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HEADMASTER'S FOREWORD

This year is a significant one for me personally as I enter my tenth year as Headmaster of KGS. Time passes so quickly. It seems only yesterday that we gazed over the Wareing buildings and the Norwood block and plotted the future. At that stage no less than 14 of our classrooms were in temporary buildings and it is certain the school would not be in the strong and stable condition it is now were it not for those brave decisions taken by the Governors to develop our facilities. We have been fortunate throughout to have had the support from our parents during this period, and I would like to record my thanks to all those who have played a part in the continuing evolution of the school over these exciting years.

In these stringent times where other independent schools are making significant cutbacks or even losing their independence, it is heartening to stress that KGS remains essentially full with a school roll of 700 and includes a very healthy Sixth Form of 170 plus. I am convinced that central to our success is the principle of independence. As a management team and staff, supported and indeed monitored by our Board of Governors, we are able to make our decisions based on local factors. We can respond quickly, unencumbered by external control, be it an education authority or any other central body. We believe we have always been receptive to parents' views and have continually developed the school which has resulted in the strong position we find ourselves in today. Wise and prudent investment in facilities, a strong drive to improve academic achievement while never losing sight of our care and concern for individuals, alongside a commitment to broad opportunity, have been our key aspirations. Never have we been dictated to by an outside body, and I sigh with relief that some of the regulatory minefields are being lifted from our shoulders. We have emerged with a school that is well equipped to tackle the challenges we all face economically and one that can provide continuity of education. I believe that our independence from interference has provided the freedom yet direct accountability to our parents which is a recipe for success. I stand assured that KGS will remain as a bastion of independence amidst the changing local educational climate, and that it will continue to develop its position and its resources in order to ensure the best education possible for our students.

This year has seen the completion of our Sixth Form Centre, 6^o. We have consulted widely with the students themselves and incorporated wi-fi provision within their new workspace and ICT room. The resource appears popular and represents a haven for our Sixth Formers from the humdrum life around school. A haven for dedicated work I might add! We are also pleased with the refurbishment of our catering facilities and dining room. Additionally we have further developed our multimedia facilities alongside an expensive upgrade to our internet link to enable unhindered access. I am indebted

to members of our support team for the manner in which they have carried out so much of the work themselves amidst a busy summer holiday. It is the nature of the school that while our staffing levels are prudent, everyone is prepared to go the extra mile. I hope parents will agree that my colleagues take pride in the way our school looks even down to the flowers in the beds outside school.

Academically this year has once again been notable for some outstanding successes. While not a vintage year at A2, it is inspiring to report on the success of two of our pupils who gained no less than nine A* grades between them! Lucy Fielding and Kobi Chan now further their careers in Classics and Medicine and we wish them well in the next exciting stage of their education at Oxford and Birmingham respectively. Overall the year group recorded another 100% pass rate and nearly 60% of the grades were at the top levels and they now move on having made an impact at KGS greater in proportion than the size of the year group.

At AS level our results rivalled the best ever at this level and we look to this year group to aspire to the highest levels. It is a large cohort of over 90 pupils but while their prospects are bright there is a lot of hard work to come. It is also pleasing that further extensions to the Curriculum has seen Philosophy added to our A Level options, especially as the first outcomes were so pleasing.

In their GCSE examinations our Fifth Formers did themselves proud with results on a par with our best ever. Effectively half the grades were at A*/A and 26 pupils gained a minimum of 9 grades at this heady level. Gemma Coleman excelled with 11 A* grades, while Jodi Gaston-Ross gained



10 A* grades after the outcome of re-marks became available, and it was heartening to see so many students gaining such a high level of attainment. On a more worrying note we pursued appeals to the Boards in three subjects where marking appears totally wayward. This is now such a common occurrence which is clearly the consequence of the extended number of modular examinations. I was therefore not surprised to hear that these are to be abandoned at GCSE from 2012.

I cannot, however, leave the subject of external examinations without recording the success of the Fourth Year in those modular papers. Over 50% of grades were at the top level and it is evident that with continued effort they will do extremely well at GCSE next year.

There is no question that the students of today have to work hard for their results with ongoing assessments and controlled coursework, and it is unhelpful to question the validity of the levels gained by comparing them to the past. We can only ask of them that they excel in current circumstances and I am very pleased that our pupils are continuing to set themselves appropriate challenges.

This year has brought a significant change and challenge for me and my family with our move into the Boarding House. As part of our ongoing strategic review of school, the Governors and I determined that a restructuring of the Boarding House was required and my move into the House is an interim measure to further this strategy. I believe boarding is critical to the ongoing success of KGS. Not only is the House at the centre of the school it is also at the core of its ethos. Living there has already given me a perspective on its place at the heartbeat of school life and in my short tenure there I am determined that the continuing refurbishment is enhanced, an exciting activity programme embedded, and a stable and sustainable staffing structure is in place. It is heartening that numbers are strong this year; so strong that we have had to turn prospective pupils away and this emphasises that a healthy Boarding House is at the very core of the school and that a strong boarding community will contribute greatly to the success of the school over coming years.

School continues to encompass a wide variety of different interests and enthusiasms. Each year sees these extended while traditional pursuits continue to flourish. Only recently I was thrilled to see 25 clubs advertising their wares in the Societies Fair. New ventures like Radio Club, Glee Club, and Archery are underway while academic clubs like Spanish Club and Greek Club are welcome. These activities are so important in enriching the lives of our pupils.

Drama continues to be an enthusiasm for so many of our students and it has been a particularly busy and successful year. We all enjoyed the imaginative production "Much ado about nothing" which was a real team effort. Our Juniors, however, stole the limelight with their collaboration with the Royal Shakespeare company. Their rendition of *Midsommers Night Dream* initially at the Charter Theatre and then the

House of Lords was an outstanding success. The group was even brave enough to perform in assembly, managing to keep the irrepressible George Shuttleworth-Brown to limited encores! Only this week we were visited by Wesley College from Melbourne who performed at school on their UK tour. They chose KGS as a venue on the basis of the strength of the dramatic provision demonstrated on the website. I believe the initiative proved a success.

We were also privileged to enjoy a series of excellent concerts and I contend that the Spring Concert represented the pinnacle of the Music Department's efforts. Not only the quality of the music but the sheer number of musicians populating the ensembles struck me as exceeding even previously high standards. I can only congratulate Mr Barrett and his team on this and also on preparing our musical interlude this evening.

Each year we hold a series of House competitions in many different activities but one of the highlights is the House music competition. This year we were fortunate enough to enjoy a sing off by the House choirs in the MPH. These performances, largely organised by the students themselves, represent all that is best about KGS – where we see students of all ages working together to a common end. Also, of course, great entertainment.

I have received many compliments this year about our Cadet Force which continues to be the envy of most schools with nearly 250 members. Although we do expect all our Fourth Years to join, I remain convinced that this experience affords our pupils something completely different from the normal routine of school life and also gives broad opportunities for life experiences beyond the scope of most schools. Congratulations to Jack Ingham on his Army scholarship, another in a long line of successful candidates. Alongside the CCF, our Duke of Edinburgh capacity continues to grow, stretching Mr Callister and Mrs Sutcliffe to the limit. Popular expeditions have challenged candidates and it is pleasing to see so many gaining this outstanding qualification.

As always our sportsmen and women have been very busy and their achievements broad and varied. It is impossible to list them all but there are some real highlights:

Our athletes once again excelled. No less than five Fylde trophies were amassed by girls and boys, while three teams from four entries reached the regional TSB finals. Two of these travelled to the National finals where the Junior girls team finished 5th in the UK with the Inters 9th.

In the County Athletics finals school had 18 competitors finishing on the podium, a very large contingent. This is the strongest performance by any single school represented there while Ben Everson, Alex Hastie, Daniel Jones, Kate Lawler and Rachel Williamson won their events. Congratulations to Rachel, Daniel and Ben who went on to the National finals. Rachel became National Triple Jump Champion and represented her country – an outstanding performance.

School now boasts a host of talented runners in different age groups and each has gained success this year both individually and collectively. At district level Lucy Keelan, Jake Lonsdale, Bradley Yates and Ben Everson all won their age groups while we won team events at Under 12 girls and Under 14 boys. Bradley and Jake went on to top two finishes at County level.

The Senior Girls Hockey team finished second to British Colleges in our own tournament recording excellent results against Millfield, Sedbergh and George Watson's School from Edinburgh. They also enjoyed a highly successful tour to Barbados in February. At Under 16 level our girls finished a very creditable third in the North after winning the County Championship.

On the rugby field the U16 XV reached the Semi Finals both of the NW knockout and the County Cup whilst the 1st XV were third in the Western League beating Colstons and Bromsgrove, but losing narrowly to Millfield and Sedbergh. Nonetheless their achievement against such company was notable. Individually Matthew Beaty represented his Country at Under 16 level.

In a busy Sevens season the Junior sides did extremely well. The Under 16's recorded a victory in the Stonyhurst Sevens, the Under 15's in the Arnold competition and the Under 14's were the first home winners of our own tournament.

On the Cricket field the 1st X1 had its most successful season for many years with Adam Galley, Oliver Jump and Charlie Swarbrick making outstanding contributions. All three were selected for the North West representative team.

The Under 15 Tennis squad were county champions once again.

Our Golfers Toby Roberts, Callum Wilkinson and Macauley Murgatroyd became the 5th rated team in the UK after winning the County and Regional trophies.

Given that we also fielded teams in Netball, Swimming and Volleyball, there is a healthy breadth to our provision. Our sporting commitments would not be possible without the support of parents who turn out in all weathers to ensure our teams are well populated. The experience, however, of being part of a team is a valuable one which imparts important lessons to those who participate.



Mrs Benter



Mr Scott

Inevitably personnel change, and while the school marches on it is sad to say goodbye to colleagues at the end of every year and this year is no exception. We bade farewell to three teachers who had been with us just a short time in Mrs Hamilton, Mr Marmion and Mrs Paterson. All had contributed in their different ways to school life.

Mrs Benter left after seven years to move back to her native Lancaster. She committed herself fully to the sporting life of the school, coaching all sports with care and skill. Always readily involved she accompanied ski trips and hockey tours showing genuine care for her charges, and we will miss her broad contribution to KGS life.

Mr Ian Scott retired after 37 years at KGS. No mean feat! He taught Geography and led the department for many years, while also coaching rugby and cricket in his younger days. He devoted much of his time, however, to his beloved CCF and as Contingent Commander has led a highly successful contingent. I am delighted that he will carry on with this aspect of his role but we hope he enjoys a more restful work life balance and I thank him for his longstanding contribution to KGS life.

The balance which is at the core of my report was praised by the Inspectorate who visited us in October and November last year. The Inspectors rated the school Excellent (equivalent of Outstanding in the Ofsted "speak") in the majority of categories. To have ratings at this level in Pastoral Care, Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural provision, Health and Safety, Governance and Leadership, Extra-curricular Provision, and Links with Parents was very pleasing.

From a personal point of view I am grateful to all my staff for their work in making these successes possible. We were proud to have the strongest report in terms of grades amongst all our local competitors. So as I reflect upon my years at KGS I do so with some pride but also the understanding that success is only gained through teamwork and I am indebted to my Management Team, Governors, staff and parents and of course our pupils in ensuring that KGS continues to meet the challenges it faces both locally and nationally. I am confident that, secure in its independence, the school will continue to do so.

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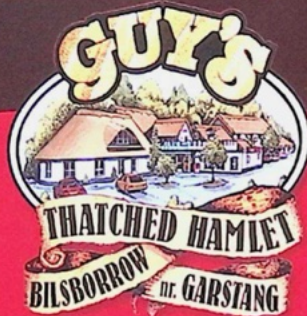
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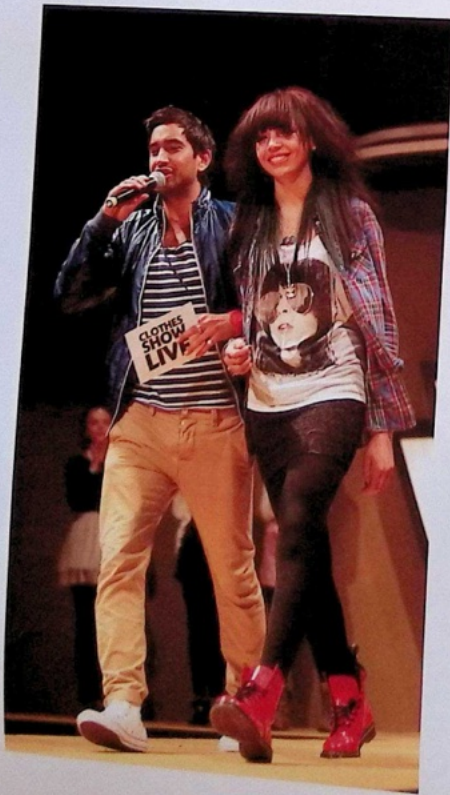
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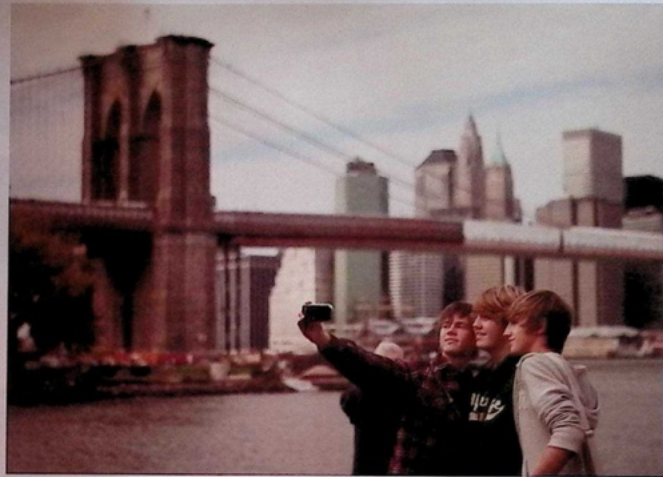
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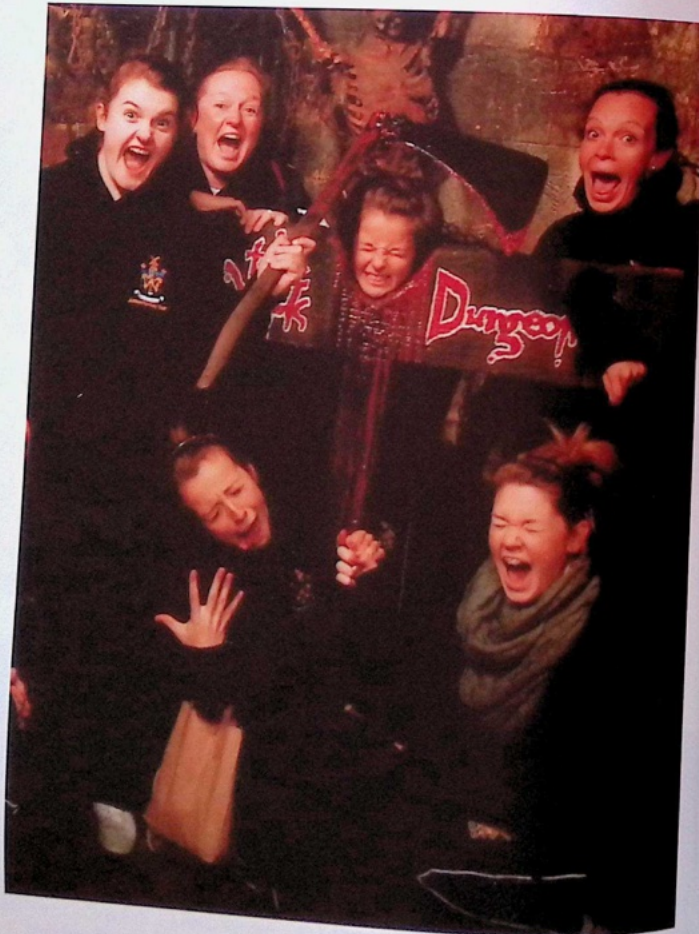


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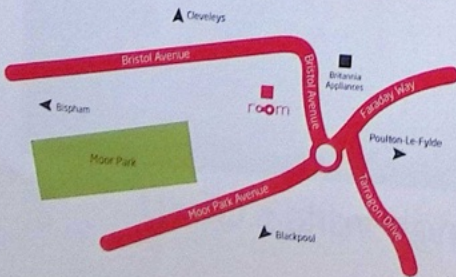
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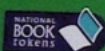
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CHARITY

Eleven staff and some of their partners ran in the Blackpool 10K Fun Run on Sunday, 8 May. The team ran for Brain Tumour UK in memory of David Hall, the father of Grace Hall, who sadly died in January this year. Everyone enjoyed the event and all crossed the finish line with a real sense of pride. Through sponsorship the team raised in the region of £1200.

Lottie Bell, Darcy Bray and Sophie Moss took part in Cancer Research's "Race for Life" 5K run in Southport. As a team, they raised over £600 for the cause. As well as raising money for people personally affected by cancer, the charity helps families with loved ones who are suffering. More than 1,600 women took part in the 5K run in Victoria Park.

Melanie Koth, who joined our Dining Hall staff in January,



recently ran the London Marathon in 3hrs. 21mins. 13secs. which qualifies her for the New York Marathon. Melanie is a member of the Lytham St Annes Road Runners and has completed eleven marathons - Sydney, Berlin, Dublin, Frankfurt, Blackpool and the London Marathon six times.

2W and 2Z, along with their form tutors Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Bowles, were busy during the Autumn Term wrapping and filling shoe boxes for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal run by The Samaritan's Purse. Individually or in pairs, pupils bought gifts to fill shoeboxes. These were then sent to disadvantaged children worldwide. Both form groups were helped by their fifth form mentors who advised them as to what gifts would be appropriate and ensured that the organisation of the scheme ran smoothly. The boxes contained toys, hats, scarves, gloves, pens, paper, toiletries, hair accessories and sweets. The boxes were taken to Freckleton Methodist Church by Mr Dalton for collection by the charity. Well done, 2W and 2Z.

2W raised a fantastic £138.96 in a charity cake sale which took place in their form room on Thursday, 19 May. All the money raised was donated, as sponsorship, to Mrs Atkinson who was entering 'Bark in the Park' (a charity walk with dogs) to raise money for Brian House.

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Coast 2 Coast

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On 28 October, a group of KGS pupils navigated, badly at times, the arduous coast to coast bike ride over the scenic hills of the Lake District through county Durham and on to Sunderland. 150 miles in total!

It all started on a rainy Friday morning when, after a hearty full English breakfast, we set off from a windy jetty in Whitehaven with our back wheels dipped in the water (as tradition dictates). Within the first two miles we had realised that we had gravely underestimated the difficulty of this task: I managed to have a bike which refused to change gears, we mistakenly headed north instead of east and Will Fleuriot was sick into a bush! Our success on the first day continued in this vein as we had numerous punctures and faced gale force winds as well as massive steep hills which halted our progress to almost a crawl. We took the wrong turn near Keswick and ended up 17 miles off course. We would still be there if it was not for a caring local in an amusing hat who rescued us.

The second day began much better, even though we started by cycling up to the top of the dreaded Alston Moor. The views were spectacular and we could see how far we had already come. The day had gone far too smoothly, so right on cue Rhys' wheel fell off. We also discovered on that day that I was terrible at going round corners, Marcus was invincible in his concrete helmet, Tom and Harry were mental, Will Roper loved the tracks, Will Fleuriot was cheeky enough to grab the support van to drag him uphill and finally Rhys' "Granite Giant" was a beautiful bike that seemed to be actually made from the material its name suggests. We ended this tiring but successful day with a curry at a local restaurant! Even this was eventful as Marcus was nearly murdered as he was accused of stealing the majority of the chicken.

As our final day began, we were full of anticipation and excitement. We set off on the flat but bumpy road and were soon on off-road tracks speeding along at 24mph. This was rather scary off-road and it was not helped when Marcus and Will Fleuriot took a different path and ended up 5 miles ahead of us at the Stadium of Light. We met up again and finished the route in emphatic style by cycling onto the beach. This resulted in many falls and skids. We dipped the front wheel in the North Sea and ended our epic journey with some fish and chips.

A special thanks goes to Lindsay (Tom's Dad), who was driving our support vehicle and provided us with many laughs at Marcus' expense and also to Cally (Harry's Dad) who helped us navigate when our attempts went dreadfully wrong. We really could not have done it without them both and they have all of our thanks! We raised around £2000 for Help for Heroes and we would like to thank all our sponsors and encourage others to help out!

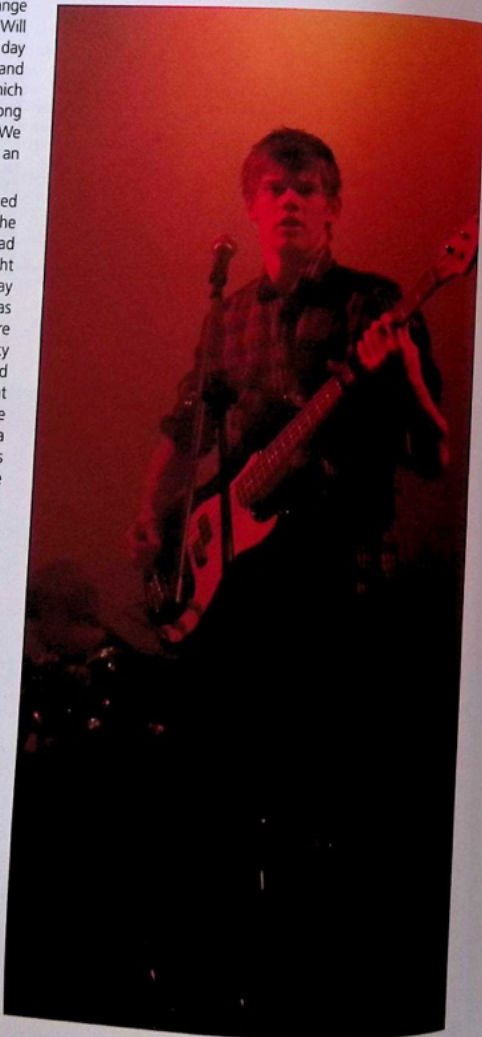
Jack Ingham

Members of the fundraiser - Marcus Eaton, Tom Hurst, Harry Moulding, William Fleuriot, William Roper, Rhys Williams and Jack Ingham.

X Factor

It has now become a tradition that heralds the end of term (or almost) at KGS, our extravaganza of talent at our annual charity show. This year it was the turn of X Factor. Following the roaring success of our shows over recent years, our hopes were high as we embarked on our auditions. We were not disappointed. As always, we were delighted and amazed at the array of talent on offer. A short list was drawn up and, as always, we had very little time to get the show together.

The day of the concert dawned and sound checks were completed by Mr Duncan, ably assisted by Sam Fuentes Moreno. We were lucky to have many offers of help for Mr Rushton behind the scenes, for which we were most grateful. Mr Taylor took on the role as our host for the second year running, assisted by Ben Jones. They kept the whole show running smoothly and kept the audience involved.



Joe, Gus and Oli from the fifth form opened the show with a fantastic performance of 'Are You Gonna Be My Girl'. This set the scene for a most entertaining show. The quality of talent really was astounding. There were several performances from the girls of KGS, including Molly Kerrane, Tiffany Toomey, Chloe Walker, Lottie Bell and Gemma Broomhead. Sequoia Des-Etages accompanied both her sister Savannah and also her friend Sophie Coplestone in two separate performances on the piano. Steph Ashcroft played the guitar and sang 'Cape Canaveral', whilst Carolyn Evans was accompanied by Joe Edge on the electric guitar.

First year group 'Her' performed 'Forget You', and third year group 'Too Much Talent' sang and danced to 'Proud Mary'. Performances from the boys were rather fewer than the girls but they certainly did not want to be outdone. We enjoyed a very entertaining and popular performance from Elliot Turnock, who was accompanied by Bradley Johnson on the electric guitar as he sang Queen's 'Who Wants to Live Forever?' Grady Rawlinson sang 'Shenandoah' beautifully, whilst Robert Wallace accompanied himself on the piano and sang 'Yellow'. Joe Martin gave his second performance of the afternoon with Michael Buble's number 'All I Can Do is Dream of You'.

The whole school enjoyed the performance which took up most of the afternoon. It is such a worthwhile event with so many pupils from across the school involved in so many different ways. The Headmaster announced the winners in final assembly on the last day of term. Runners up were Molly Kerrane who sang 'Take a Bow' and also Elliot Turnock and Bradley Johnson. The winners were Sequoia Des-Etages and Sophie Coplestone who were simply brilliant performing 'Empire State of Mind'. Worthy winners indeed and chosen by the pupils themselves.

X Factor 2010 was another resounding success. The Charity Committee would like to thank all of the people involved both on and off stage. We very much look forward to KGS Has Talent, 2011.

Homelessness

A group of third year pupils were encouraged to challenge their own pre-conceptions of the issue of homelessness in their English lessons last term. Having read Swindell's novel "Stone Cold" and researched the topic themselves, representatives from the charity Streetlife in Blackpool came to talk to them about the realities of homeless young people in our local town.

Pupils had discovered that Lancashire has one of the most desperate homelessness problems in the country and the children prepared questions to ask in advance of our visitors' arrival. They had investigated local and national issues covering work carried out by Crisis and Shelter but were understandably very interested in a local charity that helps 16-24 year olds.

Many different tasks were inspired culminating in a competition for the article which most challenges a reader to sit up and take notice of such a serious problem in society today. Here is the winning entry by Emily Carpenter. As a

general thank you and recognition of its work the pupils donated all proceeds from ticket sales of the Junior Disco to Streetlife.

What can you buy with a 20 pence piece?

Chocolate. Sweets. Sugar. This is what you can expect a typical child to spend their change on. However, a 20 pence piece is a rare luxury to a child, or anyone else, living on the streets. Whilst you are comfortable in the warmth of your own home, there are people out there who are struggling to keep out the cold and who have spent what is perhaps their last 20p to gain access to a grimy public toilet for the night.

To you and me, homeless people are just dirty hobos lingering in shop doorways, although, in reality, most homeless people make sure they are fresh with clean clothes, so that they blend in with the many others making up the busy crowds. Most people become homeless because of family issues. Often due to arguments between partners in relationships, things become difficult.

Living on the streets has its consequences. Homeless people are vulnerable to hypothermia, abuse, and some women even end up pregnant. They can become involved in crime due to the desperate nature. There are also many mental effects of being homeless, including loneliness, boredom and depression. Some people commit a crime just to escape the cold and to sleep with a roof over their heads. Others go to police stations or community centres which all send them to Streetlife for refuge.

I know this because we were fortunate enough to have two volunteers visit us from Streetlife. They informed us about homelessness and what Streetlife can do to help. They explained what homelessness means, the effects of homelessness and how unfortunate the people are with no family or a place to call their own.

Although homeless people suffer many hardships, Streetlife can give them the opportunity to get back on their feet. Streetlife provide a cook and eat session on a Saturday which allows them to order food and cook their own meal. This gives them life skills to help a return back to normal life. The shelter relies wholly on volunteers, who generously give up their time to help those who need it most. Popular charities such as Red Nose Day and Children In Need sponsor these volunteers, giving them the budget to make all this possible. Unfortunately, this charity has limited resources, which means that every night they have to turn people down and those people are then left to go and find shelter for themselves. How would you feel if you were turned away and left in the cold with nowhere to go, no one to offer any comfort and with no way out?

Learning about homeless people has had a great impact on me and I hope that it will influence you similarly. I am not asking you to give them a home, but if you walk past them in the street, do not just carry on walking. Give them some loose change as you pass by. Just remember 20p to you might be nothing, but it is all these people want. So, give them some change and think a little next time before you spend 20p.



LIBRARY NEWS

Author Visit

We were delighted to welcome to KGS an exciting new writing talent, Jason Wallace, whose debut novel "Out of Shadows" has been shortlisted for the Booktrust Teen Prize. Jason's family moved to Zimbabwe shortly after Robert Mugabe was elected as President; the 1980's were a time of great change as the country moved from white rule to majority rule. Jason was educated at a tough boarding school in Zimbabwe and his book is loosely based on his experiences while at school.

Jason spoke to all the pupils in Years 9 and 10 about these experiences and entertained his audience with some extracts from the book. The pupils enjoyed his visit and gained a valuable insight into a school experience very different from theirs at KGS!



A Very Special Guest Makes a Return Visit

The staff and pupils of KGS gave a very warm welcome to a wonderful guide dog, Mae, who visited us in April, 2010 and was the star of a school assembly. The collective "Aaaahhh" which greeted her entrance in the MPH was something to which this special dog has become accustomed during her many visits to schools. Her owner was unable to accompany her because of a recent hip replacement but Mae behaved impeccably as I spoke about what is needed to train a guide dog and how important these dogs are in returning people to independence.

It was a great privilege to be able to welcome Mae back to school in early October, this time with her owner. Their visit took place during Guide Dog Week. Marsha Corper spoke with great humour and honesty about why she had decided to get a guide dog after almost 50 years of relying on a cane. She talked about the trust needed on the part of both the human and the dog and described how it takes time for each of them to get to know each other. Her choice of music - "A hard day's night" - seemed very apt in the circumstances!

Marsha enjoyed meeting some of our pupils during the morning and she commented on the warm and welcoming atmosphere within the school.

All Change ...

Every organisation has to move with the times and KGS library is no exception. The software package which manages the cataloguing and circulation of all library resources has been in existence for over 10 years. There have been many changes to computer technology during this period, not least of which is the possibility of remote access and external hosting. The library software has therefore been upgraded to the latest version, which enables a more sophisticated and versatile service to be given to all borrowers. A great deal of work has to be done before any major upgrade and libraries are no different. The Network Manager, Mrs Janet Cannell, oversaw the entire process, liaising with the company and setting up the system to enable the new data to be embedded with the minimum of disruption to the school community. We owe a huge debt to her for her hard work and customary efficiency. One interesting side-effect of the upgrade has been the extension of the Christmas holiday period to 8 February - having to produce regular overdue notices would have added to the complexities of the process, so the holiday period was extended at the end of the autumn term to avoid having to produce overdue notices too early in the spring term. What a shame that our actual Christmas holiday was not as long as the library version!

World Book Day

World Book Day this year at KGS followed the popular format of stories to all lower school classes. This went very well - there was a good variety of stories, some of which were then borrowed by the pupils. The book to cause the most interest was "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins. Collins, a former television writer, has written of a thrilling, twisted world where the chosen victims [two from each of the twelve districts of a fractured United States] have to fight for their lives - while playing to the cameras and trying to win sponsorship deals. Themes of government control, "big brother," and personal independence are explored amidst a thrilling adventure which appeals to science fiction, survival, and adventure readers.

On the recommendation of some Year 11 fans I read an extract - and you could hear a pin drop in the library! The reading generated a long waiting-list for this, as well as the subsequent books in the trilogy. It has garnered many awards and sparked a 'Twilight' type following.

Pupil Librarian Event

Five pupils from Kirkham Grammar School participated in a Pupil Librarian Conference on Tuesday 14 June which was organised by the Lancashire branch of the School Library Association. Charlotte Cross, Siva Dwarampudi, Beth de Klerk, Caroline Paley and Jonathan Parkinson-Swift were able to take part because of their sterling work with the Carnegie Award shadowing. Mrs Jo Harwood, Librarian at Broughton Business & Enterprise College, kindly hosted the event which attracted forty seven pupils from fourteen schools across Lancashire and was supervised by fifteen librarians!

Mrs Harwood welcomed us all to the event and refreshments were served, giving everyone an opportunity to meet other people. She employed Kagan Strategy to build teams so that the pupils got to know each other without staying with their own school group. Each team had to then build a free standing structure, including at least one cube/square, using cocktail sticks and midget gems! The group who built the highest structure was judged the winner and received prizes; Siva was in the winning group! There then followed an amusing literary quiz, with questions on opening lines, book characters and film clips. This was followed by a 'Speed Dating' event with a difference - it involved books, not people! Each pupil brought along their favourite book and had 30 seconds to sell it to their 'opposite partner', who then reciprocated. They then changed partners. The pupils awarded points to their 'date' and these were totalled up at the end. Two books earned the maximum possible number of points (80) and these pupils were awarded a prize each. The first winning book may come as a surprise to some people - 'Rebecca' by Daphne du Maurier is famous for its opening line but was published in 1938 - proof that older books can still appeal to younger readers. The second book was 'The curious incident of the dog in the night time' by Mark Haddon, an unusual book which won Whitbread Book of the Year when it was published in 2003.

Lunch followed, after which we were able to enjoy the warm weather by walking outside and enjoying the grounds - the wildlife pond was very popular! The afternoon event took



place upstairs in the library, watched with silent benevolence by the Book Worm, a huge worm which is suspended from the ceiling. The Reading Game is an opportunity for the pupils to sit in groups of their own choosing and look at a selection of books from a variety of genres. Quite a few of us found books which we had not read and which will now be requested for our own libraries.

The afternoon ended with everyone being given a 'goodie bag' containing books, stationery and other items; a personalised certificate of attendance is presented to each participant. The event was voted a success, with the only complaint being that we arrived back in school in time for the last two lessons of the afternoon!

Carnegie award

Six books were on this year's shortlist and our judging took place on 23rd June, on the day of the actual result! The enthusiasm has been outstanding again, with some new readers joining our regulars. The judging meeting saw pupils from all year groups, including some who have officially left the school - a sure sign of the popularity of this annual event. Ice creams were purchased and we took over the library to debate the merits of each book and the scores were added up. The final result was a win, for the third successive year here at Kirkham, for Patrick Ness. His book "Monsters of Men" is the last part of a trilogy and all his books have been on the shortlist of this very prestigious award (something that not even Philip Pullman could manage!). Each year our readers have voted his book the winner and we have been disappointed with the judges' decisions. It is certainly a case of third time lucky for this very talented young author. His book garnered twice the number of votes of any other title and our only complaint is that the result was not published officially on the website until after the meeting ended and the readers had left for lunch!

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MUSIC

Attaining Grade 8, the final examination for the major music examination boards, is a highly significant achievement for any student. The long path to this examination may take up to ten years and demands considerable dedication and determination, with many hours spent patiently practising. In the school year to July 2011, five KGS students passed this examination, Jessica Balmer, Gemma Broomhead, Sam Fuentes Moreno, Helen Kelsall and Katie Penrose. Along with the other higher grade examinations (Grades 6 and 7), this examination gains the musician between 55 and 75 UCAS points, the equivalent to those gained for an A grade at AS level (60 points).

Each term KGS and KGJS enter for examinations offered by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. An examiner comes to school and students take a range of examinations from the Preparatory Test to Grade 8. A Distinction (over 130 out of 150 marks) is a coveted prize and was gained by 27 of our pupils last year.

Over 120 KGS students take music lessons in school, with many more receiving lessons outside school. The sheer range of talent and high standard of performance is seen no better than in the annual House Music Festival, where this year almost 400 performers battled through the auditions in March to reach the Finals, which were held on April 1st. The adjudicator, Mr Chris Wootton, was most impressed with the general standard of musicianship displayed on the day. Eventually Sophie Midgley, playing the clarinet, emerged as the winner of the Solo Section, with Lucy Fielding (piano) in second place. The vocal group Septimus was a worthy winner in a closely fought Ensemble section and Fylde House won the House Choir competition for the second consecutive year. The overall winners of the Music Festival were Kirkham House, with an array of fine individual and group performances.



The Kirkhamian 2011

This year has seen KGS musicians continue to give an excellent series of concerts, from the monthly Coffee Concerts, held in the Old Hall on Friday lunchtimes, to the termly formal concerts held in the MPH, during which the larger school ensembles, such as the Orchestra, Concert Band, and String Group, have the opportunity to perform. The Swing Band continued to grow in strength through the year, performing most enjoyably and excellently on a number of occasions. Musicians from the first and the second year presented progress concerts to packed audiences in the Old Hall, illustrating once again the depth of musical talent at KGS.

The Choir, as well as being the mainstay of the Carol Service and the Founders' Day Service, had the opportunity to take part in a performance of Carl Orff's Carmina Burana, with members of the Lytham St Annes Choral Society. To perform such a challenging choral work with a large chorus and instruments is an opportunity that comes all too rarely to choral singers, and the members of the KGS Choir acquitted themselves superbly on the day of the concert.

Each year we say goodbye to musicians who have been involved in music throughout their time in school and who have made excellent contributions to school music. To single out individuals is necessarily to omit some students who have played major roles in the Choir and ensembles, but I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Johnny Davies for his excellent work as Music Secretary in his final year at KGS and Lucy Fielding, who prides herself on taking part in every KGS ensemble in her final year!

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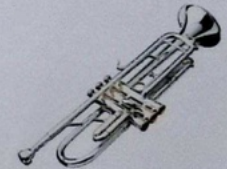


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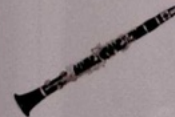
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Lancashire Schools' Youth Concert Band:	Sophie Midgley	(clarinet)
Lancashire Youth Symphony Orchestra:	Aimee Bilsborrow Gemma Broomhead Samuel Fuentes-Moreno Jodi Gaston-Ross	(oboe) (violin) (trumpet) (viola)
Lancashire Youth Brass Band:	Matthew Donaldson Samuel Donaldson	(cornet) (E flat horn)
Yorkshire Youth Brass Band:	Elizabeth Brocklehurst Patrick Callery	(trombone) (E flat bass)
National Children's Brass Band:	Elizabeth Brocklehurst	(trombone)
National Children's Orchestra:	Elliot Gaston-Ross	(Percussion)

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DRAMA

Much Ado About Nothing

A performance "As merry as the day is long"
 "Sigh no more, ladies, sigh no more,
 Men were deceivers ever -
 One foot in sea and one on shore,
 To one thing constant never."

Shakespeare has often suffered with an image problem: that of actors in tights spouting incomprehensible words from an unfamiliar epoch. The challenge for all directors is to show the audience the contemporary relevance of the plays: and this is a challenge to which Ms Barrie triumphantly rises each year.

Transporting Kirkham Grammar School's multi-purpose hall to Messina in Italy, her production of Much Ado about Nothing was nevertheless firmly rooted in contemporary issues. From the moment of the audience entering the hall, the projected Facebook pages (provided by Chad Bentley, who also made the demanding role of Don Pedro his own) of the major characters proclaimed that Much Ado about Nothing has a great deal to say about our world: the play is focused on relationships and the way that these can be strengthened or disrupted by rumour, malice and scandal: something very pertinent to today's cyber-generation.

The twists and turns of young love were persuasively demonstrated by the paired lovers. The "Merry War" between Beatrice (Jodi Gaston-Ross) and Benedick (Fraser Burnie) was intense and vividly portrayed with real spite and energy, making its segue into love even more moving. The relationship between Claudio (Aaron Davies) and Hero (the suitably vulnerable Lydia Gascoigne) acted as a foil to this, moving from a deliberately unrealistic "love at first sight" to a more considered and deeper relationship once Claudio had experienced the trauma of false suspicion and remorse for his harshness towards Hero.

This is a play that has a real dark side: indeed, its theme of jealousy is one shared with the tragedy of Othello, and there are strong links between the two. It is a credit to the performers that they were able to show this side too: the calculated evil of the Iago-like Donna Juanita (Lydia Kolb) assisted by her (rather more inept!) side-kicks Borachio, Guiseppe and Conrade (Oli Carpenter, Callum Wilkinson and Gus Graham) which threatens to destroy the fragile Hero; and the culpable cruelty of Claudio and Don Pedro must have struck a chord with all those aware of how bullying and

spitefulness (whether on-line or face-to-face) are fostered by rumour, malice and lack of trust.

However, this is a comedy and in comedy harmony is always triumphant. Shakespeare's comedies often highlight music to show this and Much Ado about Nothing is no exception. The dancers, choreographed by Elizabeth Cross and Rosie Spedding, gave us a visual representation of the beauty of this harmony and the Band also played a major aural role here. Jake Baxter as band leader, organiser and bass player produced a wonderful ensemble that supported the visual and verbal pyrotechnics on stage: Olivia Duxbury and Joe Martin, ably supported by the rest of the musicians, interlaced the play with musical harmony, contemporary love songs which served both to counterpoint the angst of young love on stage and to highlight again the fact that Shakespeare deals with issues that are still a major part of our lives. Both dancers and the band received well-deserved applause after each number.

Another example of this harmony was the garden: a true coup de théâtre wildly appreciated by the audience. A garden is a metaphorical representation of the harmony of people working with nature, and Ms Barrie's anthropomorphising of the garden with living statues, fantastic flowers, angry apple trees and perky privet hedges added more than simple enjoyable comedy to the staging:



there was a clear message here about the relationship of humans and the universe.

Comedy was also reinforced by the bumbling Dogberry (Josh Burrows), Mrs Verges (Amy Garland) and the Watch – in this production a cross between the Keystone Cops and Inspector Clouseau clones! It is, of course, typically ironic that their chaotic ineptitude is finally responsible for the restoration of order in the play!

This is an appropriate moment to comment on a Ms Barrie trademark, the cross-gendering of characters. Mrs Verges and Heidi Oatcake (Hannah Lewis) from the Watch were good examples of this; but allowing Leonato to become - in the person of Olivia Butler - Leonato made an excellent pairing with Donna Juanita, and extended the female roles so that more focus could be placed on the relationships within the play.

However strong the principals, this was not a play carried by individual performance. This production was very much an ensemble piece and the strength in depth of the large – and young – cast was the major factor in the success of the play. Success depended on the vital contributions of all concerned, from the many actors (including another of Ms Barrie's trademarks, the additional characters, such as the villainous Guiseppe and the hilariously incompetent Mandy Crackers) to the garden, the dancers and the band, and of course the backstage crew, with Katie Simpson as stage manager. Congratulations all.

The play, of course, leaves a number of questions unanswered, the most fundamental perhaps being that posed by a seven year old who had loved the play but asked "So why did Hero marry Claudio when he called her those names?" Perhaps the answer is given elsewhere by Shakespeare: the aspirational "Love is not love which alters when it alteration finds / Or bends with the remover to remove."

Ultimately, then, Much Ado about Nothing depends on the redeeming power of love – and, of course, in this production the genius of Ms Barrie and Mrs Walker.

C. Hawkes

My Lord, what a show!

KGS actors showcased Shakespeare before lords and ladies when they

were invited to perform A Midsummer Night's Dream at the Palace of Westminster.

The cast of thirty second and third year pupils had performed the themed comedy at Preston's Charter Theatre as part of the national Shakespeare Schools' Festival. More than 550 schools took part in the annual event which encourages schools to look for new ways to interpret the work of the world famous playwright. Judges were so impressed with the magic of KGS, they invited them to perform in front of some of the country's most influential peers.

Ms Barrie, Director of Drama, said "I was utterly shocked when I got the phone call inviting the group to perform, but probably not as shocked as the pupils. They were nervous but did a fantastic job and had a wonderful experience. It was an inventive and comic performance which closed the show and literally brought the house down. George Shuttleworth was an excellent Bottom and got lots of laughs by acting up and trying to sit on the knees of the audience".

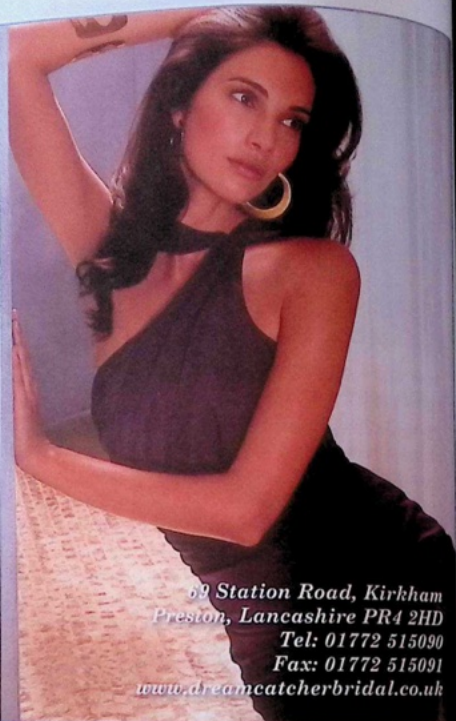
KGS was one of five schools in the country invited to perform a small section of the show working with a special school as part of a montage of the festival's highlights.

The drama staff had worked with the pupils to give a more contemporary twist to the play, with characters given a 1950's makeover. Titania the fairy queen was lulled to sleep by sweetly singing, gently dancing fairies accompanied by flute and glockenspiel.

The pupils had an experience few of them are likely to forget!



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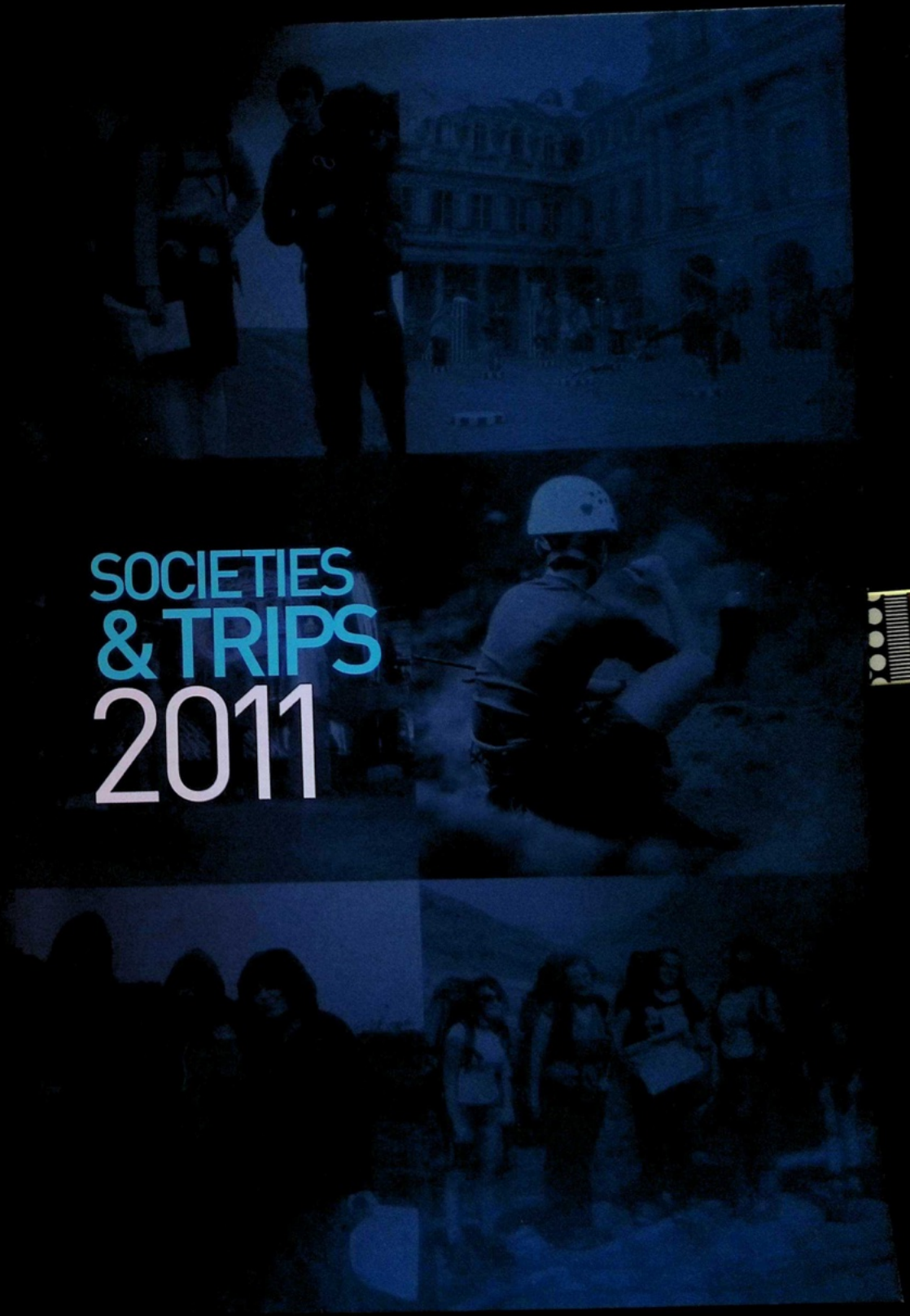


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Coniston – Langdale National Trust Park – Wasdale National Trust Park

16/10/11 Day 1 10:30am

"Lads I need a roll mat," the RSMs first words upon leaving his car. At this point, we realised the scope of the challenge facing us. Joe had no idea what was going on; it was fortunate that the rest of us did. Our discussion with Mr Callister took place in the CCF hut, where we finalised routes and were tested on certain procedures which would be needed in an emergency. Vincent stated "I have a jacket ... but it doesn't have a hood." Once the remainder of our preparations were completed, we embarked on our way to Coniston (of course, via Mommsons).

It could have started better, but never mind.

17/10/11 Day 2 6:30am

A new day, a new start, the sun was shining and the rain was coming – typical DoE weather. Morale was 10/10, so we set off with haste to our first check point and our first mountain (Weatherlam Peak). However, half way up this massive mountain the phrase "if it ain't raining, it ain't training" became a cold (snow, hail, wet (torrential rain), windy (70mph), really) but we persevered and got to the top. Morale was 8/10.

Eventually, the well-weathered team reached the next valley where we rendezvoused with the equally wet Mr Callister. We were looking forward to our campsite and a good night's sleep.

18/10/11 Day 3 6:15am

A new day and the weather was great, as usual...not. We charged up the valley like men possessed, until the team had to confront the most feared, impassable obstacle, the raging torrent that was... the stream. In order to mentally overcome this obstacle, we decided to have a sit down in a conveniently placed sheepfold. Morale was 6/10.

After our short break, we intrepidly set off to cross the stream and scale the next mountain on our trip. Common sense told some of us to cross the stream by using the bridge but Ven and Vincent had other ideas. Vincent had a flash of inspiration [strange as that may seem!] and decided not to go first, and on that note Ven embarked on the adventure of a life time and launched himself into an ocean of problems which resulted in a leg injury.

Ven was lying helpless on the far bank of the stream and at this point all our training kicked in. Claiming he could not move his right leg, Sam and Joe made a splint for Ven's leg (from walking poles and tape). Meanwhile Vincent and Johnathan pitched their tent in the sheltered sheepfold and prepared sleeping bags and warm drinks. Joe and Sam carried Ven back to the tent (via the bridge). Once he was safe and warm, Joe took it upon himself to move Ven's kit from one side of the river to the other (not via the bridge). Then, when the inevitable happened, Sam occupied himself by playing "hook a duck" with Ven's kit (of course, saving it all). Ven and Vincent looked back in shock at the Monty Python style sketch unfolding before their eyes.

Now came the serious business of alerting the authorities to the incident. Sam and Joe made the quick decision to

backtrack down the valley in the hunt for a landline (which coincidentally led them to the pub). When they reached the landline, Sam and Joe rang the police and sent Mountain Rescue to the 3 team members waiting at the top of the valley. An hour after the initial incident, two Land Rovers arrived at the scene of the incident, removed Ven and sent him to Lancaster Royal Hospital. The four remaining team members were then evacuated to the Mountain Rescue Centre, where we awaited Mr Callister and the inevitable sarcasm – readers will be pleased to hear that he did not let us down.

19/10/11 Day 4 6:15am

A new day, the sun WAS shining, the wind was not blowing and it was, for a change, relatively warm. Morale was 8/10, we were happy. So the four survivors set out, hopeful for an uneventful day. We re-traced our route from the day before, continuing past yesterday's milestones and setting out on the rest of the day's journey. Despite Sam's constant underestimations of various distances ("It's just over there") the day went by without major incident. The past few days had taken their toll on Johnathan, making him unable to move quickly – at least by Sam's standards; we swear he was a slave driver in an earlier life!

By 4:30 we had achieved something remarkable, we arrived at the next campsite and daylight was still upon us. Morale was at its highest since we started, 10/10.

20/10/11 Day 5 6:00am

Exhaustion was setting in, so much so we could not even start this paragraph with "a new day". It was also clear to us that Vincent had snapped: we found him curled up, fully dressed at the back of his tent, demonstrating a remarkable resemblance to Gollum. Eventually, we conjured up the will to start our "longest day". Fortunately, it was not destined to be as highly demanding as previously. The team limped desperately over the first hill in a race to the coast and our final destination on the expedition, Ravenglass. Once we saw the assessor for our congratulations we bought a nice plate of chips and an ice-cold Coke each; the most rewarding achievement for our efforts (until we are awarded our certificates, of course).

BELGIAN BATTLEFIELDS

Waking up at 4 o'clock in the morning is often thought of as an impossible task for teenagers, but didn't we prove them wrong? Forty students slowly but surely piled on to the coach and we soon made ourselves comfortable for the long journey ahead. Even with mild sleep deprivation, spirits were high as we all looked forward to seeing in real life what we have previously only seen in black and white photos. After a smooth sailing across the channel, we quickly realised we were going to be blessed with fantastic weather; what a shame nobody listened to Mrs Atkinson (or Boss as she liked to be called) about bringing sun cream!

On our first full day in Ypres, we visited our first site, which was Essex Farm, one of many casualty clearing stations. It was a useful way to start the trip, as it painted a picture in our minds of the challenging conditions medical staff had to work in and how women also played a big role in the reserve trenches. Whilst there we visited the grave of V. J. Strudwick, a 15 year old soldier who sadly died on the front line. This



really hit home as he was a similar age to us and we could never imagine being in his position at such a young age.

After settling into a steady routine of seeing Commonwealth Graveyards all around the Belgium countryside, we noticed a lack of German graves. So, when we pulled up to Langemark, we all experienced a different type of sadness which we did not expect. Perhaps this was because 45,000 German soldiers had not got the burial they had deserved. In 1918, only a small piece of land was given to the Germans to lay their soldiers to rest as the people of Belgium blamed them for starting the War. Due to the lack of space, these soldiers were buried upright and, in parts of the cemetery, up to 40 unknown men share one headstone. 25,000 German soldiers did not even receive that type of grave as they were buried in one mass pit. This was a real eye-opener for everyone, as it reminded us that there were two sides to this war and many innocent Germans died too.

We had a very intense and emotional morning, so you can imagine our relief when we were told by our tour guide Dave that we could go for a bit of 'choccy shopping' and walk through the beautiful town of Ypres. We were able to indulge ourselves in Belgium's famous waffles, and they definitely lived up to their reputation! Later that evening, we walked a short distance to the Menin Gate for the 8 o'clock ceremony, which happens every evening. We were lucky enough to be represented by four pupils who laid a wreath on our behalf. This was a great honour as there were over 400 people present to pay their respects to those who died in the War.

Whilst on the trip, it seemed only sensible to visit some of the preserved trenches and experience the cramped conditions that the soldiers not only had to fight in, but live in. Around the Ypres Salient we visited British, French, Canadian and German front lines, but for us the most



poignant were the Irish trenches of the Somme. We appreciated the time given to us by the curator, Teddy, but enjoyed the light relief that Julia Glynn and Jonah Winn provided when they dressed in complete WW1 outfits. Julia sometimes took her role too seriously as she pretended to resuscitate poor Jonah!

A fitting end to our day on the Somme was a visit to Thiepval. This memorial was dedicated to the missing of the Somme and was truly breath-taking in size, but had to be to fit on all the names. We had 45 minutes there to enjoy the afternoon sun and, in the quiet, to reflect upon our experiences.

Of course, these sights showed us only a fraction of what the War was like on the western front, but they emphasised the sheer scale on which the War was fought - something we had never been able to imagine until we saw them first hand.



The visits were only part of a brilliant four days as we also enjoyed our free time in the hotel where we took full advantage of the ping pong tables, with matches of truly epic proportions! And, of course, no one can forget the murdering of the karaoke which we will never be able to remove from our memory. As well as being able to try the Belgian waffles, we also had the unusual chance to experience the bizarre speciality of "Chicken, Chips and PEACHI!"

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all teachers for accompanying us and helping make this fantastic trip possible. We would also like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Atkinson (aka Boss) for taking so much time to organise this amazing experience and for also putting up with all of us! I am sure this is a trip we will never forget.

Elaine Chiekrie, Kate Meagh and Laura Johnson

GRENADA CRICKET TOUR

Kirkham Grammar School's senior cricketers embarked on the school's first overseas cricket tour to Grenada and Carriacou during the summer of 2010. Nineteen cricketers and three staff experienced a warm welcome in the West Indies, where the boys played four matches in Grenada and three matches on the smaller island of Carriacou. The tour was a great success on the field and the boys managed to win five of the seven matches against local schools. The chance to play cricket in a different country, on more bouncy pitches, and in intense heat and humidity, was a wonderful opportunity for all the boys to test their skills after a successful season of domestic fixtures. All the boys acquitted themselves well, with Marcus Mollinga the pick of the batters. Marcus managed to score two successive centuries and averaged over 80 on the tour. George Brookes was the pick of the bowlers and managed to cope with the heat to produce consistent spells of disciplined bowling. The team also had the wonderful opportunity to play in Grenada's national stadium which was rebuilt for the 2008 Cricket World Cup.

As well as playing cricket, the party enjoyed the many tourist attractions the islands had to offer and enjoyed cruising on a private catamaran, diving, sightseeing, swimming and sampling the local cuisine. The daily blog posted on the school's website, written by both staff, pupils and parents accompanying the tour, clearly demonstrated the amount of enjoyment and the unique experience of meeting new friends and experiencing a different culture many miles away from home.



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SKI TRIP

Our coach left school very early on Sunday morning, 20 February. We were a party of 42 plus four teachers. There was great excitement on the coach journey en-route to Tignes in the French Alps via Manchester Airport. We all wore our fluorescent green hoodies made especially for the trip so we were easily spotted in the airport! The flight went smoothly, arriving in Grenoble Airport on time, ready for a three hour transfer up the winding mountain road to the vast ski resort of Tignes, where the ski area is known as L'espace Killy. Tignes share this ski area with the neighbouring resort of Val d'Isere and it is known as one of Europe's premier ski resorts due to its extensive 300 kilometres of piste, high altitude and reliable snow record and numerous challenging runs. As we carried our bags to the hotel, the snow began to fall, a great start to our week.

It is fair to say the hotel was not pretty from the outside, but warm and comfortable inside. We shared bunk bed rooms, many of which had balconies with super alpine views. The ski hire shop was chaotic but we quickly gathered our equipment and returned to the hotel for our first night in Tignes. Monday was our first ski day and the lessons ran from 11.00 am until 1.00 pm with an hour's lunch break. The afternoon sessions were from 3.00 pm until 5.00 pm. This worked really well as the slopes were virtually empty in the late afternoon.

We were split into four groups and introduced to our respective instructors. The week's skiing had begun. All the groups enjoyed the fabulous skiing conditions Tigne had to offer. Most groups travelled on the funicular which carried us up to the Grand Motte mountain where it was 3500 ft and freezing cold with temperatures reaching -20°C. Tignes offered some amazing blue, red and black runs which all the groups took full advantage of. Alongside this, Tignes offered the snow park, half pipe, air jumps, mogul fields and off-piste power which was all great fun.

The après-ski activities were just as much fun. On Monday we went bowling, on Tuesday we enjoyed a quiz night, Wednesday saw our sledging put to the test and on Thursday we went ice skating on the frozen lake in Tignes - fantastic fun. On Friday evening we had the end of holiday disco - but by Saturday we were absolutely exhausted and stayed in to watch DVD's in the hotel lounge. A lot of us went into town that night to buy gifts for our families. This was a wonderful holiday to enjoy with our friends and I am sure all of us will have happy memories. The journey home was a little tiring, especially as we had skied hard all week. Most of us managed to grab some sleep before we landed in Manchester.

The ski trip was absolutely superb and surely there cannot be a better resort, but let's see what next year brings!! I am sure all of us who went on the trip would like to give a massive thanks to Mr Whalley, Mr Hancock, Mrs Cheyne and Mrs Walker for their enormous contribution towards this superb ski holiday.

Edward Lavelle



NEW YORK TRIP

'New York, concrete jungle where dreams are made of, There's nothing you can't do now you're in New York. These streets will make you feel brand new. Big lights will inspire you, Hear it for New York, New York, New York.'

Inspired by the "Empire State of Mind" song, KGS artists, photographers and theatre studies pupils made their way to the concrete jungle. On the streets and avenues, we walked hard from Mid-town to Brooklyn, Central Park to Wall Street. What an adventure we had! This was the school's second trip to the city that is famous as a place of movie scenes and loud noises with sirens all around. It is said that the streets are mean and if you can make it here then you could make it anywhere. Well, we made it to New York after two years planning and what an experience it was! Strolling through Central Park, just north of Fifth Avenue's world famous Apple store, dining out in Times Square and standing where many thousands have stood, including Jay-Z and Alicia Keys on the red steps of Times Square.

The whole group saw two of the best shows on Broadway, The Scottsboro Boys and West Side Story. The Scottsboro Boys is a new musical by the legendary song-writing team of Kander and Ebb and explores the infamous "Scottsboro" case of the 1930s, in which a group of African-American teenagers were unjustly accused of attacking two white

women. As the New York Post put it "If you see one show this season, make it 'The Scottsboro Boys'. It's as simple as that".

West Side Story transfers Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet to present-day New York. The love story of Romeo and Juliet becomes that of Maria and Tony. The feud between the houses of the Capulets and the Montagues is re-created in one involving two teen-age gangs, the Jets and the Sharks. The famous balcony scene of the Shakespeare drama transpires on a fire-escape of an ugly New York tenement.

Whilst the dramatists attended workshops run by the actresses and actors from the Broadway shows, the artists explored the city by foot and subway, stopping at many famous landmarks ranging from the Flatiron Building off Broadway and Fifth Avenue, The Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridge and visited 96-98 St. Marks Place, East Village. Mr Gardiner had to take the group to the East Village apartment block as it featured on the front cover for Led Zeppelin's 1975 Album Physical Graffiti.

There was some serious shopping done in Manhattan at Abercrombie and Fitch and Bloomingdales, so it was not all hard work! Pupils certainly returned with a pocketful of dreams with lots of brand new goods, inspired by the bright lights of the city! We now look forward to part III as Ms Barrie and Mr Gardiner are planning a re-run of The Empire State of Mind in 2012.

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PARIS TRIP

Looking back on the Paris trip, it is almost impossible to find words to describe it except to say that it was totally unlike any other school trip I have ever been on. Standing at the train station with an unusual mix of people from the Sixth Form, looking at the arrivals board which said that our train did not exist and trying to practise my unconvincing French accent, I would be lying if I said I was not slightly anxious about the next few days. Little did I know that I was going to make so many new friends, visit so many art galleries and climb so many stairs...

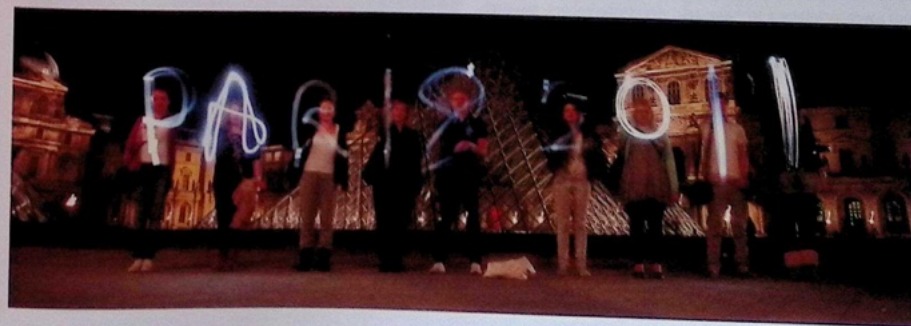
After arriving in Paris on the Monday evening, we walked to our hotel and were greeted by a pretty seven storey building with one tiny lift, the Hotel Est. We were all given rooms on the sixth and seventh floors but the immense effort it took to carry our cases up all those stairs, an experience I am sure none of us will forget, was certainly made worth it by the views across Paris from our balconies. That evening, following our first somewhat dodgy taste of French cuisine, a trip on the metro took us to the Sacre Coeur and the beautiful sight of Paris at night was certainly enough to make us forget that interesting quiche and fuel us with a desire to explore the city. We continued on to Montmartre, where many of us indulged in what would be our first of many delicious crepes whilst the teachers enjoyed a cheeky glass of French wine

before we all reluctantly returned to the hotel in the early hours of the morning.

Over the days that followed, we visited the many remarkable tourist attractions which Paris can boast. The Louvre and its legendary Mona Lisa, the Pompidou Centre with its modern art, La Defense, the C a t a c o m b s with its myriad of underground tunnels lined with bones and, of course, the famous Eiffel Tower. We browsed the shops, basked in the gorgeous Parisian sun and devoured hundreds of baguettes and pastries, whilst Mr Gardiner seemed to be taking pictures of almost everything we passed. We managed to do and see such a vast number of things yet were still given the free time and responsibility to truly explore Paris for ourselves and soak up the culture so that it felt almost like a holiday rather than a school trip.

And so, waiting on the station for the return train positively shattered from a combination of early mornings and late nights and powerwalking around Paris to fit in everything, it cannot be denied that we had all gained something more than just seeing the sights of Paris: an opportunity to practise our French, make new friends and hopefully take some good photos. Thanks to Mr Gardiner, Miss Vicquelin and Mrs Lovell for making the trip so successful and enjoyable.

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BIOLOGY FIELD COURSE AT MALHAM TARN FIELD CENTRE

The lower sixth Biologists made a great start to their A2 course through outdoor investigations, using a variety of sampling techniques. Wading into the tarn, to position light and dark bottles containing plankton, was entertaining when some students found that their footwear was not waterproof. Fortunately, the field centre was able to lend us more wellingtons and waterproof trousers for the next investigation based on the invertebrates in Gordale Beck. Standardised kick sampling allowed a comparison of the species found in fast and slow flowing sections of the stream.

The highlight of the course was the unusually large success rate of the small mammal traps. These capture the animals without harming them so that they can be marked with tags and released – allowing an estimate of total population size to be made from the proportion of marked animals recaptured. Most of the traps had caught either a mouse or a vole which is unusual because the mice are nocturnal and voles are diurnal so they are not normally active at the same time.

The last day involved a study of succession on the bog at the edge of the tarn. Over time the tarn is gradually getting smaller as more plant communities become established. This is a natural process which would eventually lead to the development of woodland. Our transect showed a surprising number of different species of plants in the early stages of succession which contrasted well with our previous study at Ainsdale sand dunes.

GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK

The sixth form geographers have been getting to grips with some of the best available geography in the county. February saw the AS and A2 students visit Lancaster University for two workshops with volcanologists in the Environment Centre. The first session focused on the nature of plate tectonics and the formation of different rock types and tectonic features. The second session was undertaken in one of the research laboratories, where the students were able to witness and ask questions about an experimental model of a volcano conduit. The key emphasis was on how predicting and understanding volcanic events can be linked to how gases separate from molten rock. All students came away with a better understanding of tectonic processes and landforms, and were privileged to have had access to recent research ideas and techniques.

Early March then saw the AS students embark on two days of work 'in the field'. Building on their previous theoretical studies, and in preparation for their AS module exams, they started off their first day with a detailed comparison of different settlements to the north of Preston. The afternoon then saw them undertake a practical look at coastal processes and landforms and gave them an opportunity to make an informed opinion of some of the recent coastal defences along the Fylde coast. The second day saw a bitterly cold but enjoyable study of the River Wyre and how it changes from source to mouth. The teachers were very

impressed by the efficiency of the students as they collected their primary data in what were rather chilly waters. Chocolate cake and coffee helped to revitalise everyone in the afternoon and the group returned to school with a thorough understanding of a river system and how it does not always behave as it should.

For many of these students, their next fieldwork experience will see them visiting Iceland in October.

YORK HOCKEY TOUR

On Tuesday, 19 October, 31 pupils (made up of under 13 and under 14 hockey squads) left KGS to embark on a three day tour to York. We were to follow a packed itinerary, taking in a number of York's famous landmarks as well as playing hockey matches against some top York Schools.

Our first stop en-route to our hotel was an hour's coaching at St Peter's School taken by Bob Maltby, the junior coach at York Hockey Club. We practised a few dodging techniques before focusing on shooting, including the taking of penalty strokes. This was a great start to the tour and helped to expend some energy before we checked in to the Ace Hotel in the Micklegate District of York.

The next morning, after a hearty breakfast, we walked to York's Dungeons. We had a brief city tour, learning some of the grim history associated with Clifford's Tower and the Magistrates' Court before our 'tour' of the dungeons. Our nerves were tested to the hilt as round every dark corner lurked some nasty surprise. For all of us, it was an experience we would not forget.

Jess O'Neill writes, "My most memorable moment was in the Dungeons. Despite being so SCARED I enjoyed every moment!"

We all felt a sense of relief and exhilaration once we arrived in the gift shop at the end knowing we had survived the experiences of torture, witchcraft, the black death and the executioner's tales.

With adrenalin pumping, we headed for our first matches against St Peter's School. Both the under 13s and under 14s played some super hockey, winning both matches 1-0 and 2-0 respectively. Cundall Manor, who had recently beaten St Peter's, also arrived to play us. We put out a combined under 13 and under 14 side, taking victory again with a 2-0 win. Grace Reddy was proving to be the leading goal scorer, even from this early stage scoring four of the five goals. Nicole Thompson was the goal scorer in the under13 game.

After our matches, we enjoyed the hospitality of St Peter's before heading back to the hotel for a brief rest. That evening we watched 'Despicable Me' at the cinema.

"It was very funny and an excellent film. I would recommend it to anyone!" Annalise Hughes.

Others remembered the cinema for different reasons, namely the food.

"Fiona and I both got these massive chocolate sundae ice-creams with chocolate sauce which I managed to get all round my mouth!" Helena Dale-Martin

On Thursday, 21 October, we visited the Yorvik Viking Centre before three hours of retail therapy in the beautiful city of



York. This was a favourite with many of the girls, who quickly spent the remainder of their pocket money. We then headed off to Pocklington School. With two astro-turf pitches, both matches were played at the same time. The standard of hockey was high and both age groups could not relax their game for a moment. However, with some great teamwork, both teams won, the under14s 2-0 and the under13s 1-0.

Caroline Paley, who played in the under14's defence said, "My favourite part of the hockey was standing as defence watching the ball being played into the goal by the forwards and rarely coming to me!"

After being warmly hosted by Pocklington, we returned to our hotel, where we quickly changed into our Halloween costumes before embarking on a ghost walk around York. We heard about some of the gruesome events that had happened and acted out some scenes ourselves.

Isabel Ritson recalls one of her most memorable moments being when "Lucy Meagh was pretending to be the 'Grey Lady' moving between the bushes on the ghost walk."

After we returned from our frightful experiences, we settled down to some bingo in the hotel before collapsing into bed after another eventful day.

Our final morning was spent at Water World. This consisted of 1½ hours of water slides and waves.

Megan Hall thought "The water park was the best because everyone was laughing and having fun."

The tour was a great success. The pupils were a credit to the



school and were a pleasure to take away. Eliza Parr, the captain of the under 13 team sums it up well

"We were really pleased because we had won all our games on tour and also had great fun doing things like the scary York Dungeons, cinema, shopping, the Ghost Walk and Water World. We all had a great time, played really well and tried our best."

BARBADOS HOCKEY TOUR

Sunday, 20 February

The girls arrived excitedly, eagerly awaiting this Caribbean tour for which they had been counting down the months, weeks and days!

The girls looked immaculate in their new kit and hurriedly made their way onto the coach to head for the airport. The departure song "Hey We're Going to Barbados," was underway the minute we hit the motorway.

The journey was relaxed and on time. The nine hour flight passed quickly as did the short trip to our hotel, The Butterfly Beach in Christ Church.

Monday, 21 February

Body clocks were all over the place with most girls wide awake from 6.00 am onwards. We had a day of leisure to recover from the long journey and to adjust to the four hour time difference. The skies were blue; the sun was blazing, so after breakfast we headed briskly to the beach. A combination of sunbathing, swimming, body boarding and rounders was enjoyed by all. The highlight on the beach was certainly the spectacular 'taking out' of Bronte Edgar. Keen as always Bronte was a deep fielder and as the ball flew past her she set off at speed to retrieve it from the sea. Suddenly,





with not a soul close to her, she hit the deck as she missed the dip in the sea bed and a wave 'took her out' cleanly. After setting off elegantly in chase of the ball, she returned bedraggled, hair covering every part of her face, sunglasses dangling, sand and stone everywhere - but with the ball in hand!! It was just a shame she could not see fourth base!

Monday seemed to last forever with the time difference. After a lovely evening meal we got the party games started - Bunnies, Hoe Down, Pass The Polo, to name a few. A great first day was had by all.

Tuesday, 22 February

We enjoyed a mixture of both the beach and the pool this morning. Active as ever, the girls were given their first task to sing, choreograph and perform the song "We Go Together" in year groups. The fifth years remained pool side as they waddled through their rendition, the lower sixth put on a synchronized performance in the pool. The upper sixth were asked to prepare an aerobics session for the rest of the girls and they led it with real vigour and enthusiasm.

After lunch it was match time. The bus left the hotel at 3.15 pm to get us there in plenty of time. In true Baja style two teams sauntered to the Garfield Sobers Sports Complex for the game. However, the minute they stepped on the pitch they came alive. Our younger team played a combined development side. They started the game well, scoring three goals in the first 15 minutes; our fast and workmanlike pace cooled the opposition to start with. However, the Bajans soon started to motor and the game was end to end. The opposition failed to convert their chances and the final score finished 5-0, with Charlotte Corkhill scoring a hat-trick.

The older team competed against a combined clubs' development squad. It was evenly matched for much of the game, with both teams creating chances. In the second half we stepped up a gear and enjoyed a 3-0 victory.

Wednesday, 23 February

The sky was grey and rain was in the air, but it did not stop us having a fabulous morning. It was time for the Jeep

Safari. We jumped into three jeeps and we had an amazing time as we were driven along the east coast to enjoy some spectacular views. We then enjoyed an exhilarating ride off the beaten track as we were taken on a bumpy ride up and down the slippery slopes. We sang our heads off for three solid hours as we were jolted, bumped and rocked on this absolutely terrific excursion.

After lunch we soaked up the sun before getting ready for our Rhythm and Roots Bajan Night Out. The girls looked beautiful, as always, as they stepped out of the hotel and onto the mini-buses. It was on this journey that we learned and mastered our Barbados tour song. The night was a great success with a delicious meal, local entertainment and dancing. Cat Moss and Chloe Walker performed superbly in the Limbo Competition with Cat being crowned winner. The atmosphere of the evening was wonderful and the girls were taught some 'Glover' moves on the dance floor and enjoyed the longest conga ever.

Thursday, 24 February

Breakfast followed by aerobics in the pool and a bit of body boarding filled the morning. Relaxation was the plan in preparation for our second match.

The younger team played an under 18 combined team and in the first half we went 2-0 up with goals from Charlotte Corkhill once again. In the second half, we had to withstand a lot of pressure as they created numerous attacks. Alix Townsend proved to be a star in goal, making two crucial saves. Our girls defended solidly and produced a great counter-attack which led to our third goal from Vicky Greensmith - another victory.

In the senior match, we had a slow start and struggled to get out of second gear. However, the second half was physical, aggressive and extremely competitive. Our girls rose to the challenge and played some outstanding hockey from the back four, through to the midfield and then the forwards. We had girls being pushed all over the pitch but we raised our game once again and earned a 2-2 draw.

Thursday night was Karaoke Night - the girls were in their element, dominating the microphone. As expected, Chloe Walker starred and had the guests mesmerized with her rendition of 'Midnight Train to Georgia'.

Friday, 25 February

The much awaited Catamaran Cruise. We boarded the 'Tigre' in glorious sunshine and our first step was to snorkel over a shipwreck - this was really enjoyed by all. The second stop was to swim with the turtles - what an amazing experience; the underwater cameras were clicking by the second. This first part was calm, smooth and relaxed.

As we set off along the west coast the skies turned grey, the rain started to fall briefly and the sea got choppy by the minute. Thankfully, most of us rode the seas well; however, there were six or seven of us who suffered shocking sea sickness for this outward journey.

The journey back was much calmer, the sun came out and the party boat started to rock. It was disco time on deck as our girls blasted out Rihanna and Black Eyed Peas.

Even though the weather was not idyllic, a fantastic time was had by all.

After dinner we went to Oishins for the Friday night party atmosphere. We rambled through the market stalls and the girls finished the evening partying on stage. Another super day.

Saturday, 26 February

This was our busy hockey day with matches against the Bajan under 21 squad and Combermere.

Our younger team played against very good opposition who, though they had numerous highly skilled girls, did not function as a team as we did. It was great to see Alix Townsend playing for the full game after her shocking injury at the county tournament. Our girls played well, building up play from the back and creating chance after chance. Alix Townsend scored two, Rachel Williamson and Charlotte Corkhill also scored to give the team a 4-0 victory in their final match.

The older team played the under 21 national squad. The game was end to end with both teams passing well and creating chances. The second half was heated with lots of contact and once again we responded well, remaining totally solid in defence and showing real flair going forward. We took the lead with a terrific goal from Bronte Edgar as she thundered the ball into the top corner. Ashley Bradshaw scored the second from a well worked short corner to secure a 2-0 victory.

Due to injuries, we were fortunate to have Mrs Benter playing in both teams to direct, support and encourage - the girls certainly learned from their experience.

Saturday night was the final night and we had a great time. Good food, followed by team games. Each team was asked to choose a song, change the lyrics to a Barbados theme and then perform it. They were given props to recreate and reenact their most memorable moments of the week. The final tasks were 'Name the Face' followed by a pop quiz.

The girls were buzzing and the bar was filled with raucous laughter but with a hint of sadness because it was our last night.

Sunday, 27 February

Glorious sunshine was enjoyed for much of the day followed by our final Bajan buffet before leaving the hotel at 5.45 pm for Bridgetown.

Monday, 28 February

We returned shattered but excited after this amazing tour. The girls were an absolute credit to Kirkham Grammar School. I can honestly say after 22 years of organising and running hockey tours this was certainly the best. The atmosphere, balance of hockey, excursions and leisure time was spot on. One girl summed it up when she said "It was amazing. It was like one big, gigantic family holidayit was perfect".

I would like to thank all our girls for being outstanding ambassadors for the school. I would also like to thank Mrs Walter, Mrs Benter for their help and support on tour and Mrs Osborne for her help also.

Mrs J Glover

CLIMBING CLUB

The Climbing Club was very active throughout the year. During the colder months we visited many of the numerous indoor climbing walls in the area and in the summer term, the club grabbed every spell of good weather possible to climb the challenging routes at the crags at Troy, Denham and Anglezarke. The younger climbers in the form of Helen McManamon, Sevy Carrel, and Heather Hooper continued to improve and to impress throughout the summer term. The ever talkative Vivian Cheng has improved greatly over the course of the year and particular mention must also be made of Sarah Quarumby. New to climbing this year, she is another strong character who has quickly fitted into the Climbing Club family and has also agreed to step into the role of club officer along with Ben Jones. We thank Rowan Leech and Stuart Spencer for doing so well as officers of the club last year and also thank Mr Gaddes, Mrs Scott and Mr Hancock for taking us climbing. We can only hope that the club enjoys the same success in the year to come!

Ben Jones

GREEK CLUB

Greek Club continues to thrive. Two members took GCSE in Classical Greek (short course) in summer 2011 and gained A* and A between them. These are outstanding results in a very challenging subject, studied outside, and in addition to, normal lessons. Another group is preparing for GCSE in 2013. It is hoped to start another group in Autumn 2011.

To enter GCSE Greek, pupils need to master the basics of the Ancient Greek language in order to be able to understand and translate a passage of Greek into English and answer comprehension questions. They also read an extract from Homer's *Odyssey* or *Iliad* in the original Greek, as written down over 2,700 years ago.

We are now using the two-part Greek to GCSE course by John Taylor. Pupils are each loaned copies of the text books, thanks to funds from the Societies' budget.

Anyone interested in starting to learn Greek should see Mrs Long or Gemma Coleman.

Hon. Secretary: Gemma Coleman
Staff: Mrs S P Long

YOUNG ENGINEERS' CLUB

The recent Societies' Fair saw sixty new first year pupils sign up for the Kirkham Grammar School Young Engineers' Club, joining the many students we already have in the other year groups. The first project the new recruits tackled was to design and manufacture a personalised bookmark using the Techsoft Computer Aided Design Package and the department's laser cutter. Many of the new members are now busy building a multi-colour changing LED mood light which allows them to develop their skills in electronic circuit building and soldering.

The older members of the club have also been busy building projects of their own choosing, including novelty money boxes, clocks and photograph frames, whilst one student even turned an old-fashioned wooden spinning top on the lathe.

The annual Rotary BAE Systems Technology Tournament was held in March at the Lancashire Police Headquarters near Preston. The event attracted over thirty teams from schools across the local area and required the students to design and build a remotely operated crane using basic design and technology tools and materials. Kirkham Grammar School's Young Engineers' Club entered six teams into the tournament across the three age categories, with two teams of first year pupils competing in this challenging competition for the first time. The intermediate team of Tom Bullock, Jack

Clarke, Todd Davies and Liam Marrows claimed second place in their competition, while our advanced category team of Stephen Clough, Oliver Evans, Rowan Leech and Stuart Spencer claimed first place, retaining the trophy they won last year.

M J Hancock

CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club continued to meet twice weekly throughout the autumn and spring terms. The dominance of Michael Lewthwaite (third year) was reinforced throughout the year and he was happy to share his skills with younger pupils. Michael won the school's competition in the spring term, defeating all rivals. Nevertheless, there is serious opposition to him, particularly the emerging talents of Cameron Hartley and Alastair Cairney (second years). Overall, the Club continues to thrive. Meetings are well attended and matches are played in a very competitive but good-natured manner.

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CCF

This year was another very busy year for Kirkham Grammar School CCF. Although we have lost the services of Capt Reeves, who transferred his commission to Ratcliffe College, we have gained Lt Lloyd and congratulate him on his commission and are awaiting applications for both Mr Wheatland and Ms Atkinson to join our happy band!

Another success was Jack Ingham who was awarded an army sixth form scholarship and two more potential candidates will know by now whether they have also been granted one. KGS students have been very fortunate over the last six or seven years in gaining this financial assistance. Although the CCF is not a recruiting body, we still have many potential army officers in our ranks. This may be a result of the great success of all our camps and field days over the last few years.

Adventure Training was again at Capel Curig in Wales but our programme included mountain bikes and gorge walking, as well as the usual walks up Tryfan for lesser mortals and Snowdon, via Crib Goch, for mountain goats! Sqn Ldr Callister needs to be thanked for all his admin and for keeping up with the SNCOs (but only just!). The weather was unusually mild and most favourable towards us and an excellent camp was experienced.

We managed to run our Potential NCO Training Weekend at Holcombe Moor Camp this year and, again, all participants enjoyed this concentrated course. The usual field days were held each term at Waddecar and Halton on Lune and Altcar was chosen as a new venue for our fourth year summer shooting day and all went very well. Many RAF cadets also

managed to gain a few air experience hours at Woodvale when the weather allowed.

Congratulations to Miss Knight, who now becomes Lt Cannell as a result of her marriage, but also for the very successful organisation of yet another Regimental Dinner for our SNCOs. This has become a biennial event to 'dine out' our seniors as a thank you for all their hard work. It is amazing how the school canteen can be transformed into a military mess for a formal dinner. Colonel Beatson, (former CO 4LANCS, Deputy Lord Lieutenant and also a parent!) amused us with several anecdotes about his time as a cadet. We were also fortunate in that our departing Brigade Commander, Brig Bill Aldridge, managed to find time to attend and he thoroughly enjoyed it.

The GNVQ BTEC continues to provide a valuable add-on to academic qualifications for our sixth form NCOs. This level 2 Diploma in Public Services is a voluntary award, offered to senior cadets by the Cadet Vocational Qualification Office at Frimley Park (Cadet Training Centre) and equates to 4 extra GCSEs at grades up to A* level.

Frimley also offers Cadet Leadership Courses and two of this year's junior NCOs attended in the summer. Josh Hoyle and Liam Marrows both enjoyed their testing week at CTC Frimley. Liam has also been fortunate to be successful in the selection for an expedition to Kwazulu-Natal in South Africa next summer. This will be similar to the Cadet 150 Expedition to Lesotho for which last year's RSM Alice Whitehead, was fortunate to be selected. Alice, now an officer cadet with the UOTC, helped us out at annual camp, along with other Old Kirkhamians, Danny Chow, Kgn Toby Townsend (4LANCS) and S/Sgt Mike Ward (Royal Engineers).

WATHGILL CENTRAL CAMP 2011

Early July - all exams finished - prepare for camp(s). Wathgill, part of Catterick Garrison in North Yorkshire, was this year's venue for our Central Camp. One of the best weeks for many years was experienced by 60 cadets and several officers and adult volunteers.

The weather was most kind, which added to the week's enjoyment, despite the horrendous downpour that we experienced as we arrived. Was this to be the weather for the week? No, we managed to remain dry and even enjoyed some Yorkshire sun at times! We were straight into action as the first day involved initial infantry training to prepare us for the next 36 hours of our own exercise. We were transported back to camp to pack for the overnight and the following day's exercise. The delights of army composite rations were to be our staple for the next 24 hours. So, to prepare for this Jordan and Ben decided to visit the canteen to supplement their food!

A suitable bivvy site was prepared and the evening activities were enjoyed in a beautiful area only to be disturbed by squadrons of Royal Engineers and their Armed Recovery Vehicles on exercise! It did add to the reality of the scenario to have all those big green vehicles hurtling around! The day exercise was just as enjoyable as recce patrols searched for the enemy locations, which culminated in an attack on several old tanks occupied by Feldonian Freedom Fighters

(the U6th SNCOs plus Capt Miller, who unfortunately had to spend the night in Middlesbrough Hospital after an encounter with a wasp!)

The next day saw a continuation of our own training. Lt Col Scott had arranged a visit to Somme Barracks, where our parent regiment (The Duke of Lancaster's) is based. 1LANCS looked after us very well indeed and from 09.00 till we departed at 16.00, we had a very full programme, which even included one hour's battle fitness PE conducted by Sgt Evans - a very fit PTII! Cadets seldom have the chance to handle such weaponry as heavy machine guns, sniper rifles and grenade launchers. We even played with the very expensive 'fire and forget' shoulder launched anti tank missiles, which cost over £95K! We had a lesson with radios and participated in an excellent casevac exercise with some realistic Kingsmen 'playing' injured casualties. This excellent and very full day culminated with an evening on the DCCT range (which is a very expensive video shooting trainer) and also a 12 bore clay shoot.

We were only half way through the week and seemed to have done so much already. The next day was on the ranges at Bellerby. Everyone shot the A2 cadet rifle but also fired the LSW (machine gun) in bursts. The day was made even better by the arrival of the Salvation Army, in the form of a burger van! Army haverbag rations are never really very good but the supplement of a cheeseburger made them passable!

In the evening Sgt Maj Coates (Coldstream Guards) treated us to an excellent drill session, which he made fun and very





enjoyable. Even some of the NCOs learned a little more about the basics of foot drill. One cadet even asked why we could not do more like that at school!

Orienteering next morning, in hot sunshine, was an enjoyable contest. Even some of the adults attempted the course, but the best time was posted by Sgt (now CSM) Fraser Burnie. That afternoon the command tasks, again run by Sheffield UOTC (including Old Kirkhamian Nicola Clough), were excellent activities. These kept everyone amused and culminated in a competitive race. Who said that children should not compete? The evening continued with a very strenuous Obstacle Course, which was run in tandem with High Wycombe RGS, and in true Kirkham style this became very competitive and we won the singing (as there was more of us!). No injuries and some very tired cadets by 2100h!

The final day came too quickly. But it was another really well organised and good fun adventurous training day at Ellerton on Swale. We enjoyed canoeing, kayaking and rafting in the morning – all involving races and almost certainly 'getting wet!' The afternoon saw archery, climbing on a mobile tower and volleyball. What a way to end such a wonderful week, made even better by the arrival of ... yes, another Burger Van!!



That evening we had our final presentation and said our thanks and farewells to the departing U6th SNCOs. The Anzac Trophy for the best fourth year cadets on camp was shared by Ellie Higham and Jonah Winn. The Waterloo Trophy went to Josh Hoyles and Lily Long and the Colonel's Trophy to best NCO and hence next year's RSM, was awarded to Joe Wareing. Because the L6th NCOs were so promising, Lt Col Scott decided to appoint four CSMs this year to work together with their respective years. Jack Linley and Katie Penrose and Fraser Burnie and Charlotte Lucas will assist Joe in the training of our more junior cadets. Other promotions from L6 NCOs were: Jon Pickbourn, Ashley Bradshaw, Sarah Quarmbay, Tanya Minn, Katie Simpson and Jack Ingham were all promoted to Colour Sgts. All existing acting ranks were verified including fifth form L/Cpls and all fourth year cadets were promoted to Leading Cadet.

All thanks must go to all the military staff for organising the activities and to the instructors, regular CTT, TA and UOTC, who managed despite the massive cuts by the MoD on personnel, transport and equipment. The camp was exceptionally well administered and thoroughly planned. To all my fellow officers who gave up the first week of their summer vacation; former pupils Alice Whitehead, Toby Townsend and Danny Chow who all provided the younger legs and an older, old boy – Staff Sgt Mike Ward (RE) who drove all the way up from Chatham to spend the week with his old school cadet force – and to Ms Atkinson for helping with female cover, I extend a sincere thanks, as without your help, the camp just would not happen.

Finally, I would like to thank the Headmaster and the Governors for the continued support for the CCF and especially for allowing me to continue to command the contingent after my retirement from classroom teaching. I would also like to publicly thank him for the citation for the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate I received last year, which allowed me to attend a Royal Garden Party last summer.

Lt Col I. M. Scott
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FYLDE HOUSE

Returning to school in September as defending Whitby Cup champions did feel good, and a stroll down the corridor of the '38 block past the House Competition Honours Board saw the name of 'Fylde' shining brightly in the autumnal glow. However, such calm, poetic thoughts quickly disappeared with the realisation that 32 competitions loomed on the horizon and all houses were once more on the same score, zero.

With the help of the new House Captains, Stephen Clough and Catherine Moss, we set about organising the junior and senior quiz teams. Traditionally strong in these events, we made a great start to the year. For the seniors, Jack Rayson, Alex Edge, David Egelstaff and Stuart Spencer beat Preston 34 - 21, with a particularly strong buzzer round from Alex Edge in the semi-final. They then went on to beat Kirkham in the final 29 - 28 on the last buzzer question; Stuart Spencer with a tense 'Hertz'. For the juniors, David King, Scott Collins, Nicola Seechurn and Rob Wallace beat off Preston in the semi-final by 44 points to 22, but unfortunately came up against a strong Kirkham team in the final, and the luck of the draw with the questions did not help us.

The senior basketball competition was a tense and very close affair, with every house seemingly beating each other and no clear favourite. The team of David Egelstaff, Ryan Vaughan, Stephen Clough, John Windle, Jon Evans, Tom Hurst and Andrew Collins did fantastically well, beating Kirkham and Preston convincingly and just losing to School in a tight game. We eventually turned out to be winners of the competition on points scored.

We did equally well in the intermediate basketball and won

the competition, not just on skill and clever squad rotation but on discipline and calmness. As some of the players in the competition got rather too excited, the Fylde players just got on with the job and won all three games. Congratulations to Harry Mason, Rob Lavelle, James Penrose, Will Lockhart, Oscar Twitchet, David King and Scott Collins.

House chess saw one of the most frustrating moments of the year as Harry Mason chased the School player around the board and did everything but beat his opponent as he ran out of time. Cramped into W7 on a terribly blustery Friday lunchtime, the seniors beat a strong Kirkham team with great performances from Harry Mason and Mike Simmons. In the juniors, Michael Lewthwaite, Elliot Turnock and Tom Newton played well. The side was beaten by a Preston side with much strength in depth. This was a great team effort, though, in a competition where every board is as important as the next. We came second overall in the competition.

As the weather worsened and the wind started to blow, it was time for the netball competitions. Previous years had seen us blow hot and cold in this event, but it was with much optimism that our seniors played their games. Catherine Moss, Lucia Chow, Katie Penrose, Jess Balmer, Sarah Quarmby, Annabelle Mole and Alison Glover did rush a bit, but won their semi-final 8-6. They then went on to beat Kirkham in the final following a tight first half. This was a great team performance as all the girls worked hard for each other and there was some excellent shooting on show from Annabelle Mole and Jess Balmer.

Unfortunately, we came fourth in the junior netball competition. However, the future does look very bright for us. Despite two heavy losses, the Fylde team was mainly made up of first and second years. The girls did very well to

keep their composure and keep on playing. Certainly, much will be expected of these girls as they move into more dominant positions in their age groups next year.

Confident from the previous year's inaugural volleyball competition victory, it was with a genuine sense of expectation that we lined up for this year's event. However, despite playing quite well, we lacked the killer instinct of the other teams who were playing at a much higher tempo than we were. Every game was close and we could have won any of the three games we played. However, on the day we were not quite good enough and came fourth. Disappointing, but fair.

The junior netball competition mirrored the junior netball in that we pitted promising, enthusiastic players against much more experienced opposition. Nicola Seechurn in goal made some tremendous saves and Beth Preston, Fiona Lockhart, Chloe Baybutt, Niamh Blakemore, Abigail King, Heather Crook, Helena Dale-Martin, Lucy Keelan, Cammy Spector, Olivia Hough and Josey Coffey kept on playing to the end. They lost 0-2 to eventual winners Kirkham in the semi-final, but once again did themselves proud.

Having lost a number of our more experienced swimmers, I did not know what to expect from the swimming gala. As ever, I have to thank everyone who took part. Assembling outside the school shop on a freezing winter's morning, you are never sure how many 'no-shows' you are going to get. Thankfully, the vast majority of the swimmers did their bit and some 'non-swimmers' did what they could for the house. They know that I am grateful for this and, were it not for the unsung heroes, we would not enjoy as much success as we now do. Will and Rob Lockhart were dominant in all they did and the intermediate boys in general were very successful, with Rob Lavelle and James Penrose certainly doing their fair share of the lengths. The first year boys and girls put in a wonderful effort and as they become the 'older' part of their age group they should look to dominate future galas. Cammy Spector, Sian Atkinson, Hannah Fingleton, Olivia Hough, Lucy Keelan, Gabriel Bland, Jamie Smith, Luke Lund and Hadyn Price swam very well. In the seniors, some people really stood out and I would particularly praise the efforts of Sam Hargreaves, Jack Smith, Andrew Collins, John Windle, Marcus Eaton, Katie Penrose, Courtney Spector and Harriet Price. A comment I heard at the end of the gala was 'Wow, this is actually really good fun, and you miss some lessons, I wish I had done this before...'

The spring term started slowly with third place in the junior boys' cross country, despite great runs from Charlie Abbott and Josh Keelan. The junior girls then did one better, coming second, with great runs from Cammy Spector and Lucy Keelan. Lucy completed a photo finish for first place with two second year girls. I was expecting great things from our intermediate athletes and they did not disappoint. We were lucky to have particularly strong fourth year groups competing in the intermediate competitions, and both boys and girls duly dominated. In the boys' race, Will Lockhart, Sam Norris, James Penrose and Dan Broughton were the pick of the runners. The girls' race was a 'green wash' with Fylde scoring 40 points compared to the second place house with 77 points. Very strong runs came from Nicky Charter, Heather Crook, Lizzie Green, Anna Southworth, Beth Kenny, Courtney Spector, Harriet Price, Nicola Seechurn and Lissy Bolger. The fact that they came in as a group scored lots of points. As is often the case in team events, you do not need to win the actual race to win as a team. The senior girls

maintained our rich run of form and also dominated their event, beating School by a whole 25 points. The event took place on a Friday lunchtime on the last day before half term and everybody was clearly tired but the girls still managed to turn out a team with strength in depth. Katie Penrose was the first Fylde runner home in second place, then came a steady stream of green, with Gemma Broomhead putting in a great run to finish fourth, closely followed by Sarah Quarmby, Alison Glover, Charlotte Lucas and Hannah Fountain. I was really pleased with the girls' attitude and willingness in what is never the most glamorous event of the year. The same cannot be said for the senior boys' race, which saw us struggle for numbers, and a resulting low finish was all we deserved for our lack of participation.

We had a decidedly 'off day' in the house shooting this year. On paper we should have won the competition. We did not. Nothing more needs to be said. A similarly frustrating outcome came in the semi-final of the house debate, where we were edged out by the Preston pairing. On another day we would no doubt have progressed. 'C'est la vie,' as our Gallic neighbours would no doubt say.

With the house music competition on the horizon, we knew that in theory we had both the quality and quantity to win it. However, did we have enough of the quantity to beat Kirkham and actually win it? Not quite..... However, we did very well. Fylde provided five finalists, namely Gemma Broomhead, Chloe Walker, Sarah Quarmby, Jack Linley and Bradley Johnson and we had scores of entries from the first years. Our choir did have some teething troubles and for a while we did seem a little rudderless. However, I was so impressed by the way a number of the sixth formers got together and created a very slick singing machine. A fine victory ensued in the house choir 'sing off' and I will remind all our choristers never to forget that 'the best choir' wins.

Moving through the spring term, I know that the girls were disappointed not to have had the opportunity to beat all the other teams in senior hockey. However, we came second in both the first year and second year Maths competitions.

Every year we look on paper at the cricket teams and we know that we have to produce something special to get through the semi-finals in both the junior and senior competitions and this year was no exception. Despite the best efforts of all the boys concerned, we could not get ourselves into a cricket final. In the juniors, some good early bowling spells from Rob Thomas, Scott Collins and Oscar Twitchet kept Kirkham's total down to 103. It was very encouraging to see some of our first years on the field and much credit must be given to the composure and enthusiasm of Harry Balmer, Jamie Smith and Gabriel Bland. Unfortunately, our top order batsmen did not stay around long enough to give us a good chance of victory and, despite some valiant batting in the middle order, particularly from Scott Collins and Elliot Turnock, we did eventually fall short of our target. In the seniors, we did what we could against a strong Kirkham side. The boys enjoyed the game and were competitive throughout. However, on paper we were the weaker side and we never really got close to threatening the opposition.

This year's sports day was a massive undertaking and I must once again thank all members of the house for their patience and willingness to participate in what was a marathon of a competition. The number of people taking part is very large and every single thing counts in this competition. A seventh

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place in the 1500m is often as important as a first place in the 100m and I do not take for granted the efforts of everyone. Some of the highlights from this year were: Rob Lockhart winning the high jump, beating off some fierce competition from School House; the senior girls' javelin, in which Natasha Linton and Lucy Mellor-Bates recorded the highest overall score for a house; Scott Rudd was heavily involved in the jumping events, doing very well and scoring lots of points. The senior girls' 4 x 100m relay was particularly exciting, with Gemma Broomhead, Ally Glover (who had just given her all in a previous race), Alix Townsend and Katie Penrose running magnificently. Jack Pounds stormed to 200m victory and Rob Lavelle, Sam Norris, Will Lockhart and James Penrose were as competitive as ever for the intermediate boys. Charlie Abbot and Josh and Lucy Keelan were magnificent in the junior events, showing real class and athleticism. A great highlight of the day was the leadership and organisation within the House, as people not only participated but took responsibility to organise and encourage. It was also pleasing to see the senior girls' 'Victrix Ludorum' going to Katie Penrose, and the junior boys' 'Victor Ludorum' going to Charlie Abbott. Eventually, we came second overall, just behind Preston, and I do not think that we could have asked for more.

The house tennis competition once again provided us with a number of successes and we continue to be lucky enough to have some talented tennis players. We won the senior competition with Tom Charter and Ryan Vaughan playing excellent tennis and Chloe Walker and Dan Gregg winning games galore. All these players were in the lower sixth. We also won the intermediate competition, with two very strong pairings of Nicky Charter and Jordan Nichols and Will Lockhart and Rob Lavelle. The junior competition saw us come third, with Nick Coleman, Josh Keelan, Elliot Turnock, Oliver Barker, Abigail King and Christy Bucklow all playing well and entering into the spirit of the competition, rotating players as the tournament progressed. In the end the four houses were all very close, but even though we did win a number of matches, the ruling that the competition is scored according to the number of individual games that are won, we narrowly missed out behind Kirkham and winners Preston.

At this stage of the year I was feeling rather excited about the prospect of winning back to back Whitby Cups and there was a real sense of momentum in the house. However, 'the wheels then came off' a little, and, as Arsene Wenger saw his Arsenal side in free-fall during this period, Fylde House was experiencing similar luck. Fourth place in the rounders was followed by fourth place in the technology competition, was followed by third place in the junior drama. 'Don't worry,' I said to myself. 'We have been leading the double pointer that is the Work Cup all year.' Then, from nowhere, we slipped from first down to third in this important event. Try as we might, and everyone was trying, we just could not get the rub of the green that was needed to score more points.

So, no Whitby Cup this year. Never mind, there is always next year. We did achieve what we set out to do at the start of the year, though, namely participate, compete and enjoy ourselves. I would once again like to thank Catherine Moss and Stephen Clough for their leadership, energy and advice and all members of the House for their indomitable spirit.

S. Whittle

KIRKHAM HOUSE

As always, Kirkham House returned after the break fresh and ready to go. The House got together with a real sense of purpose and with real positivity. House captains Victoria Greensmith, Matthew Ellis, Charlotte Corkhill and Stanley Graham had their fingers on the pulse right from the start.

The house competition kicked off with both the junior and senior quiz teams. Lucy Fielding, Rob Malings, Stanley Graham and Jack Ingham got us off to a great start, defeating School by 1 point to win a place in the final, but they were very unfortunate to lose out by just one point to finish as runners-up. Our junior team, consisting of Kristen Alexander, Matthew Carroll, Beth de Klerk, Elizabeth Brocklehurst and Emily Carpenter went one better – they won the final in a nail-biting finish.

The basketball competition has become one of the highlights, with its dynamic and highly physical approach, especially in the senior tournament. Our senior team, ably led by Matt Ellis and Stanley Graham stood up to the mark and battled superbly, finishing in third place on points difference. Our intermediates, led by Ryan Powell, put up a great fight too, but unfortunately finished in fourth place.

We normally hold our own in the chess competition but unfortunately this year we struggled a little. Nevertheless, we fielded a willing team and, although we gave it our best shot, we finished in fourth place.

The netball was certainly one of our areas of strength. Our junior girls on paper were by far the strongest team but it was a shame to see them disjointed in the semi-finals and against the odds they lost. In the third and fourth play-off match against Preston the Kirkham girls played with real composure and flair to win with a terrific team performance. Our senior team were awesome! Led superbly by Kate Meagh, the girls were first class and totally outshone the opposition to win this netball event in style.

Volleyball is still very new to the houses but nonetheless it has added another dimension. Our team gave it everything and put on a really good display to finish in second place.

The junior hockey was played at Kirkham with both the semi-finals and finals played at lunch time. Our girls put on a real gutsy display, with Megan Hall, Grace Reddy, Darcy Bray and Emily Carpenter driving them onto victory in the semi-final. The final was played with real enthusiasm and commitment and Kirkham came out as worthy winners.

The swimming is the first eight pointer of the year and an event that Kirkham has traditionally done well in. As always, it was wonderful to swim full teams and, though we finished in third place this time, the effort, atmosphere and support was second to none.

The dreaded cross country kicked off the spring term events and, as always, we did not have a problem fielding full teams. All teams gave it their very best and I was very proud of their efforts. Our junior girls and inter boys finished in fourth place. Our senior boys finished in third place, our inter girls finished a creditable second place and our junior boys finished in first place, with Jake Lonsdale, Oliver Crankshaw, Henry Pearson and Ben Anderson finishing in the top ten.

The house music contest is one of the highlights of the year and one in which we have excelled. Once again, Kirkham had a very comfortable lead after the auditions and we had



more musicians in the final than any other house. Lucy Fielding, Jonny Davies, Joe Martin, Jodie Hope, Elliot Gaston-Ross and Oliver Carpenter, to name a few, were outstanding for the House. The choir, as always, was certainly the highlight of the year, ably led by Lucy Fielding and Jonny Davies.

We unfortunately finished in fourth place in the shooting competition. However, Rob Malings, Jack Ingham and Joe Wareing put up a creditable performance.

The debating competition has been one of our strengths over the past few years and this year proved to be no different. Lucy Fielding and Jodi Gaston-Ross were well prepared, confident and very articulate - which led to another great victory.

The final competition of the spring term was the maths challenge. Kristen Alexander led our team superbly and we finished in second place.

The summer term was soon upon us and, as always, it was extremely hard fitting everything in. Sports Day continued in a different form with senior field events before Sports Day and the junior field events after Sports Day. Kirkham fielded full teams in every event and put in some gutsy performances in all age groups. One girl who epitomised what house events are all about was Olivia Butler. She filled

in and represented us in the 800m senior race and was gritty and determined to get a point for Kirkham House. What a star! Annalise Hughes, Jake Lonsdale and Oliver Crankshaw performed extremely well for the juniors. Kate Lawler, Hannah Butler, Alex Barlow and Theo Wattam scored very good points for us. Matt Ellis, Stanley Graham and Vicky Greensmith led by example, competing in numerous events and scoring highly in the competition. Unfortunately, the other houses were too strong this year and we finished in fourth place.

We certainly performed very well in the cricket competitions, with both the junior and senior teams winning their semi-finals. Again, we had to settle for second place.

Stanley Graham sorted out the tennis teams and under his leadership we finished in second place. Anna Rigby, Ben Swift and Jonathan Box performed extremely well. Anna Shackleton, Sarah Padley, Hannah Butler, Ben Morris and Theo Wattam finished in third place in the intermediate competition. Caitlin Stokoe, Eliza Parr, Jake Lonsdale and Aarin Chiekrie just missed out on a victory and had to settle for second place.

The rounders tournament was very enjoyable and this year we knew that we were very strong. Our third year girls, Emily Carpenter, Grace Reddy, Kate Lawler, Megan Hall and Darcy Bray, led the team to a memorable victory.

The final competition was technology and after two rounds, Kirkham were pushing for victory. It was a closely fought event and we had to settle for a creditable second place.

The Work Cup has traditionally been a strength of Kirkham House, but in the last couple of years we have let it slip. However, this year we certainly got it together and finished the year on a high with a victory!

What another year! Once again, we gave it our best shot and, though it was extremely close at the top of the leader board, we had to settle for third place.

I have been extremely proud to lead Kirkham House and I will certainly miss leading this fantastic team. The team spirit, the eagerness to participate, the desire to win and the complete team unity have been unbelievable. I have thoroughly enjoyed every single minute and it is with sadness that I step down from the role!

I would like to thank my House Captains Matthew Ellis, Victoria Greensmith, Stanley Graham and Charlotte Corkhill for their tremendous commitment and hard work. I would also like to thank and congratulate all the Kirkham House staff and pupils for their total support and unbelievable efforts throughout the years. I will miss the team work but will treasure the memories and I will continue to be a very proud member of this fantastic house!

I would like to wish Mrs Atkinson the very best of luck leading Kirkham House in the future. Congratulations and good luck to the new House Captains Anna Rigby, Helen Kelsall, Jack Ingham and Sam Hall.

Go Kirkham!!!

J. Glover

PRESTON HOUSE

Looking back to the beginning of the new term it seems so long ago and it was with trepidation that we looked forward to the thirty events that must take place during the school year to complete the Whitby Cup. In the previous year, after being in first position for most of the year, Preston House just lost out to Fylde House by four points. Could Preston maintain this momentum and finally win the Whitby Cup for the first time in six years? Who would grapple the trophy from a strong Fylde House?

The autumn term, as usual, started with the quiz competitions, but Preston failed to reach the finals in the junior and senior events; not the promising start we really wanted. Even in the basketball, Preston again failed to pick up any victories. However, with a rallying cry from our House Captain, Ben Jones, Preston won the chess tournament convincingly, with Patrick Callery and Jack Campbell leading the way and winning all their matches. A further victory in the volleyball, thanks to another House Captain, Adam Whalley, put Preston in a better position for the final event of the term. The swimming gala really showed the best of Preston House because the relay races depend on a whole team effort and even if there are lots of strong swimmers, it is the team work of the whole fifty swimmers which determines the overall victory. However, all the hard work nearly came undone, literally, as Ben Jones dived in for the last relay and lost his swimming shorts. Luckily, he did not stop swimming because he also had a pair of trunks underneath.



So, at the end of the autumn term, Preston were in second place, six points behind the leaders Fylde, but possibly letting them get too much of a lead.

The wintry conditions suited the cross country events but Preston did not dominate as in previous years. The only year group to win was the senior boys' team, who have finished first for the last six years thanks to Ben Jones, Bobby Garlington, Alex Lo and Adam Whalley. Preston then started to pick up more good points, winning the shooting competition and coming runners up in the debate. The Music Festival was won by Sophie Midgley of Preston House and the choir also reached the final, further boosting the morale in the House. Preston was now on a roll; would they gain enough momentum to wrestle the trophy away from Fylde?

At the start of the summer term Fylde were just in front of Preston by four points, but Kirkham were catching up, just two points behind. It was great to see a whole school track day once again, the spectators adding so much atmosphere to the events, and Preston responded magnificently. After the track events, the seniors had put Preston into a strong lead in the Sports Day competition. The juniors also stepped up in their events and even in the last week of the term were winning the 1500m event. Notable athletes include Bradley Yates, Ben Everson, Beth Everson and Nicole Thompson.

Another victory in the junior tennis set up the final week of the year as the grand finale with every event crucial. We need not have worried because the juniors had a fantastically successful week, winning the cricket and the drama competitions. I must acknowledge the outstanding effort the first years put into winning the Sixty Second Shakespeare Festival. Every single first year student in Preston House competed and gained excellent marks which led to a unanimous victory and another four points towards the Whitby Cup.

In the final assembly of the year the Headmaster announced the final positions:
 4th School 71.5 points
 3rd Kirkham 92 points
 2nd Fylde 94 points
 1st Preston 96 points

So Preston House was awarded the Whitby Cup for 2010-11.

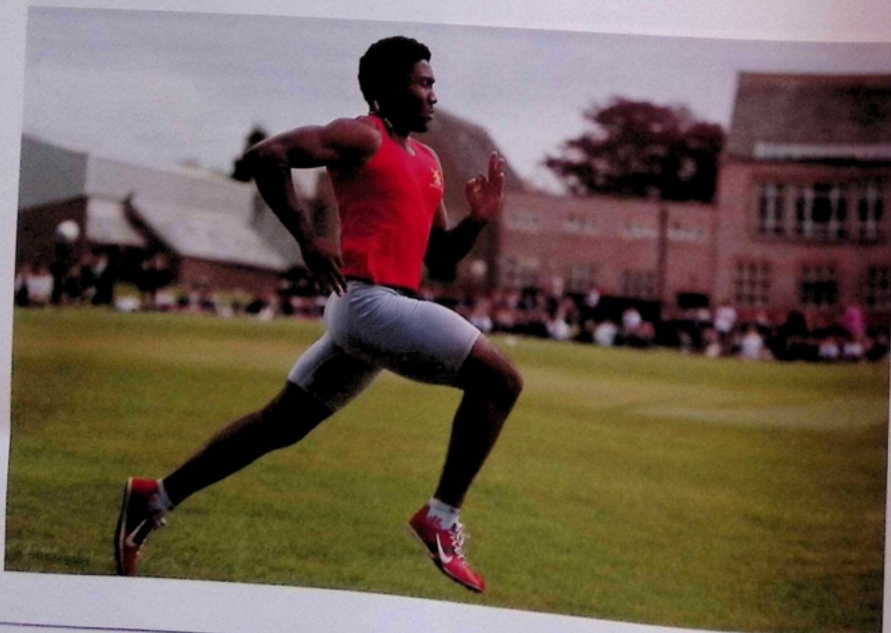
Congratulations to all the students in the House. You definitely deserved the success and many thanks to the captains Ben Jones, Adam Whalley, Kerry Emmett and Lucy Anson.

Dr A. Rollins

SCHOOL HOUSE

We started the year, as usual, with high hopes of winning the Whitby Cup. Unfortunately, it was not meant to be. A lack of participation in certain events meant that we underachieved and came fourth overall.

Autumn term started positively with two second places in the basketball competitions, narrowly missing out on first place in senior basketball. Howard Chan, Justin Lam, Jack Loxham and Precious Nwakomah were key players in this successful house team. However, we failed to follow this up



for the rest of the term, failing to gain higher than third place in all the other competitions. Senior volleyball was a closely run event, however, in which we should have secured second place.

In the spring term, we had successes in the cross country. We gained second place in both the senior girls' and boys' teams. We also gained our first win in the junior girls' cross country, thanks to a team of dedicated girls including Samantha Hollins, Sophie Warden and Natalie Olson. This win boosted our confidence and we went on to win two academic competitions – the first and second year maths competitions. Finnlay Burnley, Jack Culver, Alex Mayhall and Andrew Whittingham should be very proud of their wonderful performances in this competition.

Summer term brought the fourth and final win of the year in House technology. James Proctor and Roland Burt designed an "Egg Carrier" to put Preston House, the final winners of the Whitby Cup, into second place. We also came an impressive second place in the Work Cup, thanks to the hard work of all School House pupils.

We ended the year extremely proud of James Proctor and his team who won the junior technology cup and Alex Hasty who won the Intermediate Victrix Ludorum on Sports Day. A special mention has to go to a first year athlete, Samantha Hollins who broke the school record in the junior girls' 1500m on Sports Day this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the house captains, Jordan Nelson, Charlotte Gray and Amy Parkinson.

We hope we can use the successes of this year as momentum to move forward and seize the Whitby Cup next year. We should also learn from our less successful moments and use these to secure our position at the top of the house competition leader board.

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RUGBY

First XV

After three very successful seasons, it is always difficult to maintain standards, however new first XV captain David Egelstaff 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 the job a lot easier than anticipated.

Crossley Heath GS were dispatched 44-10 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 Charlie Swarbrick penalty after 15 minutes. David Egelstaff was outstanding in this match and caused problems for Colston's all afternoon. Kirkham dominated the game and eventually tries came from Sam

Hall (2) and David Egelstaff(2), although Colston's did come back strongly in the second half and went down 29-10. This was the first time that KGS had been successful in defeating one of England's premier rugby schools.

A 25-7 win over local opposition Lancaster Royal Grammar School again showed that Kirkham wanted to play attractive rugby. Further wins over Wirral Grammar School and Newcastle RGS followed. This led Kirkham into their first encounter with well respected rugby school Millfield. Despite losing 23-17, Kirkham had gone close to winning their first ever match at Millfield. Josh Woods and Michael Simmons scored excellent tries but Kirkham were hindered with the loss of inspirational captain David Egelstaff with a serious knee injury. Unfortunately, Egelstaff was to miss the rest of the season. So, after half-term the pack was re-vamped and Tyrone Rankin, Elliott Crowe and Matthew Ellis became key figures. Despite gaining excellent wins over Giggleswick and Bromsgrove, Kirkham lost two important fixtures against Plymouth College and Sedbergh, games which could have been won with greater belief. Unfortunately, many games were then missed due to the winter conditions. However, Kirkham did finish the season with resounding victories over Audenshaw School, Old Swinford Hospital School, Arnold School and Hutton School, the pick of which was the 17-14 victory over Old Swinford where Kirkham recovered from a 14-5 deficit at half time. Scrum half Charlie Swarbrick was outstanding, as was debutant winger Ben Swift.

A.E.Trenhaile

Second XV

P 12 W 7 L 5 PF 300 PA 184

This proved to be a successful year for this young side. A number of games were called off due to the weather and, with three of the losses being by one score, the team produced some excellent rugby. Comprehensive wins were recorded against Arnold (46-0), Audenshaw (52-0) and Wirral GS (48-0) but the best performance was saved for the outstanding victory (14-0) against a very strong Plymouth College side.

The side was led successfully by Robert Malings and Harrison Moulding and, with a strong pack of forwards, a platform was given for some attacking play by the back division. The front row of Joseph Wareing, Patrick Callery and Rhys Williams were strong in both the scrum and lineout and with Jack Loxham, Will Fleuriot and Adam Whalley carrying well from in the loose, many tries were scored.

Jack Ingham, Jordan Nelson and Craig Whalley Hunter were fearsome in defence and with Stephen Clough and Adam Galley linking up well between backs and forwards, the team was regularly on the front foot.

Harrison Moulding and Nathan White played well at half back and regularly provided gaps for Fraser Burnie, George Brookes and Ben Swift to score. Oliver Jump proved reliable with penalties and conversions and subsequently many points were scored by the team. With many returning for the 2011/12 season, the future looks very positive for this team.

Under 16 XV

P 14 W 9 L 5 D 1

This has been a good season generally, with some notable performances and victories in various events.

A nucleus of around 22 players played in most of the 13 fixtures. Despite losing some players to the first XV and second XV, the squad held strong and worked hard to fill the vacancies. In their seven victories, the team performed well against St Ambrose, Lancaster RGS, RGS Newcastle, Giggleswick, Cowley and Manchester Grammar School in traditional fixtures, whilst wins against Arnold and King's Macclesfield in the Floodlit Cup proved the talent available in the squad. However, defeats to Audenshaw and Sedbergh and Wilmslow in the Floodlit Cup and Merchant Taylors' in the Lancashire Cup proved frustrating. A pleasing win against Christ College, Brecon on tour eased the pain!

In the Sevens campaign, KGS showed some promise at the Sedbergh competition, where they won the plate as they gained momentum throughout the day. KGS made steady progress at Warwick, including a notable win against Millfield in the group stages. Alas, KGS came unstuck as they relaxed against Adam's Grammar School in the quarter-final. The highlight in the sevens campaign was the win at Stonyhurst. Although they struggled in the group stages, the team peaked to win against Lancaster RGS in the final. The team carried high hopes to the National Finals at Rosslyn Park, only to lose out in a tough group match to a determined Brighton College team.

Well done to all who have represented the under 16 XV this year. Many boys have now progressed to 'real' senior school rugby and are doing exceptionally well. Congratulations and keep it up!

Well done to Luke Woodward in his role as Captain. Top try scorer has been Ben Rhodes-Powers (9), whilst the top point scorer was Sam Hargreaves (60).

Under 15a XV

P 15 W 6 L 9

By studying the results and performances from the previous year, the squad knew there were no individual stars and they would have to work hard as a team to succeed in the season. Therefore the under 15's started the season early in August, working on both skills and fitness. Their hard work paid off as they won the first two games convincingly against Wirral Grammar School (27-12) and Bury Grammar School (36-12) in the first round of the Daily Mail Cup. In both games, Kirkham defended courageously, with some strong tackling from Theo Harvey and Harry Mason.

The next game, against Calday Grange Grammar School, was a test as the team had lost to them 41-12 the previous year. With Caldy having the majority of possession in the first half, the under 15's did well to keep the opposition out. Equally, Kirkham had several opportunities in the game but were unable to convert pressure into points and eventually lost 10-0.



The next four matches against St Ambrose, Merchant Taylors' School, Lancaster RGS and Newcastle RGS were all away fixtures which meant that they were particularly challenging. The game against Merchant Taylors' School was another tight game. The forwards dominated the contact area, allowing some elusive running from Ben Everson and Daniel Jones who both scored excellent individual tries. However, Merchant Taylors' School was more determined to win and Kirkham eventually lost 20-12.

The under 15's won the next few games with ease against Audenshaw School, Arnold School and Giggleswick School. Against Giggleswick, the forwards again dominated the set pieces and the contact area. Strong runs from James Penrose and Harry Mason allowed centre Lewis Leech and Thomas Hunter to cross the line twice in the first half. Some fantastic defending from Jonathan Chan and Theo Waltham, stopped

Giggleswick scoring twice. Some fancy foot-work from Daniel Jones set up Thomas Hunter to score, leaving the final score at 34-10.

The Sevens season started off very successfully, winning the Arnold tournament. Kirkham beat West Hill, Bolton School and King Edward and Queen Mary School in the group stages and then met the hosts Arnold School in the semi final. A very slow start meant Kirkham was losing 12-0 at half time. However, the boys persevered and eventually won 39-12. KGS cruised through the final against Giggleswick, winning 25-7. William Lockhart and Daniel Jones were instrumental in both attack and defence.

The Sevens squad continued their success at the King's School Macclesfield tournament, reaching the semi-final, and also reached the last sixteen of the Warwick tournament.

The under 15's finished off their season on tour in Italy. This was an excellent reward for all the hard work all season. With the busy schedule of sightseeing and sun bathing, the squad managed to squeeze in three games against the local club sides. With the right conditions, James Penrose and Josh Burrows played some fast flowing rugby which was too hard for the Italians to cope with. However, the highlight of the tour was the personal guide of the city of Venice and Treviso by Mr Harrison.

Special thanks must go to the parents for their support and the staff: Mr Trenhaile, Dr Rollins, Mr Harrison, and Mr Roddam for their hard work both on and off the field. Without their support the under 15 squad would not be as successful as they have been this season.

Under 14b XV

P 5 W 1 L 4

Only 5 games were played, mainly due to regular inclement weather conditions during the season. However, there was much to applaud and plenty of improvement from all of the squad. The team began with a close match against St. Ambrose College, with the KGS boys competing closely until the last ten minutes when fitness played its part and the match was lost. Then followed two heavy defeats, against the much bigger schools of Lancaster RGS and Newcastle RGS, although the team battled valiantly until the final whistle in both matches. The outstanding performance of the season was undoubtedly against the mighty Sedbergh School, with Kirkham coming out victorious 10-7 in an exciting game of ferocious tackling, showing the potential of the squad in beating such reputable opposition. The final game was a disappointing loss to Manchester GS. Particular mention must go to Harry Welch and Henry Joyner who performed to a high standard in every match and are destined for the A team next year. Overall, the lads trained hard and always played in great spirit and I look forward to seeing their progress in the forthcoming rugby season.

Mr D. Carter

Under 13 XV

P 14 W 10 L 4 PF 391 PA 219

The under 13 squad enjoyed a relatively successful season, winning 10 of 14 games and reaching the semi-final of the Lancashire Cup before bowing out to Lancaster Grammar School.

The season, however, did not get off to the best of starts, with an away defeat to Calday Grange. Despite scoring three tries, the Kirkham defence was a little shaky, which allowed the robust home side to snatch four of their own. The next three matches all ended in victory, two away games at Wirral GS (35-26) and St. Ambrose (39-5), where Matthew Thomas scored a fine hat trick of tries, and a home win against Liverpool College (29-0). Captain Charles Abbott scored at least two tries in every game to complement some fine attacking play.

The first real test of the season came in early October with the short trip to Lancaster, who were a physically bigger side with some strong runners. The Kirkham cause was not helped when, after five minutes, Todd Roper retired with a serious shoulder injury which was to side-line him for the next ten weeks. However, James Seward moved inside to take over the stand-off duties and did so with courage and skill. The game was lost 19-0, but Kirkham could certainly hold their heads high after competing for large periods of the game. It was only three missed tackles in crucial areas of the pitch that allowed the home side to score. Another difficult trip followed with the journey to Newcastle, where two home players dominated the game, the home team's No.8 proving to be Kirkham's nemesis with some forceful drives and pick-ups from the scrummage. However, Kirkham scored three tries (Abbot 2, Seward 1) to ensure that the game was not all one way traffic.

After half term two relatively easy wins followed, away at Giggleswick (40-14) and Cowley Language College (46-5), with Abbott scoring three tries and Josh Keelan two. Unfortunately, due to the early freeze, the next two games were called off, but we did manage to fit one more game in prior to the Christmas break with a straightforward win at home to Audenshaw (43-5), with George Carter, Ed Lavelle and Nick Coleman amongst the scorers.

At the end of the Autumn term the squad of 22 players and 5 staff embarked on their annual pilgrimage to South Wales to play two tough fixtures against Plasmawr School, Cardiff and Monmouth School, but the weather was against us from the start as we left Kirkham in biting conditions. As we awoke the following morning a blanket of snow (approx.



12cm) covered the ground, leaving the playing side of the tour in jeopardy. Sure enough, the anticipated phone call came from Plasmawr to say the pitch was unplayable and that all the pupils at the school were being sent home. Luckily, our hosts had booked the Cardiff City FC indoor 3G pitch, which we eventually found in driving snow. The boys played an eleven a side match amongst themselves under the management of myself and Mr Wu, with my team losing by one try. The boys took in a Millennium Stadium Tour and the Ospreys game against Munster the following day after we had received the wholly expected news that the Monmouth pitch was frozen. After this, the boys and staff headed for the luxury of the Holiday Inn, Newport to relax and use the swimming pool. Despite the fact that no rugby was played, the tour party thoroughly enjoyed themselves and behaved impeccably.

The spring term began with a home game against Merchant Taylors', Crosby with four tries from Abbott, Keelan, Lavelle and Thomas in a 22-12 win. This was followed by the thumping of local rivals Arnold 41-12 in awful conditions. We then played St. Marys' Hall in a new fixture and found it hard to break down the stubborn resistance of the opposition forwards but constant possession meant that St. Marys' eventually buckled and Kirkham won 29-0. Freezing conditions then returned to the Fylde, which meant the cancellation of the next three games (against Hutton, Rossall and Birkenhead) before the Lancashire Cup semi-final at home to Lancaster saw Kirkham put in their most disappointing effort of the season, allowing Lancaster to carve huge holes in the Kirkham defence on a regular basis. The final score was 7-40, Josh Keelan scoring the solitary

Kirkham try. The season ended with a victory, however, at home to Manchester Grammar School 24-15, to end the season on a high, with Oliver Kitchen going over for two tries.

Charles Abbott was the leading try scorer for the season with 18, closely followed by Josh Keelan with 13. Finally, I would like to thank the whole squad for their dedication throughout the season and particularly for their attendance at practice and fitness sessions. Thanks also to the parents and supporters who cheered the boys on and a huge thank you to Mr Forsyth for his very kind sponsorship of the shirts through his company Lancashire Double Glazing.

JR Lyon

Under 12 XV

Despite a slow start against strong competition, the under 12 rugby squad developed and produced some pleasing results as the season continued. Keen to improve on Tuesday and Friday training sessions, the squad began to take shape and to use their strengths to good effect in some tough matches.

The under 12 A and B teams therefore bounced back from frustrating defeats against Wirral GS, Newcastle RGS, Lancaster RGS and St Ambrose to record pleasing wins against Giggleswick School and Ripley St Thomas. It is pleasing to note that over 40 boys represented the school at rugby in the first year. It is hoped that this commitment and enthusiasm will continue as this year group makes progress in years to come.

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CRICKET First XI

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This was a good season for the First XI, with many excellent performances occurring both individually and as a team. After starting with a comprehensive win against Arnold, convincing wins were then recorded against King Edward's and Cowley. Tight losses by 1 wicket and 9 runs against Giggleswick and the MCC respectively were tough on the team and with the majority of the games being played with only one Upper Sixth player, the team gelled well against older opposition.

Charlie Swarbrick (616 runs), Adam Galley (527 runs), Oliver Jump (364 runs) and George Brooks (305 runs) scored the bulk of the runs and with Adam top scoring with a century against Merchant Taylors' and Charlie scoring five half centuries throughout the year, the innings regularly started positively. Nathan White, Marcus Eaton, Marcus Molinga and James Seward all scored well and good totals were set.

Oliver and George both took 25 wickets in the season and were supported again by Charlie (22 wickets), Marcus Molinga (14 wickets) and Adam Galley (14 wickets). The fielding was good throughout the season and, with James Seward taking 10 catches and 5 stumpings in the last six games, opposition batsmen were always under pressure.

Matches against Stonyhurst, Merchant Taylors' and Rossall were drawn, as was the match against the prestigious XL

Club. However, in all of these the team was in control for large periods of the game and the confidence was taken forward to the International Festival in Wiltshire to which the team was invited. The team played well to win two and lose two, including victory over Pembroke College from Adelaide. James Seward was chosen, at 13, as the player of the tournament by the Australians, which was excellent for both James and the team and, with Charlie scoring 93 against Pembroke and Adam Whalley taking 8 wickets in the final two games, the team left with an excellent reputation.

Charlie captained the side for large periods of the season with David Egelstaff unfortunately injured or unavailable and with Marcus, Adam, Charlie and Oliver being selected for the North of England schoolboys side, the team will hopefully continue to flourish next year.

The majority of the team also took part in the Lancashire Under 17 County Cricket 20/20 tournament and, for the first time ever, the side reached the finals day. Although the side was weakened somewhat with the absence of three players, the team did power through to the finals where they played Manchester GS. A huge innings by Marcus Molinga set Manchester a challenging total and, with rain affecting large parts of the match, it was heartbreaking to see the team lose with three balls left of the game. However, the coaching team was incredibly proud of the efforts.

5 and 50 Club.

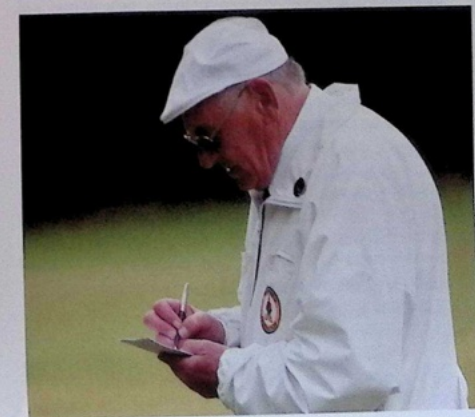
For the first time this year the 5 and 50 Club was introduced to all teams to record outstanding individual performances, the results of which are listed below:

Batting - Qualification is 50 runs in an innings

Name	Team	Score	Opposition	Points	Total Points
C. Swarbrick	1st XI	56	V Arnold	5	29
		56	V Arnold 20/20	5	
		54	V Cowley	5	
		50	V Rossall	5	
A. Galley	1st XI	93	V Pembroke, Aus	9	21
		55	V Longridge CC	5	
		100	V MTS	10	
M. Molinga	1st XI	63	V Pembroke, Aus	6	20
		86	V Rossall	8	
		64	V Manchester GS	6	
Alex Whalley	U14 XI	54	V Rossall	5	13
		80*	V Giggleswick	8	
H. Knight	U14 XI	67*	V Bury GS	5	11
		50	V Giggleswick	6	
R. Lavelle	U15 XI	72*	V MTS	5	7
			V Arnold	7	
J. Seward	U13 XI	64	V MTS	6	6
G. Brookes	1st XI	55	V KEQMS 20/20	5	5
O. Jump	1st XI	51	V Lancaster RGS	5	5

Bowling - Qualification is 5 wickets in an innings

Name	Team	Score	Opposition	Points	Total Points
G. Brookes	1st XI	6-24	V Arnold	6	6
J. Culver	U12 XI	5-40	V Lancaster RGS	5	5
C. Wilkinson	U14 XI	5-9	V Bury GS	5	5





Under 15 XI

Giggleswick at Giggleswick 30th April 2011

On a beautiful but windy day Kirkham won the toss and chose to bat in a 65 over game on an excellent wicket. The first team batting has the benefit of 35 overs, but Kirkham played the game in 20/20 style and were all out after 22.2 overs for a total of 126. Wickets fell at regular intervals and only a stand of 52 between Lewis Leach (42) and Harry Mason steadied the innings.

Giggleswick had the benefit of the 12 overs Kirkham failed to use. Tea was taken after 12 of the 42 available overs, with Giggleswick at 18 without loss. A couple overs after the restart Penrose made a breakthrough, but it was to be a further five overs and 27 runs before he was able to repeat the success and, at 50 for 2 with 23 overs remaining, Giggleswick were in the driving seat. The game turned with the introduction of Peacock, who bowled line and length and produced a wicket in both of his opening overs without conceding a run, and Leach finished off a fine spell with a wicket at the other end. Three wickets had fallen for the addition of four runs. With 19 overs left the game was finely balanced and some resolute batting brought Giggleswick within ten runs before the last wicket fell in the thirty-ninth over. Hopefully, players will learn from this the importance of batting out the allocated overs.

Lancashire 20/20 Cup St Mary's, Blackpool at Blackpool C. C. 10th May

On a good wicket and a short boundary on one side, it was going to be important not to bowl 'short'.

Kirkham lost the toss and were asked to bowl. The failure to bowl line and length was costly as the St. Mary's openers enjoyed some wayward bowling to get to 45 off only 5 overs. It was not until the seventeenth over that the partnership was broken with the total at 163. The final three overs brought two wickets and only 13 runs, leaving Kirkham 177 to win.

Leach and Penrose made a good start to the challenge, taking 39 off the first 5 overs. A loss of a wicket in each of the next three overs put Kirkham on the back foot. Lavelle and Mason then added some stability with a stand of 24 but again the loss of a wicket in each of the next four overs left

KGS at 97 for 7 with seven overs remaining. Ward (42 n.o.) and Powell (33) mounted a spirited rearguard action with a stand of 70 and required only ten off the last over. A disciplined over by the opener who had earlier scored a century saw Kirkham miss out by 8 runs.

Stonyhurst at Stonyhurst 14th May 2011

Despite the inclement weather and poor forecast, the start was delayed by only 30 minutes.

It was decided to play a 33/27 over match, thus offering the opportunity of a draw. Kirkham won the toss and put Stonyhurst in on a good if wet wicket. The opening partnership batted well and, combined with some wayward bowling and poor catching, were able to get to 100 without loss, having seen seven catches go down. The eventual demise of the openers and an improvement in bowling and fielding brought some respite and restricted the scoring. The Stonyhurst captain made a fair declaration at 30 overs at 181-7, requiring Kirkham to score at six an over to win the game.

Stonyhurst started well with some tight bowling and excellent catching to reduce KGS to 28-3 off the opening eight overs. A good stand by Jones (25) and Lockhart (20) gave some hope of a recovery. The reintroduction of the opening bowler and spin saw the opportunity evaporate as further wickets fell and left Kirkham requiring 91 off 14 overs with three wickets remaining. The remaining Kirkham batsmen managed to hold out and, with three overs left, Stonyhurst needed just one wicket to win the game. Hostile fields were set and, despite good bowling, Peacock and Burrows managed to hold out for a draw.

Hutton G S at Hutton Tuesday 17th May

The inclement weather meant the game was to be 20/20 format. Hutton won the toss and put Kirkham in to bat. Accurate and hostile bowling restricted Kirkham to twelve for the loss of one wicket after five overs. The sixth over brought another wicket and, despite a stand of 32 between Ward (12) and Lavelle (17), before the third wicket fell in the thirteenth over the score was just forty six. The accurate bowling by Hutton continued to put pressure on the Kirkham batsmen and it was only in the final three overs that runs came more freely, to leave KGS on 93-8 after their twenty overs.

The Hutton innings started badly with a wicket falling to the third ball and when Jones (3-10) struck twice in the fifth over and a run out in the sixth, they were struggling on eighteen for the loss of four wickets. A stand of 23 for the fifth wicket brought Hutton back in contention and with nine overs left they required 54. The introduction of spin in the shape of Powell (2-6) brought the game back in Kirkham's favour and, with three overs left (two by the opening bowlers), 29 runs were still needed and a straightforward win seemed assured. Two poor overs turned the game again, with Hutton requiring eight off the last over. Despite a great effort by the batsmen, Everson kept his head and only conceded five runs, to bring victory by two runs.

An excellent game of cricket which was a credit to both teams.

Arnold at Arnold Tuesday 24th May

This was a 20/20 game; both teams without players who were representing the area team. Kirkham won the toss and chose to bat on an excellent wicket.

The opening four overs restricted KGS to 19 for the loss of one wicket. A good stand of 30 in three overs by Ward and Lavelle was halted by two quick wickets. A partnership of 45 between Lockhart (24) and Lavelle brought the score up to 120 for 4 off 17. The last three overs brought 24 runs, leaving Lavelle 72 not out and a final total of 144-6.

The target of 145 was always going to be difficult if the bowlers could maintain line and length. The initial stages of the innings saw some controlled bowling to keep Arnold to 58 for two off the first ten overs. Arnold made steady progress towards the total, but with two overs left 38 runs were required. Thanks to some hard hitting and wayward bowling, Arnold got to within sight of victory before the innings closed on 134-6, just ten runs short.

Baines (Fylde Cup) at Baines Wed 25th May 2011

The area cup competition is a 20/20 format. Kirkham won the toss and chose to bat on an artificial wicket. The fourth delivery of the innings brought an early breakthrough for Baines, but a partnership of 32 in the next four overs put KGS in the driving seat. When the partnership was broken at 37 the innings stalled and the next eight overs brought 43 runs for the loss of a further three wickets to leave Kirkham at 80-5 with six overs remaining. Ward (30) played well to keep the scoreboard ticking over and some lusty hitting by Middleton (20) brought a final score of 118 all out in the nineteenth over.

Baines had a disastrous start, with Penrose (3-13) removing three top order batsmen in his first over thanks to some accurate bowling and an excellent catch by Mason. The home side was never able to build a partnership and when Lavelle (3-15) removed the middle order the game was out of reach. Despite a brave rearguard action, Baines were dismissed for 73.

The fielding was vastly improved in this game. Burrows has been excellent in the field throughout the season and took on two difficult catches to show that fielding is as important as batting and bowling.

15B v Arnold B at Arnold Thurs 26th May 2011

Despite the inclement weather the game went ahead in 20/20 form, Arnold winning the toss and batting first.

Lockhart and Norris opened the bowling, demonstrating good line and length and after six overs had restricted

Arnold to 13-1. A change in the bowling brought a flurry of runs and, when the second wicket fell in the tenth over, the score had accelerated to 42-2. The introduction of a hard hitting (including a car windscreen) number four brought some expensive overs, but KGS kept their nerve and at the end of their innings Arnold were 103-2.

A good start was essential and after four overs Kirkham were 28 without loss. The fifth over brought seven runs but at the cost of two wickets. A wicket in each of the seventh, eighth and ninth overs meant Kirkham were 60-5 after ten overs. The game swung to either side, but the arrival of Middleton at number eight was to change the game. Kirkham had struggled against some good left arm seam bowling and, having taken five wickets, the bowler was looking for a sixth wicket as he ran in. However, Tom had other ideas as he smote the ball back over the bowler's head for six. He continued in this vein to bring victory in the seventeenth over and finished on 25 not out.

Bury G S 18th June

Kirkham batted first and, after a slow start, Robert Lavelle and James Penrose gave the innings some impetus with some sensible hitting. Neither could remain in for a sustained innings and it was left to Theo Harvey to lift the score to 112 with a series of late blows. Top scorer was Robert Lavelle with 24.

Bury opened their own innings tentatively against hostile bowling from Daniel Jones and Ben Everson. This was rewarded with two quick wickets which rocked the away side. The game hung in the balance for a number of overs, but three wickets each for James Penrose and Robert Lavelle secured the win.

Under 14 XI

P 9 W 7 L 2

The under 14 squad enjoyed a successful campaign, winning seven from nine matches played during a summer which was pleasingly uninterrupted by any adverse weather.

The season began at Giggleswick, where Captain Alex Whalley invited the home side to bat first in a 30 over game. Giggleswick got off to a steady start, adding 33 before Scott Collins took a regulation catch off the bowling of James Griggs. The second wicket fell 2 runs later, a catch by wicketkeeper Josh Powell, to leave Giggleswick 35-2. Kirkham then struggled to apply any further pressure and, although another wicket fell at 79, Giggleswick fought back to reach 130-3. However, the game very quickly turned in Kirkham's favour with Griggs returning to the attack to claim three wickets and Whalley two. Giggleswick were all out for 161. In reply, Kirkham got off to a flyer, with Powell and Whalley punishing any loose deliveries to put on 58 for the first wicket before Powell was bowled for 31. Harry Knight came in and immediately upped the run rate with some fine cover drives. Whalley reached a deserved half century as Knight almost caught his captain up. Whalley went with only 8 runs required after Knight, with 13 boundaries, marched on to an unbeaten 67 to give Kirkham a comfortable 8 wicket victory.

The following week was a complete contrast, although Kirkham bowled and fielded well on a lightning outfield to restrict Merchant Taylors' to 139-6 as Robert Thomas took 4-20 in his five overs. Kirkham began the chase positively, with Whalley (29) and Knight (50) racing along once again. However, when Knight was caught, Thomas followed the

very next ball to leave Kirkham at 111-4. Three wickets then fell for only seven runs before a partnership between David King and Owen Williams took Kirkham to the brink of victory. With only 9 needed, King was out, leaving Williams and Scott Collins, with the last wicket, to try and win the game. Alas, Williams was caught behind as Kirkham lost by 8 runs.

Cowley were the next opponents and Kirkham elected to bat in a 20/20 game and managed to amass 170-4 with the runs shared between Thomas (25), King (27), Williams and Graham (both 25). The Cowley reply was brief as Jack Welsh (2-4) and Robert Thomas (2-0) ripped through the nine man opposition, Kirkham winning by 122 runs.

An excellent batting and bowling performance followed at Stonyhurst as Kirkham scored 161-7, Twitchett (46) being the pick of the Kirkham batsmen. Kirkham then made short work of the Stonyhurst batting as Robert Thomas tore through the top order to finish with impressive figures of 6-14 as the home team was bowled out for a paltry 34.

Kirkham then played in the first round of the Lancashire Cup against Baines and made short work of the opposition in a 20/20 match, dismissing their opponents for 50 and then chasing down the target without loss in 6 overs.

The next round, at home to KEQMS, was a little more testing, but the away side was bowled out for 90 in 23.3 overs. In reply, Kirkham struggled at the start after being reduced to 15-3, but fought back valiantly as Josh Powell, moving down the order to bat at number four, gave the innings momentum with a quick fire 33. Harry Knight forged on after Powell was out and it was he and Connor Wilkinson who completed a convincing six wicket victory.

In a difficult third round fixture against Lancaster, Kirkham never really got going, although at 14-2 the team did manage to recover slightly before a dramatic collapse meant LRGS had to chase only 54 to win - which they did for the loss of a solitary wicket.

Bury GS provided the opposition in the penultimate game of the season in which Connor Wilkinson grabbed the season's best bowling figures (5-9) to bowl Bury out for 122. The Kirkham reply was a little stuttering after Powell went lbw at the start of the second over.

Knight and Wilkinson followed for single figure scores, but Alex Whaley blazed away as two more wickets fell. However, he reached an excellent 50 as he and Oscar Twitchett guided Kirkham home, Whalley ending unbeaten on 80.

The last game against Rossall was a thriller as the visitors were asked to bat first and, although wickets fell regularly, the 128 to win for Kirkham was always going to be difficult on a wearing track. Indeed, Kirkham lost wickets at 26 and 50 before Wilkinson really took the attack to Rossall, combining stoic defence with some punishing blows to anything loose. He was not quite able to see his side to victory, though, which meant a nail-biting finish. Kirkham slumped from 104-4 to 116-8 inside 3 overs to leave themselves staring a rather embarrassing defeat in the face. Luckily, the calm influence of Williams and King saw Kirkham home as the Kirkham last pair gained the 12 runs required with less than two overs to spare.

Alex Whaley scored the highest number of runs for the season, 230, with an average of 46 and Robert Thomas was the leading wicket taker with 17.

Under 13 XI

P 9 W 4 L 5

With a tough start to the season with fixtures against Giggleswick and Merchant Taylor's, the under 13's suffered two losses, albeit narrowly. Thankfully, back-to-back victories were secured against local rivals Lytham High and Arnold with some excellent individual performances from Todd Roper and Cameron Roche. The boys did however make hard work of seeing off Arnold in a low scoring game. Remarkably, a strong Arnold side was dismissed for only 32 on a difficult wicket to score runs. Kirkham's top order also struggled and the top five were soon blown away. Thankfully, strong nerves and determination from the lower order enabled the team to squeeze home by three wickets.

Unfortunately, the team saved their worst performance of the season for the big game against KEQMS where the boys were unable to knock off the 81 runs needed for victory. With a tough fixture list it is important to secure wins when in good positions and a couple of games that should have been won simply got away. Fortunately, the team showed some resilience and responded well in their next fixture, where they gave their best bowling performance of the season, dismissing Bury GS for only 39. In many ways the season ended well with the last game of the season proving to be the most exciting and was played in a tremendous spirit against QEGS, Blackburn. Unfortunately, Kirkham fell an agonising three runs short in the last over of the match, chasing 121 for victory. Nevertheless, this was a great game and all the boys played their part.

Overall, this has been somewhat of a mixed season but in patches the boys played with great promise. All members of the squad improved their game over the season and it was good to see a keen interest at both A and B team level. Captain James Seward showed his class in a number of fixtures and topped the batting averages, scoring 190 runs over the season and finishing with an average of 38. His experience behind the stumps helped the team throughout the season and he is to be congratulated for playing with such confidence for the First XI in the latter part of the season, a remarkable achievement for a boy in the second year. It was also pleasing to see Aarin Chiekrie come back from injury and play with such determination. In many ways he epitomises the spirit and dedication needed to succeed and hopefully he will have an injury free season next year. Both Mr Carter and I wish the team all the best next season.

Mr S F Duncan

BOYS' ATHLETICS

In a very hectic term, the boys' athletics teams have competed in a host of fixtures and competitions and there have been several outstanding individual and team performances.

In the series of matches in the Lancaster area against strong local sides, the teams performed exceptionally well. The under 12 team came second in their first adventure in this series but were crowned champions in the Vose Cup later on in the term. The under 13 team came second in their event as did the under 14 team. The under 15 team ran out in fourth place against very stiff opposition.

In the Sainsbury's National Track and Field Cup both the junior and intermediate teams qualified for the regional round following their successes in the first round. In the

regional round at Blackpool, the juniors came sixth and the inters came eighth, both creditable performances.

Meanwhile, many of our boys achieved great success as individuals and for their clubs at the County Championships. In the County Championships, Jake Lonsdale, running in events as a year 7 in under 13 events, won both the under 13 800m and 1500m. Ben Everson, also running in older age groups, won the under 17 3000m. Bradley Yates similarly was placed second in the under 15 1500m and third in the under 15 800m.

In the Lancashire Schools' Championships there were fine victories for Adam Whalley (Senior Boys' Javelin), Dan Jones (Inter Boys' Javelin) and Ben Everson (Inter Boys' 3000m). Other notable performances included Ryan Wilkinson (second Inter Boys' Discus), Precious Nwaokomah (third Senior Boys' Long Jump, Triple Jump) and Wilfred Rhodes (fourth Junior Boys' Shot). No fewer than ten KGS boys represented the Fylde District in these championships. Well done to all.

In the last event of the season, the Fylde and Wyre Coast Championships, the boys' teams achieved pleasing results. There were many outstanding individual performances. The team results were:

Overall. First KGS

Year 7 First

Year 8 Third

Year 9 Third

Year 10 First

Well done to all who took part in this event and throughout the season and thank you to all the coaches who have assisted in your progress throughout the year.

VOLLEYBALL

In another extremely entertaining season, KGS pupils took the opportunity to take part in the Preston and District Volleyball League. Over a dozen current fifth year pupils regularly represented the school in the Windmills team with some progressing to the senior team. Although the results were disappointing on paper, the progress that these players made was pleasing to see.

The senior team finished runners up to the very talented Harper Green School. The mainstays of this team were Adam Whalley (Captain), Adam Galley, Craig Whalley-Hunter and Marcus Eaton. Assisted by the fifth years, this team played some super volleyball in what in reality is an adult league. Well done to all who have taken part and we look forward to more success in the forthcoming season.

M Whalley

SWIMMING

Another busy year for the school swimming teams. The teams have taken part in no less than nine galas during the Autumn and Spring Terms. Over sixty pupils have swum for the school this year. Although the squads have struggled against some of the bigger schools with their own pools, the teams recorded some notable victories against Hutton and Bury Grammar School. Unfortunately, the boys and girls could not emulate the success they achieved in last season's National Team relays, but there is plenty of promise in the junior ranks for future years.

Well done to all those who have taken part during the season. Thanks to Mr Whalley and Mrs Osborne for organising the fixtures and teams and to Adam Whalley for his work in his duties as Captain.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Annual District Cross Country Championships were held this year at Stanley Park in the cold and fog and there were some excellent performances and team efforts.

In the year 7 boys' race, Jake Lonsdale ran home winner, with Henry Pearson in fifth while the team finished fourth. In the girls year 7 race, Lucy Keelan won her race, closely followed by Camryn Spector (second) and Samantha Hollings (third). Philippa Collard and Olivia Grindrod completed the team performance, as they ran out winners with only 42 points.

In the year 8/9 boys' race, Bradley Yates again showed his class by winning his race. Oliver Crankshaw ran exceedingly well to finish seventh and then Josh Keelan, Jack Bruce and Henry Cameron (ninth, tenth, eleventh) completed a fine team effort. A total of 38 points secured team victory.

In the equivalent girls' race, Heather Crook came a creditable sixth, Kate Lawler was ninth and Beth Everson eleventh. With Jess O'Neill and Olivia Anderton close behind, this close packing resulted in a team total of 54, a fine second team place.

In the year 10/11 boys' race, Ben Everson also won his race a year young. There were some good runners in this race and Harry Goossens should be proud of his efforts, as should Tim Naughton, Theo Watton and Dan Jones. The team finished second - a great result, considering all these boys were running a year young.

In the girls' race, Imogen Pierce came third, Nicola Charter eighth and Fennella Gabrysch and Harriet Price performed well. The lack of a fifth counter cost the team in the final count up but they finished a creditable third.

Those placed in the top ten in these races were then eligible for the district teams that ran in the Lancashire Schools' Cross Country Championships at Witton Park.

In the year 7 boys' race Jake Lonsdale was second in an excellent race. In the year 7 girls' race, Lucy Keelan was placed a creditable seventh. In the junior boys' race Bradley Yates came second (a year young), whilst Oliver Crankshaw ran in at sixteenth. In the junior girls' race Kate Lawler ran in thirtieth, whilst in the inter girls' Imogen Pierce was placed fourth.

These performances resulted in the year 7 boys being placed third overall, the junior boys and inter girls became champions and the junior girls were second overall. A fine effort.

M. Whalley.



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HOCKEY First XI

P 22 W 18 L 2 D 2

Straight from the start of the season we were a very strong team. In October 2010, we won our county tournament against all the strong hockey schools in our area including Arnold. This allowed us to go through to the next round of the regionals. We went into the tournament as a very strong, determined team. Our first match was against Cheadle Hulme, so we had to be on our toes straight from the whistle and we successfully beat them 4-3. This took us through to the final at the end of the day against Wilmslow. We were definitely the stronger team, having most of the play for the majority of the match but we just could not convert our chances and so had to face penalty flicks and unfortunately lost.

I would like to give a mention to each player. Chloe Walker, our goalkeeper, was a very diverse keeper who would throw herself on to the floor to stop a ball getting into our goal even if it did mean doing the splits. In defence, Alex Lord would determine where the players were about to move and could step in and stop the opposition. Emily Crowther was not only a main defender but she would get the ball off the opposition and run it down the line into our attacking third, creating great opportunities for goal scoring. Jennifer Malings was a player who could pressurise an attacker trying to enter our 'D' and was able to be quick on her feet to switch the ball from one side to another at the right time. Kirsten Martin excelled at stepping in on a player, retrieving the ball and clearing it off the line to get the team out of danger. Sarah Quarmby would keep the pressure on any attacker approaching our D, stepping in on them when

appropriate. In the midfield Katie Penrose was excellent at driving forward creating many chances and would sprint back to be part of the defence and support them against opposition forwards. Ali Townsend was also a player who could go from taking on any player using her fast feet and great ball skill to create great chances at goal, to a defender putting constant pressure on any player trying to attack. Ali Glover was great at channeling any player on the right side of the pitch, keeping the pressure on them until she could force a mistake and posed a constant threat in attack. Ashley Bradshaw was also a player who was able to channel a player down the left side but she was also great at picking up the ball and switching it round the back. Hannah Travis was great at constantly putting pressure on a player and never giving up until the opposition made a mistake allowing her to retrieve the ball. Up front, Bronte Edgar was super at picking up the ball, attacking down the line, taking on any player getting in her way using her signature ball over the stick move, bringing the ball into the D to create a chance at goal and taking a shot to score. Anna Rigby would pick up the ball and use her speed to drive the ball around the back of any defender to create many chances at goal.

I thoroughly enjoyed the season and was proud to lead my team. The atmosphere was terrific, both on and off the pitch and the standard of hockey was excellent. Finally, I would like to mention Mrs Glover, because being part of the first XI would not have been the same without her. I would like to thank her for all the hard work she put into our team. Mr. Sarnpey must also be thanked because he also played a big part in our successful season. Congratulations to Ashley Bradshaw, first XI captain and Ally Glover, vice-captain for 2011/12. I wish them and the team the best of luck for the new season.

Vicky Greensmith, Captain.



Second XI

The second XI, once again, had a fabulous season. They made a great start with victories against Stockport, Arnold and Altrincham.

With players playing with real team spirit, they were able to gel from the early stages of the season, with the more senior players leading by example. Captain Charlotte Corkhill and other upper sixth squad members were able to provide stability for the squad, leading the younger players to victory on the majority of occasions. With the speed of Rachel Williamson up front and the sheer determination of Catherine Moss in midfield, the team attacked looking dangerous when moving forward. With great corner routines, Kerry Emmett and Charlotte Corkhill converted on several occasions. The overall fitness level of the squad often won them games as they kept working to the final whistle.

Hannah Fountain, Georgina Cameron and Kerry Emmett played key roles within the team, demonstrating versatility in positioning and a real determination. Goalkeeper Amber Cardwell often played a key part in matches, making excellent saves in difficult situations.

The highlight of the season was winning the Lancashire Second XI Cup! An achievement of which both the girls and myself are very proud.

A fabulous season from a fantastic group of players! Well done!

Mrs Osborne.

Under 19 National Invitation Hockey Tournament

In March, Kirkham played host to some of the finest hockey schools in England and Scotland at the annual National Invitation Tournament.

The stage was set ready for the 9am start and it was a privilege to have British Colleges, Millfield, George Watson's College (Scottish National Champions), Sedbergh and Wilmslow High School competing at our first class tournament. Kirkham have battled superbly year in year out but have always found the competition against these mighty teams a real challenge. This year our girls were more than ready for the challenge.

Our first game was against Sedbergh. Our girls were lively and focused and they hit the opposition hard from the first whistle. The back four were solid, the midfield look control



and the forwards were threatening with every attack. We went 2-0 up early in the first half with goals from Alix Townsend and Vicky Greensmith. A sloppy few seconds at the back led to Sedbergh pulling a goal back – the score was 2-1 at half time. Our girls responded superbly in the second half, with Alix Townsend scoring again to put us 3-1 up. Sedbergh refused to be beaten and responded once more to make it 3-2. Kirkham girls moved into fifth gear once more and Vicky Greensmith scored a fourth - Kirkham got off to a great start with a 4-2 victory.

Our second game was against the mighty Scottish champions, George Watson's College. Once again we hit them hard, closing down quickly, gaining possession and counter attacking with real speed and force. Kirkham went 1-0 up with a terrific rebound from a start corner strike by Bronte Edgar and kept the lead until the last couple of minutes. A defensive error led to the opposition equalizing and the Kirkham girls had to settle for a draw.

The third game was against Wilmslow High School, who had a great season with both their under 16 and under 18 teams reaching the National North Finals. Kirkham went 1-0 down early in the first half with some piercing play by the Wilmslow girls. Once again, we rose to the challenge and stepped into fifth gear and equalized with a terrific strike from a short corner from Vicky Greensmith. The game was end to end with some super hockey from both sides. Early in the second half, we broke again with our mighty midfield driving forward to set up yet another attack. Alix Townsend picked the ball up superbly and drove into the D only to be taken out by the keeper. This was time for our captain Vicky Greensmith to step up and take the stroke. She did this superbly, firing it into the left hand bottom corner to secure the victory, 2-1.

The fourth match was against the mighty Millfield School from Somerset. The match was end to end, the Kirkham girls were unbelievably committed defensively with our goalkeeper making class saves. Everyone got behind the ball, we closed down quickly and we were totally disciplined in the defensive D. Drawing out from the back was terrific with our midfielders showing terrific flair and vision as they set up our forwards who played positively and with real skill. The score was 0-0 at half time. The second half was end to end with chances at both D's. Kirkham's perseverance and constant waves of attack paid off with a superb reverse stick strike by Bronte Edgar to put us 1-0 up and once again secure a memorable victory.

The final game was against a highly skilled, physically strong under 19 British Colleges' side who had got better and better with every game. Our girls were tired, but these girls had earned the privilege of playing against this powerful side. We battled well and defended with everything we had but they closed down so quickly it was difficult to relieve the



pressure. Our girls gave it everything, but went down 1-0 in the first half from an outstanding drag flick from the opposition. We never gave up and our goalkeeper made some super saves from the succession of lifted shots. The strength of the opposition was too great and they scored a second just before the final whistle but the Kirkham girls put up a fantastic fight.

This year's first XI put up the best display of hockey in every sense of the word. Chloe Walker was superb in goal; Kirsten Martin, Emily Crowther, Sarah Quarby, Alex Lord, Jenny Malings and Beth Kenny were terrific - solid, disciplined and really gutsy in defence. Our midfield of Katie Penrose, Alix Townsend, Ashley Bradshaw and Ally Glover were outstanding, working tirelessly up and down the pitch and our forwards, captain Vicky Greensmith and Bronte Edgar were first class, playing with real skill and flair. Anna Rigby, Hannah Travis, Amber Cardwell, Lindsay O'Brian and Courtney Spector - though they did not get much, if any, pitch time were wonderful in their support and encouragement on the sideline.

Our girls certainly did us proud and we finished runners-up to the British College team.

For Kirkham Grammar School to be hosting such a high class tournament and competing against the likes of the mighty British Colleges, Millfield and George Watson's College is unbelievable. To watch our girls develop and flourish, some from the age of four, and watch them walk out onto our pitch certainly puts a lump in my throat and brings tears to my eyes. To see my girls give absolutely everything and defeat Millfield on our home turf to finish runners-up fills me with sheer delight and an overwhelming feeling of pride. What a way to end the season! Well done girls, you certainly did us proud.

J. Glover

Under 16 XI- Regional round of the National Hockey Competition

The under 16 squad left for Manchester on Friday, 19 November to play in the under 16 regional round of the National Hockey Competition.

In the first game, the KGS side took on Liverpool College. KGS dominated from the whistle, driving the ball forward to create early chances up front. With great runs from Beth Kenny and Georgina Cameron it was not long before Jen Malings was able to open the scoring with a great shot from the top 'D'.

As KGS continued to apply pressure, a free hit outside the D allowed Beth Kenny to dribble in a score from a great strike. With Liverpool College not having a sniff of the ball, it was only a matter of time before KGS struck again to leave the final score at 3-0. In the second match, KGS tackled Queen's Chester. Coming from a 3-0 win was not easy for the KGS side as they started very slowly. The possession turn over was high, leaving the game wide open for anybody to take the lead. Unfortunately it was Queen's Chester who opened the score line with a deflection from a top D strike. The results meant that KGS went through the group rounds as runners up. The final match saw KGS meet Altrincham Girls' Grammar School. KGS meant business and took the game to the opposing side. The girls ran the ball, made excellent passes and used tactics to run the Altrincham side into the ground. A strike in the first half from Courtney Spector saw KGS take the lead. As the girls continued to apply pressure, it was clear that KGS had the game in the bag. A 1-0 win was enough to put KGS through to the north round of the competition. Well done to all the squad.

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Under 16 Hockey Final

The under 16 squad travelled to Leeds University to play in the north round of the Under 16 National Hockey Championships. Unfortunately, captain Jess Balmer was unable to lead the side due to illness and so Jennifer Malings took control.

The first match saw KGS take on Ampleforth College. The girls led from the start, keeping possession of the ball in and around the pitch and it was not long before Lucy Mellor-Bates opened the score line with a great finish in front of goal. After some well worked play down the right hand side of the pitch, Rachel Williamson was able to cross the ball for Lucy Mellor-Bates to finish once again. Although the squad was 2-0, Ampleforth were not ready to give up! A late goal from the side saw the final score at 2-1 to KGS. A great start to the tournament!

In the second game, KGS played St Margaret's. After a scrappy start, KGS worked together to build from the back. Some great midfield play from Beth Kenny, Lindsay O'Brian and Georgie Cameron enabled the side to release the ball to the forwards. Some great runs from Courtney Spector opened up the St. Margaret's defence to allow Lucy Mellor-Bates to score yet another goal!

In the final of the group games, KGS took on Wilmslow. It was set to be the toughest game yet, with both sides fighting for the top spot in the group. Both sides did not disappoint! Wilmslow took the lead with an early goal from a short corner. The Kirkham side rediscovered their spark and played some excellent hockey from the defence, with Jodie Hope, Natasha Linton and Gemma Broomhead making some excellent runs. The girls managed to equalize just before half time with a great strike from top 'D'. The final result was 1-1, which meant that both Wilmslow and KGS progressed to the semifinals.

KGS met Wakefield here in the play off. Although KGS put up a fight, the girls were unable to stop a fantastic Wakefield side. All credit must go to Wakefield for their fine individual and team play. The final score was 4-0, leaving KGS joint third.

Well done to all the KGS players on a superb day and an excellent all round performance

L. Osborne.

Under 15 XI

The under 15 team emerged from a difficult start to develop into a compact, organized, hardworking squad and they enjoyed a successful season. It was soon obvious that they had to work together to make it hard for the opposition to break them down and the first step was to establish a settled back four that was to stay together for the whole season, providing continuity and increasing understanding of each others' role.

Savannah Des Etages, Charlotte Whittle, Harriet Price and Megan Kitchen worked tremendously hard at the back and defended with increasing confidence and success. They learned to rely on each other and their covering and tackling showed constant improvement.

In midfield, Hannah Butler worked tirelessly and with great commitment on the right, Beth Kenny, as captain, showed great composure in its centre with fine tackling and clean striking of the ball, and Lyndsey O'Brian on the left tackled and drove forward powerfully, always with an eye for goal.

Up front, Nicole Wainwright showed increasing promise on the right, using her speed to get behind defenders and finding good positions to score important goals. Nicky Charter always worked hard wherever she was asked to play and her willingness to adapt to a variety of roles was a great credit to her. Courtney Spector led the line superbly all season, showing strength and skill and was always looking to take the game to the opposition. Alex Hastie on the left has lots of talent and with more self belief can make an increasingly important contribution to the squad. In goal, Alice Allen and Kiran Bahra shared duties and both were cheerful, reliable keepers. They continued to work at their game and increased both their competence and confidence.

It was both pleasing and impressive to see how this small squad came together and developed as a close unit. Having been overwhelmed with our opening fixture against Arnold, we later went on to play superbly against them in the Lancashire tournament and as a further sign of our progress, our fixtures after Christmas included convincing 5-0 victories over Wakefield, Altrincham and Queen Mary.

I have nothing but praise for the squad's attitude and effort and look forward to their further development next season.

S. Sampey

Under 13 XI

The under 13 hockey squad has had a highly successful season which culminated in an A and B sevens team competing in the Northern Schools' Mini Hockey Championships.

Early on in the season, the team made a smooth transition from seven a side to the full eleven a side game. Their ability to play as a team was evident from this early stage, yet despite some great chances, they could not score. Matches against Arnold, Altrincham and Cheadle resulted in nil-nil draws. However, this all changed from mid-October, when scores of 7-0 and 9-0 were achieved against Wilmslow High and William Hulme respectively. This set the team up for the remainder of the season. The exciting tour to York saw further success, beating strong opposition in the form of St. Peters, Cundall Manor and Pocklington. By the end of the season, the KGS team had notched up eleven wins and had conceded only three goals. This is an outstanding achievement in itself but their success did not stop there.

In the county tournament ten teams from Lancashire and Merseyside competed in the first round of the under 13 national mini hockey championships on Monday 7th February. KGS and KEQMS were the only schools to enter 'B' teams. The tournament was run in two sections. The winners and runners up of each section qualified for a place in the north west round. KGS played some great hockey. The A team came second in the competition and the B team came fourth. Two KGS teams therefore qualified for the North West Round of the competition.

Teams made up of winners and runners up from the county round representing Merseyside, Lancashire, Greater Manchester, Cheshire and Cumbria competed in the north west round of the competition which was organized as a round robin. The A team and B team attended two different venues for this round. The B Team came second, qualifying for the Northern Schools' Championships and the A Team won their tournament and also qualified. This was an amazing achievement and demonstrated the depth and breadth of talent amongst the squad.

The A and B Team represented two of the four top schools from the north west and the top four schools from the north east competed for a place to represent the North of England in the final round of this competition. The tournament was organized into two sections. The winners and runners up from each section went through to the semi-final and the two winning semi-finalists qualified for the national finals.

Both teams were drawn in the same section which was difficult when they had to play each other. However, both teams played some superb hockey and gave great team performances throughout the tournament.

The results from the section meant that the A team was second and so met the winners of section A, The Grammar School at Leeds in the semi-final. The KGS team gave their best performance of the season. In the opening seconds of the game KGS almost scored from a fantastic flick from Beth Everson into the top right corner of the goal. The goalkeeper did well to deflect it but it set the tone for what was to be the most exciting 12 minutes of hockey. KGS dominated play, setting up a number of fantastic scoring opportunities. In defence they were solid and soon converted dangerous attacking play by the opposition into attacking play for themselves. KGS deserved a goal but the score remained 0-0 at full-time. For a place in the final it came down to penalty strokes. The Grammar School at Leeds scored two to KGS's one goal. It was an awful way to be put out of the tournament but the teams can hold their heads up high on a fantastic and determined performance.

The squad finished the season on a high and are all to be congratulated.

NETBALL

Under 16

P 10 W 8 L 1 D 1

Our under 16 netball team, led by captain Kate Meagh, performed extremely well throughout the season. In the league, we put up a fantastic fight, winning 8 out of 10 games to finish runners-up. In the annual tournament, we won our group matches convincingly to win a place in the quarter finals against Fleetwood High. In a tight end to end game we stayed calm and disciplined and won the match 9-5. In the semi-finals we came up against the force of Baines, a terrific netball school. After a shaky start, we had to work really hard to stay in the game. As the game went on, we started to come back but unfortunately time ran out and we went out to the eventual winners. Congratulations to Caroline Webster, Jess Balmer, Carolyn Evans, Alix Townsend, Georgie Cameron, Hannah Travis, Kate Meagh and Annabelle Mole. These girls were an absolute pleasure to work with.

J. Glover

Under 15

P 9 W 8 L 1 D 0

Our under 15 netball team really started to motor this season. They listened to all coaching advice and responded positively week in and week out. The highlight of the season was their fantastic display against a very confident and highly skilled Arnold team. Our girls were totally committed and highly focused. They played superbly to produce a fantastic team performance and win the game 19-15. The league was hindered by bad weather but after eventually fitting all the games in, our girls finished runners up in this competition. In the tournament, we played very well in the group section to win a place in the quarter-finals. We defeated Carr Hill and had to face a very strong Baines team in the semi-final. Unfortunately, we went out to the eventual winners. Congratulations to Savannah Des Etages, Courtney Spector, Hannah Butler, Lindsay O'Brian, Beth Kenny, Nicole Wainwright and Megan Kitchen. These girls were an absolute pleasure to work with.

J. Glover

Under 14

P 8 W 9 L 1 D 0

Our under 14 netball team was a very talented group. Captain Lucy Meagh led by example on the court, totally dominating in attack and working tirelessly in defence. Lucy Gardiner had great vision, feeding the shooters with consistent accuracy. Kate Lawler was a very agile goal shooter, quick to lose her marker and she linked in beautifully with the goal attack. Grace Reddy proved to be a great play maker, taking control in centre court. Rebecca Patterson worked extremely hard in defence, reading the game well and dominating. Olivia Fuller was a rock in our defensive circle, winning rebounds and clearing the ball out of defence. The girls performed extremely well in a disjointed league and finished in third place. In the Blackpool and Wyre netball tournament, the girls won their section comfortably and cruised to the semi-finals where they lost out to Baines, the eventual winners. The girls were an absolute pleasure to work with.

J. Glover.

Under 13

The under 13 netball squad has had a successful and memorable season. The A team was unbeaten in their league matches and the B team lost only to Lytham High. This put both teams in a strong position for the Wyre and Fylde Schools' Netball Tournament held on 17th March 2011 of which they were title holders from last year.

The A and B teams displayed great teamwork in attack and defence and both were winners of their sections. The semi-finals were nail biting. The A team was playing Lytham and was down by a goal at half-time. However, determination paid off and KGS won the match with a final score of 8-5. They then met Arnold in the final who had also to this point won all their matches. It was an exciting game with the ball being passed quickly up and down the court by both teams. Some great shooting by Beth Everson and Natalie Olsen ensured that Kirkham edged into the lead which they then held until the final whistle, winning the tournament for a second year.



The B team met KEQMS in the semi-final. The standard of netball was once again high, but KGS won with a healthy lead of 8-1. The final was against Lytham High, whom the B team had beaten in their section by only one goal. In the final, KGS raised their game and played some super netball. They took the lead early and were ahead for the entire match to be crowned champions.

A Team

Beth Everson (Capt)
Natalie Olsen
Millie Foley
Elyssia Cockshott
Olivia Anderton
Anna Hughes
Eliza Parr
Jess O' Neill

B Team

Abbie King (Capt)
Nicole Thompson
Lauren Bailey
Isobel Ritson
Fiona Lockhart
Caity Loftus
Chloe Winder
Sequoia Des Etages

All girls are to be congratulated for achieving the double two years running. This is down to their hard work and commitment to training throughout the season. Well done!

N. Walter

GIRLS' ATHLETICS

What a season! The girls competed in friendly matches against King Edward and Queen Mary, Westholme and Canon Slade and were victorious in all matches in all age groups. These fixtures were a central part of our preparation for the annual Fylde Coast Championships and the English Schools' National Athletics Cup. As ever, our girls were totally committed to practices and matches, training three times a week and competing every fortnight. Each and every squad proved to be gutsy, determined and focused on our targets throughout the season. The complete squad atmosphere from first to fifth year was outstanding; there was a real buzz amongst the girls and complete unity and support throughout. Our girls were an absolute pleasure to work with and each and every one of them was an absolute credit to Kirkham Grammar School.

Fylde Coast Athletics Championships

We had a superb day at Stanley Park on Monday 4th July. Our girls were totally prepared, focused and committed to giving their absolute best for the team. The day was a hectic one with heats in the morning and the finals in the



afternoon. The Kirkham girls excelled once again! There were numerous personal bests on the day which resulted in many of our athletes finishing in the top three. As the finals in the afternoon were drawing to a close, we had no idea how we were doing or what position we were in, therefore all we could do was sit and wait anxiously for the results to be announced. The Kirkham girls had performed magnificently, winning three out of the four Fylde Coast trophies. The under 19's, under 15's and under 14's were crowned Fylde Coast Champions and the under 13's only just missed out, finishing in the runners-up position.

Fylde Coast Achievements:

First places in events were recorded by

Mollie Kerrane under 13 discus;
Nicole Thompson under 14 75m hurdles;
Annalise Hughes under 14 100m;
Jess O'Neill under 14 200m;
Beth Everson under 14 high jump;
Lauren Bailey under 14 discus;
Emily Carpenter under 15 75 M hurdles;
Kate Lawler under 15 200m;
Kate Lawler under 15 800m;
Emily Carpenter under 15 discus;
Alex Hastie under 17 80m hurdles;
Nicola Charter under 17 300m;
Nicole Wainwright under 17 long jump;
Alex Hastie under 17 high jump;
Rachel Williamson under 17 triple jump;
Lindsay O'Brien under 17 javelin



Sainsburys' Cup Final

For the second year in succession both the under 16 and the under 14 girls' athletics teams reached the English Schools' Athletics Association final, an outstanding achievement for a school with an annual intake of 50 girls. To reach the final both teams had to win both the district and the regional finals, and in the latter scores of 369 by the under 16's and 383 by the under 14's saw both teams more than 30 points clear of second placed opposition.

The final itself was held at Abingdon in Oxfordshire and the team travelled down as school broke up for summer on Friday, July 8th. After a comfortable overnight stay near Reading, the teams arrived at the stadium excited by the challenge ahead.

What followed was a brilliant day of athletics, with every girl totally committed to the cause and personal best performances were being recorded across the full range of track and field events. In the under 14 200m races Jess O'Neil and Sophie Warden were individual winners as was Samantha Hollings in the 1500m, and in the under 16 event Alex Hastie was the overall winner in the high jump. Alex was also top points scorer for the under 16's with 42 points, followed closely by Kate Lawler with 40. Overall, the under 16 team was without one of their top athletes and was to suffer a unfortunate injury in the hurdles. Nevertheless, they still finished with a score of 346 to finish in tenth place with great credit.

The under 14 team had an outstanding day. The girls, Jess O'Neil, Sophie Warden, Claudia Hughes, Beth Gregson, Nicole Thompson and Fiona Lockhart scored 40 points or

more individually. But it was the additional performances of all the team that finally achieved a super score of 413 points to finish in fifth place overall. This total would have put them in second place last year so that illustrates the standard of competition this year and it is worth repeating that this competition was for the twelve best schools in the country. KGS girls showed again that they can compete successfully on the highest stage.

Girls Athletics Conclusion

Once again, what a magnificent season!! These fantastic achievements are the result of a complete team effort between the girls and staff. We would like to thank all the girls for their total commitment throughout the season. We would also like to thank Peter and Caroline Warden who were wonderful throughout the summer term, coaching on a Monday night, assisting at the big championships and providing us with our very own official KGS tent!

Finally, Mrs. Walter and myself would like to give a very special thank you to Mr. Sampey who worked tirelessly throughout the season, not only coaching but putting together our best team combinations for the National Cup. Without his expertise and sheer hard work these fantastic results would not have been possible!

J. Glover

Lancashire Schools Championships

Kirkham had three champions: Rachel Williamson under 17 triple jump; Alex Hastie under 17 high jump; Kate Lawler under 15 200m



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Rachel Williamson, England International Triple Jump
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Lancashire County Championships

Boys: Jake Lonsdale, U13 800m/1500m Champion
Benjamin Everson, U17 3000m Champion
Bradley Yates, U15 1500m Runner-up/U15 800m Third

Lancashire Schools Championships

Boys: Benjamin Everson, Inter Boys 3000m Champion
Daniel Jones, Inter Boys Javelin Champion
Precious Nwaokomah, Senior Boys Long Jump/Triple Jump Third
Adam Whalley, Senior Boys Javelin Champion
Ryan Wilkinson, Inter Boys Discus Runner-up

Girls:

Laura Bailey, U15 Girls Discus Third
Hannah Butler, U17 Discus Second
Emily Carpenter, U15 Discus Second
Beth Everson, U15 High Jump Second
Alexandra Hastie, U17 High Jump Champion
Kate Lawler, U15 200m Champion
Imogen Pierce, U17 1500m Second
Nicole Wainwright, U17 Triple Jump Third
Sophie Warden, U15 200m Second

Biathlon:

Girls: Samantha Hollings, U12 National Finals Third
Imogen Pierce, U17 Great Britain (Fifth World Championships)

Cross Country:

Boys: Benjamin Everson, U15/U16 Wyre & Fylde Coast Champion
Jake Lonsdale, U12 Wyre & Fylde Coast Champion/U12 Lancashire Schools Championships Second
Bradley Yates, U13/U14 Wyre & Fylde Coast Champion/Junior Lancashire Schools Championships Second

Girls:

Lucy Keelan, U12 Wyre & Fylde Coast Champion
Camryn Spector, U12 Wyre & Fylde Coast Third

Golf:

Boys: Toby Roberts, Lancashire U16 Champion/North Region Champion (Boys Gross)
Callum Wilkinson, North Region Championship Third (Boys Nett)

Girls:

Lucy Mellor-Bates, U16 Lancashire Champion (Girls Nett)/North Region Championship Second (Girls Gross)

Hockey:

Lancashire Regional Performance Centre

U21: Katie Penrose
Anna Rigby

U15:

Alexandra Hastie
Beth Kenny
Lindsay O'Brien

North Squad

U21: Katie Penrose
Anna Rigby

Manchester Pumas

U18: Ashley Bradshaw

Rugby:

England RFU (16 Group Squad)

Matthew Beaty

North of England RFU (16 Group Squad):

Matthew Beaty

North of England RFU (18 Group Squad):

Matthew J Ellis
Jonathan Evans
Michael Simmons

Lancashire RFU (18 Group) XV

Matthew Ellis
Jonathan Evans
Christopher Kohler
Samuel Peet
Michael Simmons
Charlie Swarbrick

Lancashire RFU (17 Group) XV

Elliott Crowe
Samuel Peet
Charlie Swarbrick
John Windle

Cheshire RFU (17 Group)

Philip Cringle

Lancashire RFU (16 Group)

Matthew Beaty
Benjamin Rhodes-Powers
Benjamin Swift
Luke Woodward

Lancashire RFU (15 Group)

Lewis Leach

Lancashire RFU (15 Group) Presidents

Theo Harvey

Lancashire RFU (14 Group)

Connor Wilkinson

Tennis:

Olivia Bence, U16 Lancashire Champion

Trampoline:

Ellie Higham, U15 North West Trampoline Champion

Cricket:

Lancashire Schools

U17: Oliver Jump
Marcus Mollinga
Charlie Swarbrick

U16: George Brookes

U13: James Seward

England Development Group

U15-U19: Oliver Jump

North West Schools v XL Club (Anniversary Match)

Adam Galley
Oliver Jump
Marcus Mollinga
Charlie Swarbrick

Young Gentleman of the North

James Seward, represented the North in 'Young Gentleman of the North v South' match held at London Cricket Club, September 2011

TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

Athletics:	Boys:	Intermediate Boys Sainsbury's English Schools Track and Field Cup Regional Finalists U12 Vose Cup Winners U12 Wyre and Fylde Coast Champions U13 Wyre and Fylde Coast Third Place U14 Wyre and Fylde Coast Third Place U15 Wyre and Fylde Coast Champions Overall Winners Wyre and Fylde Coast Championships
	Girls:	Sainsbury's English Schools Track and Field Cup Area and Regional Winners Juniors and Intermediates Sainsbury's English Schools Track and Field Cup National Finals Juniors Fifth Place and Intermediates Eleventh Place U13 Wyre and Fylde Coast Runners-up U14 Wyre and Fylde Coast Champions U15 Wyre and Fylde Coast Champions U17 Wyre and Fylde Coast Champions
Cross Country:	Boys:	U13/U14 Wyre and Fylde Coast Champions U15/U16 Wyre and Fylde Coast Runners-up
	Girls:	U12 Wyre and Fylde Coast Champions U13/14 Wyre and Fylde Coast Champions
Hockey:	Boys:	U13 A Lancashire Championships Runners-up U13 Regional Mini-Hockey Finalists U13 North Mini-Hockey Finalists U15 Lancashire Championships Runners-up U16 Lancashire Champions Runners-up U16 Regional Champions U16 North Finalists U18 1st XI Lancashire Champions U18 1st XI Regional Runners-up U19 National Invitation Tournament Runners-up
	Girls:	U13 A and B Blackpool and Wyre Tournament Winners U13 B Blackpool and Wyre Tournament Runners-up U14 Blackpool and Wyre League Runners-up U15 Blackpool and Wyre League Runners-up U16 Blackpool and Wyre League Runners-up
Netball:		U17 Manchester Grammar School Development Tournament Runners-up U16 Stonyhurst Sevens Winners U16 Sedbergh Sevens Plate Winners U15 Arnold Sevens Winners U14 Kirkham Grammar School Sevens Winners
Rugby:		U17 Lancashire 20/20 Runners-up
Cricket:		Lancashire Champions National Schools Team Championships Representing Lancashire Fifth Place (Toby Roberts, Callum Wilkinson, Macauley Murgatroyd)
Golf:		Senior Team, Preston and District Volleyball League Runners-up
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STAFF CHANGES

At the beginning of the academic year we welcomed Miss Joanne Stewart as P.A. to the Headmistress. Her sunny disposition has brightened up the office and we hope she will continue to be very happy at K.G.J.S.

Miss Jennifer Moss also joined us in September, working alongside the P.E. staff. She has been a valuable member of our community and we are sure she will make a great teacher as she leaves us in July to pursue her teaching degree. Good luck, Miss Moss!

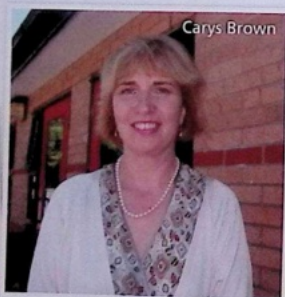
In January of this year Mrs Elizabeth Hamilton left on maternity leave. Her second son, Jack, was born in February. We wish all the Hamilton family every happiness with their new arrival. Mrs Carys Brown, a familiar face in our school, returned to cover J4 in her absence.

After February Half Term Mrs Tessa Marsh began work in the Pre-School in preparation for her new job as Pre-School Manager. Mrs Rachael McGregor left at Easter to start a new life, albeit temporary, in Germany with her family. We wish both Mrs McGregor and Mrs Marsh every success and happiness in their ventures.

Our final staff change occurred in June when Mrs Alexis Leeks joined our school as Communications and Marketing Manager. We are very happy to welcome her into the fold and we hope she will enjoy her new role.



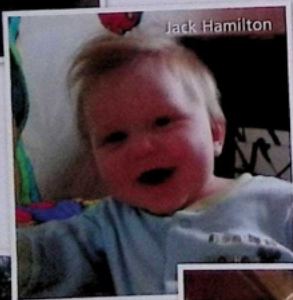
Joanne Stewart



Carys Brown



Jennifer Moss



Jack Hamilton



Tessa Marsh



Alexis Leeks



Rachael McGregor



SPORT

This year both the girls' and boys' sports practices have been particularly well attended and there have been some fantastic individual and team successes. Most of our older boys and girls have had the opportunity to take part in fixtures against other schools in a variety of sporting events.

Hockey

The girls and boys who have played hockey this year have practised hard and have played extremely well in matches and tournaments. This year the school has been represented by the following teams; three Under 11 girls' teams, three Under 10 girls' team, one Under 9 girls' team, one Under 8 team and three Under 11 boys' teams.

All the children who have taken part have played with enthusiasm and a desire to improve. It has been an outstanding year as far as results are concerned. This is the first ever year that we have won the North Tournament in both the girls' and boys' competitions.

Throughout the year, the girls have played fixtures against the following schools: Arnold, St Mary's Hall, Cheadle Hulme, Terra Nova, Stockport, Westholme, Garstang H.C., Isle of Man representative team, King's College (Isle of Man), Lancaster Grammar and King's Chester.

They have also played against other teams during tournaments.

Along with many victories during their matches, the girls have achieved the following;

St. Mary's Hall Tournament Winners – this is the 7th year running we have won this tournament.

Lancashire Tournament Winners – this is the 4th consecutive winning year.

Budge Tournament Winners

A.J.I.S Tournament Winners

North Final Champions

This year, we held the Kirkham Invitational Under 10 Hockey Tournament for the third time where six of the top hockey teams in the North were invited. It was a very successful event with the A team winning the cup competition and the B team winning the plate.

The boys have also been very successful, with the following being achieved:

A.J.I.S. Tournament Runners Up

Lancashire Tournament Winners

North Finals Champions

Netball

Over thirty J3 and J4 girls have attended netball practices on a weekly basis, both after school and at additional practices at lunch times. We have had matches throughout the



autumn and spring terms for Under 11 A, B and C teams, and Under 10 A and B teams.

The standard of play has been very good and it has been fantastic to have fixtures which enabled every single girl from J4 to take part. We had a number of fixtures throughout the year, with notable victories against Arnold and KEQM.

One event to remember from this year was when we took our Under 11 A team to A.J.I.S., where we played teams from all over the North, including Newcastle, Alderley Edge and Withington. The girls battled hard and achieved their rightfully earned medals as runners up of the plate competition.

Rounders

Throughout the summer term, rounders club has been very popular, with over twenty girls regularly attending after school and lunchtime practices. All the girls have worked on improving their individual skills, whether it be their batting, bowling or fielding.

We have had an Under 11 A and B team and also an Under 10 team. Fixtures have been against KEQM, Arnold, St. Pius and Rossall, where we have achieved a number of wins. Unfortunately we were unable to take part in the A.J.I.S. rounders tournament due to the J4 trip to Wales.

Overall, the girls have performed well and have worked extremely well as a team.

Tennis

Tennis club has been very popular with both girls and boys and all who have attended have learnt how to play and score a competitive game.

Big improvements have been seen since Easter, especially within the girls' squad, who also play tennis as part of their games lessons.

This year, for the first time, we have run an internal tennis cup involving 32 girls and 27 boys from across J3 and J4. Overall it has been a huge success, giving the children more opportunity to play tennis, and has also enabled the children to have an element of competition throughout the summer term.

Rugby

The U11 boys' season began with a very successful 7's tournament against local rugby clubs Preston Grasshoppers and Fylde. All the players performed well and gave us great confidence for the remainder of the season.

During the remainder of the season, they played 12-a-side fixtures versus Merchant Taylors (twice), Kings School Macclesfield, Preston Grasshoppers, Isle of Man representative team, Buchan School, Isle of Man (twice), The Grange, and Kirkham Grammar School U12B.

The boys were also involved in numerous tournaments throughout the season and achieved the following results:

A.J.I.S. 7s	Winners
St. Mary's Crosby 7s	Winners
Budge 7s	Runners Up
A.J.I.S. 12-a-side Cup	Semi finalists

Overall this was a very pleasing season which also incorporated a tour to the Isle of Man in February and we again acted as hosts on their return visit in March.

All the boys played with credit throughout the season but a special mention must go to the captain Kieran Wilkinson who played a level of rugby beyond his years.

The U10 group of players have the potential to be a very successful team next year. They have players with lots of pace and they are elusive and skilful.



During the season, they defeated Merchant Taylors twice and were undefeated in the early season 7's tournament held at Kirkham. It was also very pleasing to be able to put out a 'B' team which is very encouraging for the future.

The U9 team have also performed very well, particularly in the early season 7's tournament where they had a very pleasing victory against St. Mary's Hall. In the fixture against Merchant Taylors, they came across a very powerful team and were defeated, but showed real strength of character which bodes well for the future.

On the last Saturday of the Easter term, we hosted an Under 10 tag rugby tournament against Preston Grasshoppers A and B, Tarleton Rugby Club A and our U8 A, B and C teams. The tournament allowed every boy in J1 to participate and it was a joy to see how they had developed over the year. We look forward to seeing how they meet the challenge of contact rugby next year!

Cross-Country

The cross-country season started in early September and it soon became apparent that we were going to have some very competitive teams.

The main focus was the A.J.I.S. championships in early October. A warm-up practice versus Our Lady's and St. Edward's saw the boys win by 64-32 and the girls also win by the same score.

At the A.J.I.S. championships, all our team ran superbly on a very tough course at Rossall School. Twenty schools took part and the following results were achieved:

U10 Boys	1st
U10 Girls	1st
U11 Girls	4th
U11 Boys	5th

Outstanding individual performances were as follows:

Will Gargett	1st in the U10 Boys
Holly Keelan	2nd in the U10 Girls
Olivia Huyton	2nd in the U11 Girls
Eve Turner	3rd in the U10 Girls
Christian Linton	3rd in the U10 Boys

Overall, this was a superb season and we look forward to a repeat performance next year.

Indoor Athletics

Throughout the first half of the autumn term all the pupils from J1 to J4 took part in our established indoor athletics programme.

Towards the end of the half term, the school had fixtures against local athletic clubs with the following results:

U11 Boys	Blackburn Harriers	won 77½-70
U11 Girls	Blackburn Harriers	won 85-63
U10 Boys	Lytham Athletics Club	won 85-62
U10 Girls	Lytham Athletics Club	won 85-62

The Under 11's also participated in the Lancashire Championships which included ten clubs from across the county. The school achieved a unique double and won the boys and girls competition and also had male and female athletes of the match in Kieran Wilkinson and Rachel McCrae.

Following this excellent performance, sixteen boys and girls were selected to represent Lancashire in the Inter-Regional finals in Manchester.

Swimming

In the autumn and spring terms the junior children trained hard to develop their individual strokes during their swimming lessons at Kirkham Baths.

During these terms we had a number of fixtures and the results were as follows:

U9, 10 and 11	St. Mary's Hall	won 198-183
U9	Westholme	lost 29-60
U10 Girls	Westholme	lost 24-58
U10 Boys	Westholme	won 55-33
U11 Girls	Westholme	won 45-27
U11 Boys	Westholme	won 44-40

At the annual A.J.I.S. Swimming Gala, we had some outstanding results:

U11 Girls Medley Relay	2nd
U11 Girls Freestyle Relay	2nd
U11 Girls Individual Freestyle	Olivia Huyton 2nd
U11 Girls Individual Breaststroke	Lauren Williamson 2nd
U11 Boys Individual Breaststroke	Sam Walmsley 3rd

Overall, it was a fantastic season and one which the school should be very proud of.

Cricket

Throughout the summer term all the members of our cricket squad worked hard at their batting and bowling and enjoyed four fixtures during the season. These fixtures were played against Merchant Taylors, Arnold, KGS Under 12B team and Rossall. In all four matches the scores were very close and the boys never gave up trying.





Athletics

This year we were blessed with generally dry conditions throughout the term which allowed every practice and match to take place. The acquisition of a new long jump pit and a shot putt area allowed the school to expand the events available to all our pupils.

The first match of the season was J3 versus J4 which acted as a competitive trial for the forthcoming matches. The next match of the season was against Blackburn Harriers, held at Witton Park, where athletes competed for the Centenary Shield. All of our pupils excelled and we retained the trophy with the following results:

U11 Boys won 83-49
U11 Girls lost 51-81

Overall result: Kirkham 134
Blackburn Harriers 130

Our next opponents were Westholme School and again our athletes rose to the occasion and were victorious. The results were as follows:

U11 Boys won 112-42
U11 Girls won 93-61

Cheadle Hulme was our next match and this proved to be an excellent preparation for the A.J.I.S. Championships. The results were as follows:

U11 Boys won 54-45
U11 Girls won 55-44

U10 Boys won 68-31
U10 Girls won 60-39

Four excellent wins against one of the strongest schools in the North-West.

The final athletics meeting of the season was the Annual A.J.I.S. Championship which was held at Robin Park, Wigan. Over thirty schools participated in throughout the North-West. Our preparation had been thorough and we had high hopes of winning a few medals. By the end of the day we had surpassed all of our expectations. The results from the championship were as follows:

U11 Girls 4x100m Relay	Gold	
U10 Boys 4x100m Relay	Gold	
U11 Girls Long Jump	Gold	Olivia Huyton
U11 Girls 600m	Gold	Olivia Huyton
U11 Boys Cricketball Throw	Gold	Sam Walmsley
U10 Boys Cricketball Throw	Gold	Christian Linton
U10 Boys 150m	Gold	Christian Linton
U10 Girls Hurdles	Gold	Eve Turner
U11 Boys High Jump	Silver	Kieran Wilkinson
U11 Boys 80m	Silver	Kieran Wilkinson
U10 Boys 600m	Silver	Will Gargett
U10 Girls High Jump	Silver	Emily Smith
U10 Boys Hurdles	Bronze	Max Huyton

This was an excellent finale to an outstanding season. Well done to everyone. The PE department would like to thank Mr Butterworth and Miss Cooper for all their help throughout the season.

Inter-House Sport 2010-2011

The Inter-House sports programme has been keenly contested throughout the year. Every pupil from I3 to J4 has participated in twelve different sports. The emphasis is upon participation but the desire to win is also important!

The first competition was Cross Country which took place in October and with the final event being the J2 cricket and tennis which were only decided two days before the end of the school year!

The winners for each sport were as follows:

Cross Country	Birley
Basketball	Clifton
Volleyball	Birley/Clifton/Colborne/Drapers
Indoor Athletics	Birley
Rugby	Clifton
Netball	Birley
Hockey	Colborne

Swimming	Birley
Athletics	Clifton
Rounders	Birley
Cricket	Colborne
Tennis	Clifton

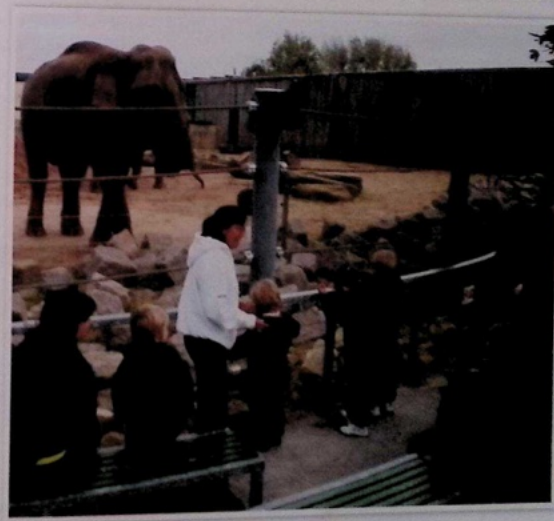
The overall 2010/2011 Inter-House trophy results were as follows:

1st	Colborne	337
2nd	Clifton	318
3rd	Birley	317
4th	Drapers	274

Congratulations to Colborne for your overall victory, but well done also to everyone who took part.

J4 Heptathlon

After the success of last year's pentathlon competition for the J4 pupils this year's group of athletes went one better and competed in a heptathlon at the end of the summer term. Congratulations to Kieran Wilkinson and Olivia Huyton who were the overall winners and well done to all who participated in this sporting extravaganza.



PRE-SCHOOL REPORT

In September we welcomed our new starters and spent the first few weeks looking at the topic 'Ourselves and our Families'. We explored our senses and visited a local optician to see how people have their eyes tested. We also made a start on our 'Jolly Phonics' which is a fun way of introducing letter sounds to children through songs and actions. The children were encouraged to bring to Pre-School an object

which began with the 'Letter of the Week' and to show it to the rest of the group. They all enjoyed this very much. Running up to half term we started looking at 'Our Homes' and those of others around the world. The children enjoyed building miniature gardens and posting a postcard to home from a local post box. During Book Week we read and talked about 'Elmer' and were inspired to take a trip to Blackpool Zoo. Everyone had a fabulous day feeding the elephants, seeing the penguins, watching the giraffes stretching up their necks and meeting a baby gorilla.



We returned from October half term to celebrate Divali, the festival of light and Bonfire Night. We created Rangoli patterns and made pretend bonfires. We also gratefully received a new tricycle and fish tank, kindly donated by the Williams family. The children made the most of them immediately! Our mini focus in the run up to Christmas was 'Toys' and the children delighted in our Pre-School Toy Shop, a Teddy-Bears Picnic and the chance to show their friends their favourite toys from home. We then moved on to enjoying some Christmas festivities including a party, where Father Christmas arrived on his sleigh with a very special helper, Mrs Norris, our multi-tasking elf! The term was topped off by a wonderful performance by the children of 'The Sleepy Shepherd', where friends and family enjoyed watching the children sing and speak in their different roles. After the holidays the cold weather inspired us to investigate what happens when water is frozen and how we can melt ice. We also built a bird hide to watch out for any birds visiting the Pre-School garden. Once the snow had finally melted our thoughts turned to 'People who help us'. This was a fantastic opportunity for us to welcome a number of



visitors to Pre-School. The children were mesmerised by Mr Weare's breakdown truck, Mrs Weare's ambulance and Theo's grandma's amazing John Deere tractor!

They also enjoyed listening to Mr Barber the fireman, Ray from the Royal Mail and a local Policeman. Amongst all this excitement we even found time to celebrate Chinese New Year with a very tasty Chinese banquet and presents from Alyssa.

With Pre-School welcoming new children all the time, Mrs Riley returned to the fold and the children were delighted to see her again. She joined us in time to look at the mini-focus of 'Minibeasts' which was a real winner with our budding bug hunters. We investigated which little beasts fly, crawl, slither and how many legs they have and we enjoyed making all sorts of insects out of different materials. The artist Matisse, with his spirals, spider webs, ladybirds, caterpillars and honey bees, finished off our creature capers. At this time the children also finished their 'It's a Party' unit of the British Gymnastics Fundamental Scheme and received their



certificates and badges with pride. This scheme is a fantastic way of promoting physical skills such as climbing, rolling, jumping, throwing, balancing and catching with a real sense of achievement for all the children involved. Just before the holidays we touched on more sunny activities looking at spring, Easter and Mother's Day and even had the weather to match for a while. Sadly we had to say a fond farewell to Mrs McGregor at the end of term and we wish her and her family all the very best for their exciting move to Germany.

The Royal Wedding celebrations gave us a fantastic start to the summer term and a great introduction to our mini-focus of 'Around the World'. The children made passports and added the flags of the countries we visited each week. We went to Italy for pizza and a peek at the leaning tower, France for croissants and camembert, China for a wander along the Great Wall and to have a go at using chopsticks and the USA for popcorn and the chance to dress up as the Statue of Liberty. We travelled by plane with Harvey Barber and Matthew Weare in the cockpit and cabin crew Theo Williams, Alyssa Davies and Sophie Wareing serving snacks on board. We were also visited by Mrs Barratt, our music



teacher, who showed the children how to sing up a storm with mummy minims, big sister crotchet and the naughty twins.

Just before half term we had a fabulous visit to Old Holly Farm near Garstang. The children enjoyed meeting all the animals including calves, chicks, piglets, rabbits, kid goats and chickens. They also collected hens' eggs and saw how the cows' milk is collected and what it is used for. They especially enjoyed tasting the end product, the lovely ice-cream!



We finished another wonderful year in the Pre-School with our annual Sports Day and end of term production. Our unique version of 'The Gingerbread Man' included not only the characters you would expect but also Disney favourites, superheroes and knights! All the children took part, tried their very best in everything and were magnificent. Both these events were very well supported and hugely enjoyed by lots of family and friends, too.

On a more personal note, I would like to thank all the children, staff and parents for making me feel so welcome in Pre-School. The children are a pleasure to teach and have made my first full term a very happy one. I wish all the very best to the children who are moving into Reception in September; we will miss your happy faces and ready smiles! Keep on enjoying your learning and have fun. I look forward to seeing everyone in September for another exciting year.

Tessa Marsh
Pre-School Manager





INFANT MUSIC

Infant Ensemble began the year as a small group of musicians playing instruments including keyboard, recorder, glockenspiel, hand bells and percussion. They started to learn the note names and their values in preparation for learning their musical score for the French song, 'Frere Jacques'.

During the autumn term the Infant Department began to practise for our annual Christmas play. This year the Nativity story was called 'Christmas with the Angels'. Our 13 children acted out their parts articulately and confidently in front of an appreciative audience of parents and friends in the M.P.H. All the infants enjoyed singing the catchy lyrics of the songs, 'Three Wise Men' and 'It's a Party'.

Later in the year we welcomed several new members to Infant Ensemble. It was a treat to introduce violin players and also a flautist! The group began to learn an American folk song entitled 'The Bear went over the Mountain', which has the same tune as the well known song, 'For He's a Jolly Good Fellow'. The musicians coped very well with a challenging rhythm and were able to play this admirably as an ensemble at the end of term.



We would like to thank all the children who practised and performed so well during the year. The musicians who will be our future 13 group will form a solid basis for the new members who join in September.

In particular, we would like to wish Beth Dowbiggin, Alex Eastham, Joseph Ingham, Toby Paterson and Katie Smith continued success and enjoyment in their musical pursuits in the Junior Department.

This year a new event was included in our calendar. The Inter House Infant Music competition took place in June and was open to children throughout the infant department who had either singing or music lessons in or out of school. This was a fantastic opportunity for our youngest musicians to showcase their talents. The winner was Thomas Shuttleworth (12X) on his drum kit with Toby Paterson (13) playing piano and Anya Baxter (12Y) on the violin being placed third. Well done to all the entrants for helping to make this such an entertaining event.

Special congratulations should also be given to Katie Smith for her award for 'Music in the Infant Department' which she received at our annual Prize Giving.

Mrs Knowles and Mrs Kenchington



JUNIOR MUSIC

This year proved to be as exciting and varied as always. We have celebrated several successes where children have impressed and amazed us all with their talents. This included achieving high standards in their Associated Board Music Exams and entertaining guests at our Open Days. Armistice was again remembered and we heard an excellent performance on the trumpet by Oscar Cornah-Burrows.

The Christmas Concert and Celebration was, as ever, a huge success with many opportunities for the children to take part, either as readers, singers or performers in instrumental groups. Both the Choir (Mrs Shuttleworth) and Ensemble (Mr Lockett) also gave memorable contributions.

A large part of the spring term was spent preparing for the musical 'Annie' which was a great success, running for three nights at the end of March. All the juniors enjoyed taking part and the soloists and chorus excelled. Thank you to all the children, staff and friends who were involved in this superb show.

During the Easter holiday Mrs Shuttleworth took a vocal group from the cast of 'Annie' to the St. George's Day, Lytham celebrations where the children entertained the appreciative audience with songs from the show.

This year a number of musicians have featured as soloists or members of small vocal ensembles during our Assemblies. Polly Mellor-Bates has produced a song called 'The Kirkham Anthem'. She worked with a group including Abby Lees, Charlotte O'Neill, Francesca Riley and Tom Lees to perform the song in Assembly.



A group of vocalists attended 'Sing Up Leading Voices' at UCLAN in May supported by Mrs Shuttleworth and Mrs Knowles. The children who attended were instructed on how to teach other children songs which they learnt on the course. We have continued to raise awareness of music throughout the school as part of 'Sing Up', which is a national strategy for singing.

During the first part of the summer term we launched the first ever Inter House Music Competition, which also included a Drama section. The competition was open to the whole school. The response was fantastic with more than eighty entrants. Mr Lockett, Mrs Shuttleworth and Mrs Knowles adjudicated the preliminary rounds with almost half going through to the finals, held later in the Summer Term. We heard so much talent, it was unbelievable!! In the Drama section first place was awarded to Jessica Miller, with Grace Barber the runner up. Joint third place was given to Sarah Turner and Toby Paterson.

The Lower Junior Music competition was won by Tom Lees playing guitar. The runners up prize went to saxophonist, Lucy Tarpey with Emily Scott on piano in third place.

The Upper Junior competition had such a high standard that the judges took a long time to make their decision. Eventually the results were in! Four children were given the award of 'Highly Commended'. They were Molly Andrews, Freyja Powell, Freya Parkinson and Polly Mellor-Bates. In third place on piano was Zara Ikram and second place was awarded to Francesca Riley who sang unaccompanied. The winner of this section was Charlotte O'Neill for her fantastic performance on piano.

In June four of our students, Charlotte O'Neill, Freya Parkinson, Hannah Lewthwaite and Max Huyton attended the A.J.I.S. Orchestra Course and Concert at the Grange School in Cheshire and found the whole experience stimulating.



Charlotte O'Neill



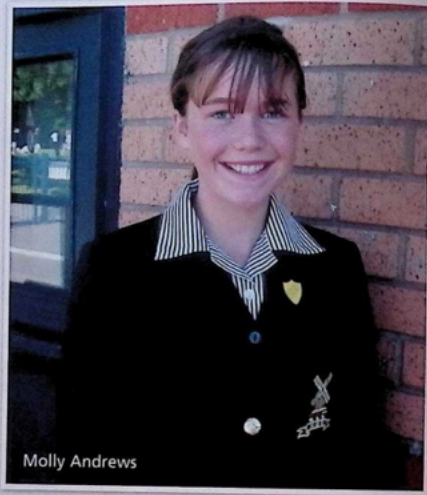
A.J.S Proms

During the summer term Zara Ikram, Luke Dean, Hannah Lewthwaite, Francesca Riley, Kieran Wilkinson, Polly Mellor-Bates and Charlotte O'Neill began to work with children from the Pear Tree School, arranged by Mr Lockett and Mrs Shaminski. This was a music project called 'Indigenous People's Music' where both sets of children have been working together to produce music which will be recorded in the near future.



We congratulate this year's K.G.J.S. Music Scholar, Molly Andrews and wish her every success in her musical pursuits in the Senior School. We thank all the children who have entertained us so well and pay tribute to the support given to all our young musicians by their visiting music teachers.

Mr Lockett (Head of Music)



Molly Andrews

CLASS VISITS

As always our children have enjoyed a variety of experiences this year to supplement the curriculum. All year groups have been out of school at least twice and many have welcomed visitors into their classrooms.

On 10 April eighteen of the Junior School pupils embarked on the first ever K.G.J.S. Ski Trip. After being fitted for boots and skis they took to the slopes for full days of skiing and then relaxed in the evenings with fun activities including swimming, a talent show and a crepe and quiz night. A brilliant time was had by all and this will now hopefully become an annual event in the school calendar.



The J4 children have been researching the country of India for their project work during the Summer Term. To enrich their learning they had a visit from Dr Vasudev to talk about Indian culture and also the geography of the country. He then taught everyone the Hindi greeting, 'Namaste.' In the last week of term the J4 children spent an evening at the Barton Bangla Brasserie where they sampled a number of authentic Indian dishes.

On Monday 6 June most of the J4 children set off for a fun-packed holiday in Abernant, Wales. They took part in a variety of outdoor activities during the day and enjoyed evening entertainment at night. They even spent their last night camping out in the woods. Everyone had a fantastic time and learnt a lot about working together as part of a team.

All the J3 and J4 children travelled to Wallasey near Liverpool to watch a professional performance of 'Annie' in preparation for their own production of this popular musical. The children were able to identify their own characters in the show as well as enjoying the whole experience.

As part of their History topic on World War II the children in J3 were visited by Mr John Smith, an Old Kirkhamian, who was in the senior school during the war. He regaled the children with his tales of bomb raids and air shelters and, in return, the children performed some of their World War II plays that they had rehearsed.

The J3 children were fortunate to be able to attend a Cake Decorating Masterclass with our very own Mrs Norris, accompanied by Mrs Williams. After watching a demonstration of creating a cute dog to adorn a cupcake each child was then given the opportunity to design and



make their own decoration. There were some wonderful creations and all the children had a fantastic afternoon.

Waddow Hall, Clitheroe was the destination for the J3 children's excursion. Here they participated in four activities; grass sledging, team building, tunnelling and orienteering. This was a super trip in lovely weather and the children went home exhausted but exhilarated!

In January King Henry VIII was spotted walking around school in full royal attire! This visit was to help teach the children in J2 about the Tudor period. Henry had many a tale to tell about life in this era, including what it was like to live at this time for both the rich and the poor.

The J2 children travelled to a local secondary school to listen to a talk given by the author, Jeremy Strong. They heard about his life and his books, had the opportunity to buy one of his novels and have it signed. Two members of the Anne



Fine Project came into school to teach the J2 children about various aspects of language and learning. They based their lessons around one of Anne Fine's children's novels and everyone learnt a lot from the experience.

The main outing for the J2 children this year was a trip to the Manchester Science and Industry Museum. This museum has recently been modernised and new attractions added. The Air and Space Museum was the first port of call where the children could see a variety of models and real planes. The highlight of the trip was definitely the 4D Experience where most of the children got very wet!

To tie in with their Science work on 'Teeth' the J1 children visited Blackpool Zoo where the staff there introduced them to elephant teeth as well as cockroaches, both of which were passed around the group! In their Geography lessons the J1's studied their local community and went for a walk around Kirkham, looking at the shops and facilities of the town. They then learnt all about 'Weather' and, after creating their



own weather reports, Emma Jesson from ITV, came into school to talk to them about her job as a weather presenter.

It was an early start for the J1 trip to York to visit the Jorvik Centre. The children enjoyed an archaeological dig to discover treasures from different periods and then a tour of the museum. It was a long day but all the children had a fantastic time reliving the Viking era.

Debi Gliori, the author of the Mr Bear books, visited us in March. All the infant and J1 children were fascinated by her talk on the writing and illustrating of her books and were encouraged to complete drawings of various animals.

Throughout the year the top infants have welcomed a number of visitors to school. Two firemen came to talk to the children about fire safety and what to do if they see a fire. Mrs Kemp brought in some baby chicks to the classroom and Mr Dowbiggin came in to help the class build their enormous robot, Colin. Chef Nigel Smith from The Villa also visited to demonstrate and help the children prepare a variety of mouth-watering dishes. As part of their Science topic on Health and Growth two of our I3 parents came to talk to the children. Mrs Dowbiggin, a Health Visitor, and Dr Paterson, a GP, came to tell the children all about their respective roles in the community.

The I3 children have made three trips out of school this year. They travelled to Leighton Moss early in the year to learn about various animals and their habitats. Collecting spectacles for underdeveloped countries has become an annual event in our top infant class. These were taken to Eyedea Vision in Kirkham where the optician spoke to the children about how these glasses will help people in Africa who cannot afford to buy them. As part of a Science topic on 'Health and Growth' the children of I3 visited Chester Zoo



in the summer term where they had a fantastic day learning about all the different animals and their babies.

To enhance their History topic work the children in I2 were able to learn about 'Homes and Life' in the past by visiting Towneley Hall in Blackburn. They were able to handle artefacts and try on costumes from the Victorian era. The children also enjoyed a woodland walk where their guide offered many interesting facts about bats and their habitat. In their Geography lessons the children learned about 'The journey of a letter'. They all walked to the post box on Ribby Road to post their own special letters to their family. Later in the year the I2 children were transported back in time to when the Vikings ruled England! Solveigh, a Viking visitor, introduced the children to a variety of objects used in the home and clothing worn at the time, in a Viking village environment (the I2 classroom!) Everyone had a go at a weaving activity and even handled weapons and runes. The



Pleasure Beach



Martin Mere

summer term's class trip was to Martin Mere Wetlands Centre where the children were able to learn about the way different birds move and their behaviour. They also had the opportunity to participate in a badge-making activity which gave them a lovely souvenir from their day out.

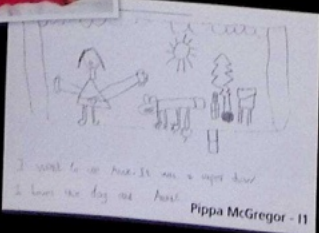
The School Nurse visited the children of I1 early in the year to talk about the importance of healthy eating and hygiene. This helped to develop their understanding of the topic about 'Themselves'. When the Reception children moved on to study the 'Seaside' they were very fortunate to be able to visit the Pleasure Beach, Blackpool. All the children had a fantastic time, enjoying the rides and attractions. At the end of the year the I1 children travelled to the Bangla Barton Brasserie to sample a variety of Indian dishes to link in with their work about 'Food in Different Cultures'. The whole group became very adventurous as they tasted the spicy treats.



Annie Jr



JOSEPH WEINBERGER LTD. ON BEHALF OF MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL



After almost a year of planning, auditions, rehearsals and lots of hard work, the Junior children were ready to give the performances of their lives! At the end of March, for three nights only, all the Junior children came together to display their enormous talent in acting, singing and dancing as they performed the children's version of the musical, 'Annie'.

Molly Andrews was outstanding in the lead role and all the other main characters were equally superb; Hermione Britten as the nasty Miss Hannigan, Oscar Cornah Burrows as Daddy Warbucks, Freya Powell as Grace Farrell and Nicky Pilkington-Lowe and Lydia Lythgoe as the scheming Rooster and Lily. Every J3 and J4 child was on stage to form the chorus and the J1 and J2 children sang beautifully to accompany the main musical numbers. All the children maintained a high level of energy and enthusiasm throughout the shows and they were rewarded with many glowing comments. Thank you very much to all our parents, staff and friends who gave so much time and effort to make this another superb KGJS production!



ACTION AID

The children like nothing more than a bit of 'change' to their daily routine and raising money is one very worthwhile way of achieving this. With cake and fruit pot sales, sponsored hula hooping, a chocolate tombola and guessing the sweets in the jar there was something for everyone! The children we sponsor all over the world as part of Action Aid will this year benefit from a donation of £700 from K.G.J.S. A huge thank you to all the children who took part and also to the parents and friends who have supported us in our ventures.



INFANT & JUNIOR WORK

STORM AT SEA!

Roaring wind hear me,
Salty sea hail me,
Loud rain calm me,
Silent stars lead me,
Until the sun rises over the horizon,
Lonely moon,
Cast your shadow on me,
Lead me through the night
Til morning is nigh,
Bright sun,
Lead me to my destination
Now that day is come.

Esme Ikram J2Y



The Dragon and The Princess.
The King and queen were having
a cup of tea outside the princess
was trapped by a dragon. The dragon
was green and big and scary and
the dragon wanted to eat the princess.
Help! help! help! shouted the princess
and a knight saved the princess.

Laura Brown I2Y

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In the cellar is
An abandoned chair covered with, mould and foul odour
that bad
Your eyes would water.
A crystal ball smashed upon its black, plastic holder
A case of clothes that were of a fashion far gone
A vase full to the brim with a green, stinking liquid.
And the only sound
Is the screech of angry ravens circling overhead.

In the attic is
A tank covered with a moth-eaten sheet.
A book of herbal remedies with a golden flower
decorating its cover.
A collection of records from an unknown artist
A diary with old, faded pictures of a girl called Agnes
And the only sound
Is my foot stepping on the creaky floorboards.

In the kitchen is
A pile of bottles and cans infested with woodlice
A candle's wax burned out long ago.
An old and broken servant caller
An ancient, rusty tin bath
And the only sound
Is the constant clacking of dirty pans above the unsteady
stove.

Molly Andrews J4Y

Friendship

Friendship is multicoloured like a beautiful rainbow,
It looks like a group of best friends being kind to each
other,
And smells like a cramped shop full of delighted children
wanting a treat,
It tastes like a delicious Sunday roast dinner full of
different flavours,
And sounds like people laughing and having a great time
together.
Friendship feels marvellous.

Jamie Curran J4X

Kensuke's Kingdom

My Island

As I slowly begin to wake, I hear the slow, calm sound of
the ocean, gently lapping against the shore. My mouth is
dry and tastes of salt and sand. I can strongly smell the
fresh saltiness of the sea.

I struggle to open my eyes and I'm tempted to fall back
asleep as a warm breeze sweeps over me. I suddenly
remember the terrible night before and my eyes open
abruptly. I sit up and take a look at my surroundings.

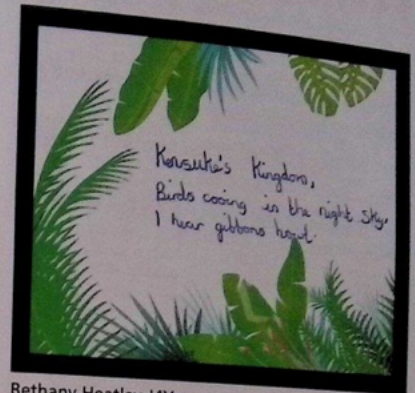
The shimmering, turquoise sea, as flat and as smooth as
a mirror, is completely empty. Nothing but sky and sea. I
bury my bare feet in the warm, silky, white sand which is
covered in little pink and white seashells.

I look behind me to see a large mass of dense rainforest,
which seems to go on for miles! I can hear the muffled
noises of squawking, screeching and howling coming from
deep inside.

A single palm tree strays from the rainforest, offering
shade from the hot sun and shelter.

There is no sign of human life at all. Reality slowly dawns
ON me. I survived but now I'm all alone, marooned. No
one knows I'm here. I'm a long, long way from home.

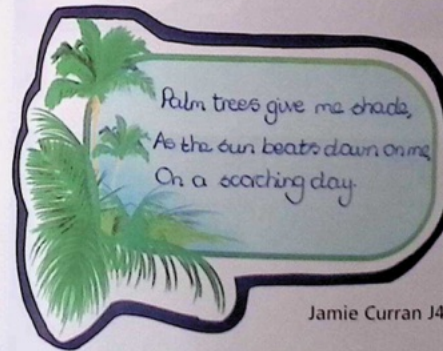
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Jamie Curran J4Y

My Island

I loudly coughed myself awake. I could taste sea salt in my mouth. I
sat up and looked around me as I realised I was a long, long way from
home. Where on earth was I? Where had God taken me? This island was
definitely abandoned but in its own way, beautiful. The turquoise sea
shimmered in the sunlight. The birds flew straight past me, sweeping in
and out of the snowy, white clouds. Was I alone on this island or was I
sharing with somebody else? Where were my mum and dad? Surely they
were coming back for me? I trembled and shuddered. Should I explore? I
decided that I would as I was starving and felt like passing out any
minute. The only decision left to make was which route to take? Should I
head towards the emerald, overcrowded forests with trees that glisten in
the sunlight? Or should I head towards the rainbow coloured rainforests?
The decision hung in the balance...

Zoe Howell J4Y



Eloise Smith J4Y

Feelings

From my bed I can:
See my dark oak piano standing all alone.
Hear the annoying cheeping birds, the ticking clock and
the loud ringing of the phone.
Smell the strong scented air freshener that tickles my
nose.
Touch the deep caramel carpet that my feet sink into, it
drowns my toes.

Feel Safe and at Home!

Lauren Williamson J4X

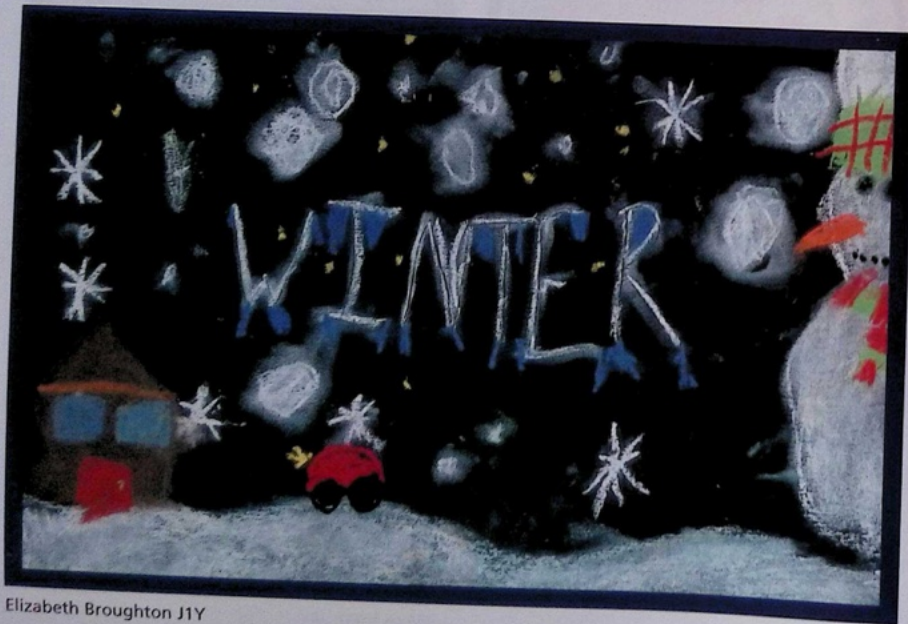
Dogs Can

Dogs can jump
Dogs can play
Dogs can roll
Dogs can pounce
Dogs can sit
Dogs can bark!
Dogs can BITE!

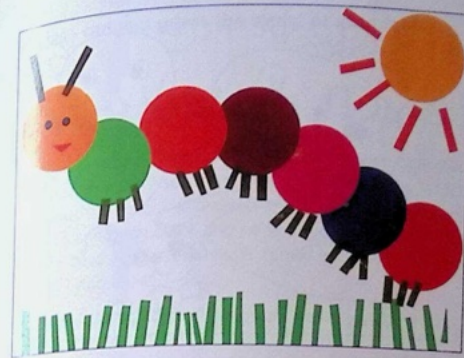
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Daisy Gibbs I1



Elizabeth Broughton J1Y



Rachel Watson I1

MY FRIENDS

I've got a lot of friends but I can't list them all.
But I'll give you a few I'll tell you one who's tall
He's got ginger hair his best friend could be Sanit
Definitely not Janet. He never says DUH
His name is Oliver

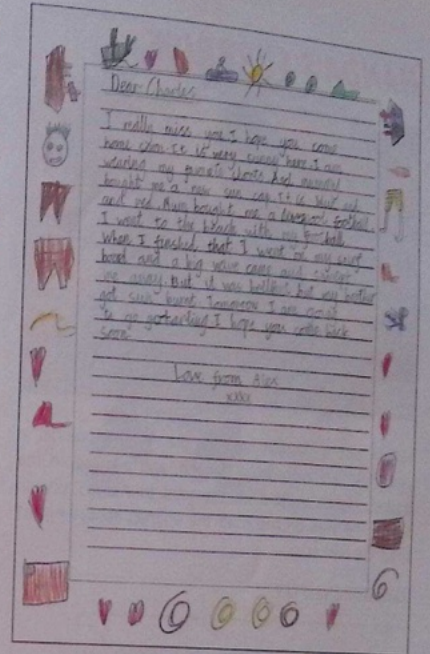
She's very neat she's a girl you can't beat
She's very nice just give it all some spice
She's not fainting
Her name is Caitlin

He's got smart shoes
He hangs about in the loos
He's got brown hair
He's got the bill
His name is Will

She's nice indeed
She takes her dog off its lead
Her fave name is Daisy
She certainly ain't lazy
She's 'Oh So Posy'
Guess her name, Chloe

He's number one at turning our brains on
With his super skills
And with no fancy frills
He makes us work all day but never forgets to send us out
to play
It's not rocket science
It's Lockett Science!

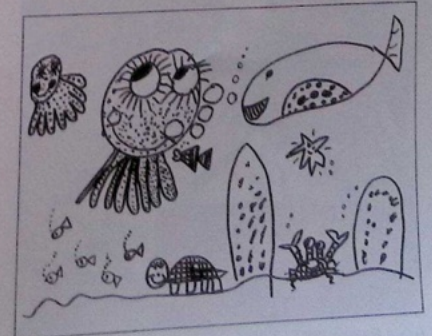
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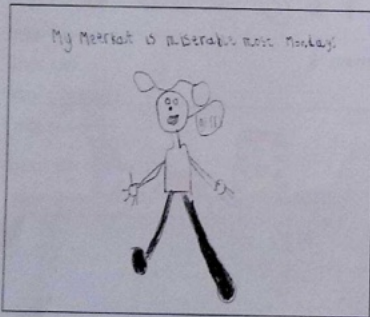
Emily Marsh I1

HANDA'S SURPRISE



Handa put a passion fruit, a mango, an orange, a pineapple, an avocado, a banana, and a guava in the basket. Handa walked on the road to Akeyo's village. When she was on the road the animals took the fruit from the basket.

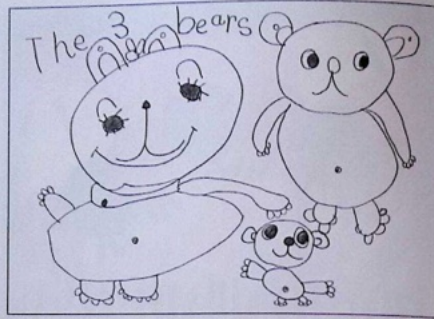
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Before the Storm

Leading fish,
guide me.
Blowing sails,
move me.
Cooling sky,
calm me.
Swimming dolphins,
save me.
Chopping waves,
guide my way through the storm.

Ella Kearsley J2Y

Fables - can you guess the moral of each fable?

The Whale's Home

One day a whale decided that his underwater cave was cramped and dirty so he moved to another cave which was much bigger. He realised that this new cave was freezing and pitch black and he wanted to move back to his old cave. Unfortunately a family of piranhas were already living there.

The moral of the story is 'Things are not always what they seem'.

Grace Knight J3X



Tabitha Berry I2Y

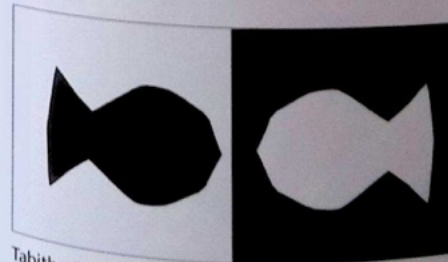
The Tiger and the Magic Mouse

Once there was a tiger that walked around the jungle boasting to every animal he met about how beautiful he was. No one objected for they were too afraid of the tiger. For many days he continued to boast. One day a magic mouse appeared. Everyone noticed the mouse except for the tiger who was too busy boasting to notice. The animals knew he was magic so they told him they were fed up with the tiger and his boasting. The mouse approached the tiger and said, "I am going to teach you a lesson!"

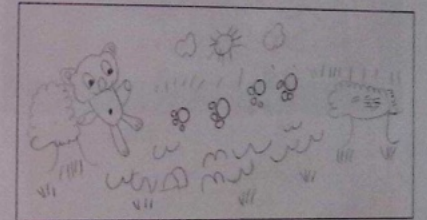
"You! Teach me a lesson!" the tiger exclaimed. "Why, I am much cleverer and more beautiful than you!" Suddenly some of the tiger's stripes began to fade and in their place appeared spots. The tiger did not notice and walked off. Every time he boasted his stripes faded and more spots appeared. By the end of the week he had no stripes left at all. The tiger walked to the river to admire his beauty and was shocked to find himself covered in spots. All the animals in the jungle laughed as he passed. The tiger had never felt so embarrassed. Never again did the tiger boast about anything.

The moral of this story is 'Do not be boastful'.

Abby Lees J3X



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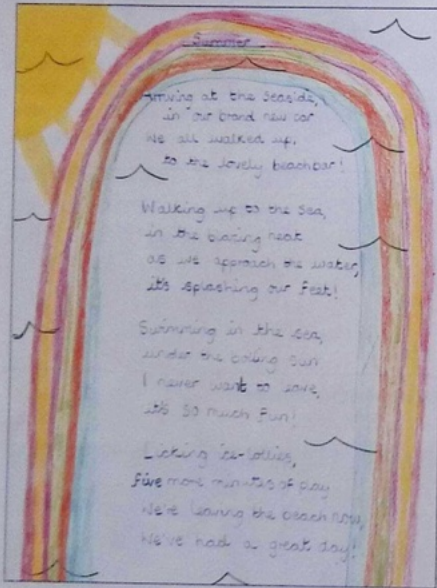
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Tiger

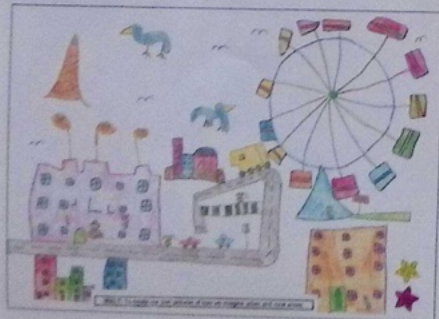


Tiger in the forest.
 I hope you don't come near me.
 Tiger you prowl and tiger you growl.
 Tiger, Tiger you are big and scary.
 Tiger your tail is really stripy and furry.
 Tiger you are a black, white and orange cat.
 Tiger we have to be careful or you might squash us flat!
 Grr! Ahhhhhhhhh!

Anya Baxter I2Y



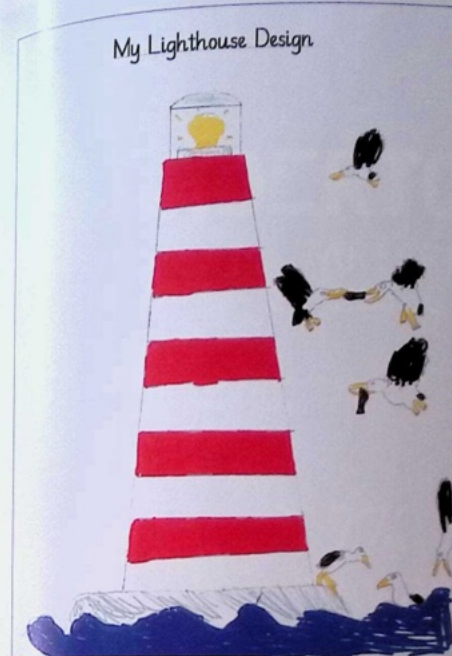
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William Andrews J1Y



Grace Wallace J4Y

PLACE POEMS

I looked at the moon, in Dunoon,
 I got a scar, in Cupar,
 I went on a tennis court, in Port,
 I ate a berry, in Derry,
 I opened a can, in the Isle of Man,
 I kneeled, in Huddersfield.

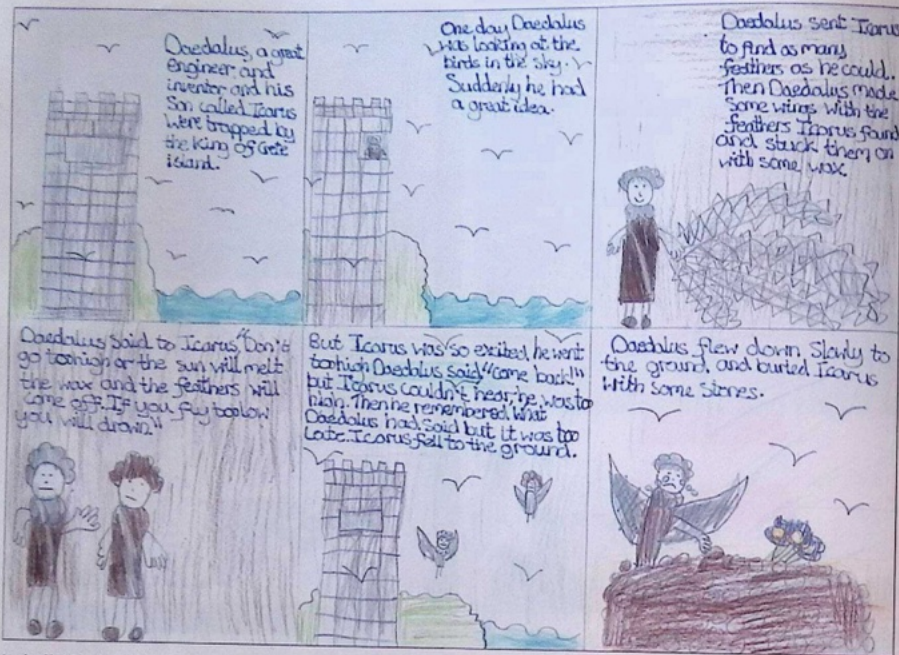
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Recipe For A Disastrous School Outing

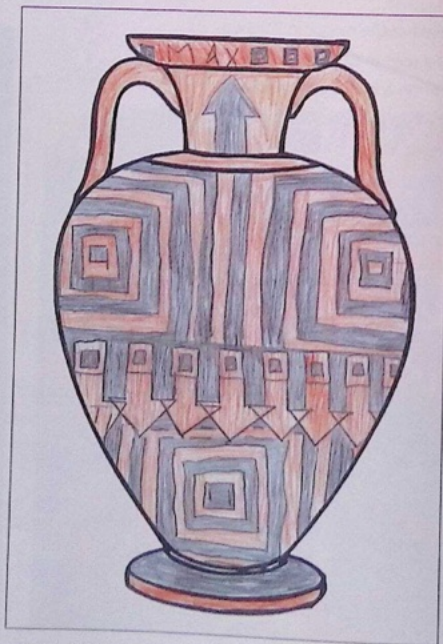
Ingredients

- 2 naughty boys
- 3 annoyed teachers
- 13 noisy children
- 6 sick guides
- 1 asleep bus driver
- 1 broken down bus in the middle of nowhere!
- 2 messy woods

What to do

- Put the first two ingredients in the bus for two days.
- Place the sick guides in as well.
- Mix for a day and then add the messy woods.
- Slowly add the asleep bus driver.
- Then the two naughty boys fall into the pond.

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