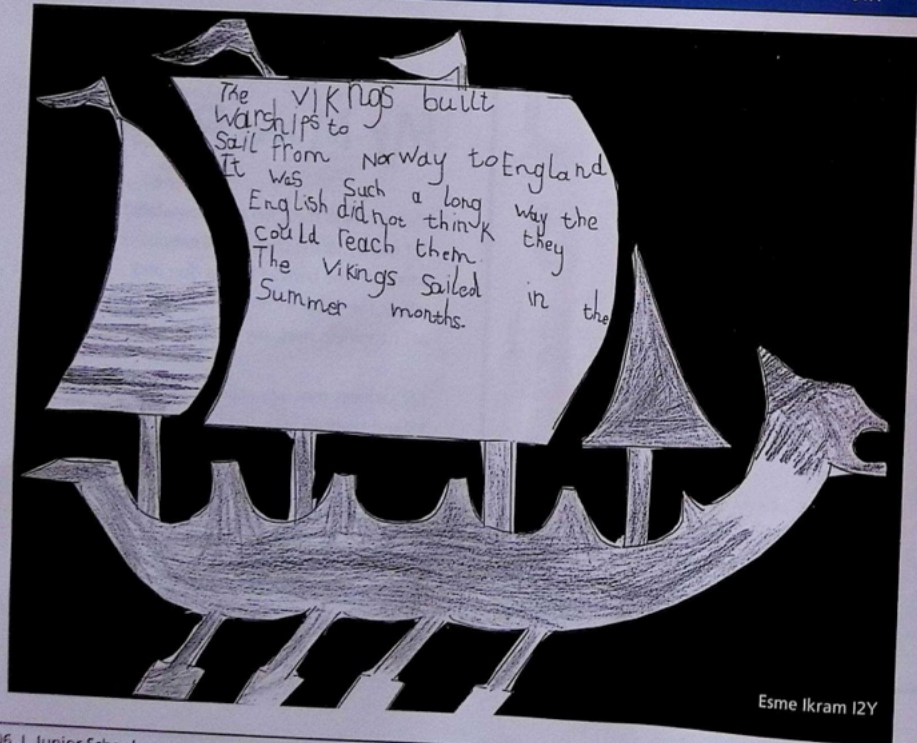
My sadness rises, my sadness falls,
 I stand tearfully listening to the crying calls,
 I sit in a boat in the middle of a lake,
 When my beating heart feels like its about to break,
 My sadness rises, my sadness falls.

Lucy Keelan J2Y



Hannah North J2Y

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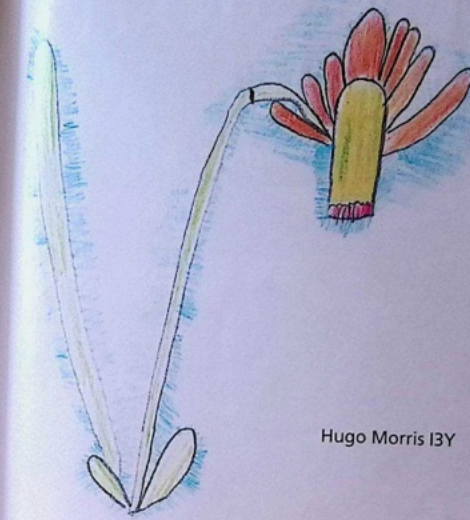




Maria Varley J2Y



Hannah North I2Y



Hugo Morris I3Y



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