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HEADMASTER'S FOREWORD

It has been an exciting year for the school with new developments underway, and a new Headteacher appointment amidst the on-going life of a very busy day-to-day environment. Once again, however, it is the achievements of our pupils that take the limelight and in that sense this has been an exceptional year.

It would be remiss not to make reference to the fact that this is my last year as Headmaster. There remains a very busy year in front of me and I remain committed to finishing a job I took on in 2002 with great pride. What pleases me is that I still feel that same pride in leading a school which can boast excellent facilities, highly committed staff, and most importantly a talented and motivated body of pupils making the most of the opportunities put before them. I have always been committed to providing a breadth and balance in education, both as a teacher and as a Head and I could not have been a part of a school that more closely fits my philosophy than KGS, so my report concentrates wholly on the work of the school and its pupils over this last year.

I am indebted to the Governing Body for their support in providing the funding to develop our new music facilities. The improvement in this area has been planned for many years but has had to take its turn behind the laboratories and classrooms that formed the initial stages of our strategic planning a decade ago. The fact that we have been able to move ahead now is testimony to the Governors' commitment to the development of the school, and I am confident that this new centre will afford our musicians with a whole new impetus as they begin to fully utilise the new facilities. It was a hectic summer and we have had to do some finishing off this term but the department is now installed and we look forward to hearing the results, in more outstanding musical performances from our students.

We now await the completion of the new sports facility that replaces the old gym and changing rooms. I know generations of Kirkhamians will mourn the loss of the old changing rooms but by mid-November we should have an excellent replacement, providing more space and improved amenities. In the meantime, I can only apologise that arrangements on Saturdays have to be a little ad hoc. We are going as quickly as we can!

It is fair to say that the country is still riding on a tide of Olympic emotion and like many of you I was glued to the screen as those Olympic heroes fought out their private duels and battled for glory. The theme "inspire a generation" is one that resonates to us as educators and is a theme we have already referred to in our assemblies. Clearly the message is centred to a degree around sport but in my view the Olympics and Paralympics were always representing more than that, it was about the values at the core of the movement which are universal and it was refreshing to see so much good spirited competition exemplifying dedication and commitment, team spirit, appropriate response both to

triumph and defeat while dealing with intense pressures. These qualities are inspirational in any sphere and values that I hope all generations will recognise and replicate in all aspects of their lives both in school and beyond. It was indeed pleasing not to have such an event marred by controversy. It also made everything seem very real when the Olympic torch was brought to KGS by one of the torch-bearers and needless to say an excited photo-shoot ensued. Such a wonderful summer deserves to have lasting impact and I hope we can maintain the values that were so visibly exemplified there.

The highlight of every summer, however, is the publication of the public examination results, the culmination of two years dedicated study. This year has seen a public outcry regarding the alleged pressure put on boards to stop grade inflation. The uproar has centred on certain key subjects in the main and nationally English has received most media attention. It is a matter of concern for us all that not only do we have the on-going problems with marking in many different areas but also seemingly an external agenda to downgrade results without proper consultation or planning. Only recently we heard of another drastic change to GCSE impacting apparently in only two years. I have no doubt that there are many positives in developing greater rigour in our examination system; to integrating traditional aspects of older systems as seems to be the case. Yet what worries me is the rush to change again, the third in a matter of a few years. If we have a new Government will we start the merry-go-round again? I suspect so. We applaud aspiration but I would appeal for greater consideration of those who have to implement and achieve this amidst uncertainty and hastily enacted changes.



Our A-level results showed a significant rise from last year with a pleasing number of grades at top levels and a 100% pass rate. Collectively therefore the year group performed well and individually there were some excellent results. Pride of place must go to Charlotte Lucas with 4 A* grades but she was rivalled by Jack Linley with three A*'s and an A. No less than sixteen other pupils gained a minimum of 3A grades representing a reassuring haul of top grades at this level. Georgina Lee, who joined us in the Upper Sixth to revisit A2 in order to gain a place at Oxford was successful in her quest and joins Exeter College to read French and Russian. What was very pleasing was the success of our students in gaining acceptance in their first choice of University. It was clear from our dialogue with many such Universities that these institutions are well versed in the context of our school and that the strong support of their students' references proved invaluable in cases where grades were missed.

I wish the cohort of 2012 well as they set out on the next adventure in their lives. They served the school very well both academically and in the broader life of the school and I hope to hear of their successes over coming years. Stepping out from school is exciting but I hope none have any sense of complacency for it is a challenging world out there but we hope we have equipped them with a wide array of skills with which to meet those challenges.

GCSE results this year were the best ever for the school. Over half the grades were at A*/A and 25 pupils gained a minimum of 9 grades at this heady level. Elsie Linley excelled with 11 A* grades while Savannah Des-Etages and Harry Mason each gained ten A* grades. The number of students achieving a large number of high grades surpassed previous levels and no less than 46 had a minimum of 5 */A grades. I am also very pleased that so many of the year group have progressed into the Sixth Form resulting in healthy numbers in both Upper and Lower Sixth.

The furore over GCSE results therefore does not seem to have impacted upon us greatly but there is no doubt that nationally the number of top grades is down so it is even more praiseworthy that the cohort has done so well. The news that modular examinations at GCSE are being terminated for students entering the Fourth Year is welcome and we have taken our first step to IGCSE with our English students beginning the course this September. We do therefore anticipate avoiding future controversy in this subject.

As I have already mentioned I firmly believe in breadth and balance in our provision. That must incorporate both the opportunity to aspire to the very highest levels but also an opportunity for all our pupils to find an activity within the school which will give them a sense of belonging and complement their work in the classroom. In preparing my report each year, I am overwhelmed with material with which to exemplify the manner in which the pupils embrace this philosophy. This year is no exception. Be it in the sporting arena, on the stage, or as a member of a club like

the Young Engineers, these students show an insatiable appetite for joining in.

The aim is that the many different activities provide opportunities for everyone to enter into some aspect of life at school outside the classroom and it has been heart-warming to see the success of such ventures such as the KGS radio team going live on local radio last September, while the Public Speaking team comprising Gemma Coleman, Jodi Gaston-Ross and Lewis Holden emerged victorious in the Fylde region competition. Our Mathematicians once again entered the UK Maths Challenge at all levels with continued success seeing over 50 students gain recognition at bronze level at least. Our young Technologists competed in the Rotary regional finals where the Fourth Year team came home with the trophy, while our Young Entrepreneurs pitted their skills in the LEP's competition. Jack Smith and Demi Akinpelu proved a match for everyone and raised £5,000 for the school through their efforts in winning the Young Entrepreneurs of the Year title. Over 100 pupils currently attend LAMDA lessons and it was rewarding for Mrs Heney to see so many of her tutees gain recognition in the assessments, no less than 80 gaining such reward. The list goes on, exemplifying an ever growing choice of activities.

We have also been fortunate once again to benefit from visits to the school by personalities who offered different perspectives on life and literature. Ranulf Fiennes captivated his audience with his choice of heroes echoing his own adventurous spirit while the pupils enjoyed the visits of authors such as Keren David and Darren Shan. Such opportunities are important in broadening our outlook beyond the immediate vicinity of school. In this respect I am also indebted to my colleagues in continuing to initiate and support the trips and excursions that do so much to provide our students with lasting memories. The Geographers returned to Iceland, while our budding Artists enjoyed visits both to London and Berlin. Paris was a popular destination for the Linguists with two trips for different age groups while the Physicists ventured to the CERN centre in Geneva. These trips provide a lasting memory from school days for the students while also stimulating even greater enthusiasm for their studies.

The Drama Department was as busy as ever, presenting an outstanding interpretation of "The Scottish Play". Individual performances abounded, none more so than Josh Burrows as Macbeth himself and that of Aaron Davies as Banco. The cast clearly enjoyed the performance and this transmitted itself to the audience who received the play with enthusiasm. Not to be outdone, the Juniors once again impressed the Royal Shakespeare Company with their rendition of "The Tempest" performed at the Charter Theatre. Seeing so many of our pupils engaged in these productions is testimony to their commitment to rehearsal and sheer enthusiasm for performance. I must mention the work of Katie Simpson who stage-managed both productions this year, a mammoth task. I often boast proudly to parents that we have pupils queuing up to participate in Shakespearean productions and

I thank Ms Barrie and her team for their continued commitment in this area.

This year sees the first opportunity for our Music Department to enjoy the new facilities. Given the excellence of last year's concerts, it will be fascinating to see how things develop now that Mr Barratt and his department are centralised. Our musicians continue to impress both in the Ensembles led by Mr Barratt and Mr Dalton but also in their individual performances. Elliott Gaston-Ross had the honour of playing before the Queen at Westminster Hall as a member of the National Children's Orchestra while Hannah Culver achieved the honour of reaching the finals of the Preston Musician of the Guild, open to all under 25. Elizabeth Brocklehurst also continues to perform with distinction in the National Children's Brass Band. Each year represents a new challenge as our young musicians join the ensembles and preparation begins again, but I have no doubt the array of music will continue to expand and thrive.

This year has seen the Combined Cadet Force enter the year under new leadership. Lt Colonel Scott has decided to stand down after 38 years' service. Awarded the Lord Lieutenants medal for services to the Cadet Movement, Col Scott has enjoyed a wonderful career with the Cadets and I thank him for his sterling work on behalf of generations of Kirkhamians. Mr Callister takes over the leadership of the Corps this term, fresh from a successful camp and a highly successful year leading the training of the Cadets and an ever increasing number of Duke of Edinburgh Award recipients. Six Gold awards this year were followed by a further dozen Silver awards while over 50 progressed to Bronze. The expeditions are a highlight of this process and I know the students enjoy the opportunities these offer although it is sometimes a shock being on the hillside in the driving rain and not being able to call to Mum to pick them up.

Our sporting year is always a busy one and our sportsmen and women take up the challenge both in a growing number of sports and on an increasingly national scale. Such is the wealth of success this year I am bound to be guilty of missing something but it would be remiss of me not to try to report on the success of the year.

Our hockey teams had a highly successful time with the Under 14, Under 13 and Under 12 teams being crowned County Champions. The Under 14's were very unfortunate not to take the final hurdle to the National finals. Pride of place here must go however to Ashley Bradshaw and her 1st XI who were not only County and North Champions but took part proudly in the National Finals also. Their performance also in our own tournament where they defeated Millfield and Sedbergh to finish runners up to British Colleges rounded off a fine season.

In a tough rugby season the first XV played the most challenging set of fixtures in their history but met those challenges admirably. A large squad played some wonderful games including the narrow defeat at the hands of Millfield

and went on to complete a successful season. Phil Cringle gained recognition with his international cap for Scotland. The Sevens season proved particularly memorable with no less than seven trophies won but pleasingly spread across all the teams. In the same vein a large squad set off on an ambitious tour of South Africa in July involving three school teams. I am pleased to say all returned safe and sound having had a wonderful experience and having furthered the name of KGS in a very positive manner. Victory in 11 of the 14 games was a fine record and the 60 boys who went will remember the experience always.

The weather played havoc with our cricket season but nonetheless the 1st XI reached the regional final of the 20:20 competition and George Brookes gained recognition in Wisden for his exploits with bat and ball. Congratulations are also due to James Seward who had such a successful season in the first XI and U14. His wicket-keeping and batting were an ever growing force in the senior team. Not satisfied with that however he played his part in the Under 14 team reaching the County final. Although finishing as runners up they registered excellent wins on the way to the final and some great batting and bowling performances by many individuals.

Our teams also shone on the athletics track in this Olympic summer and once again the Girls' Intermediate team reached the National finals, finishing 6th overall. A remarkable achievement. Both Junior and Inter Girls and Junior Boys reached regional finals of the English Schools Competition while KGS dominated the Fylde and Wyre region winning six from eight trophies, with the girls doing a clean sweep. Individually Rachel Williamson led the way achieving a silver medal in the English Schools Triple Jump, while Nicole Wainwright was 7th in the younger age group final. To have 16 athletes on the podium at the County finals is testimony to the strength of athletics and the training undertaken by staff and pupils alike.

Domination of the Fylde and Wyre has not solely been in athletics as our swimmers replicated this feat and the cross country runners made a major impact winning four of the six age groups, where Ben Everson and Samantha Hollings won their respective age groups. In the pool we were very proud when Samantha also gained selection to the National swimming finals. On the tennis court our boys also swept up the trophies at the Fylde and Wyre events while the junior girls play off the regional finals this term. In Netball the Under 12 A and B teams carried off the Fylde trophies. Altogether a remarkable haul which currently fills my study!

Sport is not all about victories and success however, and many teams or individuals have faced disappointment but they have learnt to do so with good grace. Our volleyball and basketball teams have not registered trophies this year, yet they have exhibited the enthusiasm required and will see their sports grow if this is sustained.

I must take this opportunity to pay tribute to the staff who make all of these activities in all areas of school life possible.

At a time when the teaching profession has been under some pressure to demand changes in the government policy by taking industrial action, not only have my colleagues continued their duties in the classroom, there has been no let up in their commitment to the extra curricular life of the school a tribute to their central role in the success of the school.

The life of any school is complex and owes so much to its many stakeholders. The checks and balances are often delicate and the pathway through school life varies for every pupil. What is common however is that they all rely on the commitment of those around them to create the environment in which they can thrive. This includes the selfless support of their parents that is a hallmark of our parent body. Success cannot be achieved either without the dedication of all our staff whether teaching or support staff in inspiring and supporting our pupils' development. We also rely on the vision of our Governors in planning the future of our school and creating the environment in which we can all work. This mixture is one which is at the core of a successful school and I believe that generally we are getting the recipe right. It is important never to be complacent as things can always go wrong and I have learnt in a decade as Headmaster that everyone will face challenges

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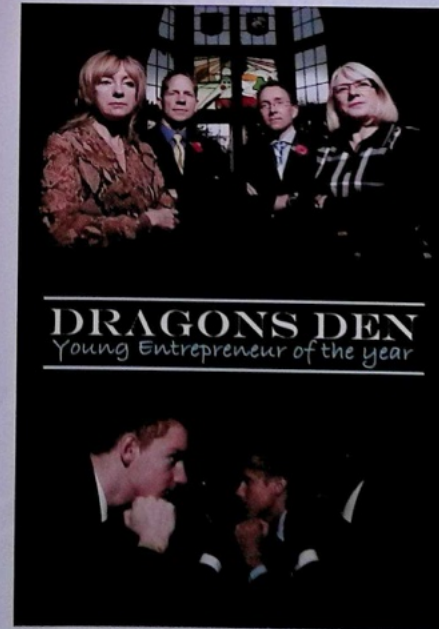
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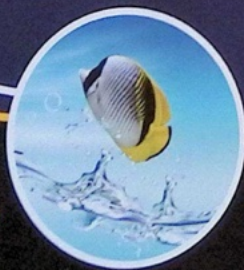


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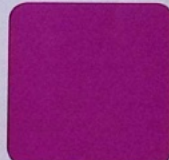


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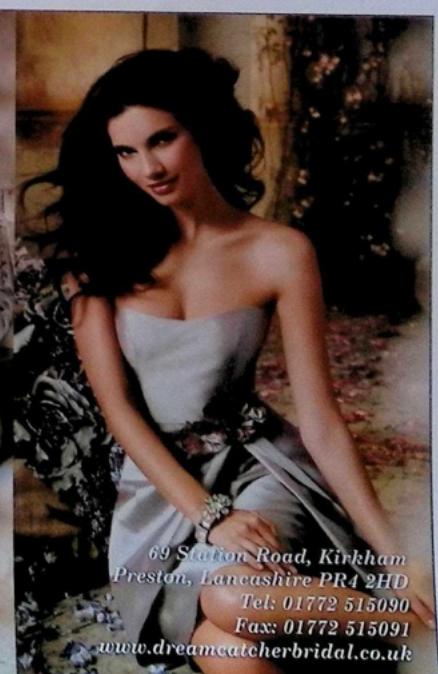
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CHARITY

It has once again been a very busy year for charity fundraising at KGS with individual forms and whole year groups being involved. As always, our Friday collections remain the backbone of our charitable giving and various charities have been supported.

In October, the first year pupils were invited to take part in a zumba session in aid of Lepira and were joined by several members of staff (some more proficient than others) in the MPH for what proved to be a lot of fun. In all, over £500 was raised.

In November, members of our sixth form volunteered to help with the poppy collection for the British Legion and others took part in a collection for Barnardo's.

During the month of December, 2Y worked really hard to raise money for charity. After much discussion it was decided that the money raised would be donated to the Salvation Army in Preston. The pupils sold bags of sweets, did a 'guess the name of the teddy' and sold donated drinks and chocolates at the junior disco. The amount raised was just short of £300, a fantastic achievement. In addition, each form member bought and wrapped a present suitable for a teenager and also presented two sacks of presents to the Salvation Army. On Thursday 15 December, Mrs Glover took Beth Preston, Hannah Davies, Dan Turner and Hayden Price to the Salvation Army on Harrington Street in Preston to present the money and presents. The staff were very appreciative and showed the pupils what they were doing with all the donations this Christmas.

The last week of term brought with it Kirkham Has Talent, 2011 which turned out to be an excellent afternoon of entertainment for the whole school. It has become a regular fixture at the end of term before Christmas and something for us all to look forward to. The pupils of KGS never disappoint and year after year we are surprised and delighted at the range and quality of the talent at our school. Tom Newton opened our show, playing a Christmas medley on the cornet. This really got the crowd in the Christmas spirit. We had several excellent female singers, such as Tiffany Toomey and Alicia Eland from the fourth year, Lottie Bell, Molly Kerrane, Maddie Kearsley and Elisa Coret, Natalie Yates and Alex Hastie. Last year's winners, Sophie Copplestone and Sequoia Des-Etages performed one of their own compositions. Elizabeth Brocklehurst from the third year sang, accompanied by Clark Brydon on the piano. We had two solo drummers, Amrit Bahra from the second year and Harry Wilson, our only first year performer. We had two



rather more light hearted acts from the third year, The Sex Bombs and Elliot Turnock - who all certainly entertained us! Jonah Winn sang and played guitar and we also had two groups. These were Sound the Alarm and a group of sixth formers including Chloe Walker, Olivia, Lydia, Jack and Ollie Carpenter. Other sixth formers showing off their talents were Rosie Spedding who did ballet and Gemma Broomhead, Rosie Coleman and Charles Redshaw who sang and Gemma played the piano. Our final act was TOB and FDB featuring Chloe Walker. They ended the show in some style with a rap. Prizes were awarded in final assembly on the last day. TOB and FDB with Chloe Walker were announced the winners, with last year's winners, Sophie and Sequoia, as runners-up. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day and to all our wonderful performers for making Kirkham Has Talent 2011 such a huge success.

In the New Year, following the resounding success of 5Y's first cake sale, where in excess of £100 was raised for the school's charity, the form decided to do another one to support form member Elizabeth Jenkinson raise the money she needed to participate in a Venture Scout Expedition to South America during the summer holidays. Elizabeth needed to raise sponsorship in order to participate in the project to help facilitate access to a clean water supply in one of the poorer regions. In an effort to rival the popular TV programme 'The Great British Bake Off' the boys and girls cooked through the night to produce a mouth-watering selection of cakes and biscuits. This, coupled with most impressive sales technique from some of the boys, ensured that every last piece was sold. So successful were they that they smashed their previous record and raised £143!

On Thursday 22 March 2012, 1W hosted a Charity Cake Sale on behalf of the British Red Cross. Students, mentors and staff brought in cakes, biscuits, slices, doughnuts and muffins to be sold during our morning break-time in the French Café. It was a very busy morning and everyone worked hard to serve all of the students and staff who came along. Some cakes even featured the KGS crest! In total £140.00 was raised for the Red Cross.

One of the KGS caretakers, Russell Curtis, asked for the help of pupils and staff when his aunt and uncle's charity, Donna's Dream House, faced a terrible set-back last Christmas after discovering that burglars had broken into the premises and set fire to log cabins causing damage worth £80,000. The community of KGS rose to the challenge with a combination of straight forward donations together with a collection of unwanted goods that were donated so they could be sold on to raise further funds in their shop located on Chapel Street in Blackpool.

Our Fourth Year students raised further donations through the sale of cakes which they had baked at home and sold in school, adding to the final total sum donated. In February the charity held their third annual Valentine's Day Ball, and at this year's event, held at The Hilton Hotel in Blackpool, KGS were able to hand over a cheque for £680 to go some way to help this charity in putting good the damage caused in the fire and to support their continued efforts in fulfilling their daughter Donna's wish to provide a holiday home for children with life-threatening or terminal illnesses.

On the 13 May, many fourth year students, teachers, parents and dogs embarked on a six mile walk across Morecambe Bay. A very enjoyable day was had by all, although there were some challenging weather conditions to contend with. First of all, there were some safety precautions from the

guide, as the walk can be risky and everyone was incredibly surprised to hear that they would be wading in water up to the knees within the first 15 minutes! However, nobody was put off by this and everyone enjoyed the experience. The walk took four hours to complete and there were three large expanses of water to wade across along with sand flats in between. The last stretch of water was the most difficult with strong currents. As legs began to get tired, some walkers were able to hitch a ride on the back of a quad bike driven by one of the guides. This made for a very enjoyable ride racing along the sand! The haul of fresh shrimps, crabs and plaice that the fishermen brought in which was fascinating. Although it was a great day everyone was glad to reach the end with aching legs and the thought of a cup of tea was very inviting! A great day was had by everyone and £386.43 was raised for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

No home, no belongings, plenty of baggage.

It is always better to couple the reading of a text to real situations and experiences! Third year English groups read Robert Swindells' novel "Stone Cold" and investigated for themselves the problem of homelessness.

Visitors from the Blackpool charity "Streetlife" broadened our awareness by describing their work at the base and the shelter. In addition, The Big Issue's acclaimed short film "The Truth about Stanley" provided a creative stimulus to encourage children to write from different perspectives. The following shows some of the pupils' responses and we hope they make you think differently too.

The Truth About Stanley

On the street, a crowded circle is forming in front of me. I glimpse around at what's going on. A homeless man, Stanley, dances around, with no care in the world. He is old, wrinkled and ragged from head to toe; he wears an old hat, scruffy jeans, layers of old, tatty jackets and no shoes. He seems ecstatic and filled with joy; beer can in his hand, smiling his troubles away.

People around are sniggering, laughing and just staring at this poor man. Judging him as if he isn't even human, maybe they think he is an animal. Before long a police man has come and is trying to move him along. Stanley stays put, the police made no difference and were no help at all. He carried on dancing. I guess that's how he copes with the pain and loneliness.

If you look closely enough though, you see that the dancing is more like staggering, trying to keep balance. Shouting, making a piercing noise. Every time he takes a drink, he misses his mouth and it drips down his shirt and jackets. Maybe he was trying to get attention, especially from the people who stare at him as if he were not human.

S.Knier

The Truth About Homelessness

We aren't all like the stereotypical old homeless man you see sitting on the street corner. The one with the tattered, old blanket and scruffy looking dog; the one with the empty can of beer and expressionless face. In actual fact most of us are nothing like that.

Some of us are intelligent - some of us. If you saw us on the street you would probably just label us as your average teenager; nothing more, nothing less. We care about our appearance so much that many of us waste our last penny on clothes or make-up. That's right; we don't spend what little money we have on drugs and alcohol. Some do of course and to be honest I don't blame them, after all, it takes away the pain.

All our opportunities faded to nothing a long time ago. Get your hopes up and they get knocked straight back down. You've got to have your guard up all of the time, nobody is to be trusted. We don't live the same life most teenagers do. I grew up faster than I would have liked but I had no other choice. We don't go to school anymore, there's no point, they'll just report us to the childcare services; eventually we will end up back where we started.

We haven't always lived this way, we were once what people would call normal, average. Being homeless doesn't define who you are inside; being homeless simply means you have no home. It will never change who you are inside, although it might change the way you look or even the things you believe in. Nothing can change the fact that we were born equal.

M. Ethell

The Truth About Loneliness.


She stubbed out her cigarette. Rough hands filled with scars and shivers were dragged through greasy hair while the woman glanced around absently. Her filthy jeans were caught on stray iron nails as she stretched her thin legs, and she giggled childishly at the loud series of clicks emitting from her knees. She lay down gently, flinching as her bruised body made contact with the solid, unyielding concrete.

The wind blew fiercely, tossing her lank locks into the iced air, as though her tresses were floating freely in an underwater current. Another gust from a new direction and her face was on full display. A bloody nose, encased in dried detritus. A mouth, the skin on her lips cracked from intense dehydration. Her teeth, coated in a greying yellow film from the cigarette now lying abandoned on the floor. Her eyes stared upwards towards the empty darkness above, the stars hidden by civilisation's nightlife.

The woman's eyes were a sinister and ghostlike grey, hollow tunnels of absent emotion that led down to a vortex of pain, loneliness and eternal hunger. Her whole body was frozen in the long hours of darkness, a mass of senseless flesh lying under a negligently repaired coat which still seeped rainwater from the last shower she had received on her corner of pavement. The woman was alone on the road side and the atmosphere around her screeched of demented bliss and quiet acceptance. This was not every homeless person's fate, but it was hers. By morning, the pain in her eyes would be gone; sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything.

But she doesn't have a home. Why should we care?

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LIBRARY NEWS

World Book Day 2012

The focus here at KGS is on storytelling, celebrating the rich diversity of literature across continents and time. The pupils enjoy the opportunity of relaxing while enjoying a wide variety of storytelling. The positive feedback from the pupils is proof that the culture of reading is alive and well and growing here at Kirkham. The staff who gave up their time provided a wonderful range of stories, from the published to the unpublished. Mr Wheatland started the day by reading from Benjamin Zephaniah's book "Teacher's dead", a very good story which told of a teenager trying to understand why a violent crime has occurred at his school. There were contributions from Mrs Heney, Mr Painter, Mrs Parkinson and Mrs Copland, and the subject matter ranged from Ranulph Fiennes' description of attempts on the north face of the Eiger to thrillers by Suzanne Collins and James Patterson as well as an amusing travel tale. The most unusual reading was provided by some of Mrs Fearn's Year 12 English Language students, who gave a wonderful performance, in full costume, of their gothic re-telling of famous 'fairy' stories - we could hear a pin drop! Given Mrs Fearn's talent as a writer it should come as no surprise that her students are similarly gifted. As always the stories prompted a desire to borrow some of the books and a waiting list has developed for "The Hunger Games" - the film is eagerly anticipated!

Author Event with Darren Shan

When, out of the blue, the library phone rang and I was asked if I would take a call from someone at HarperCollins Children's Books, little did I know that I would be asked if we would like a visit from an author - and not just any author, but one whose books are on sale in every continent, in 39 countries, in 31 languages, have been bestsellers in America, Britain, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Hungary, Japan and Taiwan and who has sold more than 20 million copies worldwide! It was impossible to keep the smile off my face and the excitement out of my voice as plans were made for



the visit of Darren Shan, bestselling author of books about vampires, demons and zombies and other such attractive creatures!

Darren visited Kirkham Grammar School on 3 May, as part of the extensive tour he is undertaking following the publication of his new book "Brothers to the Death". This book is the final part of "The Saga of Larten Crepsley", the character originally introduced in Darren's first children's book "Cirque du Freak".

The first part of the visit took place in the Library, where Darren was able to chat to the pupils and staff who are fans of his writing. Waterstones were on hand to provide the books to the many pupils who wished to purchase their own copy; Darren signed these books, personalising each one. He then spoke to all the pupils in Year 7, reading out extensive extracts from two of his books and talking about his writing and the characters he has created. The response from his audience was excellent and he took time to answer the many questions which were asked.

This was an excellent opportunity for our pupils to enjoy a visit from a world-famous author and we would like to thank HarperCollins for organising the visit.

Scribblers' Club

Our summer recital, on 25th May, was a bittersweet event. It marked the last time that Chad Bentley and Emily Bourne would entertain an appreciative audience with their stories and poems. They both leave school this summer, after seven years and fourteen performances! Their work as club secretaries has ensured that this group has grown year on year and they have left a solid foundation for Gabi Smith and our performers. Mr Sampey and I would like to say "Thank you, Chad and Emily!"

Carnegie Award

This year EIGHT books were on the shortlist and our judging took place on 11th June, since the official result was scheduled for Thursday, 14th June - when the whole school was doing exams! The judging meeting consisted of pupils from all year groups, including some who have officially 'left' the school - a sure sign of the popularity of this annual event. Kathryn and Tanya Minn were busy on the Sunday baking lots of cup-cakes - and these were very popular.

The need to maintain silence in the Library for the students who were revising meant that we took over the French Cafe, with the kind permission of Mrs Hodgkinson. We all agreed that the standard of writing was excellent and the shortlist

had been the best ever – our judging results proved very interesting. On a show of hands for everyone's favourite book we had a tie between Patrick Ness' "A monster calls" and Ruth Sepety's "Between shades of gray". The judging scores, however, gave first place to Ruth Sepety: her book tells the harrowing story of the forced removal, by Josef Stalin, of countless Lithuanians to Soviet labour camps. All the readers were agreed that it was a very close call this year.

Our team of readers continues to grow in number and Kathryn Minn, who has taken part for seven years, was amazed at the number of Year 7 pupils who had taken part and contributed so much to our shadowing. I feel very proud of all our readers and thank them, most sincerely, for their commitment and enthusiasm.

The official result was posted at midday and our readers were not surprised to find that this year's Carnegie Medal had been awarded to Patrick Ness. Even more extraordinary was the news that the same book had won the Kate Greenaway Award for Jim Kay's amazing illustrations. This dual win for the same book has never happened in the 75 years of the Award. Congratulations to Patrick Ness who has become the first author in well over 20 years to win the CILIP Carnegie Medal two years in a row. This is only the second time in the medal's 75 year history that this has happened. He has now been on the shortlist for four consecutive years – an indication of how brilliant this young writer is. Founded in 1937, the CILIP Carnegie Medal is the UK's oldest and most prestigious prize for children's and young people's writing. Over the last seven decades it has come to be regarded as the arbiter of quality in writing for children and young people. Its list of distinguished past winners includes Neil Gaiman, Philip Pullman, Anne Fine, Terry Pratchett, Noel Streatfeild, Arthur Ransome and CS Lewis.

The CILIP Carnegie website put the following:

Carnegie Medal Winner 2012 : Patrick Ness, A Monster Calls, Walker Books

Rachel Levy, the Chair of Judges explains: "A Monster Calls' is an exquisite piece of writing. It is a beautifully economical, structurally brilliant and lyrically descriptive account of a challenging episode in one child's life. One of our judges - bereaved at a young age - said she wished that she'd had 'A Monster Calls' to read then, because while it describes the nature of grief with an extraordinary clarity it also fills the reader with a spirit of hopefulness and a love for life that is profound and lasting."

It will be interesting to see what appears on the shortlist next year – but one thing is certain. KGS pupils will 'shadow' with enthusiasm and will continue to prove that books are not dead! The quality and quantity of children's literature grows each year and it is so rewarding to see our pupils enjoying the richness of modern literature.

Pupil Librarian Event

Three pupils from Kirkham Grammar School participated in a Pupil Librarian Conference on Wednesday 20 June which was organised by the Lancashire branch of the School Library Association. This annual event is held as a 'thank you' to the many pupils who contribute so much to their school libraries in Lancashire. Olivia Billington, Elizabeth Brocklehurst and Emily Parkinson-Swift were able to take part because of their participation in the Carnegie Award. Mrs Anne Woodworth and Mrs Liz Lawson, librarians at Baines School in Poulton,

kindly hosted the event which attracted forty pupils from schools across Lancashire.

On arrival all the pupils were welcomed and offered refreshments, giving everyone an opportunity to meet other people. Mrs Jo Harwood, Librarian at Broughton Business and Enterprise College, kept a blog of the day, which everyone could follow on the large screen. The first event involved an amusing quiz, also organised by Mrs Harwood, and Elizabeth was on the winning team! 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. A few pupils earned the maximum possible number of points, among them Elizabeth (again!) and Emily. They were awarded prizes.

Lunch followed, after which Mrs Valerie Laycock, Librarian at Central Lancaster High School, introduced us all to the Fishing Game. This game has been played in her family for many years and she has adapted it for use in the Library. It involves a dice, plastic cotton reels, a bucket and a fishing rope; each cotton reel has a cup hook fixed into the side. The idea was for each team member to roll the dice and then fish for a cotton reel every time a six was thrown – the staff had to scrutinise carefully to ensure that there was no cheating. Each cotton reel contained a piece of paper – giving either the name of an author or the title of a book. When the whistle was finally blown the children had to remove the slips of paper and then match up authors and titles – easier said than done!

The afternoon ended with everyone being given a 'goody bag' containing books, stationery and other items and a personalised Certificate of Attendance was 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!

Library Charity

The Library continues to support charities through fines and donations. Children in Need received £125.00 in November and Book Aid International received £100.00 following World Book Day in March. The Donkey Sanctuary received £11.00 and Vine House (Preston) have benefited from the sale of withdrawn books

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THE ARTS 2012



MUSIC

The past year has been a very exciting year for the Music Department at KGS. At the beginning of the summer term the governors announced that the building of the new music centre would start before the end of the summer term. The ambitious plans included two brand new class teaching rooms, a concert hall, a state of the art music technology suite and, very importantly, five practice rooms for the use of our visiting peripatetic music teachers. The resulting excellent facilities place KGS at the forefront of schools in the north west, providing our musicians with a superb spacious area in which to make music.

With building about to start, the year ended hectically, with the existing music rooms being cleared for new use. Pianos were put into store, new keyboards ordered, books and almost 500 cds being packed ready for transfer to the new department.

The past year has been a very successful year for both groups of musicians and individuals. The choir has maintained its excellent standard of performance in the various concerts

and also at the Carol Service and Founders' Day. The orchestra and concert band benefitted from a large number of senior players who have been members of these ensembles throughout their time at KGS. The orchestra gave a memorable performance of Haydn's 'Toy Symphony' at the Christmas concert, with staff 'performers', including the Headmaster playing the nightingale, providing the solo parts. The swing band has continued to grow both in numbers and also in accomplishment, providing much appreciated entertainment at the Friends' Garden Party. The string group has trebled in numbers over the past seven years and is a group of which KGS can rightly be proud – very few schools have string players of the calibre heard at KGS.

On the individual front a number of pupils have enjoyed significant success during the past year. Hannah Culver, playing the piano, did extremely well to fight her way to the semi-finals of the prestigious Young Musician of the Guild competition, a competition that was open to musicians up to the age of 25. Elliott Gaston-Ross, as a member of the National Children's Orchestra, performed for the Queen at her Diamond Jubilee lunch in Westminster Hall. Millions of people watching on TV would have seen Elliott crash the mighty cymbals during the National Anthem! At the close of the year we were delighted to hear that Elizabeth Brocklehurst had been appointed principal bass trombone in the National Children's Brass Band.

We look forward to hearing of the further achievements of our musicians and to another year of great music-making in our new surroundings.

A C Barratt

MUSIC HONOURS 2011/2012

Lancashire Youth Concert Band:	Sophie Midgley	(clarinet)
Lancashire Youth Symphony Orchestra:	Airnee Bilsborrow	(oboe)
	Gemma Broomhead	(violin)
	Hannah Culver	(violin)
	Sophie Midgley	(clarinet)
Lancashire Youth Brass Band:	Matthew Donaldson	(cornet)
	Samuel Donaldson	(E flat horn)
Yorkshire Youth Brass Band:	Elizabeth Brocklehurst	(trombone)
	Patrick Callery	(E flat bass)
National Children's Brass Band:	Elizabeth Brocklehurst	(trombone)
National Children's Orchestra:	Elliott Gaston-Ross	(Percussion)



DRAMA

Macbeth

It is winter: a season both foul and fair, and Kirkham Grammar School, courtesy of the magic of the theatre and Kirkham Grammar School's Dramatic Society, has been transported to a Scotland itself both foul and fair – a Scotland that has taken on the hues of Macbeth's psyche, emphasised by the stage dressing in threatening blacks and reds, echoed by the lighting (directed by Mrs Walker.)

As always, Ms Barrie's production was characterised by the numbers of people actively involved in realising the performance: the wide cast – well over 50 – as well as the large backstage crew, integral to the play's success. Special mention must be made of Katie Simpson, whose work as Stage Manager was key to holding the play together: her leadership of the back-stage crew, demanding at all times but especially for such a fast-moving production, was a real testimony to her strength and ability.

With such a large cast, it seems invidious to pick out individual performances. However, it would be remiss not to applaud the talents of the principals. Macbeth is a hugely challenging role, and a challenge to which Josh Burrows rose triumphantly. Macbeth is never off-stage, even when not physically present, and the lead must stamp his authority on the play from his first mention in Act 1 Scene 1. Josh bestrode like a colossus the paradox of Macbeth's character, the antithetical elements of "noble Macbeth" and "butcher"; "brave Macbeth" and "dwarfish thief."

Lady Macbeth is no less demanding: the "fiend-like queen" who spurs Macbeth to his evil actions and calls upon the "murdering ministers" to fill her "from the crown to the toe top-full of direst cruelty" must nevertheless allow the audience to see her essential humanity. Sophie Breedon's Lady Macbeth managed this difficult feat, retaining the empathy of the audience despite its horror at her rejoicing at the blood of the murdered "gracious Duncan" – blood which would too literally return to haunt her.

On the subject of horror, Aaron Davies as the murdered Banquo produced a character "whose horrid image doth unfix my hair and make my seated heart knock at my ribs, against the use of nature": reactions further detailed by the tableau of Macbeth's dead that crowned the stage.

Other parts that must be noted are Fraser Burnie's gentle and ultimately vulnerable King Duncan, and Chad Bentley's Macduff, whose loss of his wife (Catherine Beesley) and children (Oliver Fearne and Jack Higham) transforms him into a soulless figure of horror to match Macbeth himself. And the addition of Charlie Hyde as Chorus allowed the central themes of sin and damnation to be made explicit, making direct the links to the musical score that was such an important factor in the play's success.

The music (directed by Mr Barrie) highlighted Macbeth's - and Scotland's - descent into hell; the carefully-chosen numbers were brilliantly performed by the Band,

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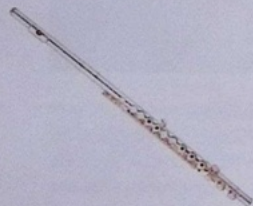
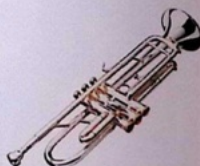
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underpinned by the torchy, haunting vocals of Chloe Walker and Olivia Duxbury. It was fittingly ironic that the descent into chaos should be accompanied by such harmony.

However, no-one surely would argue that the witches were the real show-stealers. Ms Barrie's decision to cast three troupes of witches was a visual triumph, and Rosie Spedding's masterful choreography created an ironic foil to highlight the chaos and horror of the play with their movement and dance – quite simply stunning. Principal witch Sherriden Wells was another riveting addition to the display: her bravura gymnastics routines, with apparent disregard for danger or injury, had the audience literally on the edges of their seats.

Coup de théâtre is director Ms Barrie's middle name and she fully justified her reputation in this production by the visceral staging of the culminating battle scene. The troupe of witches gleefully plunged into a stage of carnage, revelling in the chaos that they had engendered. Aristotle argued that the purpose of tragedy was to evoke "pity and fear", and these twin emotions were wrenched from the audience in this cathartic climax.

Another production (the tenth in Kirkham Grammar School's Shakespeare cycle) and another triumph. The only possible reaction is to emulate the audience on all three performance nights with genuine applause. Bravo; brava; bravissimi!

Shakespeare Schools' Festival

Since 2000, 4,248 schools have taken up the challenge to become a Shakespeare School. Shakespeare Schools' Festival is the largest youth drama festival in the UK. For the last few years KGS has risen to the challenge of rehearsing and ultimately performing in our local professional theatre, The Charter Theatre, Preston. In 2011 we put on a spectacularly colourful production of "The Tempest"

The production was especially exciting as the cast was entirely made up of second and third year pupils. It gave them a real taste of performing to a large audience and an excellent preparation for their GCSE Theatre Studies. A small number of our A-level & GCSE Theatre Studies students helped with costumes and makeup.





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DUKE OF EDINBURGH

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme continues to thrive with students from Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Form working hard towards completing their Awards. Since the last newsletter Mr Callister has organised expeditions for Bronze, Silver and Gold groups and a large number of students have developed their leadership, teamwork and initiative skills whilst navigating, exploring and camping. Our Gold group in particular had to think quickly and react to a challenging situation when one of their group had an accident which required the services of the Ambleside Mountain Rescue Team. This DoFE group were praised by both their Gold assessor and the Mountain Rescue Team for their first aid skills, teamwork and cooperation.

An account of their experiences is below:

Monday 17 - Day 1

A new day, a new start, the sun was shining and the rain was coming – typical DoFE weather. Morale was 10/10. We set off on our first day's journey from Coniston campsite to the base of our first mountain. 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), reality. Morale was 8/10. We stopped for a lunch break on top of Weatherlam and then we followed the path down the other side of Weatherlam to where we met the assessor at the base of the next valley.

Tuesday 18 - Day 2

A new day and the weather was not great. We left the Langdale National Trust campsite and set off up the valley along the Cumbria Way like men possessed. However this came to an abrupt end at around 10:30am; Venkata Divarampudi tripped and collapsed in a heap while crossing the stream. With Ven lying helpless on the far bank of the stream we had to think quickly and all our DoFE and CCF training kicked in. Once we had established how much pain Ven was in, we immediately reacted to the situation. We ensured Ven was in a warm environment by pitching up a tent in a sheepfold (close by to the accident), we took off his wet kit and subsequently gave him dry clothing and a sleeping bag. Sam Donaldson and Joe Wareing made the key decision to find mobile phone signal further down the valley to make the call for the emergency services.

The rest of the team (Vincent Grumme and Johnathan Pickbourn) remained with Ven, to ensure he stayed warm and to maintain a good amount of morale. After a few hours, the Mountain Rescue Team arrived and ensured Ven made it down the valley safely. Vincent and Johnathan were

then packed into the Mountain Rescue vehicle with all the team's equipment and hurried to the Langdale and Ambleside Mountain Rescue Centre, where they rendezvoused with Sam and Joe.

Wednesday - 19 Day 3

A new day, the sun was shining, the wind wasn't blowing and it was for a change relatively warm. Once again we left the Langdale National Trust campsite with the aim of completing the previous day's journey. We walked up the valley without incident and after a short break set off up the mountain at the valley's head. We carried on the day's journey and stopped for lunch at Sprinkling Tarn. After an hour's lunch break and exploring we walked to Styhead Tarn and then down the valley and into Wasdale where we briefly met the assessor before heading to our campsite.

Thursday 20 - Day 4

We set off from Wasdale National Trust campsite at 7:30am, on our way to Ravenglass. We travelled towards the saddle between Scafell and Illgill Head. The team limped across the mountain until we met the foot path which eventually led us past Burmoor Tarn. We continued on our route until we got to our next check point, following the route down the valley to Eskdale Green where we had lunch. After this we headed to the base of Muncaster Fell, followed the path over the mountain and descended down the other side and headed to Ravenglass.

The expedition was a truly amazing experience and our thanks go to Mr Callister for his time and support throughout the planning and undertaking of our trip.

During the past 6 months we have had notification of a large number of successes and would like to express our congratulations to the following students on completing their DoFE Awards.

Bronze: Jodi Gaston-Ross, Gus Graham, Jenny Malings, William Dickinson, Eric Yuen, Alex Wright, Elsie Linley, Cohen Yim, Kenny Chi, Lewis Leech, Theo Harvey, Elizabeth Jenkinson, Ryan Powell

Silver: David Seaman, Liam Swithenbank, Jonathan Box, Jordan Nelson, Jodi Gaston-Ross, Laura Mason

Gold: Vincent Grumme, Jonathan Pickbourn, Samuel Donaldson

We are very proud to hear that four former KGS students recently met up with one another at their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award ceremony at St James' Palace. All four had completed their award in the previous year and were awaiting their invitation to the Palace to receive their certificates. They were not aware that the others were going to the same ceremony and it was an added bonus to meet up with friends at such a prestigious event. The DoFE participants and their guests were escorted into a grand banqueting hall, which incidentally contained the fireplace in front of which William and Kate announced their engagement! Paul Wood from the Warrington Wolves Rugby League team then presented their certificates and HRH the Earl of Wessex spoke individually to all of the young people. It was evidently a very enjoyable day for all involved and we wish them all every success for their futures.

Gold DoFE Award holders: Alex Lister, Michael Bennett, Lucy Fielding, Edward Aske

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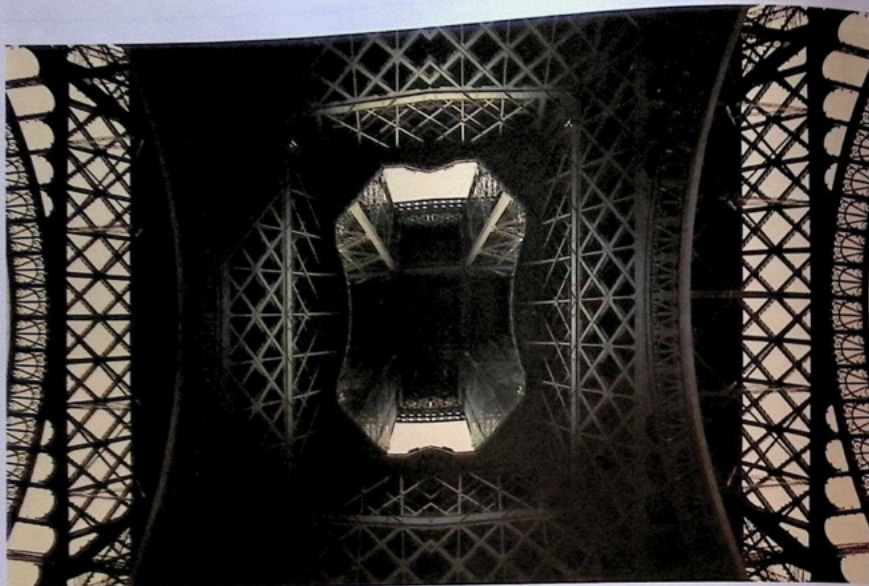
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PARIS TRIP

In the Old Hall the air was buzzing with excitement, it was just before midnight and this was the meeting place for the Third Year pupils who were going to Paris. Ahead of us was a very long (14 hours to be exact) coach journey, a journey where very little sleep was had!

On arrival in Paris we had a whistle stop tour of the Arc de Triomphe, which was commissioned by Napoleon to commemorate the victories during the war. Next on our list was a stroll down the Champs-Élysées, with a chance for some shopping, or window shopping for most of us! Before heading to our hotel we enjoyed a boat ride on the River Seine, we were all grateful for the chance to sit down and admire the view! At the hotel we sampled our first French food before bed as the next day was another early start.

Day two was a whirl of sightseeing, the Notre Dame with its beautiful stained glass windows then onto the Pompidou Centre for more shopping! The Eiffel Tower, after lunch, gave us a great view of the city even if we had to climb 1,710 steps to reach the top! We ended our day with a visit to the Sacré Coeur, even more steps to climb.

Day three was spent at Disneyland Paris where we seemed to spend a lot of time queuing for rides. After watching the parades, our stay in Paris drew to a close. Another coach trip lay between us and home but this one flew, as we all chatted about our amazing time in Paris.

Olivia de Klerk 3V

MORECAMBE BAY WALK

On the 13 May, many Fourth Year students, teachers, parents and dogs embarked on a six mile walk across Morecambe Bay. A very enjoyable day was had by all,

although there were some challenging weather conditions to contend with. We first had to listen to the safety precautions from our guide, as the walk may have been risky and we were all incredibly surprised to hear that we would be wading in water up to our knees within the first 15 minutes! We were not put off by this however and everyone enjoyed the experience. Our walk took four hours to complete and we were faced with three large expanses of water to wade across along with sand flats in between. The last stretch of water was the most difficult with strong currents which threatened to knock us over at any moment. As our legs began to get tired, we were able to hitch a ride on the back of a quad bike driven by one of the guides. This made for a very enjoyable ride as we raced along the sand! We were also able to see the haul of fresh shrimps, crabs and plaice that the fishermen brought in which was fascinating. Although a great day was had, we were glad to reach the end with aching legs and the thought of a cup of tea was very inviting! A great day was had by everyone and £386.43 was raised for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust which is what we aimed to do.

Charlotte Muir 4X



BONJOUR GENEVA

During the October half term a group of enthusiastic A-level physicists travelled to Geneva to visit the Large Hadron Collider at CERN, the world renowned international centre of scientific research. Accompanied by Mr and Mrs Wheatland, Mr Gaddes and Mrs Walker, the group were treated to a fascinating tour around the facilities located at CERN, just outside of Geneva. Whilst there, tour guides explained the history of the experiment to find the elusive "Higgs-Boson Particle" – the particle responsible for all mass.

After the exciting encounter at CERN, we were treated to a traditional Swiss Chocolatier tour, which everyone found extremely interesting, especially the chocolate tasting session. Mr Gaddes even managed to avoid getting the melted chocolate in his moustache! This was followed by some free time in one of Geneva's twenty public parks in the shadow of the Palais des Nations, the headquarters of UN operations in Europe. Despite the fact that every guard at each entrance seemed trained in telling us "it's the next entrance" (up a rather large steep hill) we managed to arrive on time for the guided tour. This was a fascinating experience in which we were told about the history of the Palais des Nations, and its many coveted roles in hosting important peacekeeping discussions.

In the evening, the group sampled traditional Swiss cheese fondue, accompanied by, of course, yodelling and horn blowing, where Mr Wheatland and Patrick Callery entered into competition with each other, as to who could "blow the horn" the best.

The following day we visited the Science Museum, overlooking Lake Geneva, before we were granted some free time to explore Geneva where seemingly the most popular place was McDonald's! Our next adventure was an enjoyable boat cruise around the Lake, taking in some of the history of the surrounding area, including the world-famous

fountain of the lake. On the Saturday evening, we enjoyed our final meal together, in one of Geneva's many Italian restaurants, enjoying pizza and pasta by candle light.

On our final morning before travelling home, we had a guided tour on foot of the old town in Geneva, visiting many historical monuments, including its beautiful Cathedral, and even the world's longest wooden bench! There was also a chance for the group to show its political views, as there was an "anti-capitalist" demonstration being held outside Geneva University. It caused much consternation as this was swiftly followed by yet another visit to McDonald's, Capitalism never tasted so good!

All in all, it is safe to say that everyone had a wonderful time, and were reluctant to come home, considering many people had a Physics lesson at 9 o'clock the next morning! A big thank you to all the staff involved for making the trip possible. We were provided with unforgettable memories and a unique experience in the study of Physics. Viva Geneva!

Nathan White and Lewis Holden

A LEVEL ART TRIP

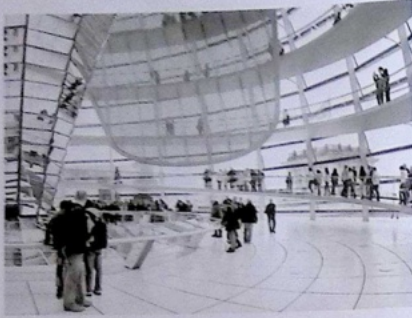
So why, you might ask, would KGS take its annual Sixth Form Art trip to Berlin? Not Paris; not Florence; not Madrid; but Berlin?

Maybe because the very walls of the city are decorated with art and the last vestiges of the Berlin wall itself are painted with images of hope and freedom.

Maybe because of the endless opportunities for the photographers to capture the life of the city, from the bustling underground to the vibrant street life and the cutting-edge architecture.

Maybe because the students could climb to the top of the Reichstag with its emblematic dome and its remarkable views across the city.





Maybe because they could see some of the most interesting modern art from Warhol to Beuys to shapes made out of pure light and steam.

Maybe because, if we believe that those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it, the students could visit the Holocaust Memorial and the Jewish Museum and learn for themselves.

Or maybe because Berlin has a life and a beating heart and a soul and the students could come home quoting the words of the T-shirt, 'Ich liebe Berlin.'

ICELAND TRIP

Day 1

Saturday 22 October 2011 saw thirty one geography students, three geography teachers and an honorary geographer set off for Iceland for 5 days of fieldwork. Reaching Manchester in plenty of time for the flight, there was enough time for a spot of lunch before boarding the Icelandair flight to Keflavik airport. On arrival in Iceland the landscape of the South Western peninsula was immediately an eye-opener to many, as we crossed moss-covered lava fields on our way to what, for many, would turn out to be one of the highlights of the trip. The Blue Lagoon. The lagoon is a large geothermal pool and has an amazing milky blue colour. We all swam, had a sauna, steam-roomed and frolicked around the pool for a good hour, covering our faces in the silica-rich mud that is meant to wonders for your skin. The lagoon also boasts some of the most hi-tech lockers and comedy named drinks in the world. By this time, darkness had fallen and it was time to make our way into central Reykjavik to check in to our hotel for night. Following a hearty and surprisingly healthy buffet dinner and a brisk stroll along the sea, searching in vain for the Northern Lights, we all crashed out back at the hotel for a good night's sleep, not forgetting Macauley's first Subway

Day 2

Day 2 started with breakfast down in the hotel restaurant. Lots of Icelandic coffee and bread were going down nicely when suddenly water came pouring through the ceiling of the restaurant, making a huge mess. 'Oh dear', we all thought, what a terrible thing to happen. Little did we realise that the unfortunate protagonist behind this was one of our fifth year students, whose shower had overflowed. Having met Soffie, our Icelandic guide for the trip in the foyer, and

having collected our packed lunches, complete with inedible green bananas, we set off to see the 'golden triangle' of sites. First off was Pingvellir, the only place on the planet where the Mid-Atlantic ridge is visible on the surface. As the Eurasian and North American plates are pulled apart at a rate of 2cm per year, huge cracks have opened up in the crust. Walking through 'no-man's land' between the two plates we were amazed at the scale of the boundary. However, maybe even more impressive were the gargantuan sea trout that were torpedoing around the nearby river!

After Pingvellir we headed to Gullfoss, an impressive waterfall and gorge. Following Mr Whittle's pleas to 'stay away from the edge', we all descended down the side of the gorge and next to the thunderous waters of the river. Mrs John set up the first of many group photos, and everyone potted around the area marvelling at the amount of spray and noise being produced. After having failed to eat our bananas despite our best efforts, and wondering what the filling was in our sandwiches, we set off to Geysir. Every 4-5 minutes, a jet of steaming water is thrown into the air as the water in the ground is heated by magma. This area of Iceland gives its name to all 'geysers' around the world. The area is littered with blue pools of boiling water and sulphurous pony steam. 'That's so cool!' went out the shout as Stokkur, the most active geyser, bubbled, gurgled and spat away. By now we were all getting rather cold, and a nearby café and gift shop gave us all the chance to warm up, eat a lot of chips, and watch some premier league football.

From Geysir we moved back towards Reykjavik via Kelid, a beautiful example of a caldera volcano. Throwing stones into the crater lake and running around the caldera rim seemed to be the preferred pastimes, but the eerie red rocks certainly made the whole place seem rather unworldly. Back in Reykjavik we headed straight for the main public swimming baths. The boys clearly got it a lot easier than the girls in terms of the enforcement of the local 'naked shower before entering the pool' policy, but once inside we got a taste of Iceland's favourite pastime: soaking and socialising in hot outdoor pools. Everyone seemed to find something different to keep them occupied. Gemma Coleman, Rachel Howard, Gemma Broomhead and Emily Gornall were quite happy playing floating chess in the Jacuzzi, whilst Mr Taylor and the 6th form boys seemed to be practising line-outs down by the water slide. Mr Whittle tried the hot tubs, but could not beat the efforts of John Windle and Will Fleuriot who went



straight into the 44 degree tub. Back through the changing rooms and out into the freezing evening air we then made our way to a fantastic dinner at the very trendy burger bar. Mr Taylor was very happy as he tucked into his meal, and the whole experience was made even better by the existence of a free Wi-Fi connection. Manic facebooking ensued and everyone was very happy to find themselves in this very upmarket corner of the city.

Day 3

Having packed to leave our hotel we left Reykjavik to head down towards the South coast. Our first stop was the geothermal town of Hveragerdi where inside the post office was an extremely noisy and jiggy earthquake simulator, as well as some excellent pastries and coffee. Moving on from here we soon arrived at Seljalandsfoss, an impressive waterfall falling off an old sea cliff. With waterproofs donned, we all walked round the back of the waterfall and saw the full force of the water crashing into the plunge pool below. We were supposed to then go onto to a second waterfall, but the excellent weather meant that we were rushed along for our trip on top of the ice cap. Myrdalsjokull is a huge ice cap in the South of Iceland and we met 'Benni', our guide, who put us all in big thermal suits and packed us off into 4x4 jeeps to drive up to the base of the ice cap. Once at the base of the ice cap we got into the snow groomer, a kind of large, glorified sleigh that then dragged us all up onto the top of the ice cap. As we travelled up onto the ice there was clear evidence of last year's Eyjafjallajokull eruption that caused so much disturbance across Europe. Big black ash cones were scattered everywhere, and nearby glaciers that were normally hidden beneath metres of snow had all their icy crevasses exposed. The views from the top were fantastic and we had breath-taking views across to the Westman Islands and Surtsey. However, silence did reign as Benni explained to us that we were on top of Katla, one of Iceland's most eruptive volcanoes, that was currently well overdue to erupt!

Moving away from the icecap we drove down to Vik to see some fantastic basalt columns on a stunning black beach. Following many photos and the bizarre arrival of a bride and groom on the beach we engaged in a rather energetic game of bulldogs, Will Dickinson being the eventual winner. From the beach we went to our hotel for the night. Looking more like a military camp from the outside, the hotel turned out to be warm and comfortable, and most of us were pleased to see that sheep's head stew was, in fact, not on the menu. Following a hearty meal and a spot of football on the football pitch/field, we all settled down for Mr Taylor's quiz night. In groups of four or five, round after round of questions were answered, with Mr Harrison moving round the room being guest of honour for several groups. The team of upper sixth boys were the eventual winners, with Joe Wareing's knowledge of military history proving invaluable.

Day 4

The morning's breakfast was plentiful, and included a kind of dark rye bread that is cooked using heat from a nearby volcano. Once everyone's bags were on the coach we set off to the coast to look at some sea arches and blowholes. The luck that we had had been having with the weather had



now gone away, and typically wet and windy Icelandic conditions did not encourage us to get off the coach. Soffie tried to cheer us up with Icelandic songs and tales of the 'hidden people' that lurk around the countryside. However, nothing could make the rain stop. We were now making our way slowly back towards Reykjavik. Our second stop of the day was for a walk on the Solheimajokull glacier. This tongue of ice and snow that comes off Myrdalsjokull has been retreating rapidly in recent years, and the extent of its retreat since our last visit was quite a shock to Mr Harrison. We had three guides for our glacier walk, and they fitted us all with crampons and ice axes before we set off onto the glacier itself. The glacier itself was quite amazing. Moving away from the melting snout and the piles of black moraine we moved up onto the main glacier where we found all sorts of different features. Cracks and crevasses were everywhere as the glacier moved and curved. There was also a great deal of black ash, deposited over the years by numerous different volcanic eruptions. Much to our amazement, our guides could pick up the ash and by feeling it tell us which eruption it had come from according to size and texture. Snaking up the glacier in single file we saw huge 'moulins', deep holes in the glacier that have been eroded by melt water, and can descend tens of metres. As our guides explained their formation and danger, most people's ice axes were busily hacking away at the glacier. Eventually, wet, but happy and full of knowledge, we walked back down the glacier and took off our crampons, and laid down our ice axes.

Travelling westwards, our third stop of the day was at Skogafoss, a tall, thunderous wall of water that falls off



another old sea cliff. The plunge pool at the bottom of this waterfall emits so much spray and noise that it is a challenge to get near to it. Following a soaking at the bottom of the waterfall we then all climbed up the side of it. Matt Donaldson got rather close to the waterfall itself, and Charles Redshaw was the official step counter. At the top of the waterfall there was no patterned ground, but excellent views out to the sea and the surrounding area. Lunch was eaten at the waterfall with some edible fruit and lots of 'skyr', a type of Icelandic yoghurt. Our last stop of the day was at a farm nestled at the base of the Eyjafjallajökull volcano. In a brilliant example of diversification, they had turned a farm building into an exhibition centre about their own experiences during the 2010 eruption, including a short film. This experience really brought home the power and destruction of the volcano, as well as the resourcefulness of the people living in the area.

SKI TRIP

The KGS Ski trip this year has got to be one of the best.

Saturday 31 March – At 8:00 am a group of students, who were all very excited but also tired, travelled to Leeds Airport. Once there we went through security and bought some snacks before boarding the plane. The plane journey seemed to go quite quickly and before we knew it we had arrived at Geneva Airport in Switzerland. After collecting our luggage we all looked forward (not) to the four hour bus drive to the hotel. The drive seemed to last forever and the view of snowy mountains soon came into view. Arriving at the hotel the question on everyone's mind was "where is the snow?" But looking at the top of the mountains which surrounded the town of Serre Chevalier, you could see it. When we arrived we took our luggage to our rooms and then came back downstairs to have our tea. It was delicious, a much



needed meal. After tea, we had our ski boots fitted and were given our skis, poles and helmets. Finally we went upstairs to unpack followed by a good night's sleep.

Sunday 1 April – April Fools' Day! An early start and a lovely breakfast set the mood for the first day of skiing. All dressed up in our salopettes, ski coats, boots and helmets we made our way to the slopes. Two hours of skiing seemed to go very quickly and before we knew it we were back at the hotel for lunch. The weather was lovely and warm and sitting on our balcony we managed to catch a sun tan. Lunch was over quickly and then we were back out onto the slopes. The snow was great and we all had a fab two hours. Saying bye to our instructors finished our day of skiing, next returning to the hotel for a sit down. Tea was later and after it we had a town trail. In our groups, which were our rooms, we walked around town looking for certain places to answer questions. Of course it had to be our team that got disqualified for returning too late! After that we all went back to our rooms and went to bed.

Monday 2 April – An early start yet again and a tasty breakfast got us ready for the second day of skiing. Again it was our room down, forgetting our pole and losing our kit. Eventually it was all found and we were then split into our groups based on ability; Beginner, Lower Intermediate, Higher Intermediate and Advanced. All too soon we were back at the hotel for lunch. The tiredness was beginning to kick in when we were back on the slopes. Chair lifts were the best as it allowed you to have a quick nap while going up the mountain. Back at the hotel we went into town to the local supermarket; Sherpa. Tea then followed and it was fab. The activity that night was Bum Boarding. We were given a Bum Board and were taken up a slope and then the screams of laughter rang out. All you could see were people flying everywhere down the slope. Finally we trudged back to the hotel and had a well-deserved hot chocolate and then a sleep.

Tuesday 3 April – Waking up to the sound of Mrs Walker saying 'Let's go skiing' was the highlight of the morning. After a slow breakfast we were back out in the snow. Two hours went by and then back to the hotel it was. Lunch was great yet again. A quick visit to town filled the gap after lunch before skiing. Skiing was fab and we all had a great time. Another visit to town, to look for presents, took up time before tea. Tea was nice and the evening activity was bowling. Bowling was fun, and the reigning champion of the night was Matthew Newby with 149 points. After that we returned back to the hotel and chatted to our friends before bed.

Wednesday 4 April – The days seemed to go so quickly, breakfast went fast and back onto the slopes it was. Skiing was really good today. Everyone had a great time, judging by the smiles on their faces. Before lunch it was another quick visit to Sherpa for some snacks for the evening activity. Lunch was great, as per usual. Back out in the snow we went, this time we went up the mountain and it was great. Coming back to our rooms and putting our feet up was a joy, even though we had a great time our feet did ache. A shower was a pleasant thing and then it was down for tea. The evening activity was a movie night. The film fitted in with the holiday, it was called 'Chalet Girl', and it was about a girl who

couldn't snowboard then enters a big snowboarding contest. After, it was up to bed.

Thursday 5 April – Waking up to a chilly morning with empty slopes, the reality that our holiday was near an end set the atmosphere in breakfast - which was quieter than usual. Skiing lightened our mood and today was a clear day so visibility was good. Coming back to the hotel for lunch was welcoming, lunch was yummy and set us up for the afternoon. The afternoon was so much fun as we went on a snow park, going over the jumps was the best. Then we had the evening activity to enjoy which was a talent show. This night was the best, the talent ranged from a hilarious performance from the Six Amigos to Rob, Theo, and Sam with their restaurant sketch. The winners were the Six Amigos. A well-deserved win. Off to bed it was after a few sessions of karaoke. The memorable performance of Mr Whalley, Mr Hancock, Mrs Walker and Mrs Cheyne was great. We all slept well that night.

Friday 6 April – The last day of skiing. It was the talk at breakfast – were we going to do anything special? The answer was yes, we were doing an 'inside out' day. We all had smiles on our faces as we were looking forward to enjoying the last day of skiing. The morning session went too quickly. Lunch was slow which wasn't bad, enjoying our last lunch. Afternoon skiing was a different plan to usual. All the groups went up the top of the mountain and our instructors built some jumps for us. The screams of excitement summed up our level of enjoyment. After skiing we gave back our poles, boots, skis and helmets. Then it was up to our rooms to pack and get ready for the disco. It was the best tea of the holiday. Then it was the disco, which was fun. The girls got dressed up and the boys looked smart. It was fab. Then it was back to the hotel for a short sleep.

Saturday 7 April – We were woken up early and had to bring our suitcases down to the lobby before they were loaded on to the coach for a long journey to Geneva Airport. Most of us slept on the coach so it was silent. At the airport we

checked our cases in and then went through security. Then we were allowed to go and buy some snacks before boarding. Once we boarded, the plane took off and it was bye bye Geneva. We landed at Leeds Airport and collected out luggage before going to the coach. Then we were on our way back to school. Once we were at school the swarm of parents gathered outside the coach. After picking up our suitcases it was soon time to go home.

We would like to thank all the teachers for making the trip so much fun and for making it possible to go. Thank you.

Helen Perry, Sophie Midgley and Heather Crook

CLIMBING CLUB

This academic year was yet another successful one for the Climbing Club at Kirkham. New arrivals from the senior end of school included Maddie Robinson, Gemma Broomhead and Vincent Grumme, all of whom have risen to and enjoyed the challenges of both indoor and outdoor climbing. As well as the new recruits, the more familiar faces have also made the year's climbing enjoyable and exciting. It is hard for me to imagine bouldering at West View to any other sound track than that of the always enthusiastic Vivian Cheng, or a trip to Denham without Jonathon Day. The minibus will be far quieter without Tim Naughton and much less interesting!

The summer term usually denotes a change in the weather and the chance to venture to some of our favourite outdoor climbing spots, and although we did not always have the most favourable of weather for this, we did take every opportunity to climb real rock faces. This year also saw the club participate in a sponsored climb to raise money for the Tall Ships race, that one of our members, Sarah Quarmby, was to be competing in later in the year. The event involved climbing twenty routes within a given time limit, and all in fancy dress, of course! I think that this sums up our activities in the last year and all that now remains is for me to wish our new club officers, Jodi Gaston-Ross and Gemma Coleman,





the best of luck in the year to come and to thank Mr Wheatland, Mr Hancock, Mrs Scott and Mr Gaddes for giving up their time to take us climbing.

Ben Jones – Secretary of the Climbing Club

PUBLIC SPEAKING REPORT

The Public Speaking team has had another successful year both within KGS and further afield. Following last year's victory at the BPW regional finals, we were ready to defend our title, armed with the trusty team of three, Jodi Gaston-Ross, Gemma Coleman and Lewis Holden. The team was split, with Gemma Coleman giving the speech on her view of the population explosion and with Jodi Gaston-Ross, chairman, and Lewis Holden, expresser of thanks, joining another team for impromptu speeches. The competition was tough, with KGS narrowly missing out on first prize. Nevertheless, Lewis was rewarded for his vote of thanks, representing Kirkham proudly. Within school, the annual Evening of Speech and Drama was a thoroughly enjoyable night with seven speakers and dramatists enjoying the spotlight. Here, we saw one of our junior public speakers,



Amrit Bahra, give her first speech about her favourite author, Jacqueline Wilson. The Junior Public speaking society continues to thrive and we look forward to seeing their success in the future.

ART TRIP

During October half term 2011 the Art & Design Department took a party of thirty GCSE pupils and staff for a five day trip to London. The visit started with a logistical challenge as we negotiated our way across London via the Underground, with suitcases in tow. After checking in at the hotel the group barely had time to catch breath before they were off to Covent Garden for a quick shopping session followed by a meal at Wagamama. After tasting the delights of the orient the group made the short walk to the Theatre Royal where they watched 'Shrek the Musical'. The show was a first class adaptation of the Shrek movie with a fantastic performance by Nigel Harmon who played the vertically challenged Lord Farquaad.

The second day started with a walk from Waterloo Station to Tate Modern, via the London Eye along the south embankment. Every few minutes the group stopped to take photos of the visual feast of landmark buildings, street performers and street art. By early afternoon the group had arrived at the power house of Modern Art. The Tate has a huge collection on display that spans the last one hundred years with excellent examples of the greatest artists in the world including works by Picasso, Rothko and Damien Hurst.

The group then crossed the Thames using the Millennium Bridge which featured in the 2009 film 'Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince'. In the film it was destroyed and subsequently collapsed due to an attack by Death Eaters. Luckily for our Art students the bridge remained intact! As we reached St Paul's Cathedral we came across the Occupy London protesters who had set up camp after being



prevented from staging a demonstration at the Stock Exchange. The event in London was one of 951 around the world. It was all very interesting to see democracy at work!

Next the group headed for Covent Garden where they had time to once again enjoy the delight of this tourist trap before having their evening meal in a French restaurant. It was only now that they had time to reflect on the day's events as their next stop on this whirlwind tour was the Lyceum Theatre's 'Lion King'. For many the Lion King was the better of the two shows with a visual feast of set design, puppetry and costume design.

The third day's expedition was a visit to the British Art Collection at Tate Britain. The work on display features centuries of British art, the highlight being Turner's masterpieces such as the Burning of the Houses of Parliament and Rain, Steam and Speed - The Great Western Railway. After leaving here the group continued their site seeing tour stopping to take in Rodin's sculpture, The Burghers of Calais (outside the Palace of Westminster) and proceeded on past Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament.

The final art experience of the day was a walk down Brick Lane an area often described as London's cultural quarter, home of the Curry Mile and alternative fashion and street art. The area was formerly the hunting ground of Jack the Ripper and is now a big tourist draw for world famous graffiti art featuring artists such as Banksy, D*Face, Roa and Conor Harrington. The lane has been used in many music videos such as 'Glory Days' by Just Jack and 'All these that I've done' by The Killers. Unfortunately we ran out of time and had to leave to travel across town for our evening meal at The Hard Rock Café followed by a spin in the London Eye which revealed some very interesting views!

On the final full day the girls and boys were very excited as they were unleashed on Oxford Street to do some serious shopping all morning. Once back together the main concern was that they did not have enough time! The day was still young as we had a boat to catch outside the Tower of London. A third of the group managed to meet the connection as the group got separated in the underground. Mr Gardiner's group making it to the jetty and ultimately cruising up the river to Greenwich whilst Mr Painter's group got caught up in the tube repairs weekend disruption and thus ended up in Trafalgar Square! Both groups kept in contact via mobile phone and regrouped later at Planet



Hollywood for an evening meal followed by an hour's shopping at Harrods. It was then back to the hotel to pack up suitcases, watch Britain's Got Talent and collapse in a heap!

All in all it was a very enjoyable trip with some great experiences and lots of photos to help with GCSE project work for both fourth and fifth formers. The department has two further trips planned for 2012, one for the sixth form to Berlin at the end of April and a joint trip with the Drama Department to New York during the October half term.

ARCHERY CLUB

Hon. Secretary: Clark Brydon

Hon. Treasurer: Ben Morris

Coach: Mr C Wheatland

Are you Team GB's next archer? Over the past year, the Archery Club has grown and expanded to new frontiers. We meet and shoot in the MPH every Friday evening, improving our skill and performance to a level where we are now training a prestigious competition team. This team will represent the school in a number of external competitions, including one postal competition with another school in Southern England. Now part of Archery GB, we can win nationally recognised badge awards as well as compete as an individual, yet still part of the Kirkham Grammar team, in serious tournaments all over the UK. Not to mention the fact that we get our own team t-shirts that resemble Team GB's!

The club has been popular with new first years who signed up at the annual Societies' Fair. They have taken part in beginners' courses that run every half term for not just the first years but all the new members. Many archers who got a taste for the sport through the CCF have joined us over the past few months for further training to complete their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Thanks to the new intake, we now have a vast amount of equipment to use: multiple targets; numerous sets of arrows; bows to suit all ages and levels of ability; arm guards for everyone and coaching to match that of a professional.

We are always open to new members and, with the oodles of new apparatus, we will not have a problem equipping you with arrows and a bow. Book a beginners' course now and we'll set you off on your own course of discovery and adventure in the amazing world of archery. Will you be representing your country as Team GB's next archer?

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COMBINED CADET FORCE 2012



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On a fresh September weekend, 13 cadets from both Army and Air Force took up arms at the annual Cadet Skill At Arms Meeting (CSAAM) for the North West of England at Altcar Ranges near Southport. Competing against over 130 other cadets from CCF and ACF across the region, they took part in several competitions throughout the weekend. Many of our cadets have never fired competitively with the cadet rifle, so it was very exciting taking part in such a large event.

There were five main competitions for both team and individual representation.

The 'Deliberate' involved purely accuracy and consistency over 200m at a single target. This allowed cadets to think carefully about their marksmanship principles whilst shooting and to observe techniques of coaching whilst waiting.

The 'Snap Shoot' consisted of a time limit shoot, with targets appearing then disappearing, thus requiring a quick response. It certainly did not help when the targets started waving around and appearing all over the place (suppose they just wanted to follow the pattern of our shooting!).

The 'Marling' was not for the weak at heart. After a 100m dash with your rifle and ammunition, you needed to compose yourself ready to shoot at a target 100m away. However, as this was timed, it often disappeared before you could settle your breathing and load your weapon! Two further targets then appeared, one at 200m for a short period of time, then another one at 300m (if you could see

it!). With only 10 rounds to fire, with further distances holding higher points values, there were definitely tactics being discussed between the cadets.

The 'Montgomery of Alamein' is a rather complex shoot, consisting of three parts, a deliberate, a time limit and a snap. KGS won this a couple of years ago... somehow... unfortunately, we could not match that this year. We did scare the birds, butt markers and some moles instead though!

The final and most prestigious competition is the 'Falling Plate'. This takes place on the Sunday, when all the dignitaries arrive, and is a knockout competition. As the name suggests, you have to hit ten small metal plates which fall when hit. You also have four members in your team. However, you need to sprint 100m across an uneven field and then control your shots over a 200m distance. If there is a tie with the number of plates hit, it then goes to ammunition left in your magazine. Thank goodness! With a cunning, purposeful stoppage, we successfully proceeded through one round having found one bullet left in a magazine - well played KGS!

Although we did not bring any silverware home, all cadets and teachers enjoyed the weekend immensely, helped in part by the weather being very kind to us. Thanks go to Mrs Atkinson and Captain Miller for their help over the weekend. We now look forward to many shooting competitions this year using the No.8 weapons inside our own range at school.

Lt Lloyd

CCF Overnight

Overnight. Inskip* now has a totally different meaning to me. Rather than a collection of masts with mysterious purposes, Inskip is now a place of memories. Entering into it, sceptical and without torch and coat, I knew I'd regret it. Survival exercises? Living off army rations? Sleeping under a piece of cloth? Shivering from your bones? Not my thing. What had I signed myself up for? Crammed into a minibus? The foul smell of the soup? Your fire being the only source of heat? Varying emotions from anticipation to dread; horror to excitement? Why would I enjoy that?

After much thought, I've come to a conclusion. I enjoyed it. That's a fact. Being thrown completely out of my comfort zone made me love it. Crawling through the mud whilst being shot at, taken hostage, stung by plants and, best of all, working as a team. Deciding upon the best course of action. Together. In some sick, twisted way, it was fun.

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And now, it's back to how it was. Just a fond memory to be recalled in a couple of months, years, decades. Those friends you made? Back to their own groups. Reducing your friendship and team to a nod of the head or a simple greeting in the morning. Looking out at HMS Nightjar from my house, it took a while for it all to sink in.

Over the next few days, subtle things that meant nothing at the time will come flooding back. Yes, we slept indoors. And yes, I know sleeping outdoors was going to be the worst part. However, you all know my attitude towards physical activity. How were any of the night exercises going to be enjoyable for me? They were. I walked in sceptical and dreading the whole thing.

Would I go again? Yes. Without a doubt.

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FYLDE HOUSE

After being beaten into second place by Preston House by the narrowest of margins last year, it was with a determined outlook that Fylde House gathered together for the start of a new year. As always, the importance of participation was made very clear, and there was a genuine hope that we would have a successful year. Could we match the numerous skills and talents in the house with the right attitude and hope for a slice of luck?

Well, it proved to be a slow start to the year, and despite our best efforts, we quickly fell behind in the Whitby Cup standings. The senior quiz saw us lose out to School in the semi-final. The junior quiz semi-final finished with a tie on 27 points. Elliot Turnock, Nick Coleman, Josh Keelan and Michael Lewthwaite doing very well, but losing out on 'sudden death'. The senior basketball competition was also to prove frustrating. John Windle, Andrew Collins, Dom Basley, Marcus Eaton, Harry Mason, Jack Smith and Sam Hargreaves played some good basketball, but were sometimes a little lacklustre. They rotated the squad well and were unlucky to be beaten by 1 point in the first game against eventual winners Kirkham. Had we had a bit of luck here the tournament may have had a different outcome, but we lost to School who were playing some very good basketball before soundly beating Preston in the final game. In the chess competition we were matched against Preston House in the semi-final. For the seniors, Harry Mason lost a tightly fought match on board one, as did Maddie Robinson on board 3. Andrew Collins won on board 2. For the juniors, Michael Lewthwaite beat his vainqueur from last year on board 1 and Elliot Turnock won on board 2. Joshua Eastham

played very well in his first house chess competition but narrowly failed to beat his opponent. So, 3-3 overall and the result hinged on the result of the first senior board, on which we unfortunately lost. In the third and fourth placed play-off against Kirkham Nick Matthewman bravely stepped in to save the day for us and play on board 3. The competition against Kirkham was very close, with many games lasting a long time as the competitors were closely matched, but we did eventually edge it.

The netball competitions are always heralded by a nasty period of weather and, as ever, cold and blustery conditions did not make the competitions easy. Following a slow and rather nervy start to the junior semi-final against Kirkham, the girls eventually pulled away to win 7-4, with some excellent second half shooting from Grace Wallace and some calm defending from Marnie Ethell. In the final we were up against a far taller and more experienced Preston team. Once again the girls played very well, and at 5-5 in the second half we were competing very well. However, we did succumb 5-8 in the end. For the senior semi-final versus Preston the scores were equal after full time, and the game went to extra time, which we eventually won 2-1. This was certainly one of the best house events I have witnessed in terms of excitement and genuine competition. The girls played very well, particularly in midfield, where Sarah Quarmby, Katie Penrose and Chloe Walker played a very high tempo game. Gemma Coleman, Kiran Bahra and Maddie Robinson played very well in defence, and Lucia Chow and Courtney Spector scored the goals. In the final against a strong Kirkham side, we tried hard and played well, but it would be fair to say that we were comprehensively beaten.

The junior hockey saw us beat a battling Kirkham side 1-0 in the semi-final. This was a great squad effort, and we had three substitutes and many first years playing. On the pitch, Hannah Fingleton's attitude was particularly fantastic. Fiona Lockhart and Abigail King marshalled the defence very well, and Josie Coffey was tireless on the right wing. Some great individual play from first year Rachel Greenwood tested the Kirkham defence, and Cammie Spector scored the winning goal following a lovely move down the centre. In the final, we lost to a very strong Preston team which contained many of the third year 'A' team hockey players. We did play well, defending in numbers and trying to play on the break and Fiona Lockhart and Abigail King were particularly strong for us in defence.

The term concluded with a very competitive house swimming gala. We were as competitive as ever, and but for a mix up in one of the relays, we might have gained first place. However, we swam well and, as always, the competitors must be thanked for their willingness to compete in what is a hotly contested event at the end of a long term. Maddie Robinson, Harriet Price, Rob and Will Lockhart, Hadley and Haydn Price swam well. The senior boys' freestyle relay was won with Andrew Collins, Sam Hargreaves, Rob Lockhart and Sam Norris. It was encouraging to see so many first years taking part, and we saw great swims from Ellie Moss and Carly Eve for the girls. The second year boys were excellent, with Gabriel Bland, Jamie Smith, Harry Balmer and Daniel Turner dominant. Scott Collins, David King and Harvey O'Connell also swam very strongly. Finally, a big thank you to Tom Hurst, Sarah Quarmby and Chloe Walker for helping to organise what is an exhausting and complex event.

Looking back over the first term's events it was clear that we had tried our best, and even though we were rather low in the Whitby Cup standings, we had completed a successful term. At this stage of the year it is vital that the house captains show strong leadership and look to get actively involved in the house, and Charlotte Lucas, Tom Hurst and Sarah Quarmby had all played their part.

If there is one competition that shows the importance of participation then it is the House Cross Country. The twenty-third runner in an event is often as important as a first place, and this year proved to be no exception. When we say that everyone's efforts count, it is not just a cliché, but a very important truth. This year's efforts in all the races were commendable, and it was great to see so many people willing to run, regardless of their athletic prowess. In the junior boys' race we came fourth, with Haydn Price being our first runner home, closely followed by Jamie Smith, then Matthew Lewthwaite, Sam Minton, Callum Hughes and Boone Maher, and I cannot fault their effort and attitude. The junior girls' race was run on a very cold February lunchtime. We managed to come first by a long way; 55 points for us compared to 71 for School in second place. Good running from Lucy Keelan who came second, Cammy Spector in third, Rachel Greenwood in seventh and Hannah Fingleton, Grace Wallace and Emma Coffey. The intermediate girls also won their race, and it was really pleasing to see so much enthusiasm. Marnie Ethell, Heather Crook, Josie Coffey, Chloe Taylor, Anna Southworth, Charlotte Cross and Fiona Lockhart ran well as a team. The

intermediate boys' race saw us come third overall. Josh Keelan was our first runner home in third place. Charlie Abbott was then seventh, followed by Dan Broughton, Harvey O'Connell, Bailey Harwood and Oliver Barker. This was a good effort considering that four out of our six runners were third years in this intermediate competition. In the senior races, we acquitted ourselves so much better than the previous year in the boys' race, and we had a number of people 'doing their bit for the House'. We came second to Preston House by 1 point. Sam Norris ran very well to be the first Fylde runner home, followed by Tom Charter, Will Lockhart, Dom Basley, James Penrose, Rob Lavelle and Henry Hargreaves. As for the senior girls, they dominated the event with a superb turnout - Sarah Quarmby, Maddie Robinson, Chloe Walker, Gemma Broomhead, Beth Kenny, Ellie Higham, Nicky Charter and Harriet Price ran fantastically well, and they can be proud of their efforts.

The shooting event was a little less of a success, and we could not quite compete with the other houses, despite an excellent score from Sarah Quarmby. In the debate, Sarah Quarmby and Maddie Robinson debated well in the semi-final, beating a strong Kirkham team, with wit and quick thinking giving them the edge. In the final 'This House believes that if God did not exist, it would be necessary to invent Him' saw Maddie and Sarah once again debate with intelligent and creative arguments. Unfortunately, it was not to be our day, and despite our best efforts Preston took the title.

For a number of years we have played second fiddle to Kirkham in the House music competition, despite our recent dominance of the house choir competition. This year saw us once again dominate the choir 'sing-off', and I can genuinely say that our choir was fantastic. Their version of 'She Will Be Loved' was the outstanding performance, and the tenacity and organisation shown by our sixth formers in organising the choir was great to see. Jack Linley, Lydia Gascoigne, Chloe Walker, Charlotte Lucas and Katie Penrose in particular worked hard for this victory. In the main competition eleven of the twenty finalist places were awarded to Fylde House, and we managed to combine musical quality with quantity to win the House Music competition for the first time in a long time - a real effort from all age groups and abilities.

The senior hockey tournament was played towards the end of the term, and on paper we had a formidable team. This turned out to be the case as we won all our games. Players such as Alison Glover, Beth Kenny and Courtney Spector played high tempo, skilful hockey. Around the same time, we had the Maths competitions. Theo Randall, Charlie Bradbury, Adam West and James Devereux won the first year competition quite clearly. A strong Countdown round and high scoring in the group and quick-fire rounds gave them a grand total of 32 points, beating the 25 points of the second placed house. The second year team scored well in the quick-fire round, but made a slow start from which they never really recovered, and the team of Sian Atkinson, Hannah Fingleton, Harry Balmer and Michael Caton were disappointed not to have been more competitive in the final standings.

The summer term was to turn out to be its usual busy self, but the added complexities of the dreadful weather made it



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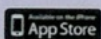
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all rather unpredictable. The junior cricket and rounders competitions ended up being rained off, and the senior cricket final was a dreadfully damp 'bowl off' finale. The boys had done well to reach the final following an unexpected semi-final victory against a strong Preston side, with Marcus Eaton's leadership on the field helping to secure progress to the final. Sports Day saw some great performances from the Fylde athletes, as well as some excellent leadership from the sixth formers. Of particular note were the efforts and attitude of Dan Broughton, Katie Penrose, Ally Glover, Lydia Gascoigne, Daniel Turner, Rachel Greenwood, Emma and Josie Coffey, Rob Lavelle and Nicky Charter. Rachel Greenwood did fantastically well to win the Junior Victrix Ludorum, and it was nice to see the Junior Girls dominate their 4x100m relay. Lucy Keelan also broke the school 800m record. Many more people should no doubt be mentioned here, and I thank everyone who participated. We certainly did our best, but in what turned out to be a close competition between the four houses, we unfortunately came last. Something to build on next year.

The tennis competitions have traditionally seen success for the Fylde players, and this year was no exception, and in addition to our existing players, we had a number of talented players who had joined this year. The senior competition was dominated by our two pairings. Henry Hargreaves and Tom Charter beat all the opposition by 'many games', playing some very powerful and skilful tennis. The second pairing of Rob Lavelle and Nicky Charter were also dominant in the competition. The intermediate competition saw us come a close second to a strong Preston team, and we have to be grateful to Harvey O'Connell for helping out at the last minute. Josh Keelan, Elliot Turnock and David King played well. We did not know what to expect from the junior competition, but Rachel Greenwood was immensely talented, with Gabriel Bland, Adam West and Charles Hargreaves ensuring an excellent win. Out of a possible twelve points in the tennis competition, we had managed to score eleven.

With the term rapidly coming to a close it became clear that we were in an increasingly strong position in the Whitby Cup standings and, whereas previous years had seen us lose form at this stage, we managed to maintain our momentum and kept on picking up points. In addition to all the hard work that goes on within a house, you do also need a little bit of luck at times. The house technology competition saw a Fylde victory for the first time in a long time, and Michael Lewthwaite, Haydn Price, Joshua Eastham and Charles Bradbury showed great resilience and thought to overcome Kirkham at the bitter end. The first years performed with skill and enthusiasm in the sixty second drama competition and gained a valiant second place, and the hard work of everybody in the house was rewarded when it was announced that we had won the Work Cup.

So, with a very healthy lead, Fylde House had managed to regain the Whitby Cup following a year in the possession of Preston House. Looking back over the year, what struck me as being important was that people put themselves forward willingly if they thought that they could do something. Also, in addition to the house captains and the sixth form in general, a number of different people from all year groups took it upon themselves to lead, chivy, organise and

generally do their bit to ensure that the efforts of some were never let down by the apathy of others. Long may this remain a trait of Fylde House.

Mr. S. Whittle

KIRKHAM HOUSE

I knew I was going to enjoy being Head of Kirkham House, but I must admit I had underestimated the effort both pupils and staff put into events. The House system at KGS is truly something to be proud of. It is never an easy task taking over a role, especially as my predecessor, Mrs Glover, was so highly regarded by the House. I thank Mrs Glover for her invaluable advice, and the pupils who warmly welcomed me.

The autumn term events began very promptly with the senior and junior quizzes. Both teams performed extremely well, with the juniors being narrowly beaten in the semi-final. The senior quiz team, with thanks to their lightning reflexes in the buzzer round, stormed to our first victory. It was a fascinating event, demonstrating the weird and wonderful knowledge the V1th formers possess. The basketball was fantastic to watch as I admit I knew little



about the game at the start. All the teams played incredibly well and I was of course proud of the teamwork used by the Kirkham squad. The seniors' first place was a true credit to the sportsmanship they demonstrated. The intermediates fought hard in their games and finished third overall. The chess has always been our weakest event but we proudly put forward our willing players who took our fourth place with good humour. The hockey pitch and netball courts provided the stage for Kirkham's budding female competitors. We knew our teams would be competing against older and more experienced members of our fellow houses, but this did not deter the girls. Teamwork and their determination to give it their all gave way to some excellent and, to their credit, close matches. Unfortunately, on the hockey front, we did not get through the semi-finals. The senior netball was a rather different story as their experience took them all the way to victory. The autumn term ended with the swimming gala, a highlight in the house calendar. This was a mixed event for Kirkham with us gaining fourth place overall. For our competitors, this didn't matter, the atmosphere in Kirkham Baths was amazing and I know so many can't wait for the next gala.

The spring term always opens with the event which is not considered to be one of the 'fun' ones; the dreaded cross country, but Kirkham House approached it with the 'have a go' attitude. I was proud to watch the groups of yellow shirts set off, and even prouder when they all returned, many with mud splattered smiles. A huge thank you goes to all the competitors, many of whom competed simply because we needed to make up numbers. There were many fantastic moments but a special mention should go to Jake Lonsdale who won the junior race and led his team to an overall victory. The house music event offered the opportunity for a considerable number to demonstrate their musical talents. As the entry forms came flooding in, I was proud to see so many willing to put themselves forward. It was an exciting competition and I felt privileged to have made it to several of the performances. Kirkham finished a very respectable second place in this challenging event. A special mention should go to Elliot Gaston-Ross who took the overall victory with a mesmerizing piece on the marimba. Our shooters certainly did not let us down this year. With their steady hands and good aim, Kirkham can be very pleased with the second place they achieved. With the formation of the KGS shooting club, this is set to become a fascinating event. With the events now mounting up behind us, there was no time for rest as the first and second years entered the maths tournament, resulting in Kirkham gaining another respectable second place in each. The debating competition once again commanded a large audience and was a great event to watch. Although faced with strong competition, Jodi Gaston-Ross and Olivia Butler held their own throughout. Through the decision was close, we just missed out on gaining a place in the final. Volleyball, now an established house event, was great fun to watch and from what I could gather, great fun to participate in. Teamwork has been the strength of Kirkham in previous events, and this was no different. We aim to improve upon our fourth place next year.

Summer term always promises lovely, long, hot days and images of sitting on the fields watching sporting fixtures...but this is Britain and we had no such luck.

Unfortunately, due to the now 'typical' weather, we were unable to complete the junior rounders and cricket. This was a particularly sore point for Kirkham as we have so many promising cricketers, but c'est la vie.

The summer weather did just about hold up to allow Sports Day to take place. The preliminaries and many field events had taken place over several weeks leading up to the main day and I thank the members of our house for always being where they were needed. These events highlighted some very talented athletes who should be proud of their achievements. Sports Day itself was a gloomy day, causing house leaders to pace the staff room, pleading for the rain to hold off. In some very fiercely fought events, Kirkham sportsmen and women gave it their all. There are so many pupils who should be mentioned, and I hope they realise I appreciated all their efforts. A special mention should go to Kate Lawler, Jake Lonsdale and Alex Latham who frequently demonstrated their incredible running ability. With the effort everybody put in, I wish we had been placed higher than third, so watch out for us next year!

House technology proved to be far more competitive than I could have expected as our team designed and built a remotely operated catapult. After being the firm favourites from the start, with the only working model available for the first of the three tests, it was such a shame we were knocked into second at the last possible moment. We still believe we should have been awarded extra points for almost taking out poor Mr Gardener; such was the power behind our invention. The house drama was a wonderful way to end the year and, after the opening given by our very own Kieran Butler and Oliver Fearn, I knew we were going to be in for a theatrical treat. The pupils did not disappoint! The Kirkham thespians ended their theatrical debut in third place. The only thing left was, of course, the Work Cup results and as we waited with baited breath, we were pleased with our second place finish.

I have already mentioned it on countless occasions but I am extremely proud of Kirkham House. I look after a house with incredible team spirit across all ages, who are always there to support each other and who are always willing to wear the yellow tops with pride. Yes, we finished in fourth place, but we had a lot of fun in everything we did. The only way is up - so watch out Fylde, Preston and School. Of course, the House events could not happen without the support of the staff and house captains. We wish Jack Ingham, Anna Rigby, Sam Hall and Helen Kelsall the very best. I would like to end by congratulating our new captains, George Brookes, Ben Swift, Jenny Malings and Olivia Butler. I am looking forward to working with them and leading our house to further successes.

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PRESTON HOUSE

Preston House won the Whitby Cup in the previous year by winning the Junior Drama competition in the last week of the term. It was a thrilling end to the closest competition for many years and reflects the strong competitive nature of the house system at Kirkham Grammar School. So it was with a great deal of optimism that we started the 2011-2012 session with the house quiz competitions. A very strong team, consisting of Grace Cook, Freya Bennett, Bradley Yates, and Ben Clowes won the final convincingly and put Preston on the first step of a long path that includes over thirty different events. The junior girls were also successful in the netball, beating Fylde in the final. This group of girls, Ellie Cupitt, Beth Everson, Milly Foley, Ellie Greenhalgh, Olivia Anderton, Nicole Thompson, Lauren Bailey, Elysia Cockshott, Amelia Dalziel, and Freya Bennett have been fantastic for the last couple of years in a number of different competitions and with their continuing support will ensure a successful future for Preston House.

The boys started their campaign with a second position in the basketball tournament and we also gained seconds in the chess and swimming competitions. The swimming gala is always very close and this year it was no different, with School House beating Preston in the final relay.

The spring term started with the cross country events, traditionally an area where Preston House pick up many firsts. However, this year we gained second places in the junior and intermediate races, but the senior boys did not let us down. This was the seventh year on the trot that this team had come first and with Ben Everson (first), Callum Paley (second), Tom Leach (third) and Macaulay Murgatroyd (seventh) we were not disappointed as we saw the blue vests

of Preston emerging from the woods after three laps of the fields on the other side of the bypass.

The 'Rottweilers of Preston House' was how Mr Hawkes described the team of Ben Jones and Lewis Holden, as they ripped into the opposition in the house debate. They defeated School House in the semi-final and Fylde in the final, a truly unforgettable demonstration of controlled, erudite and sharp wit, destroying the opposition in the short debate format.

The junior girls again turned on a magnificent performance in the hockey, defeating School House 0 in the semi-final and Fylde in the final. The overall Whitby Cup standings were very close between Preston and Fylde, demonstrating the strength of the very competitive house system and this was reflected in the house shooting, in which the Preston team of Callum Paley and Gus Graham were just one shot from victory in the last round. Every shot, every position in a race, every goal in the netball really does matter because it is only in the last week of the year that the Whitby Cup is decided.

One of the highlights of year is the Music Festival, a massive concoction of auditions, rehearsals and performances by choirs and individuals in a three day extravaganza of musical talent. It is always a pleasure to see the choirs made up of first years to sixth formers and the team spirit it generates. We had eight finalists including Molly Andrews, Patrick Callery, Sophie Midgeley, Sequoia Des Etages, Gus Graham, Emily Crowther, Sophia Crawshay and the choir.

Another highlight of the year is Sports Day and it was fitting to see the traditional format where the whole school competed in both track and field events on a single day. We were lucky with the weather and managed to complete all the preliminary events before Sports Day itself. As ever, it was a close event, with the relays deciding the overall winners. Preston finished a commendable second to School and notable performances came from Beth Everson who won the intermediate Victrix Ludorum, Oscar Graham who won the intermediate Victor Ludorum and Ben Everson the senior Victor Ludorum with Jordan Hogan as runner up.

Further victories in the intermediate tennis from Sequoia Des Etages, Oscar Graham, Dominic Youles and Alex Whalley set us up for a close finale to the year, although Fylde had won the senior and junior tennis together with the senior cricket. In the last week of term the first years in Preston House put on an outstanding performance to win the Junior Drama 60 second Shakespeare event. The winning groups included Andrew Platt, Sam Dawson, Venkata Karri, Mason Forrest, Mathew Smith, Ryan Parkinson and Emilia Fearnis. This really was the best way to end the year but the weather in the final week of term denied us the chance to compete in the junior rounders and junior cricket events and gain a few more points. In the final tally, Preston House finished in second place to Fylde - but what a spirited year it had been.

I would like to thank the house captains, Kirsten Martin, Emily Crowther, Nathan White and Will Fleuriot for all the work they have done this year, supporting the competitors and instilling that true spirit of Preston House. It will be a year I will remember fondly forever.

Dr. A.B. Rollins

SCHOOL HOUSE

Despite finishing last overall in the Whitby Cup competition, School House started the inter-house competition with a bang. The first event was the senior house quiz. The team, led by Jack Loxham, got off to a perfect start, beating Fylde comfortably in the semi-final. Unfortunately, Joe Wareing of Kirkham was on fire in the final. House captains Ashley Bradshaw and Bronte Edgar did well to pull a few points back, but Kirkham had already established too much of a lead and triumphed. The juniors did exactly the same, sailing through the semi-final but losing narrowly to Preston in the final. Well done to Jack Culver and his team.

The basketball and chess competitions were next on the schedule. The intermediate team consisted of Sam Sissons, Henry Joyner, Todd Roper, George Carter, Tyrone Cartmel, Oliver Kitchen, Roland Burt and the captain Connor Wilkinson. The team secured a close victory against Kirkham. However, in the next two games we went against opposition who were much more accurate at shooting than School House. This put us in third place overall.

The senior boys, Isaac Yuen, Kenny Chi, Eric Poon, Jack Loxham, Eric Yuen and Precious Nwaokomah, however, did much better, winning the first two games against Preston and Fylde comfortably. Therefore the last game against Kirkham was the decisive match of the tournament. School House played some open and free-flowing style basketball but Kirkham's aggressive style was also very effective. The game was tight right until the last minute of the game when School went ahead by two points. Kirkham needed three points to win the game, and Philip Cringle managed just that, scoring an overhead throw from the half-way line to seal the victory.

House chess was much more successful; the team lost only one game in the whole tournament to secure the top place. Well done to Jack Salisbury, Alex Kearsley, Todd Davies, Aaron Bradshaw, Sam Walsh and Andrew Whittingham for their tremendous performances. This took us to the top of the league at half term, giving pupils in School House a huge confidence boost.

School continued with the success after half term, gaining top places in the cross country with the junior girls, inter-boys and senior girls. Talented runners such as Samantha Hollins, Connor Wilkinson and Ashley Bradshaw all took first place individually. This success was also followed by the swimming team who won overall. Aki George-Taylor was tremendous and broke several school records.

However School House was not as successful in the spring term, winning only the shooting competition and the second year Maths competition. In the shooting team, Fraser Burnie and Sam Donaldson were both very accurate and Jack Culver and Finlay Burnie were both very sharp mathematicians. School House was very unlucky in the senior girls' hockey and house debate, losing narrowly to opposition who are more experienced.

Summer term brought us a massive victory on Sports Day. Well done to all those who took part, particularly Tobi Akinkunmi who came first in the senior boys 100m and Demi Akinpelu who came second in both 100m and 200m. Moreover, a special mention has to go to Samantha Hollins who broke her own record in the junior girls 1500m set the



previous year. Not to be out-done, we ended the year extremely proud of Adam Galley and his team who won the senior cricket in some extreme playing conditions that is the English weather.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the house captains Ashley Bradshaw, Bronte Edgar, Adam Galley and Craig Whalley-Hunter, all of whom made the first year of being housemaster much easier and more enjoyable.

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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First XV

Kirkham Grammar School first XV played their first match on tour for fifteen years and produced a pleasing result against Kasselsvei High School (Cape Town). Back row forward James Penrose, who was making his debut for the first team, was the first person to capitalise on Kirkham's obvious strength up front as he scored the opening try. Both props, Phil Cringle and John Windle, looked good in producing some powerful runs, as did debutant hooker Luke Woodward. They were well supported by no. 8 Sam Peet and open side flanker Elliot Crowe. Peet helped himself to two tries during the game which was also duplicated by captain and centre Tom Hurst. For the first time this season Kirkham combined well, with both backs and forwards interlinking throughout the game. Fly half Charlie Swarbrick was excellent in his decision making throughout the game and controlled everything that Kirkham did. Although Kasselsvei bravely stood up to Kirkham's power, they could not contain the KGS team who ran out 48 - 0 victors.

Development XV

After weeks of preparation, the development fifteen was anticipating the first competitive match on tour. From the kick off, it was clear the team found it a challenge against a fast paced, dynamic and energetic opposition with them regularly running the ball from all parts of the field. However, Kirkham counter attacked this with strong runs from the forwards, including Ryan Wilkinson, and intelligent play in the backline from Dan Jones and Dom Basley resulting in regular breaks for wingers Adam Galley and Will Lockhart.

The Kirkham set piece was strong, with the team regularly

winning their own ball and pushing the opposition backwards. A catch and drive by Charles Redshaw in the opposition 22, followed by a strong rolling maul, resulted in Adam Galley crashing over for the first try of the match. Strong defence from Theo Whattam and Will Fleuriot led to mistakes from the opposition and this resulted in many Kirkham scrums which concluded in the second try. A slick backs move led to Jack Smith feeding Dom Basley through a hole in the opposition defence, only to be tackled just short of the line. However, Galley was again close by to cross the line for the team's second try.

As the second half began, the team put constant pressure on the opposition. However, they found themselves unable to convert chances due to simple errors. The pressure finally resulted in a Thor try for Kirkham with a strong scrum from Joe Wareing, Theo Harvey and Josh burrows pushing the opposition over the line for a simple try. Some simple handling errors resulted in two Kasselsvei tries and a period of pressure. However, with fine defence, Kirkham turned the ball over, putting phases together leading to a fine individual try for Dan Jones which was converted by Fraser Burnie.

Under 15

The under 15s got off to a good start in their first game in South Africa, gaining a victory against Kasselsvei High School. The pace of the game was difficult for the boys to get used to, but once the team had adapted, they began to dominate. Solid effort by Alex Whalley and Henry Joyner allowed the backs to have space to cause some damage.

Unfortunately, due to not having played for several months, a few scoring chances were missed because of poor handling skills. Connor Wilkinson did manage to cross the

try line just before half time to give Kirkham a comfortable half time lead of 15-0.

Kasselsvei came out strongly in the second half, taking full advantage of two Kirkham sin bins. Kasselsvei scored two converted tries to make the score 15-14. Connor Scott kicked a penalty in front of the posts to extend the Kirkham lead. Scott Collins then finished a slick counter attack. With a lack of concentration Kasselsvei scored in the last minute of the game to make the final score 23-19.

The squad was pleased to get the first win on tour. However, the lack of discipline and basic errors must disappear before the next game against Hamilton Sea Point at their magnificent ground adjacent to the World Cup 2010 stadium.

Under 15 XV 39 Hamilton Seapoint 5

The under 15s took to the field for their second tour game against Hamilton Sea Point R.U.F.C. in torrential conditions. Whilst the sandy pitch coped well with the heavy showers, the ball was affected badly, becoming slippery very quickly. The start of the game was remarkably open given the conditions. Hamilton's strength lay in their pack, however Kirkham were able to gain an edge at the set piece and at the break down. Charlie Abbott secured quality line out ball repeatedly throughout the game, allowing the Kirkham eight to make ground continually. Harry Welch, Jamie Baldwin and Scott Collins managed to break the gain line on occasion, allowing the support running of Daniel Broughton and Charlie Abbott to come to the fore. A revamped back line since the first tour game made the best of bad conditions, with Josh Powell looking slick at fly half. Ellis Clark had possibly his best game in a Kirkham shirt. Robert Thomas also provided reliable service to the backline throughout the game, constantly moving the ball quickly;

The scoring was dominated by Wilkinson with four tries, but Jack Welch, Alex Whalley and Adam Joyner also got on the score sheet. Joyner's try was particularly outstanding.

Development XV 24 Hamilton Seapoint 0

The squad was in high spirits after their opening victory over Kasselsvei High School. However, on arrival at the ground the squad found weather conditions similar to that of an English winter with relentless rain.

The opening stages of the game were bruising, with strong runs from Rhys Williams being counteracted by strong defence from the opposition. Despite the testing weather conditions, the backs moved the ball with ease, resulting in the opening try scored by Robert Lavelle which was converted by Fraser Burnie. The Kirkham set piece was strong, with Charles Redshaw dominating the lineout once again and this led to the second try for Kirkham as the backline launched a move straight from the training ground involving interlinking play between Dan Jones and Fraser Burnie, allowing Fraser to cross the line and convert his own try.

The scrum was strengthened in the second half with the introduction of Michael Jin and Ben McCarthy and this resulted in several turnovers, allowing the likes of Alex

Barlow and Sam Norris to punish the opposition regularly. The backs continued to pass the ball with fluency in tough conditions, allowing Fraser Burnie to walk in for his second try of the match. Numerous penalties in the final periods of the match resulted in Kirkham coming under huge amounts of pressure. However, strong defence led to the ball being turned over at several key moments. The ball was finally kicked out to end the game. The team was especially pleased to keep a 'clean sheet' against powerful opposition.

First XV 38 Hamilton Seapoint 0

On a wet and windy day, the first XV faced Hamilton Seapoint Rugby Club. The opposition were big and strong and it took Kirkham over thirty minutes to score their first try. The front row of John Windle, Luke Woodward and Dominic O'Connor stood up well to aggressive opposite numbers and laid the foundation for talented backrowers Sam Peet and Elliot Crowe to eventually dominate the game. Once Kirkham had nullified the Hamilton pack, spaces opened up for the Kirkham backline to run in a number of tries. Winger Precious Nwaokomah looked strong and fast throughout the game and it was he who scored two good tries to finish off any resistance from Hamilton. Scrum half Harrison Moulding was also in good form and he capitalised on some good work from the forwards to score a fine try. Sam Peet also helped himself to two tries, but the try of the game was scored by prop John Windle who appeared on the wing in 'Shane Williams' fashion to finish off some excellent work from both backs and forwards. As Kirkham ran Hamilton ragged, centre Tom Hurst forced his way over for a try and fullback George Brookes also popped up to score a late try.

First XV 29 SACS XV 28

The first XV played SACS in perfect conditions with Table Mountain looking on from the background. Kirkham initially found the pace of the game very fast and fell behind to two early penalties. After fifteen minutes, KGS settled to the pace of the game and, despite conceding a try to SACS wide out after a defensive error, were able to come back into the game quickly with a George Brookes penalty. As half time approached, the Kirkham forwards started to dominate and, although they were behind 11 - 3, it was obvious to all spectators that the game was evenly poised. Unfortunately, Kirkham then gave away an interception try and fell further behind (18 - 3). As the half time whistle went, many people on the touch line thought the game was over. However, the Kirkham players knew they were in the game and wanted to show their true ability. Captain Tom Hurst and vice-captain Phil Cringle knew how to raise their team's spirits and realised that all was not lost. A remarkable second half for Kirkham rugby was about to start.

The KGS fight back was ignited after some strong running from winger Sam Hall which was continued by some strong forward drives which lead to a scrum five metres out from SACS line. The Kirkham scrum was solid which allowed number eight Sam Peet to force himself over the SACS line and George Brookes easily converted to take the score to 18 - 10 to SACS. The KGS forwards started to completely dominate their opposition and a number of mauls were set up which SACS could not deal with. From a lineout near

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SACS line, flanker Elliot Crowe scored from a well worked catch and drive. With the score at 18 – 15 to SACS, the Cape Town school tried to fight back, but Kirkham's defence was solid and forced another error from SACS. Wing Sam Hall intercepted a SACS move and sprinted in to give KGS a 22-18 lead after another George Brookes conversion. In true South African fashion, SACS came storming back, scoring two quick tries which gave them a 28 – 22 lead with only seven minutes left on the clock. The Kirkham team dug deep and, with the support of the other Kirkham sides from the touch line, raised one last effort. Number eight Sam Peet set up a driving maul which Kirkham edged to the SACS line. With one last thrust, flanker Elliot Crowe crashed over again for a try. The ground at SACS was silent as full back George Brookes lined up the kick. The referee had told him that time was up and his kick would be the last. With great composure and with many of his team mates looking the other way, Brookes slotted the conversion straight through the middle from a difficult angle. This was a memorable victory.

KGS Development XV 5 SACS Under 16 XV 13

After two convincing victories, the development team felt ready to take on their toughest opponents so far. After very little preparation, the team took to the field and from the opening engagements they knew it would be a tough match. Some early indiscipline led to a SACS penalty which they kicked for three points. The first half was dominated by SACS and, despite good defending by Robert Lavelle and the Lockhart brothers, SACS went over to score two tries. This left the score at 13-0 at half time.

In the second half the Kirkham side came out fighting in the loose although the set piece was still a significant weakness. After a period of possession and phase play, Sam Hargreaves crashed over to score. Despite a strong push in the final minutes, Kirkham could not quite close the deficit. There were, however, many strong performances, in particular Rhys Williams, who was outstanding particularly when carrying the ball. A true captain's performance in a difficult fixture.

Despite the loss, spirits were lifted when a passenger on a bus was mistaken for the elusive Lord Lucan. However, our reports were unfounded. Our sources suggest his son may be residing in Fulwood. The search continues.....

Under 15 XV 10 SACS Under 15 XV 8

The under 15s took to the field at South African College School's magnificent playing field to take on one of the top school sides in South Africa. In the early exchanges, Kirkham struggled with the physicality and the differences in interpretation at the break down. Kirkham also found it hard to achieve their usual set piece dominance. However, as the game wore on, Kirkham began to cause SACS some problems, with particular success coming from valuable turnovers often won by Hadley Price and Daniel Broughton. After going 3-0 down, Connor Wilkinson broke through with a typically dynamic run after powerful rucking from Scott Collins and Adam Joyner. Josh Powell, playing at fly half for the first time on tour, converted the score to make it 7-3.

SACS were a team full of talent, particularly blessed with dynamic runners. They broke through in defence several times, often using offloads. However, Kirkham defended well with Harvey O'Connell and Ellis Clark putting in crunching tackles. After a period of pressure, SACS scored a well worked try to take a one point lead. As the game entered its final stages, Kirkham took control, with Harry Knight, Connor Scott and David King entering the fray. Alex Whalley moved back to second row and Kirkham spent the final few minutes camped in the SACS 22, with several powerful scrums and line out drives falling just short. As the final minutes ticked away, Josh Powell received the ball in SACS 22, he then successfully dropped a goal to get Kirkham a 10-8 win.

Winning against a school in South Africa with a top reputation is a rare achievement and certainly one the boys and staff will never forget.

After the euphoria of the SACS game, it was always going to be difficult to play Glenwood HS known as 'The Green Machine' and regularly ranked in the top five of South African Schools' rugby. The experience of participating in the Glenwood Festival will be a terrific memory for any player. Kirkham first XV gave everything in an exciting match, which with more luck and time to recover from Tuesday's match could have been won. Throughout the game, Kirkham's defence was immense and caused Glenwood to make many errors. The front row of John Windle, Ryan Wilkinson and Phil Cringle destroyed the highly rated Glenwood front row including the former South African Schools' under 18 prop Marne Coetzee. The Kirkham team found the interpretation of the contact area very different to what they had experienced in Cape Town but, despite this, backrow forwards Elliot Crowe and Sam Peet were outstanding in defence as was second row Jordan Hogan. As half time approached, Glenwood had a 7-0 lead but were clearly rattled and were struggling near their own line. Unfortunately, KGS scrum half Harrison Moulding was sin binned and a try was handed to Glenwood after a very dubious pass was allowed. Despite this setback, Kirkham regained their composure and forced Glenwood back, nearly scoring an opening try. Kirkham conceded a number of penalties which contained them to their own 22 and which eventually allowed Glenwood to take a 19 – 0 lead. Replacement front row forwards Dominic O'Connor and Luke Woodward made instant impacts and allowed Kirkham to score their first try through No. 8 Sam Peet. With nine minutes left, Kirkham tried hard to force the game but were again held back through conceding a number of penalties. Eventually Glenwood's pressure told and Kirkham conceded two late tries. Final score Kirkham Grammar 5 Glenwood HS 33.

Development XV 11 Glenwood Under 16 XV 32

Kirkham found the first five minutes hard, but the Kirkham side, led by Rhys Williams, who was outstanding once again, edged their way back into the game. The pack began to exert some control and the game became tight and edgy for long periods. Glenwood struck twice from clever line out moves, both times using runners at the tail. Kirkham should have reacted better to both moves and the two scores



created a greater distance between the two teams than there perhaps should have been. Kirkham had opportunities, creating several overlaps but these chances were not taken up through a mixture of poor passing and good Glenwood defending.

As the second half started, Kirkham's line out and scrum took control and the team's perseverance paid off with a strong driving maul from fifteen metres out which took Charles Redshaw over the line to score a try. Sam Hargreaves was unlucky to hit the post with the following conversion.

It is probably fair to say that while Kirkham visited Glenwood red zone as often as Glenwood visited Kirkham's, it was Glenwood who were more clinical, and while Kirkham struck with two penalties through Sam Hargreaves, Glenwood struck with tries.

There were pleasing performances from Theo Whattam, Josh Burrows, Rhys Williams and Rob Lockhart.

Under 15 XV 0 Glenwood Under 15 44

The under 15 game against Glenwood was a particularly tough encounter for Kirkham, as they came up against a very well drilled and powerful outfit. Arriving at Glenwood's ground, the under 15s were greeted by a 7000 seater stadium which is Glenwood's first XV pitch. The atmosphere at the ground was beyond anything you could see in British schoolboy rugby and, in truth, the under 15's were a little overawed by their surroundings. Kirkham started the game poorly and very quietly. Defensively Kirkham were shocked to find that Glenwood played very differently to teams in Cape Town or in the UK in that they constantly went open and moved the ball wide. KGS were left defending the blindside heavily, leaving gaps for Glenwood to exploit on the open. KGS also failed to keep the quick and disruptive

line speed which we have had on tour so far. However, looking to the future, this game will provide the team with lessons of what to expect on a hard pitch in hot weather. The experience will stand the boys in good stead as they enter their senior rugby careers.

It must be said that Glenwood were an impressive side. It is disappointing that Kirkham were unable to give a true reflection of their abilities with the fatigue of the four games already played catching up with them. However, Glenwood's willingness to play from anywhere was a constant threat. This, coupled with their ability to constantly off load out of the tackle, made them a difficult side to defend. It is often said that it is a little less painful when you lose to a very good side and this was certainly true in this game.

Glenwood HS's hospitality was outstanding, the staff and boys were incredibly well looked after throughout the day's games. The school also has one of the most incredible campuses to be seen in any part of the world, with every need of a sportsman catered for. I hope we get to see Glenwood staff and teams again as it seemed that everybody forged friendships.

The first XV's last game on tour was always going to be an emotional affair, with a number of players playing their last game for the school. With passion running high, the Kwazulu Natal Country XV were always going to struggle against this Kirkham team. The KGS forwards, with back rowers Sam Peet and Elliot Crowe in outstanding form, were always dominant. The forwards' work led to a score from fly half Dominic Basley in the first five minutes. Scrum half Harrison Moulding completed an excellent tour by organising his forwards and releasing the backs at the right time. Fullback George Brookes scored an excellent try after both forwards and backs interlinked with some skilful

passing. Not to be outdone, speedy winger Precious Nwaakomah scored a fine individual try after a miss kick from the Kwazulu Natal fly half. Although the Kwazulu Natal Country XV fought back and kicked a penalty, Kirkham raised the pace of the game, allowing Scottish international prop Philip Cringle to crash over for a try just before half time. Captain Tom Hurst made sure his side did not slacken and retained their momentum throughout the second half. No. 8 Sam Peet, who had been exceptional in previous games, was rewarded with a brace of tries. Elliot Crowe also crossed the line to complete an excellent season. KGS continued to press forward and again George Brookes was successful in crossing the line for a further try. Brookes also kicked five conversions during the match. This was a fine performance by a first XV completing their tour in one of the strongest rugby playing nations in the world. Final score, KGS first XV 50 Kwazulu Natal Country XV 3.

Under 15 XV 19 KZN Country Under 15 XV 15

The under 15s finished their tour with a varied performance. The first half was a strong performance, with wave after wave of attack as Kirkham racked up 19 points and harshly had a try disallowed. The second half was a different story. KZN struck back with two tries to make the score 19-15. Kirkham failed to adapt to the strong running of some of the KZN players and the talent of their fullback. Kirkham will have to vary their game and to make the correct decisions as they progress. This tour stands the boys in good stead to learn how to make such judgements. The game was a fitting way to end a magnificent tour. The boys have prepared and played well throughout the tour. Pleasingly, they have appreciated the spirit of touring, mixing well with both of the other squads. Finishing with a four to one win record in South Africa is a very pleasing record.

Second XV

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Team: R.Williams (capt), J.Wareing, L.Woodward, P.Callery, A.Collins, C.Redshaw, A.Galley, J.Pickbourne, L.Leech, J.Hogan, J.Smith, H.Hargreaves, S.Hargreaves, F.Burnie, C.Paley, O.Jump, J.Smith, B.Lui, M.Eaton, A.Ward, R.Lockart, W.Lockart, H.Moulding, L.Marrows, L.Swithebank, A.Wright, A.Gardner

The second team had an excellent season and it was very much down to the fantastic team spirit shown throughout the season. There were some fantastic results and the win/loss ration could have been better if oppositions had not cancelled certain fixtures, which was disappointing.

The season started off with hard fought victories over Wirral GS and St Ambrose. Alex Ward had an excellent debut at scrum half and Fraser Burnie scored a crucial last minute winning try. Coming out of retirement proved no problem for Marcus Eaton, as he and skipper Rhys Williams had a storming game against St Ambrose. Jack Smith returned after his warm weather training to score the crucial tries and win the game against a strong St Ambrose side. Two disappointing defeats against Lancaster RGS and Denstone were then witnessed and with both the opposition and us

not being allowed to put large passages of play together, it was very much back to the drawing board for the following two games against Giggleswick and Manchester. The team then played some very promising rugby recording 45-3 (Giggleswick) and 50-0 (Manchester) respectively. Lewis Leech continued to score tries freely and with Joseph Wareing and Pat Callery competing with their front row companion to get on the score sheet, it was of little surprise that Kirkham ran the opposition ragged.

The best game of the season ironically was the defeat against Sedbergh. The team threw everything at the Sedbergh side and at 0-0 at half time, the boys had an opportunity to achieve a well earned victory. However two crucial errors in midfield in the second half led to tries by the opposition but this was certainly the best second team game seen for many a year and one that the boys can be proud of. RGS Clitheroe, QEGS Blackburn and Arnold were beaten with the team scoring 159 unanswered points and except for a strong Old Swinford side, sneaking a last minute win, the team won all of their remaining matches.

The front row of Wareing, Leech and Callery proved to be too strong for many oppositions and with the back up of Alex Wright, Liam Swithebank and Adam Gardner the pressure was never taken off. The mobile back five of Andrew Collins, Charles Redshaw, Luke Woodward, Henry Hargreaves and captain Rhys Williams led to the gain line regularly being broken and thundering tackles on any approaching opponent. Jack Smith and Sam Hargreaves were integral in the team going forward and also the organisation of the defence. Their attitude of win at all costs led to some entertaining rugby and with Rob Lockart and Fraser Burnie regularly breaking the lines, it was of little surprise that the gazelles of Marcus Eaton, Oly Jump, Adam Galley and Callum Paley regularly crossed the opposition try line for well deserved tries.

My thanks to the whole team, but most notably the Upper Sixth and particularly Rhys, who set a fantastic example for many second team sides to follow in the future. Their pride in playing for Kirkham was ever present and they were fantastic ambassadors for the school both on and off the field of play. My final thanks go to all those parents who were constantly apparent on the sideline through rain and shine - I'm sure that they have witnessed some entertaining rugby throughout the term.

N.S.Passenger

Second VII Plate

The second seven travelled to the Birkenhead School 1st VII tournament for their only tournament of the year. After gaining a walkover against Wirral GS, the team played a Bishop Heber side. After conceding two quick tries the team rallied and Adam Galley broke the opposition's defensive line to be just caught short of the line. However the second half saw a step up in pressure by the team and with Adam and Dan Jones scoring the team lost 14-10. Sandbach 1st VII proved a tough test but the team played well throughout. John Windle and Jack Ingham controlled the contact area and Harrison Moulding and Sam Hargreaves scored two well worked times in a 24-12 defeat. Against Stockport GS the team were in control throughout the match and scored four

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excellent tries including a dummy and sidestep by John Windle and a fine try by Callum Paley. Dom O'Connor and Luke Woodward were excellent in loose and Jack Smith regularly put others into gaps.

The results put the team into the quarter final of the plate against the Hutton GS 1st VII. Harrison moulding scored two excellent tries in the corner and with Sam Hargreaves slotting a superb conversion, Hutton started to put on the pressure. After scoring a try under the posts, the opposition missed a crucial conversion and then when they scored a try with the final play of the game, another missed conversion left us with the well-deserved 12-10 victory.

A semi final against Stonyhurst 1st VII saw Harrison Moulding score the try of the day after running a great angle off Sam Hargreaves. Callum Paley and Adam Galley caused problems for the opposition and the 38-21 victory were comprehensive.

Rydal in the final was a tough match and was very close. Tiredness was setting in due to Jack Smith and Dan Jones being injured in the quarter final. John Windle was once again outstanding in defence, whilst Sam Hargreaves and Callum Paley worked well in attack. With Rydal scoring two very late tries the score of 31-14 did not reflect the final match or the amount of effort this superb team had put against all the other 1st team sides. For some it was the last time they would wear a Kirkham rugby shirt and they should be proud of this final display as coaches Mr Passenger and Mr Roddam were.

Under 16 XV

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Overall, this was a pleasing season for the under 16 XV. No fewer than 17 fifth years represented the team in various games. Will Lockhart emerged as the top points scorer with 101 points whilst Harry Mason scored the most number of tries (9).

The season started with encouraging performances against Bramhall HS (won 59-0) and Wilmslow HS in the UCLAN Floodlit Cup (42-0). In between, the 10 a side team had a disastrous day out in the St Ambrose tournament – the less said about this the better! The team then lost two tough encounters against Wirral GS and St Ambrose College, but then bounced back with great wins against RGS Lancaster (26-8) and Denstone College (55-5). They then went on to win a Lancashire Cup match against Ormskirk School (38-8).

After October half term, the team defeated Giggleswick School (29-15) but then came unstuck against Manchester GS (19-10), Newcastle RGS in the next round of the Floodlit Cup (27-12), and a very strong Sedbergh team (51-3). However, a win against Ripley (38-5) in the next round of the Lancashire Cup raised spirits. Another defeat by Merchant Taylors' School (40-14) was followed by very pleasing wins against Old Swinford Hospital (17-7) and King's Macclesfield (19-12). In the final game of the season, KGS could not overcome Stonyhurst in a closely contested semi-final of the Lancashire Cup.

In the sevens campaign, KGS performed admirably in the Stonyhurst Sevens and were unlucky not to progress beyond the quarter finals. However, in the National Sevens at Rosslyn

Park, the team played superbly to defeat St Edward's, Honeywood and Cwmccarn, only to lose to Barnard Castle 17-14 in a tense group decider.

Well done to all those who have played this season. I am delighted that some of the squad are now making inroads into the senior squad. I am also pleased that they enjoyed their tour of South Africa this summer. Well done to all concerned.

M. Whalley
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Under 15a XV

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Once again the under 15 squad began their pre-season training at the end of August, working hard on both skills and fitness. This was finished off with a practice game against Sandbach School. Convincing victories against Bramhall High School, Ormskirk School and Calday Grange were an excellent reward for all the hard work in pre-season training.

The tougher fixtures against Wirral Grammar School, St Ambrose College and Lancaster RGS were not so easy. Despite the convincing score of 32-5 against St Ambrose, the game was actually a lot closer. St Ambrose defended courageously right from the start, tackling hard and competing for all loose balls. Credit to Kirkham – they did not panic and kept their composure, playing constructive rugby. Connor Wilkinson scored two individual tries from a set piece, whereas Rhodes and Joyner both worked hard in support to take advantage of the strong runs from Oscar Twitchett and Harvey O'Connell.

The next tough fixture was in the Daily Mail Cup against Stonyhurst College. The under 15's knew they were facing tough opposition in the team that had won the Lancashire Cup the previous season, but they stepped up to the mark to gain a 12-7 win and that took us to the next round against Manchester Grammar School. Some excellent individual tries were scored by Connor Scott and Daniel Broughton.

It was a very encouraging and productive start to the season. The under 15's were unbeaten in the twelve games they played before half term. The boys were particularly pleased with the narrow victories against Denstone College (22-19) and Manchester Grammar School (22-14).

After half term, in the extremely tough contest against Sedbergh School, KGS suffered the first defeat. Unfortunately, Kirkham made two crucial mistakes in the first half and Sedbergh took advantage to lead 20-7 at half time. The under 15's did manage to close the gap with a Scott Collins try from a line-out, but the boys eventually ran out of time and energy. Final score 23-14.

The most disappointing of the four defeats was against Stonyhurst College in the Lancashire Cup semi-final. The under 15's were caught napping in the first twenty minutes of the game. Two basic errors cost the team twelve points. Wilfred Rhodes managed to score just before half time from

a snipe off a ruck. The second half saw Stonyhurst again scoring in the corner off a Kirkham mistake. Some good play from the backs allowed Connor Wilkinson to cross the line making the score 17-12 and that score remained until the last five minutes. Final score 24-12.

Under 15 VII

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 St Mary's, Crosby in the semi final. A very slow start meant Kirkham was losing 12-0 at half time. However, the boys persevered and eventually won 12-39. KGS cruised through the final against the host Arnold School winning 25-14. Daniel Broughton and Oscar Twitcheff were both instrumental in both attack and defence.

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

The under 15 boys then embarked on a "once in a life time" tour to South Africa in the summer. A close victory against Kasselsvlei High School and Hamilton Seapoint RUFV were good warm up games for the tour. The first test was against The South African College School (SACS). The under 15's took to the field at SACS' magnificent playing field to take on one of the top school sides in South Africa. In the early exchanges Kirkham struggled with the physicality at the break down and the differences in interpretation at the breakdown. Kirkham also found it hard to achieve their usual set piece dominance. However, as the game wore on, Kirkham began to cause SACS some problems, with particular success coming from valuable turnovers often won by Hadley Price and Daniel Broughton. After going 3-0 down, Connor Wilkinson broke through with a typically dynamic run after powerful rucking from Scott Collins and Adam Joyner. Josh Powell, playing at fly half for the first time on tour, converted the score to make it 7-3. SACS were a team full of talent, particularly blessed with dynamic runners. They broke through the KGS defence several times through skillful offloads. However, Kirkham defended well with

Harvey O'Connell and Ellis Clark putting in crunching tackles. After a period of pressure, SACS scored a well worked try to take a one point lead. As the game entered its final stages, Kirkham took control with Harry Knight, Connor Scott and David King entering the fray. Alex Whalley moved back to second row and Kirkham spent the final few minutes camped in SACS' 22m with several powerful scrums and line out drives falling just short. As the final minute ticked away, Josh Powell received the ball in SACS' 22m, he then successfully dropped a goal to get Kirkham a 10-8 win. Winning against a school in South Africa with a top reputation is a rare achievement and certainly one the boys and staff will never forget. As well as the rugby, the boys also enjoyed the various sight-seeing trips. The most memorable was probably Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned and the safari tour in Hluhluwe Game Reserve.

R.Wusuccessful as they have been this season.

Under 14 XV

P 16 W 11 L 5 PF 357 PA 179

Tries: C.Abbott 19, M.Thomas 12, J.Keelan 9, R.Burt 4, O.Kitchen 4, G.Carter 3, T.Cartmell 3, J.Edwards 3, J.Seward 1, B.Harwood 1.

Conversions: T.Roper 32, J.Seward 7.

The season started well with a deserved win at home to Bramhall HS. This was a good opening fixture with both the backs and forwards playing some good, competitive rugby, Kirkham winning by 19-16. The under 14's then entertained Caldly Grange at home, winning 36-12. The weather conditions were not good, but the backs played well, with Keelan scoring an excellent opening try, running almost the full length of the field. There were too many penalties conceded, but Seward and Abbott gave the team some respite with some excellent breaking runs. On the third Saturday into the season, the squad travelled to Wirral G.S. This is never an easy fixture to play, particularly away, as Wirral are always a very strong, competitive and well organised side. However, the under 14s pulled off a memorable victory, winning 36-12. This was their third

victory on the trot and the best performance to date. Burt and Cartmell scored two very good tries and there were some exceptional defensive displays by Roper, Seward, Carter and Abbott which prevented Wirral taking control in the midfield.

On the fourth fixture of the season the team played St. Ambrose College, this was a rather bad tempered affair played in the driving wind and rain, Kirkham eventually won 26-5. Two tries by Abbott, and a single try each by Keelan and Burt put the points on the board, however Edwards, Roper and Seward played their part with some excellent tackling. Up to this date, the under 14s were unbeaten, but in early October we played a very good Lancaster side and, despite losing in the final minutes, this was a terrific fixture to watch with some excellent open rugby and both teams working hard to release the backs. The front row of Cartmell, Campbell and Lavelle played superbly throughout. Lancaster won the game by a single try and both teams were applauded at the end of the game by both sets of parents.

After Lancaster came a very tough fixture at home to Denstone College, who were unbeaten at this stage of the season. The outcome was a thoroughly exciting and enthralling rugby fixture. The back row of Abbott, Kitchen and Coleman covered every blade of grass, whilst Edwards, Thomas, Burt, Roper and the ever reliable Lewthwaite worked tirelessly throughout the game, creating innovative breaks wherever possible. Kirkham won 7-5, with Carter and Cartmell linking well, allowing the man of the match Matt Thomas to race over the try line. In mid-November, the team met Manchester GS, in the quarter final of the Lancashire Cup. This was certainly a fixture to be remembered, but unfortunately for all the wrong reasons! Nevertheless, despite the circumstances, the team never gave up and just lost the game by a small margin.

After the very tough fixture against Manchester GS, the under 14s travelled away to Sedburgh, which is without doubt one of the toughest fixtures of the season. It was a game full of blood, guts, drama and excitement. The game was highly competitive, with both teams playing some intelligent rugby. The under 14s were quite superb throughout the game, despite losing the ever impressive Keelan, who was heavily concussed as a result of a tackle and sadly taken away via air ambulance to hospital. Kirkham just lost the game by a single try, 24-19, but it was quite simply a remarkable game to watch and every player that day played his part. I would like to give a special mention to Lewthwaite and Coleman who are the unsung heroes of the team but always give 110%.

After the Sedburgh fixture, which certainly took its toll on many of the players, the team travelled away to Woodhouse Grove. The players will certainly remember this fixture, as it was played in the most appalling Arctic conditions, with torrential rain and driving winds. We eventually lost 24-7, and my abiding memory of this game was Keelan and Roper complaining of frost bite and all the players racing off at the final whistle in order to seek some shelter and warmth!

After the Christmas break, the team lost to a very polished and well drilled Kings Macclesfield side 33-0. This was the only team throughout the season that we were well and

truly beaten by, and I applauded the Macclesfield team's effort and commitment. (I later learnt in the clubhouse that this side are currently unbeaten.) The Kirkham under 14s then went on to record victories against Audenshaw High School (34-8), Arnold School (26-7), and finally in the last 15 a side game of the season against Birkenhead with a convincing win 36-0.

The highlight of the season must be the team's performance in winning the R.J.Wilson invitational sevens tournament held at Kirkham. The team won their group, beating Bramhall 28-14, Arnold School 38-7, West Hill HS 85-0, and drawing with Leicester 26-26. In the semi-final they beat St. Ambrose College 17-12. The final against Leicester Grammar was a very exciting and breath taking match with Kirkham winning in the final minute 14-12. It was nothing more than the team deserved. The under 14s have worked extremely hard throughout the season both in training and on match days. They played some exceptional rugby and have been a credit to the school. I commend all of them on their efforts and wish them every success for the future. They have been a pleasure to coach.

RD Taylor

Under 14b XV

P 8 W 2 L 6 PF 87 PA 230

Tries: J.Keelan 5, H.Pearson 4, S.Walsh 2, W.Forsyth 2, B.Clowes, M.Woodburn, O.Crankshaw

Conversions: W.Forsyth 7, O.Crankshaw 3, C.Roche 3

In their first match of the season the under 14B team performed admirably. However, with a better first half performance, a victory could have been obtained. Wirral GS scored a try in the opening five minutes, which awakened the home side. The rest of the half was very even until the last five minutes, when Kirkham conceded two more converted tries. A few missed tackles cost them dear. The second half was a different story, with Kirkham being the dominant force and scoring two early tries (Will Forsyth and Sam Walsh), to get them right back in the game. Unfortunately, the opposition ran out probably deserved winners overall (35 - 21), but it was a very positive opening start. Special mention must go to Kirkham's Marius Laukauskas who played his first ever game of rugby and was one of the outstanding players, with some crunching tackles.

Kirkham, as in their first match, conceded a try in the first five minutes against St Ambrose College and consequently were on the back foot from the beginning. The rest of the half was closely fought with plenty of hard tackles and good rugby being played. Josh Keelan scored a fine individual try to make the score 7 - 17 at half time. However, the opposition forwards dominated the match and, although Kirkham competed very evenly at times, the losing score line of 7 - 34 was a fair result overall. Josh Eales and Sam Walsh had outstanding games for the backs and Ben Clowes gave his all for the forwards.

Kirkham battled hard against the usual very strong Lancaster RGS opposition. The boys competed equally for many parts of the game, but unfortunately missed tackles every now



and then were very costly to the score line. Kirkham were desperately close to scoring tries on a number of occasions but could not quite make it over the line. It was pleasing to see the boys never give up even though there was never really a chance of winning the game (Lancaster won 50-0). Matthew Neil and Ben Clowes again played very well for the backs, and the stand out forwards were Nick Matthewman and Marius Laukauskas.

An exciting close encounter against Denstone College ended with Kirkham securing a well-deserved first victory of the season. The two teams battled it out for the first twenty minutes with neither team scoring and both defences well organised. Denstone then scored a try, but within five minutes captain Ben Clowes stormed through to make the scores level. However the lead was soon lost, with the opposition scoring again to make the score 10-7 to Denstone at half time. The game was end to end, but Kirkham began to dominate and the backs were looking more dangerous as the game progressed. Matthew Woodburn scored a try in the corner to put the home side back in front, but yet again Denstone came back with another try to leave the match on a knife edge at 15-14 with five minutes to go. Thankfully, Kirkham dug deep and the outstanding Oliver Crankshaw managed to breach the opponent's line. The team hung on for a famous victory, winning 21-15. The difficult conversions by Crankshaw and Will Forsyth proved crucial, but the whole team deserve recognition for an excellent victory.

Another sunny morning for rugby saw Kirkham outplayed by Giggleswick in the first half, which ultimately cost them the game. Missed tackles and also tackling too high resulted in Kirkham conceding three tries in the first half without scoring themselves, leaving the score a very disappointing 0-19 at the break. The second half was much more even, with Kirkham defending well until Giggleswick eventually got their fourth try to kill the game off. Matthew Neill battled particularly well throughout the match and would have deservedly scored a try had he not been tackled without the ball after kicking through. A penalty try was awarded which gave Kirkham some consolation, and meant that they won the second half 7-5, although the final score was 24-7 to the opposition. However, disappointingly, a very winnable game was lost.

A slow start in the first half unfortunately meant that some early tries were conceded against Manchester GS. Although general tackling and defence throughout the whole game was an improvement on the previous match, there were still occasions when a missed tackle resulted in a try. At half time the score was 0-19. A much better second half performance followed, with every player giving his utmost to stop the Manchester GS team from scoring again. Captain Josh Eales led by example with his non-stop ferocious tackling, and also Nick Matthewman had a fine game in the forwards. In fact, Kirkham were unfortunate not to score a try, and with a little more composure this could have been achieved. A very positive second half performance, although the outcome was a 19-0 defeat.

On a beautiful calm afternoon, Kirkham gave an outstanding performance to beat the mighty Sedbergh away from home.

A closely contested first half saw both teams battling hard to assume the ascendancy. Kirkham's backs looked dangerous every time the ball was passed down the line and eventually Henry Pearson broke through to open the scoring. Sedbergh meanwhile dominated the ruck and fought back to score just before half time to make the score 7-5 to Kirkham at the break. Everything was to play for in the second half, but it was Kirkham who came out more determined to win, quickly grabbing a couple of tries to put Sedbergh on the back foot. For the remainder of the game, Kirkham ground down their opponents, ensuring there was never a way back for them. Two more tries finished the game off to secure a very rare occurrence of an away win at Sedbergh, 33-5 to Kirkham. Sam Walsh captained the side well, with notable performances from the back row of Josh Eales, Jack Culver and Ben Clowes, also Will Forsyth (hooker), Harry Balmer (prop) and, of course, Henry Pearson (4 tries), with his outstanding finishing abilities, played well. Many Kirkham parents came to watch the match (as they had for much of the season) and were rewarded with a stunning performance!

The team narrowly lost to Woodhouse Grove in an end to end game, on a wild, blustery day in Yorkshire. Playing against a strong gale in the first half, Kirkham competed evenly, with both teams scoring two tries each, leaving the score 14-10 to the home side at half time. With everything to play for in the second half, the teams battled it out for supremacy. Kirkham were caught napping when the opposition took a penalty quickly and scored under the posts. A few missed tackles then let the opponents score again, leaving the Kirkham boys too much to do. Josh Keelan, returning from injury, scored four tries and was the outstanding player for Kirkham. Edward Tong had his best game yet for the B team, almost scoring a try in the closing minutes, but unfortunately knocking on at the crucial moment. With a little more urgency and killer instinct, this was a match that could have been won - Woodhouse Grove winning 26-20.

Overall, an excellent season of rugby for the under 14B team, with much promise for the future. I look forward to seeing their progress in the fourth year.

D.Carter

Under 13 XV

P 17 W 9 L 8 PF 404 PA 395

The under 13 rugby squad enjoyed a mixed season in terms of results but scored a large amount of tries during the season, the most prolific scorers being Henry Pearson and Chris Walker. The first game at home to Bramhall brought an easy win (41-5), with Walker romping over for five tries in all, three of which came as he moved positions from No. 8 to centre. Calday Grange was the next game and going away is never easy and so it proved. A topsy turvy game saw the lead change four times, Jack Culver dominating the Kirkham try scoring with three as the visitors won 31-14. The first round of the Lancashire Cup followed with another away game at Wade Deacon which had to be ended rather prematurely as the hosts put out their under 12 team by mistake. 22-0 the result after 15 minutes. The biggest defeat

of the season came next against a fast and aggressive Wirral side at home as Kirkham dropped off tackles, 0-59 the final score. Kirkham got back on track with a good win at home to St Ambrose 17-6, with Henry Pearson scoring three tries, but then found a powerful Lancaster too much, ending the game with a 0-48 loss. The next two games, against Denstone College (57-10) and Giggleswick (36-5), provided the squad with some much needed confidence ahead of the next round of the Lancashire Cup, Pearson and Jack Culver each scoring four tries respectively. Manchester were the opposition for that Cup game which was the tightest contest of the season. Kirkham started very slowly and found themselves 19-0 down by half time after having no luck whatsoever during the half. However, Kirkham hit back in magnificent style to pull the game back to 19-19 and it was only a last minute try from Manchester, after some poor tackling, that allowed Manchester to go through to Round 3. QEGS Blackburn proved to be an easy win in the next game but a bad loss at Woodhouse Grove followed as the home team played with passion, determined not to let Kirkham break free. Jack Culver had an outstanding match before retiring with a head injury near the end.

The annual trip to South Wales followed as the 22 man squad travelled to Cardiff at the end of term taking in a tour of the Millennium Stadium and a Heineken Cup game as Saracens took on Ospreys. There were also two games against Ysgol Plasnewydd which Kirkham lost 37-14 in a highly competitive contest. The following morning the squad travelled north to Monmouth School and on a frosty morning found conditions hard, as weak tackling and organisation allowed the hosts to run out easy 48-0 winners. The party then travelled back to Cardiff for some Christmas shopping before the final evening was spent in the relative luxury of the Holiday Inn, Newport close to the Celtic Manor Resort, host to the previous Ryder Cup where the boys swam before eating their tenth McDonalds of the trip. The boys seemed to thoroughly enjoy their tour and came back with some everlasting memories.

After Christmas only three more fixtures were played. The first saw a close win against Audenshaw (22-7), followed by a loss at King's Macclesfield. After going behind to a try in the opening seconds, the final result was 5-31. The last game of the season at Birkenhead School was a superb game with Kirkham enjoying large amounts of possession and Pearson scoring three tries in a narrow 19-28 loss. The team was ably captained by Will Bruce who kicked well for goal all season and played in a variety of positions to help the squad's cause. Many players who began in the 'B' team managed to force their way up to the 'A' squad, notably Akinyinka George -Taylor, who came to school having played no rugby at all, Dylan Corkhill and Alex Mayhall. Well done to all the squad for your wholehearted effort and excellent commitment during the season.

After February half-term, the sevens squad embarked on a busy campaign with four tournaments in consecutive weeks starting with the high quality Packwood Haugh Sevens in Shropshire, a tournament Kirkham has competed in several times but never won. The group stages saw Kirkham start well with two easy victories and then a nail-biting 12-7 win against St Olav's, York in the final group match to go

through as winners. In the quarter final, on a narrow pitch Adams Grammar were dispatched 38-0, with Henry Pearson scoring three tries and in the semi-final the game was called to a halt early after a Wisbech player was injured with Kirkham leading 33-0. The final pitted Kirkham against last year's winning school Bromsgrove who have a fine rugby pedigree. Kirkham started superbly with Kieran Wilkinson scoring a hat-trick of tries before half-time, which completely shell shocked Bromsgrove. The Kirkham dominance continued in the second half with two more Pearson tries, all converted by Wilkinson to leave the final score a resounding 33-0 to Kirkham. Overall, the boys acquitted themselves with great credit and made only three handling errors in the whole tournament to bring the trophy away as deserved winners.

The following week Woodhouse Grove was the venue. In one group match Kirkham played QEGS Wakefield, who later reached the National Schools' semi-final, and only two missed tackles proved to be the difference. Alas, another group game was lost to the hosts which saw Kirkham go through to the Plate Competition and in the quarter-final played Hymers from Hull, winning at a canter 33-0. The semi was a much tougher affair against Harrogate Grammar with Wilkinson the difference in a 12-7 win. The Plate Final against Audenshaw was a match too far against a very pacy seven who raced to a 21-0 lead at half time. Kirkham hit back with three tries of their own to narrow the deficit to 26-17 but Audenshaw scored the last try of the match to win 31-17, deservedly so.

The third week of the sevens season saw Kirkham travel to Bromsgrove to take part in their inaugural tournament and were drawn against Bromsgrove 'B' (won 33-5), Presfelde (won 19-12) and Cheltenham College (lost 26-14) all of which meant going through as runners up in the group. In the semi-final, Bromsgrove were the opponents once again and, as two weeks previously, Kirkham blasted out of the blocks, giving Bromsgrove no chance to attack as Kirkham dominated, scoring five tries in the process. The final saw a re-match with Cheltenham and this time Kirkham upped their game and in a totally focused and dominant performance ran out comfortable winners 29-7, with Pearson (3) and Walker (2) scoring the bulk of the tries for Kirkham to come away with their second trophy in two weeks, a brilliant effort.

The last week of the tough sevens season saw the squad travel to the National Schools' Sevens at Rosslyn Park where Kirkham were paired with Simon Langton School, Kent and the mighty Whitgift (who lost in the final). The last game in the group saw a KGS walkover as our opponents failed to turn up, so only two games were played out of a possible three. A huge Langton side won 27-12 and after leading Whitgift 14-12 at half-time, Kirkham succumbed to their greater pace and power to lose 35-14 to end the tournament.

This was a fantastic sevens series for Kirkham who played some great rugby and whose skill and endeavour brought them just rewards. Many thanks for all the parental support throughout and to Mr Bruce and his company 'Linen Express' for very kindly sponsoring the team shirts.

Under 12 A XV

P 11 W 6 L 5

Under 12 B XV

P 7 W 3 L 4

This was a promising first season for the under 12 team. The team found their feet after two early defeats against Wirral GS and St Ambrose College and then started to play some good rugby. There were notable wins against Lancaster, Denstone College, Manchester GS and Hutton GS. Kirkham learnt from their mistakes against The Grange School, King's Macclesfield, Silcoates and the touring sides from Dartford GS.

Although not a big side, the team played well together and always tried hard throughout their games. Kieran Wilkinson was the dominant player throughout the season, but he was ably supported by a host of other promising young players.

The B XV contained many players who had not played the game before. The squad took time to settle, but when they started to get to grips with the basics, they played some pleasing rugby. With hard work many of these players will do well in the future.

A highlight of the season was a pleasing win in the Manchester 10's tournament held at Manchester GS. In a round robin format, KGS defeated all of their opponents, including West Hill, Manchester GS, Bradford GS and Prince Henry School, to win the trophy.

Another highlight of the season was the success of the sevens squad in the Wirral GS sevens competition in March. After a poor start to the competition, KGS picked up and started to play some decent sevens. Having defeated Sandbach School and Caldys Grange GS in the remaining group games, the team then played Arnold, Lymm HS and then St Ambrose in the final. In a thrilling match, KGS were able to play their best rugby of the tournament to win the whole competition.

This was a pleasing way to finish the season. I am sure that this squad will develop in time and should do well in the future.

M. Whalley
W. Lyon.

CRICKET First XI

P 10 W 7 L 2 D 1

Team: A.Galley (capt), H.Moulding, O.Jump, T.Roberts, G.Brooks, J.Seward, M.Eaton, J.Smith, F.Burnie, J.Penrose, R.Lavelle, R.Williams, C.Swarbrick, A.Whalley, J.Powell, C.Wilkinson, D.Jones

The 1st XI side that took on Stonyhurst at the beginning of the season.

The 1st XI produced their best season for many a year. Under the captaincy of Adam Galley the team produced some excellent cricket and with it some excellent results. Once again the core of the players will return next year and all

contributed throughout the season.

With the weather having a huge effect on the amount of cricket played, the team found themselves having to play many fixtures away. Stirling victories against Giggleswick, Merchant Taylors and the XL club were topped off by a good victory against Rossall in the annual two day game. With Hutton, Arnold, KEQMS, and the MCC called off due to the poor weather, the number of matches played potentially could have been more. There were some remarkable team performances throughout the season and some individual ones to support these. Oliver Jump was phenomenal with the ball, as he showed against Rossall notably and was ably supported by his opening bowling partner, George Brooks. George also led the batting figures in terms of runs scored and scored a superb century against Stonyhurst. Marcus Eaton took an important 5 wicket haul against Rossall in the National 20/20 rounds to get us through to the knockout rounds for the first time ever and James Seward, at the age of 14, topped the batting and keeping averages. Adam Galley, George Brooks, James Seward, Olly Jump, and Harrison Moulding all scored half centuries throughout the season and with Charlie Swarbrick and Toby Roberts contributing when they played, the opposition rarely found a weakness in our side.

George was named player of the season mainly for his contribution with bat and ball but there were many contenders such as Olly and James who could easily have won this on another year. The attitude of these players cannot be faulted and with the likes of Connor Wilkinson, Josh Powell and Alex Whalley also getting a taste of 1st XI cricket the future is hopefully bright for the Kirkham team next year.

My thanks to the departing Upper Sixth players for their positive attitude throughout, to the parents and grandparents for their regular support, to the ground and catering staff at the school and to Mr Whalley for his help at practice. Special mention must also go to our sponsor this year Maxilead Metals, who clearly have helped in providing the team professional looking kit and subsequently the team have responded with their positive performance.

N.S.Passenger

Under 15 XI

Losing over 50% of their fixtures to the weather, the under 15 XI played only 6 fixtures this summer. However, in winning five out of these six matches, the team showed talent and promise. The matches won were against Giggleswick, Merchant Taylors, Stonyhurst, QEGS Blackburn and Arnold, whilst the defeat was against Rossall.

The team had some promising batsmen in Whalley, Powell, Wilkinson and Knight, who often batted well and set reasonable targets. However, the real strength of the team was in its bowling. Thomas, Whalley, Knight, Williams, Griggs and Wilkinson, amongst others, all made a valuable contribution when bowling. Often when a reasonable small total was reached with the bat, KGS could defend it with some tight bowling and some excellent fielding.

Although the amount of games played was disappointing, it was pleasing to see some of these players progress and play for the older teams in the school. It is clear that these players

are quite capable of playing at the higher level and so should make a good contribution to the senior teams next season.

The team was well led by Whalley all season, ably supported by Powell, Knight and other keen squad members. It will be great to see these players represent the school at a higher level next season.

M Whalley

Under 14 XI

The team enjoyed a successful season, losing only one match throughout a season which culminated in an appearance in the Lancashire Cup Final against Manchester Grammar School. The season began at a cold and blustery Lancaster Grammar School who decided to play their 'B' team. Lancaster were restricted to 73-6 in their 20 overs, with Aarin Chiekrie taking 3-10. In reply, Kirkham lost Cameron Roche early but Callan Barrow hit five boundaries in his 26 (retired) to give the Kirkham innings impetus, while Jack Campbell supported him well with 15. Kirkham passed the LRGs total with 20 balls to spare to get the season off to an excellent start.

Conditions were similar in the next game at Giggleswick as the hosts were invited to bat by captain Matthew Thomas and made a solid start before losing their second and third wickets with the score on 49. The home team then lost wickets regularly before Ben Anderson ripped through the middle order, taking 4-12 in five overs, and Giggleswick ended the innings at 104-7 after 30 overs. Kirkham got off to a disastrous start, losing Thomas and Sachin Nanteeshaan early, but Chiekrie and Callan Barrow (39) steadied the innings to give Kirkham a platform. There was another wobble in the middle/lower order after Barrow was caught, but Todd Roper, batting at number nine took the game away from Giggleswick with some belligerent hitting to lead Kirkham to victory by three wickets.



The next game at Merchant Taylors' was the only loss all season as Merchants posted a good total of 149-4 in 30 overs on a lightning outfield, with Kirkham replying positively through Anderson (46) and Chiekrie (17). Kirkham looked to be cruising to victory at 107-3 before a mighty collapse left Kirkham swimming against the tide. The match went to the final over, with Kirkham needing nine to win, but a run out and a clean bowled and two singles meant Kirkham fell seven runs short of the target.

The next game was in the second round of the Lancashire Cup at home to LRGs. In a 35 over game, Kirkham managed to post a competitive looking 144 all out, James Seward top scoring with 63. In reply LRGs lost an early wicket before steering the score to 46 when Crankshaw caught and bowled the LRGs number three. This led to a steady flow of wickets as the pressure told on the LRGs middle order. Three run outs occurred towards the end as the visitors panicked, whilst tight bowling by all the Kirkham bowlers was also an important factor. LRGs were all out for 123, to give Kirkham a deserved victory. The next round saw KE&QMS succumb to the ever improving Kirkham side as they found it hard to cope with the pace of Seward and Bailey Harwood as they were shot out for 56, Kirkham winning, after a slight struggle, by 6 wickets.

The fourth round of the cup saw Kirkham win through after chasing down 151 for victory after Arnold raced to 121-2 with 10 of the 40 overs remaining. Then a huge collapse by Arnold meant that a score of only 150 was posted. Much credit goes to Harwood, who ended with figures of 5-13. The Kirkham reply was positive: Seward drove excellently and found support from Matthew Thomas (25) and this was a partnership which guided Kirkham to victory. However, both were dismissed with 55 runs needed, but Will Forsyth and Nanteeshaan produced the two most mature innings of the season to guide Kirkham home with five overs to spare. The quarter-final saw Ormskirk bowled out for 54 as

Kirkham breezed to victory by 8 wickets, Anderson 24 not out and Chiekrie taking 5-9 in a devastating bowling spell.

The semi-final was another game against Merchant Taylors' which turned out to be a one sided affair as Kirkham fielded first and bowled very tightly to keep Merchants to 80-4 from the first 20 overs (Oliver Crankshaw 2-26 in a fine spell of bowling). From this point Merchants stalled and, after 30 overs were bowled, were out for 111, two run outs and three Harwood wickets ending the Merchants innings. Kirkham once again went about the run chase with intelligence as Seward plundered anything loose to the boundary. Anderson's(14) was the only wicket to fall as Kirkham romped home by 9 wickets, Bailey Harwood the other not out batsman with 16.

The Final at Blackpool CC was held on September fifth when, ironically, the weather was fine and the pitch perfect. Matthew Thomas asked Manchester to bat, they got off to a cautious start before Crankshaw, in a superb eight over spell of leg spin bowling, took two wickets and had another two relatively easy chances put down. Instead of being 40-4, Manchester remained at 40-2. From then on the Manchester middle order steadied the ship and, as both passed 50, took the total to 191-5, an excellent total. The Kirkham reply never really got going as Seward was caught early for 1, with only the consistent Anderson offering any real resistance with a gritty 31. Bailey Harwood, batting with a severely bruised wrist, was the only other batsman to reach double figures. Kirkham were bowled out for only 76.

It was an excellent season for the whole squad and a significant achievement to reach the Lancashire Cup Final from 97 schools starting out in the competition. My thanks to Mr Forsyth (Lancashire Double Glazing) for kindly sponsoring the shirts for the final - the boys looked very smart and professional.

JR Lyon

Under 13 XI

P 8 W 5 L 3

With a tough start to the season with fixtures With two tough matches to start the season, against Merchant Taylor's and Arnold in the Lancashire Cup, the under 13s registered two early defeats. Losing against local rivals in the cup was tough for all concerned, although the team did fight throughout the game against a better side on the day. The mark of any side is how it responds to defeat and it was particularly pleasing to see that the boys responded with a tremendous run, winning five matches on the spin against Hutton, Cowley, Ormskirk, KEQMS and QEGS Blackburn. The most exciting match of the season took place at KEQMS in the last fixture against our local rivals. After a disappointing innings in the field, Kirkham conceded 142 runs in 20 overs, giving themselves a difficult task to win the match. Fortunately, on a quick scoring pitch and outfield, a splendid knock from Jack Culver of 65 saw the team home in one of the most exciting schoolboy matches I have umpired for many years. The season ended with a close defeat in a tour match against Foyle College from Northern Ireland who were playing in the North West. In many ways it was fitting to play this match on the Astroturf after a miserable summer of rain and called-off matches. The opposition was thankful for the chance to play and it was a

good experience for the boys to play a different style of cricket.

Full details of every match have been posted on the school website as the season progressed but special mention must go to a number of players who have impressed over the season. Gabriel Bland topped the batting averages (37.50), closely followed by Jack Culver (33.20). Both boys play a very different style of cricket and complement each other well in match situations. Jacob McCarthy topped the bowling averages, taking an impressive 11 wickets with an average of 7 runs for each wicket taken. Jack Culver was not far behind and Matthew Newby took 9 wickets at an average of 14. Edward Bailey was the most improved player of the year and his leg-spin bowling is a very useful asset in the team. Both Mr Carter and I have thoroughly enjoyed coaching the boys this season and we look forward to the opportunity to work with them next year.

S Duncan
D Carter

Under 12A XI

P 8 W 6 L 1 D 1

The under 12 cricket season has been devastated by the bad weather this year. Nevertheless, they have made some excellent progress over the season as a whole, winning most of their games and only being defeated once. The team was very well led by Kieran Wilkinson, its captain, and secured some impressive victories.

Kirkham got off to a fantastic start with their opening game against Hutton Grammar School. Kieran Wilkinson and Ryan Leach both retired in the 20/20 over game with 30 runs each. In the same game Leach took two wickets for 14 runs. The teams combined efforts meant that Kirkham secured an early season victory by 53 runs.

Kirkham won their next game against Merchant Taylor's School in a thrilling close game. Kirkham batted first and managed to score only 94 runs all out. However Kirkham kept their composure and bowled intelligently to secure the victory. Both Leach and Wilkinson took four wickets each. A successful batting partnership between Wilkinson and William Griggs earned Kirkham 60 runs.

The most exciting game was against Lancaster Royal Grammar School in the Lancashire Cup. Kirkham did not bat well, losing quick wickets at the top end of the batting order. However sensible, mature batting from Alfie Topping and Callum Hughes rescued the team, scoring 118 runs all out. KGS knew that they would have to perform well at fielding. Laurence Gebbie took two crucial wickets for 12 runs and he was assisted by some sharp fielding from Henry Gouldbourne and Jonathan Taylor. However, the end result was a draw but Kirkham lost more wickets in the process and therefore Lancaster RGS went through as the winner.

Kirkham continued to demonstrate their bowling success against Ormskirk School who soon found themselves all out for 74 runs. Callum Hughes took seven wickets for just eight runs, assisted by James Allum's catch on the boundary. Similarly, Matthew Carr took two wickets for ten runs. This early lead gave Kirkham the confidence and a chance to reverse the batting order and give different batsmen the opportunity to have a go. Both Jonathan Taylor and Sam

Minten shone through, scoring 36 and 28 runs respectively.

The game against Arnold School must also be mentioned. In this high scoring game, Kieran Wilkinson scored his first century for the school. Minten and Leach scored no less than 40 runs between them. On the bowling side, Taylor, Carr and Hughes all shared the workload by taking two wickets each. Kirkham came out eventual winners, scoring 225 runs for 4 wickets and Arnold only managed to score 135 runs all out.

Overall, this has been an excellent season. Well done to all who took part. The challenge will now be to build upon this success next season.

R.Wu

BOYS' ATHLETICS

The season started with the under 13 team competing at Salt Ayre, Lancaster on the first of May in an area competition. Here, they finished fifth out of seven schools. There was obviously much work to do here, particularly on the track.

In the first round of the Sainsbury's Track and Field Cup, the junior team performed well and won their event with 392 points, thus qualifying for the regional 'A' round to be held in June. The inters finished second with a total of 354 points, but this was not enough to qualify for the 'A' final.

On Wednesday 23rd May, the first and third year boys' athletics teams competed in the Lancaster Area Athletics Competition. This was a great opportunity for the boys to gain experience competing against other schools as well as use the great facilities at Salt Ayre. The first year boys finished sixth and the third years were second. There were some good performances from athletes who already feature in the Sainsbury's Cup inter and junior boys' squads, however, it was also a chance for other developing athletes to test themselves.

There were some good performances among the third year boys and particularly from Matthew Thomas, who achieved a new personal best in the 400m, and Charlie Abbott, who also won his heat in the same event. Abbott also came first in the shot putt which is his specialist event. Bradley Yates won the 1500m with Ben Anderson also working hard to finish fourth. Josh Keelan came second in the javelin, the high jump and the 800m, displaying an excellent all-round athletic ability. Roland Burt also finished equal second with Keelan in the high jump.

Noticeable performances in the first year came from Kieran Wilkinson, who easily won in the 100m, discus and high jump. James Allum put in a good performance in the 1500m, along with great efforts from Jonathan Taylor in the javelin and Lawrence Gebbie in the long jump. The first year boys found it tough going against some strong squads, but the experience of learning how an athletics event is organised will be a worthwhile experience for them all.

The junior team competed in the Sainsbury's Cup Regional A Final on Tuesday, 19th June. Against tough opposition, KGS struggled in some events, but fared well in others. There were notable performances from Kieran Wilkinson, Jack Culver and Chris Walker who all managed to secure 20 points in their events. It was disappointing not to progress further in this competition, but everyone deserves

congratulations on reaching the regional final in the first place.

In the Regional B Final on Wednesday 20th, June, the inter team competed well and finished a very creditable third. There were notable performances from Charlie Abbott, Oscar Graham, Henry Cameron, Matt Thomas, Jack Bruce and Wilf Rhodes who all secured 20+ points for the team. The team should be congratulated for their performances in this event.

In the Lancashire Schools' Athletics Championships, Kirkham boys achieved great success on a wet and windy day. The boys performed well in difficult conditions as they represented the Fylde District. Pride of place goes to Dan Jones who won the Inter Boys Javelin. Other notable performances included: Ben Everson (inter boys 1500m, runner up), Bradley Yates (junior boys 1500m), Josh Burrows (inter boys hammer, second), Oluwatabi Akinkunmi (senior boys 100m, second), Oluferanmi Akinpelu (senior boys 100m, third), Tom Hurst (senior boys discus, second) Ben Swift (senior boys 200m, third). Well done to all concerned.

In the Vose Cup, another competition held just for under 12 athletes at Salt Ayre, Lancaster, KGS competed well and finished a creditable fourth against six other schools. Notable performances included Kieran Wilkinson in the 400 metres and shot and Lawrence Gebbie in the long jump.

Finally, in the Wyre and Fylde Championships held at the end of the season, the four teams performed extremely well in appalling conditions. With events either cancelled or modified, this was a testing day, but the boys adapted well and produced some fine results. The under 15 team finished second out of twelve teams, with 236 points; the under 14 team won the competition against twelve teams with 222 points; the under 13 team also won against twelve other teams, with 270 points and the under 12 team finished second with 159 points.

Well done to all KGS boys who represented the school and district this year. Your efforts have been noted and we have been pleased with your progress.

M. Whalley J. Roddam. J. Lyon R. Wu.

VOLLEYBALL

The school once again was represented by two teams in the Preston and District Volleyball League.

There were many younger players this year who were learning the game and, whilst the overall results reflect this, the squad should be applauded for their effort and commitment. The two teams finished fairly low in the league and tournament but both teams won fixtures and made continuous progress throughout the season.

Adam Galley and Marcus Eaton finished off their school careers leading the senior volleyball team. Their skill and enthusiasm were there for all to see as they completed their fourth season in the league. On many occasions, it was decided to mix the teams up, so that the younger players could work with some of the older boys. This worked well, although sometimes the results did not reflect the progress of these younger players.

As the new season has started, it is evident that those who have played for two years are becoming fairly accomplished players. If they continue to make progress, the senior team

will be a force to be reckoned with. Also, a large group of new fourth year pupils have been drafted into the squad. Again, whilst the results might not go their way in the first few matches, playing in the league will give these new players valuable experience and I am sure that they will develop quickly into accomplished volley players.

M. Whalley

SWIMMING

KGS had a busy year in the pool. There were some very pleasing performances against local schools.

In September, the boys defeated QEGS Blackburn 163-136. In October, the team swam against four other schools in the Octangular Gala held again at QEGS. The team finished runners up in this tough match to St Edwards, Liverpool, but ahead of Hulme GS, QEGS and Hutton GS.

In November, a mixed team took part in the John Parry Relays, again hosted by QEGS. The team fared well, with the senior girls making the final of the medley relay. However, our other teams found this gala tough against some extremely strong teams from all over the country. However, the boys' team bounced back with a good win against Hutton later that month.

The team lost to a very strong Bolton side just before Christmas and then against Bury GS in the new year, albeit with a weakened side. In the boys' fixture of the year, KGS did the double over Hutton with another win.

For the first time, a Fylde and Wyre District Championships were held in the summer term. KGS entered mixed teams and, although they met stern opposition, were overall winners of the event. This was a pleasing way to end the season.

Well done to all the swimmers who have taken part this year. Led by captain Nathan White I have been pleased with the commitment and performances in all galas.

M Whalley

CROSS COUNTRY

In the Wyre and Fylde Cross Country Championship, KGS pupils ran extremely well in the various age groups.

In the Year 7 race, Kieran Wilkinson was the highest placed runner (seventh), with Lawrence Gebbie tenth. Overall, the team was placed second. In the Year 8/9 combined team, Jake Lonsdale finished second, Josh Keelan fourth and Oliver Crankshaw was fifth, Matthew Thomas was eighth and Henry Pearson finished twelfth. It is no surprise that the team finished champions. In the Year 10/11 combined race, Ben Everson finished first, McCauley Murgatroyd fourth, Will Lockhart ninth, Jack Bruce tenth and Hadley Price was fourteenth. Again, this team finished overall first.

Those placed in the top ten in these races were then eligible to run in the Lancashire Cross Country Championships representing Fylde District. On a bitterly cold day in February these championships were held at Worden Park in Leyland. In extremely strong fields, the KGS runners performed extremely well.

In the year 7 boys race James Allum and Lawrence Gebbie finished in very creditable positions of thirty fourth and thirty seventh respectively.

In the junior boys race Jake Lonsdale finished third, a year

young whilst Ben Everson finished third in the Inter boys race. Those placed in the top five qualified automatically to run in the English Schools' championship in Somerset in March. Jake finished 57th in the junior boys, whilst Ben finished 136th.

Well done to all concerned in all these races throughout the season.

M. Whalley

TENNIS

The under 13 and under 15 boys' teams did not progress beyond the group stages in the Aegon leagues this summer. The under 13 team lost to Arnold and Birkdale HS but were victorious against KEQMS. The under 15 team was defeated by Bolton School, Arnold and KEQMS. Despite these setbacks, the boys maintained their enthusiasm throughout the term.

However, Kirkham dominated the Fylde and Wyre Tennis Championships played at Moorlands Tennis Club, Poulton, winning three out of the four age groups. Year 7 pupils Jonathan Taylor and Adam West and Year 8 pupils Dominic Youles and Sam Walsh all remained undefeated throughout the tournament, winning all five doubles matches. In the Year 8 boys' event Matthew Newby and Jake Lonsdale also won their age group, only dropping one match out of five. The Year 10 boys, David King and Oscar Graham encountered some tough opponents but still performed credibly to finish third.

Well done to all of the players who have represented the school this year. We hope that we can make progress again next year and do well in all fixtures and competitions.

M Whalley
J Roddam

GOLF

The golf team could not match their fantastic endeavours of last season when they became Lancashire champions and reached the final of the English Schools' Team Championship. In fact, KGS lost to Lancaster in a close run affair in the first round of the competition.

In the Independent Schools' Golf Team Matchplay Championship, KGS were defeated in the first round, going out to The Grange School, Cheshire (2-1).

KGS sent a team to the prestigious Forty Club Day, consisting of two players and a member of staff. Competing against eight other schools, KGS finished equal third with 68 points in the Stableford format. Both McCauley Murgatroyd and Josh Keelan played well, picking up points throughout the eighteen holes. Mr Whalley played well in the first nine holes, but the heat of the day and the tough course limited his contribution on the back nine!

We look forward to the 2012 season. There should be a strong team, led by Toby Roberts, and we look forward to progress in various competitions next year.

M Whalley





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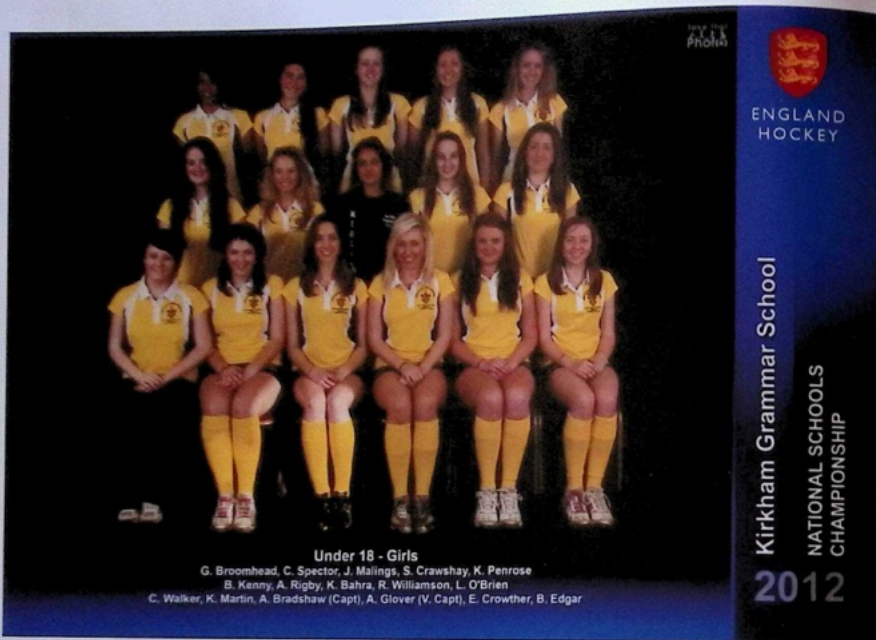
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HOCKEY First XI

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What a fantastic season!! Our first XI hockey girls had an awesome season, dominating throughout the North and reaching the National Hockey Finals at Cannock last March.

The atmosphere throughout the season was terrific, with Ashley Bradshaw (captain) and Ally Glover (vice-captain) leading by example both on and off the pitch. This team have had so many near misses in the past but this year they finally achieved their dream!!

Congratulations to the following girls: Ashley Bradshaw (captain), Ally Glover (vice-captain), Chloe Walker, Emily Crowther, Katie Penrose, Kirsten Martin, Bronte Edgar, Anna Rigby, Jenny Malings, Lindsay O'Brien, Sophia Crawshaw, Courtney Spector, Beth Kenny.

On Tuesday, 29th November the Kirkham first X1 competed in the North Hockey Finals in Leeds.

The first game was against Pocklington and our girls got off to a great start, dominating from start to finish and winning the match 5 - 0. Bronte Edgar scored a hat-trick.

The second match was against a strong Durham side. Kirkham scored an early goal and had control but Durham came back strong and equalised just before half time. In the second half we had to dig deep to regain our composure and in the last 2 minutes a piercing run down the right wing by Ally Glover, followed by a super cross, set Sophia Crawshaw up for a superb strike as she thundered it into the back of the net to give us a 2 - 1 victory.

The third game was against Sedbergh. The Kirkham girls backed off and lost composure for a large spell of the game

but once again they dug in and worked hard all over the pitch. A goal by Sophia Crawshaw in the last couple of minutes gave Kirkham a 1 0 victory.

The semi-final was against the out and out favourites Greenhead, a very strong team with three England players central to their side. In the first half, Kirkham had to defend. They were disciplined, calm, composed and really gutsy as they defended superbly. In the second half, the Kirkham girls started to really play, putting constant pressure on the opposing defence. Greenhead cleared three off the line and Kirkham also hit the post twice and their goalkeeper made three super saves. Chloe Walker was terrific in the Kirkham goal, Kirsten Martin, Anna Rigby, Katie Penrose, Emily Crowther and Jenny Malings were totally composed at the back. Ashley Bradshaw, Ally Glover, Beth Kenny and Lindsay O'Brien worked tirelessly in midfield and Bronte Edgar and Sophia Crawshaw dug in and defended hard with the midfield. A super game to watch, but the score was 0 - 0 at full time which meant penalty strokes. After a nail biting finish, Kirkham were victorious, winning the match 5 - 4 after strokes.

Kirkham met Manchester rivals Stockport Grammar School in the final. Both teams were shattered after an afternoon of intense hockey in driving rain and freezing winds. The game was end to end, with chances at both ends, a super game of hockey! Once again, the final score was 0 - 0, which meant another penalty shoot-out. Captain Ashley Bradshaw stepped up to take the first and fired it away 1-0; they stepped up and equalised 1 - 1. Lindsay O'Brien fired away our second stroke 2 - 1, they missed their second after a superb save by Chloe Walker 2 - 1. Beth Kenny fired Kirkham's third away 3 - 1, Stockport scored 3 - 2. Ally Glover fired in Kirkham's fourth 4 - 2. Stockport had to score to stay in the competition but the Stockport girl put it wide and Jenny Malings did not have to take her stroke. Kirkham



had won the North final and gained a place in the under 18 national finals at Cannock.

What a magnificent achievement!! All of the Kirkham team have come through together from age eleven. In fact, eleven of the girls have been together since junior school. The girls were outstanding in every single way - fit, skilful, gutsy, determined, highly motivated and mentally switched on. I am so, so proud of them all. They have waited a long time for this but it has been well worth the wait!! National finals, here we come!!!

Under 18 National Hockey Finals

We had waited a long time for this occasion, having fallen at the last hurdle so many times. Our girls reached the finals in real style and were raring to go when we got to Cannock.

People outside of the hockey circle have no idea of the standard of hockey that is played at this event. The mighty Repton, Kingston, Millfield, Ipswich, Coopers Cowburn, Cheltenham - all wealthy schools who operate a massive scholarship scheme where they employ international hockey players to direct hockey and coach their teams and import players (many of whom are top club or internationals) into their sixth form. So, little Kirkham was competing against the might of these schools.

Our first opponents were Coopers Cowburn, a team with some international star quality. Our girls hit them hard from the first whistle and totally dominated the first 15 minutes of play, closing down quickly, slick passing and producing waves of attack. Against the run of play, Coopers got a break and scored to put them 1 - 0 up and then their England player scored a terrific reverse stick goal to put them 2 - 0 up at half time. This did not faze our girls. In the second half they came out stronger than ever and Sophia Crawshaw thundered the ball into the goal from a well-executed short corner to put us back in the game. Kirkham had them rattled and stopped their international midfield playing for much of the half, creating chance after chance, missing by inches and having shots cleared off the line. Up to the final whistle the Kirkham girls fought, battled and played with sheer class. Unfortunately, the final score remained 2 - 1 and though massively disappointed, it was the best display of hockey I had seen from a Kirkham first XI.

The second match was against the mighty Millfield. For the first fifteen minutes we defended superbly with real discipline, grit and determination and were very unlucky to concede. Though 1 - 0 down, we hit them hard in the second half. We closed them down fast, put the pressure on and got stuck into this really physical, highly charged battle.

Millfield were on the back foot in the last 13 minutes as Kirkham piled on the pressure. We had balls cleared off the line, missed by inches again and during the game should have had a penalty stroke as the Millfield keeper completely took Bronte Edgar out, upending her when she was clean through on goal. Nothing was given, not even a short - absolutely unbelievable. The final score remained 1 - 0 to Millfield. Although we were gutted because we deserved a victory, the Kirkham girls had come of age. They showed everyone that they could compete equally with the best schools in the country.

The comments from neutral supporters were wonderful, praising the sheer work rate and standard of play of our team and they were feeling sincerely disappointed that our little unknown side had not been victorious.

The final match on Friday was against the mighty Kingston who had won the title for the last four years. They were big, powerful, athletic, highly skilled girls, all of them top club players and many of them internationals. Again we battled and fought and managed to hold them off for 19 minutes, but after all that they scored a real fluke goal that came off one of our defenders' sticks after closing down superbly at a short corner to put them 1 - 0 up. Heads never dropped and we battled and battled against an aggressive, physical side who stropped, shoved and questioned every umpiring decision. As the second half progressed, our girls started running out of steam. Playing full length matches against top teams at such a high tempo had taken it out of their legs and in the end we lost 5 - 0. Our girls had played the hardest games that they had ever experienced in a short space of time and never gave up.

Our girls were absolutely gutted but I felt nothing but complete and utter pride and emotion. Only the people who watched them play will truly appreciate how magnificent our girls actually were. At an event like this squads have eighteen players and roll their players on and off regularly to give them rest time. We were carrying three injuries before the final game and we had fantastic girls with us on the bench for the whole experience but who were not ready to play at this level this time but certainly will be next season. Our girls may have lost their three games, but for 'little' Kirkham to finish seventh in the whole country is amazing!

I would not change any of my girls for any one of the players at the finals. To see my girls grow and develop, some from the age of four, and then to see them flourish and come of age at the Nationals was the proudest moment of my career to date. Kirkham hockey is so much more than just striving to win matches and trophies. The Kirkham senior hockey squad is like a massive family - we care both on and off the pitch. Our players are not just numbers on shirts, they are 'our girls' and this is what makes us so special.

My 'Kirkham Babes' are now wonderful young women and I will lose many of them at the end of the school year. What a fairy-tale end to what has been an outstanding season!

Congratulations to captain Ashley Bradshaw, vice-captain Ally Glover, Chloe Walker, Emily Crowther, Jenny Malings, Katie Penrose, Kirsten Martin, Beth Kenny, Lindsay O'Brien, Bronte Edgar, Sophia Crawshaw, Anna Rigby, Courtney Spector, Rachel Williamson, Gemma Broomhead and Kiran Bahra.

I am so, so proud

J.M.Glover



Under 19 National Invitation Hockey Tournament

A fantastic day, high quality hockey, tremendous support and an exceptionally friendly and vibrant atmosphere. Kirkham played host to some top hockey teams at their annual national invitation tournament - British Colleges, Millfield, Sedbergh and Wilmslow. Unfortunately George Watson's College had to withdraw due to Scottish National Finals.

The day was superb with a high quality of hockey played by all teams. Kirkham performed extremely well throughout the day. In their first match, against Sedbergh, after testing the goalkeeper in the first minute, the girls sat back a little and allowed Sedbergh to settle and play. However, as the first half progressed, the Kirkham girls started to pass the ball round comfortably and got the controlling edge. The final



score was 3 - 0 to Kirkham, with goals from Sophia Crawshaw, Ally Glover and Katie Penrose.

The second match was against the mighty British Colleges, a side with real strength and physical presence. In the first half, Kirkham sat back and gave them far too much space and were punished when they conceded a weak goal from sloppy defending. However, in the second half Kirkham were a totally different team. They were first to every ball, passed the ball round superbly and created wave after wave of attacks. They hit the post twice, the ball was cleared off the line three times and their goalkeeper made some fine saves. Kirkham dominated the second half completely and did absolutely everything except score. Disappointed, the girls had to settle with a 1 - 0 defeat.

The third game was against Wilmslow, a strong side who were strong contenders at the North Finals last November.



The Kirkham girls stepped up a gear, defending with real discipline, passing the ball superbly, driving with real pace from midfield and attacking with real skill. A great team performance and a well-deserved 3 - 0 victory, with goals from Sophia Crawshaw (2) and Bronte Edgar.

The final game was against Millfield and the Kirkham girls were eager to set the record straight after losing to them 1 - 0 at the national finals. Millfield, as always, were disciplined, highly skilled and dynamic in attack. Kirkham had to defend with real discipline and grit and, as the game went on, the Kirkham girls gained their composure and grew in confidence and started to put the pressure on the opposition. An absolutely superb individual goal from Sophia Crawshaw (definitely the goal of the tournament) put Kirkham 1 - 0 up and captain Ashley Bradshaw made it 2 - 0 shortly after. What a way to end the tournament. A 2 - 0 victory over Millfield - the girls were ecstatic!

Once again, the tournament was a closely fought battle. British Colleges were crowned champions, just one point ahead of Kirkham. Kirkham had to settle for the runners-up position and individually Chloe Walker was awarded the goalkeeper of the tournament.

Congratulations to captain Ashley Bradshaw, vice-captain Ally Glover, Chloe Walker, Emily Crowther, Jenny Malings, Katie Penrose, Kirsten Martin, Lindsay O'Brien, Anna Rigby, Bronte Edgar, Sophia Crawshaw, Courtney Spector, Beth Kenny, Kiran Bahra, Grace Reddy, Lucy Gardiner and Megan Hall.

Under 15 XI

The under 15's had an exciting and developmental season. In September, they started with a lack of confidence and self-belief. Key players had left at the end of the summer term, leaving a somewhat depleted squad. There were more players available for defence than forwards which meant the team had to adjust and restructure. However, they met this challenge head on and went on to have a highly successful season.

Out of 12 matches played, they won 7, drew 2 and lost 3, the latter being in the first half of the season. As time went on, they learned to play effectively as a team. The back four, Megan Crowther, Caroline Paley, Rebecca Jones and Lucy Gardiner formed a solid defensive unit, supporting each other and clearing the ball successfully from their defending 25. Throughout the entire season, only 10 goals were conceded in contrast to over 30 goals being scored.



Grace Reddy was the leading goal scorer but Emily Carpenter and Kate Lawler, who played right and left forward respectively, also scored some great goals. An example of the progress made by the team can be illustrated with their matches against Stockport. In the first game of the season they lost 3 - 1. When they met again later in the season, the score was 1 - 1. Grace Reddy captained the team admirably and the success of the team can be put down to their dedication to training and all playing in regular Saturday matches.

The season ended with the Lancashire tournament in March held at Preston Sports Arena. The team played some great hockey against local rivals Arnold, Stonyhurst, Baines, KEQMS and Ripley St Thomas. The competition was run as two sections initially and the top two teams from each section went on to play each other as a round robin. Stonyhurst and Baines were drawn in our section. The KGS team was slow to get going against Stonyhurst but, as the game progressed, they became more disciplined and once they had scored the first goal from a penalty corner, they relaxed and maintained a good lead, winning by two goals at the final whistle.

In the match against Baines, the forwards made several good breaks, scoring five goals in the first half. KGS dominated play and won the match comfortably.

KGS went through as winners of their section to meet KEQMS in the third round of matches. The game was end to end with both teams making breaks and both closing down quickly to put their opposition under pressure. It was this pressure that caused an error with one minute to go in the first half. The ball was cleared across the KGS goal and a quick responding KEQMS forward slotted it away, taking them into the lead. To KGS's credit, they dug deeper in the second half, setting up numerous goal scoring opportunities.

Their efforts paid off and Lucy Gardiner equalised with a rebound from a penalty corner.

In the final match against Arnold it was all to play for. Arnold had won all their matches, so KGS had to beat them to be county champions. It was an exciting match with a very strong Arnold team making fast breaks on the wings. It was after one such break that Arnold took the lead with a super goal set up from our attacking 23. However, KGS did not sit back and accept defeat. They battled and made a few breaks on the wing themselves. Kate Lawler's speed on the left was particularly impressive and this gave us a few scoring opportunities. The KGS back four did a sterling job. Megan Crowther as right defence, Caroline Paley as sweeper and Rebecca Jones as left defence channelled the Arnold forwards and put in some strong tackles. They worked well as a team and backed each other up. Darcey Bray as centre defence remained disciplined. She not only made some great tackles but made some strong clearances also. It was a tremendous team effort and the KGS team certainly saved their best until last. In their match against Arnold they had to defend no less than ten penalty corners. It was down to the courage and fast reactions of the defending KGS team, particularly by Grace Reddy the captain who was the first runner, who kept the score line tight. Natasha Almond, as goalkeeper, also deserves a special mention. She cleared balls at the penalty corners and gave the rest of the team confidence and encouragement to defend well.

KGS were deserving runners up of the tournament. This was a great end to a successful season and all squad members are to be congratulated for their 100% effort and team play throughout the year.

J.M. Glover



Under 14 XI

P 34 W 28 L 1 D 5 GF 103 GA 5

The under 14 hockey team enjoyed a magnificent season, playing 34 matches in all, winning 28, drawing 5 and losing just 1, crucially by a late goal in the last knock out phase of the North of England finals at Leeds. They were thus deemed the opportunity of joining the KGS first XI in the All England finals.

Millie Foley captained the side and on the pitch had a very impressive season. She always worked hard for the team and responded particularly well to the big match tournaments. Natasha Almond in goal had a fine season and developed both her understanding and all round ability impressively, helped greatly by goalkeeper coach Hannah Spacey. As sweeper, Fiona Lockhart was the most improved player of the season. She applied herself to the role and her positional sense and tackling developed considerably. Nicole Thompson at right back has both power and space and once she understood her positional play she became an important figure at the back. Lauren Bailey at left back had a great start to the season and then, after a period of uncertainty, finished strongly. Consistency will be achieved by staying calm under pressure. Olivia Anderson had a steady season at centre back and her tackling and interceptions improved noticeably towards the end of the season. She just needs to work on footwork next year. Abbie King was a valuable back-up defensively, taking up any of the defensive roles when called upon. Her attitude and willingness to cover was excellent. Beth Everson as right mid has great potential and has all the attributes of a top class athlete to bring to her game. She just needs to add a clear focus on her role throughout her time on the pitch. Ellie Greenhalgh was an invaluable addition to our squad this year. Outstanding stick work, great energy and determination created many

opportunities for goal scoring. Ellie will certainly be pushing for a place in the senior squad next year. Eliza Parr was very neat and tidy as left mid and developed a very promising attacking skill down the touchline to create a different offensive option. We were able to choose from four girls for our wing positions and each was able to give us the width and speed required of them. Jess O'Neill finished the season strongly after playing particularly well in the North of England finals. Josie Coffey was used first as a winger and after in a more withdrawn position midfield. She brought both enthusiasm and commitment to both roles. Isabella Ritson filled the left wing position for most of the season and worked hard at her game. Her positional sense developed well as she learnt to get into goal scoring situations. Annalise Hughes was a reliable and enthusiastic squad member covering both wing positions. She will have benefitted from a full season with the squad.

This group of players will serve the senior squad with distinction over the coming years and next year I expect a number of the team will be called into the first XI squad, so our defence will be more severely tested. Long term this will be beneficial as the girls move up to higher levels of competition.

Congratulations girls on a great season.

Overall Results

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Under 13 XI

The under 13 hockey squad has shown real promise throughout the season. They made a terrific start with victories over Wilmslow, Wakefield, Cheadle Hulme, Queen's Chester and Archbishop Blanch. With quite a large squad training was brilliant with so many girls being involved. Captain Amelia Dalzell led by example, setting high standards for the team to follow.

With excellent performances against Cheadle Hulme, Stockport, Archbishop Blanch, Arnold and Queen Mary at the start of the season, it was clear that this under 13 squad was capable of great things! A forward line of Ellie Cuppit, Olivia Hough and Olivia Grindrod enabled the squad to look dangerous going forward with great back up from Camryn Spector, Lucy Keelan, Brooke Turnbull and Emily Cockcroft. At the back, Chloe Baybutt, Hannah Fingleton, Amelia Dalzell and Rebecca Chatwin did not disappoint, making great tackles under pressure and keeping their calm when firing the ball out of defence.

In the under 13 mini hockey, the squad was cut down to just ten players due to competition rules. Once again, the girls stepped up a gear, beating Arnold, Queen Mary, Baines, Lytham High plus others to progress to the next round of the competition. The girls then travelled to Rotherham to take on various schools from around the North of England. In an exciting and very close competition, with great performances from Amelia Dalzell, Lucy Keelan, Camryn Spector and under 12 player Rachel Greenwood, we were able to defeat many of our opponents, leaving us in third position on goal difference at the end of the day.

The girls are now looking forward to their up and coming tour to Holland in October to take on very different opposition.

I could not be happier with the girls' performances this season after taking them on after the Christmas break when

I returned from maternity leave. The girls are a talented bunch who have a lot of promise for the future! I am sure the girls would like to thank Miss Holder for her hard work between September and Christmas and wish her well for the future.

Well done to all of the under 13 squad

L. Osborne

Under 12 XI

The first year girls took part in hockey trials as part of their first games session at the school. There was obviously a high ability level within the group and selecting a squad was difficult. The chosen girls were then required to train together until the end of October in order to prepare them for competitive matches. The first of these games was away at Cheadle Hulme. Both the A and B squads put in excellent performances, beating Cheadle 5-1 and 1-0 respectively. The next challenge was to take on Lancaster Girls' Grammar School. This involved playing against their under 13 sides rather than under 12, but you would not have guessed it from the way the Kirkham girls played. The B team worked hard against a strong opposition to earn a draw, but the A team subjected LGGs to a 10-0 thrashing, with Rachel Greenwood prolific in front of goal. The third game of the season was against local rivals KEQMS. The A team was without captain and top scorer Rachel Greenwood in this game, but proved that they were no one-man team by winning 2-0. The B team had another hard fought game, but this time came out on top with a 2-1 win.

There was a long wait for the next game due to the Christmas holidays and frozen pitches causing multiple games to be cancelled. The under 12 team finally got to play again, but not quite under the conditions that they had hoped for. They took on Stockport Grammar on grass pitches, which proved a difficult task for the quick, skilful players in the squad. The B team was held to a draw but the A team was able to adapt their style to the new surface and won 5-0. The next game was again at Cheadle Hulme and Kirkham started brightly with a good strike by left back Lauren Williamson. In the second half, Cheadle came back at them, eager to make up the deficit. However, Kirkham were able to withstand the pressure with some excellent defending by Charlotte McDonald and Charlotte Beard. With this solid defence in place, they were able to attack Cheadle on the break and add another 4 goals to their total to make the final score 8-0. Special mention goes to Emma Coffey who played brilliantly on the right wing in her A team debut. Due to an injury crisis in the squad, the B team was required to call up two players from the under 11 side. One of these, Holly Keelan, provided the firepower in attack, leading the way to an 8-3 win.

The final match of the season before the tournaments began was against KEQMS. The girls were eager to beat their rivals for a second time, but the KEQMS teams looked more prepared to defend against the attacking strength of the KGS teams. In the A team game, the girls were frustrated for long periods of time as the KEQMS team packed out their defensive circle, ensuring that shooting opportunities were few and far between. The breakthrough finally came from a great strike from a short corner by Rachel Greenwood. From this point the girls were able to spread the play across the whole pitch, breaking down the defence to create further goals for Rachel and Grace Wallace, to leave the final result

at 5-0. The B team looked strong in their game, but were unlucky to concede a goal from a short corner before the break. They came back in the second half determined to turn the result around, and two fantastic goals from Zara Ikram ensured that they finished the game as winners. This was one of the best team performances for the B team of the whole season.

In March, the A team was entered into the King's School Chester Invitational Tournament. There was a stressful start to the morning, when goalkeeper Frankie Furnival was forced to pull out of the competition due to illness. Luckily, Jamie Curran had had experience of playing in goal at junior school and kindly agreed to pad up for the tournament, to the relief of her teammates. In the first group stage, the KGS girls were able to easily despatch Loreto. Their second game against Tarporley should have been equally straightforward, if it was not for the fact that it was played on grass. The Kirkham team panicked at their inability to dribble on the bobbly surface and were unable to create any clear cut shooting opportunities. However, Beth Heatley eventually stepped up from the midfield to coolly slot away the goal to calm her teammates. In the second group stage, Kirkham were presented with some more difficult opposition. They were first required to play against hosts King's Chester, who gave them a tough game. However, fantastic man-to-man marking by Beth Heatley took their key player out of the game, and Rachel Greenwood and Emma Coffey were able to do the business at the other end of the pitch. There were a few nervous moments, but sweeper Charlotte McDonald and stand-in goalkeeper Jamie Curran excelled themselves in defence. The next game was against Queen's Chester, which was slightly less of a difficult task. Rachel Greenwood spent the game dribbling around players for fun and scoring at will. The final match was against Wilsmslow, another strong side from the Cheshire area. Beth Heatley again took up the man marking role with great effect, allowing the rest of the team the space to play their usual style of flowing hockey. The team took advantage of the narrowness of the Wilsmslow side and Charley Beard and Livvy Huyton exploited the space up the right wing. Kirkham under 12s were the eventual winners of the competition, having won all their games without conceding a single goal and Captain Rachel Greenwood was delighted to collect the trophy

The final competition of the season was the Lancashire Schools' under 12 hockey tournament. The A team went into the competition feeling confident after their fantastic performance at King's Chester. This showed in their first match when they were up to 5-0 against Baines within 4 minutes, with goals from Livvy Huyton, Grace Wallace and Charlotte Beard. The girls continued to score at will, but tournament rules stated that the result would be capped at 5-0. The KGS team then took on St. Mary's Hall where Livvy Huyton was again prolific, running in from the right to slot balls across the keeper and into the back of the net to give the Kirkham team a 4-0 win. They were then given the more difficult task of taking on KEQMS, a team who had improved dramatically across the season. They held firm in defence and their attackers gave Charlotte McDonald, Lauren Williamson and Charlotte Beard work to do at the back. The breakthrough finally came when Rachel McCrae, who was outstanding throughout the tournament, scored an exceptional individual goal to make it 1-0 and give Kirkham the three points they needed. The final two games in the

round robin competition were against Ripley and Lytham. Having already beaten KEQMS, the girls were brimming with confidence and were able to comprehensively beat both teams by five goals. These matches included more excellent work from Emma Coffey on the far post to slot in another goal. Captain Rachel Greenwood was supreme throughout the tournament and was thrilled to pick up another trophy to end her first season at Kirkham Grammar School.

The B team played in an unusual double round robin competition, which meant that they would have to play the KEQMS B team and the Heysham team twice. KEQMS again proved a difficult opposition and the girls were unlucky to end the match with just a 0-0 draw. Their second game was against Heysham, who again defended well for most of the match. The breakthrough came after Beth Heatley reacted quickly to take a free hit to herself, making an intelligent run into the circle and sending a well weighted ball across the face of goal. Zara Ikram positioned herself well and finished with aplomb. Kirkham continued to press and finally got their second goal just as the game was finishing, with a storming run from defence by sweeper Jamie Curran. In the second match against KEQMS, the girls were again frustrated by an excellent defence. Ellie Moss, Natalia Cross and Hannah Brodie worked hard in defence to ensure that Kirkham kept a clean sheet, leaving the final score at 0-0 for a second time. Having watched KEQMS in their other matches, the girls knew that to win the competition on goal difference they would have to beat Heysham 2-0 for a second time. Heysham would not go down without a fight and made it as difficult as they could for Kirkham. The girls were able to gain a 1-0 lead, again through Jamie Curran, and continued to push for a second. With minutes left to go, Ellie Wilson found herself with the ball in front of an open net and calmly slotted home, sparking celebrations from the rest of the team. Their hard work was rewarded with the knowledge that they were the best B team in the county and Captain Beth Heatley was delighted to collect a trophy on behalf of the team.

Congratulations to both teams for a phenomenal first season at Kirkham Grammar School. They have worked hard and played excellently throughout and have fully deserved all of their achievements.

Under 12 A squad - Rachel Greenwood (C), Olivia Huyton, Grace Wallace, Rachel McCrae, Charlotte Beard, Charlotte McDonald, Lauren Williamson, Francesca Furnival, Emma Coffey.

Under 12 B squad - Bethany Heatley (C), Jamie Curran, Amy Barrow, Natalia Cross, Ellie Moss, Zara Ikram, Hannah Brodie, Sadie Shreiber, Carly Eve, Charlotte Burrow

NETBALL Under 15

The under 15 team had a tough season but they showed tremendous determination and resolve in all their matches.

A key player to the team relocated, leaving a gaping hole in attack. However, with some restructuring, Emily Carpenter moved from GK to GS and notched up an impressive goal scoring average. She and Kate Lawler (the captain and GA) learned to work effectively in the circle to create space and therefore goal scoring opportunities.

Darcey Bray also had to adapt to a new position at GD. She had previously played GS in the B team. She used her height to good advantage in defence and she and Olivia Fuller at GK learned to defend the circle as a unit.

The results over the season were promising. In the HMC tournament in September, the under 15s were up against experienced teams and it was a steep learning curve for Kate as captain to keep the team motivated in defeat. However, as the tournament progressed, they not only won a match but lost subsequent matches by a narrow margin.

In the district league the team beat local rivals Arnold, Carr Hill and Lytham High but despite a determined effort lost to KEQMS on both occasions. They are to be congratulated on developing their teamwork over the course of the season and showing commitment to training.

Under 14

The under 14 netball squad had a successful season and are to be commended for their continued commitment to training. Over sixteen girls regularly attended practices which meant we were able to continue to run two teams.

Unfortunately, the weather reduced the number of matches we were able to play but it was clear that as the season progressed, the girls got better and better. Their team play, passing down the court, shooting and defending developed and the speed with which they moved and made decisions improved enormously.

In the early matches, games were relatively close but the score lines in the latter part of the season reflect the development they made. The first match against Lytham was 13-9 to KGS. When they met again, the same team won 21-9. KGS lost only one match all season - against KEQMS, 12-8. As a result of bad weather, the second match was cancelled, so KGS were unable to check their progress against their strongest opposition. To add to this, the squad was unable to enter the district tournament as all but three players were on a school trip to France.

To sum up, it was a very successful season. I look forward to next year when, with the same enthusiasm and commitment to training, they can work on regaining the district crown.

J.M.Glover

Under 13 A

P9 W6 L2 D1

The Under 13 netball team improved unbelievably throughout the season. At the start of the season, they were limited in their skill and their understanding of the game. Their commitment and determination to improve was terrific.

In defence, Hannah Fingleton, Rebecca Chatwin and Amelia Dalzell gained composure, discipline and a real sense of defensive control. Beth Preston was our playmaker in the centre of the court and Lucy Keelan, Olivia Corcoran and Ellie Cupitt played with real flair in attack. The team gradually got better and better with every game and in the Blackpool and Wyre tournament they were a force to be reckoned with. They won their section comfortably to qualify for the semi-final against King Edward and Queen Mary School. This game was end to end and extremely tense but Kirkham emerged winners with a 4-3 victory. In the final they played against a very strong St. Bede's team which included

a number of club players. Though our girls battled superbly, they were unfortunate to lose the final by just 2 goals - but what a fantastic way to end the season - runners-up on the Fylde. This set of girls was a pleasure to work with and I am really looking forward to coaching them again next year.

J Glover

Under 13 B

P6 W3 L2 D1

Our B team also improved immensely as the season progressed. Grace Hall, Lydia Woodburn, Mollie Kerrane and Olivia Gornall developed a calm composed approach in defence. Georgia Seed-Ashton came into the squad mid-season and became our play maker. Brooke Turnbull, Ciara Fearn, Hannah Davies, Cammi Spector and Ellie Morris played with skill and really opened up the opposing defence.

In the Blackpool and Wyre tournament, they performed superbly, winning their group comfortably. In the semi-final they coasted to a 6-2 victory against Baines and in the final were deserved winners against King Edward and Queen Mary School. It was a wonderful way to end the season as area champions. This set of girls again was a pleasure to teach and I am really looking forward to coaching them again next year!

J Glover

Under 12

The first year girls arrived at KGS with various levels of netball experience from junior school. Trials were held early on in the term and it was immediately clear that the standard of netball was incredibly high. There was a lot of competition for places, but eventually an A and B team were selected ready for the first set of matches. The A team made a fantastic start to the season, beating Lytham High School 18-1. Grace Wallace immediately showed what a skilful shooter she was, scoring the majority of the goals, and Rachel Greenwood controlled the game from centre. The B team followed suit by beating the Lytham B team 8-3, with some fine shooting from goal attack Charlotte Beard and goal shooter Francesca Furnival. This excellent form continued when the A team took on Carr Hill. This time, Olivia Huyton got in on the act with some fabulous shooting. It was clear from the start that Kirkham would not go easy on the opposition and they ended up winning 29-0, an unbelievable score for a game that was only 20 minutes long! The next fixture of the season involved a second match against Lytham, this time away from home. The Lytham side had clearly worked hard to improve and was not going to allow KGS to run away with it like they had in their first meeting. The A team game was close for long periods of time, but thanks to some hard work from Rachel Greenwood at centre, Kirkham were eventually able to win 13-2. The B team game was equally close, but strong performances from centre Amy Barrow and wing attack Lauren Williamson helped them on their way to a 3-0 win.

After a break over Christmas, the girls came back fresh and ready for more competitive games. The A team took on St. Bede's in their brand new indoor facility which provided a nice change to the freezing conditions outside. They played some superb netball despite the confusion over the lines on the court and won the match 14-0. Both A and B teams then took on local rivals Carr Hill. The games were both highly competitive, but the Kirkham teams both came out on top despite the cold and dark playing conditions.

The next challenge facing the netball teams was the Wyre and Fylde District Netball Tournament, held at Stanley Park. The KGS A team put in an exceptional performance in their group section. They easily beat Garstang 7-0 in their first match, with some top shooting from Livvy Huyton and Grace Wallace. They then went on to beat Hodgson 8-0 in a similar fashion. The team came up against tougher opposition in Baines. KGS were 2-0 up at half time in a very tight game which required some good marking from Beth Heatley, Rachel McCrae and Charlotte McDonald. However, Baines were able to respond with two goals in the second half after winning a number of penalty shots in the circle. However, the two Kirkham shooters were again in fine form to claw it back to 5-3 at the final whistle. They then went on to beat St Bede's, again without conceding a goal, to go top of their group. In the semi-final they were drawn against KEQMS. The girls were nervous to begin with, but were able to blow the other team away with their pace and athleticism. Some excellent attacking play from captain Natalia Cross and Rachel Greenwood set up the shooters to convert the goals. In the final, the girls were drawn against Baines. Despite beating the team earlier in the competition, the girls were nervous again and Baines turned up looking much improved from the group stage. It was an end to end game, with Baines immediately scoring each time Kirkham did. Finally, KGS were able to prove themselves as the stronger team, scoring again to make it 3-2 and defending well to hold this lead until the final whistle when they were crowned champions.

The B team played in a separate section of the competition for all the B teams in the district. They also performed well in the group stage, sealing wins against Carr Hill and Lytham and earning a hard fought draw against a strong St. Aidan's side. Top shooting from Frankie Furnival and Charley Beard meant that despite this draw, Kirkham were able to top the group on goal difference. Mirroring the A team, they drew the KEQMS B team in the semi-finals, and were able to fight their way into the final. Here they met the Baines B team, who also looked a strong side. The defence of Hannah Brodie, Emma Coffey and Danni Wynne worked tirelessly in an effort to prevent Baines from scoring. However, by the final whistle the score was 1-1. This meant that the match would have to go into extra time. Captain Amy Barrow and Lauren Williamson worked hard in the centre of the court stringing passes together in an attempt to set up further scoring opportunities but the scores were still tied at the end of extra time. This meant that the game would go to a golden goal. The B team, spurred on by the support of the A team who had just won their final, quickly worked the ball into the circle. The nerves showed and the two shooters could not put the ball in the net. Then, the team was given a lifeline when the Baines goal defence fouled Charley Beard in the circle, giving away a penalty shot. Charley took this quickly and missed, but then the umpire ordered it to be retaken from the correct position. This time she took her time and scored the goal, sparking celebrations from both the A and B squads. All the girls played exceptionally well against some specialist netball schools. They should all be very proud of being crowned the best A and B team in the district!

After this fantastic performance, the girls probably deserved a rest, but three days later they were required to play a match against KEQMS. Rather than easing off at the end of

the season, both teams were determined to show their local rivals that they were worthy of their recent titles. The A team thumped KEQMS 17-3 and the B team played equally well to win 8-3.

It has been a brilliant first netball season for both KGS teams. The girls fully deserve their honours this season, having shown great commitment, desire and enthusiasm for the game throughout the year.

Girls' Tennis

KGS has had a successful tennis season this year despite the disruption the wet weather has caused.

The year 8 team in particular has done exceptionally well, winning the Lancashire Division 1 AEGON Schools' Tennis Competition, beating Arnold, Broughton High, KEQMS, Westholme and Withington Girls' School, earning a place in the Knockout Stages taking place in the autumn term. We wish the team every success.

The number of girls involved in tennis and regularly attending lunchtime clubs has been impressive. A large number of girls have represented the school despite the cancellation of matches due to the weather.

Aegon Team Tennis Quarter Finals, 2012

Our Year 8 Girls tennis team put KGS on the map when they competed in the AEGON Team Tennis Schools Quarter Finals at Leeds Met University. By reaching this stage of the competition, they were one of 16 remaining teams in Great Britain from over 2000 schools who started the competition back in April.

The standard expected at this stage in the competition was exceptionally high, but our KGS team rose to the challenge. Our team of five, Rachel Greenwood, Rachel McCrae, Charlotte McDonald and Lucy Keelan with Poppy Morris (in reserve) had to play one singles set and one doubles set. They swept their first opponents, Queen Elizabeth's School from Penrith, aside, winning 6 - 0. This meant they were now in the top eight schools in the country! Their match in the afternoon would determine whether KGS would represent the North in the national finals in December.

On paper, KGS were the underdogs to George Heriot's School according to the ranking of players. However, KGS matched their opponents admirably shot for shot and the final results were close. Rachel McCrae, Charlotte and Lucy narrowly lost in their singles but Rachel Greenwood managed to overpower her opponent 6-4. At this stage, George Heriot's were 3 - 1 in games. To take the match to a tiebreak, KGS had to win both doubles matches.

Lucy and Rachel played an exceptional game of doubles. They covered the court well and found the gaps between their opponents to play their winning shots. They won their match 6-4. Rachel Greenwood and Charlotte were 3-1 down in their doubles but fought back to 5-4 with tremendously powerful shots. They looked invincible and had their opponents on the back foot. In a nail biting final game, George Heriot's edged ahead, taking the final game and set 6-4.




The result overall was 6-2 to George Heriot's School but KGS are to be congratulated on an outstanding performance. The organisers of the competition commented on their talent and tactical play and what they thought would be a


foregone conclusion was certainly not! The KGS team showed nerves of steel and a determination that was unrivalled. Huge congratulations to our KGS girls who did us proud.

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GIRLS' ATHLETICS

Once again, our girls have been fantastic during the athletics season. We have had over 80 girls training regularly on a Monday evening and the majority of these girls have represented the school in athletic matches. The girls have been an absolute pleasure to work with, the atmosphere has been electric, the commitment and dedication have been unbelievable.

The season has been extremely successful and very rewarding. To have this huge number of girls competing in Kirkham colours has been a real credit to them all. In the major championships we have excelled once again, being crowned Lancashire Champions at both junior and intermediate level in the first round of the National Schools' Cup. In the regional finals, our teams competed superbly again. Unfortunately, our juniors just missed out on a place in the national finals. However, our intermediate team was outstanding and won the regional final convincingly to earn a place in the English Schools' Cup Final for the fifth year running.

In the Fylde Coast Championships we dominated yet again, winning every age group!!

I would like to thank all of our athletes for their hard work and total commitment and congratulate them on another splendid season. I would also like to thank Mr Sampey for the tireless work he puts into the girls athletics. His complete commitment, passion and, of course, his expertise are certainly appreciated by both the girls and the staff. Finally, thank you to Peter and Caroline Warden who have been a terrific help throughout the season.

Fylde Coast Athletics Championships

'Clean Sweep for Kirkham Girls'

On Thursday, 28th June, Kirkham Grammar School entered four teams into the Annual Fylde Coast Athletics Championships at Stanley Park, Blackpool. The team spirit amongst all the girls was fantastic - they had trained hard, they were well prepared and they were ready to give absolutely everything for each other. All the track heats took place in the morning and the track finals were in the afternoon. The field events ran throughout the day.

All four Kirkham teams performed superbly, with all girls reaching the finals and most finishing in the top four with more than half of our girls finishing first or second. Many girls excelled throughout the day, achieving personal bests both on the track and in the field.



Last year the girls won three out of four of the trophies - this year they wanted to go one better!

We knew we were doing well throughout the day and all teams finished in fine style, winning every relay comfortably! When the results were announced the girls were ecstatic. The under 13s, under 14s, under 15s and under 17s had all won convincingly. In fact the under 15 and under 17 teams won by over 40 points, the under 13's by 30 points and the under 14 team won by 10 clear points. What a fantastic end to what has been another extremely successful season!

English Schools' National Cup County Round

On Wednesday, 16th May the junior and inter athletics teams competed in the first round of the English Schools' Athletics Track and Field Cup at Stanley Park. This competition is different to the norm because each team has twelve athletes and each athlete has to do a track and a field event. In this competition position is not all important, as athletes are awarded points for time, distance and height.

Our girls were raring to go and, although the rain had hindered our preparation, were ready for battle.

Both of our teams performed extremely well, with both teams winning the event comfortably.

The junior team scored 342 points. There are still many more points to be scored here as the season progresses. The inter team is very strong and scored 404 points. Again, this team has so much more to come.

The English Schools' Athletic Association Cup Final was held at Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre in Essex on Saturday, 30th June. The inter team travelled down on the



Friday afternoon and stayed overnight in a comfortable hotel twenty minutes from the stadium. We left the hotel on the Saturday morning in heavy rain but this had cleared when we reached the stadium and the sun was warming up the arena. There was, however, a strong breeze blowing down the track which was to affect both track and field events.

The inter age group consists of Years 9 and 10 combined and, of the twelve girls selected, eight were drawn from the third year, Year 9, so it was a young squad who began the day. The track events were held first in the morning and there were outstanding performances in particular from Kate

Lawler in the 300m with a time of 42.4 seconds and Jess O'Neil in the 200m, running 26.9 seconds. Beth Everson, despite finishing painfully, still produced a fine time of 29.5 seconds. But this final is all about collective effort and the accumulation of points so that is imperative that all girls contribute fully to the overall points tally. Consequently, Annalise Hughes' 14.0 second 100m time, Sophie Warden's 28.1 seconds in the 200m, Heather Crook's 47.2 seconds in the 300m and personal bests of 2.45 minutes from Josie Coffey in the 800m and 5.32 minutes from Becky Ingham in the 1500m, and our two hurdlers, Emily Carpenter and Fiona Lockhart, battling against the wind in 14.3 and 15.2 seconds respectively, all combined to produce a halfway score of 192 points.

Consistency was once again the theme of the afternoon field events. Despite the continued blustery conditions, the jumpers performed superbly. Beth Everson and Fiona Lockhart were at their best in the high jump, reaching 1.47m and 1.38m respectively. Annalise Hughes and Jess O'Neill, despite jumping directly into the wind, picked up 41 points and included a PB of 4.85m for Jess, whilst Kate Lawler continued her impressive form with her new event of triple jump with another PB of 9.89m. In the throwing events, Sophie Warden and Grace Reddy worked really well together in the shot and exceeded their targets with throws of 7.60m and 7.71m respectively. Our discus throwers, Emily Carpenter and Lauren Bailey, both threw over 23m and were rewarded with 41 points, and in the javelin, Heather Crook recorded her best throw of the season with a distance of 21.63m. A fitting finale was provided by our relay team of Grace Reddy, Becky Ingham, Josie Coffey and Lauren Bailey who recorded a splendid time of 57.4 seconds to add a further 18 points to our final total.

When the final scores were accumulated, KGS finished on a total of 399 points and were placed sixth overall, just a single point behind the fifth team. To finish sixth in the country out of the twelve national finalists was a fantastic achievement by this young squad, especially when they were competing against many schools that have an intake of over two hundred girls per year.

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SPORTING HONOURS 2011/12

INDIVIDUAL

Athletics:

Rachel Williamson, England International Triple Jump
Silver Medallist - English Schools Championships
Rachel Williamson Represented Lancashire at English Schools Athletics
Nicole Wainwright Championships

Lancashire County Championships

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

Girls:

Lauren Bailey, U15 Discus Runner-up
Emily Carpenter, U17 Discus Runner-up
Heather Crook, U17 Javelin Runner-up
Beth Everson, U15 300m Runner-up
Serena Hagel, U13 Hurdles Runner-up
Alexandra Hastie, U17 High Jump Runner-up
Annalise Hughes, U15 Long Jump Third
Olivia Huyton, U13 100m Runner-up
Kate Lawler, U17 300m Runner-up and 200m Runner-up
Charlotte McDonald, U13 Javelin Champion
Jess O'Neill, U15 200m Champion/300m Champion
Nicole Thompson, U15 Hurdles Runner-up
Nicole Wainwright, U17 Triple Jump Championship
Sophie Warden, U15 200m Runner-up/Long Jump Runner-up
Rachel Williamson, U20 Triple Jump Champion/Long Jump Champion

Lancashire Schools Championships

Boys: Oluwatobi Akinkunmi, Senior Boys 100m Runner-up
Oluferanmi Akinpelu, Senior Boys 100m Third
Joshua Burrows, Inter Boys Hammer Runner-up
Tom Hurst, Senior Boys Discus Runner-up
Daniel Jones, Inter Boys Javelin Champion
Benjamin Swift, Senior Boys 200m Third
Bradley Yates, Junior Boys 1500m Third

Girls:

Laura Bailey, U15 Girls Discus Runner-up
Alexandra Hastie, U17 High Jump Champion
Annalise Hughes, U15 Long Jump Third
Kate Lawler, U17 300m Champion
Jess O'Neil, U15 200m Champion
Nicole Wainwright, U17 Triple Jump Runner-up
Sophie Warden, U15 200m Third

Cricket:

Lancashire U14: James Seward, Captain

Cross Country:

Boys: Benjamin Everson, Year 10/11 Wyre & Fylde Coast Champion
Inter Lancashire Schools Championships Third
Jake Lonsdale, Year 8/9 Wyre & Fylde Coast Runner-up
Junior Lancashire Schools Championships Third

Girls:

Lucy Keelan, U12 Wyre & Fylde Representative
Samantha Hollings, U13 Wyre & Fylde Representative
Camryn Spector, U12 Wyre & Fylde Representative

Hockey:

Lancashire Regional Performance Centre U21: Katie Penrose
Anna Rigby

U16: Jack Baxter-Beard
Alexandra Hastie
Beth Kenny

North Squad U21:

Katie Penrose
Anna Rigby

Manchester Pumas

U18: Ashley Bradshaw
U16: Jack Baxter-Beard
Beth Kenny

Netball:

Lancashire U14

Beth Everson

Rugby:

Scotland RFU (18 Group Squad)

Philip Cringle

North of England RFU (18 Group Squad):

Charlie Swarbrick

Lancashire RFU (18 Group)

Elliot Crowe
Samuel Hall
Tom Hurst
Samuel Peet
Charlie Swarbrick
John Windle

Cheshire RFU (18 Group)

Philip Cringle

Lancashire RFU (17 Group) XV

Dominic Basley
George Brookes
Andrew Collins
Samuel Hargreaves
Jordan Hogan
Dominic O'Connor
Benjamin Swift
Ryan Wilkinson
Luke Woodward

Lancashire RFU (15 Group) XV

Willfred Rhodes
Alex Whalley
Connor Wilkinson

Swimming:

Achieved National Time 200m Freestyle

Samantha Hollings

TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

Athletics:

Boys: Junior Boys Sainsbury's English Schools Track and Field Cup
Regional Finalists
U12 Wyre and Fylde Coast Runners-up
U13 Wyre and Fylde Coast Champions
U14 Wyre and Fylde Coast Champions
U15 Wyre and Fylde Coast Runners-up

Girls: Junior Girls Sainsbury's English Schools Cup –
Lancashire Champions, Regional Runners-up,
Inter Girls Sainsbury's English Schools Cup –
Lancashire and Regional Champions
Inter Girls Sainsbury's English Schools Cup –
National Finals Fifth
U13 Wyre and Fylde Coast Champions
U14 Wyre and Fylde Coast Champions
U15 Wyre and Fylde Coast Champions
U17 Wyre and Fylde Coast Champions

Cricket:

U14 Lancashire Cup Runners-up

Cross Country:

Boys: U12 Wyre and Fylde Coast Runners-up
U13/U14 Wyre and Fylde Coast Champions
U15/U16 Wyre and Fylde Coast Champions

Hockey:

U12 A Kings Chester Invitation Tournament Winners
U12 A Lancashire County Champions
U12 B Lancashire County Champions
U13 Mini Hockey Lancashire and Regional Champions
U13 Mini Hockey Third in the North
U14 Lancashire County Champions
U14 Regional Champions
U14 North Finals Third
U15 Lancashire Championships Runners-up
U18 1st XI Lancashire Champions
U18 1st XI Regional Champions
U18 1st XI Finalists Fifth
U18 1st XI North Champions

Netball:

U12 A Blackpool and Wyre Champions
U12 B Blackpool and Wyre Champions
U13 A Blackpool and Wyre Runners-up
U13 B Blackpool and Wyre Champions

Rugby:

U12 VII Winners Wirral Grammar School 7's
U12 X Winners Manchester Grammar School 10's
U13 VII Winners Parkwood Haugh 7's
U13 VII Winners Bromsgrove School 7's
U14 VII Winners Richard J Wilson (KGS) 7's
U15 VII Winners Arnold School 7's
1st VII Runners-up Fylde National 7's
1st VII Winners Felsted School 7's

Swimming:

Mixed: QEGS Blackburn Quadrangular Champions

Tennis:

Boys: U12, U14, U15 Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde Champions

Girls: Aeron Regional Quarter Finalists 2012



HEADMISTRESS' FOREWORD

Welcome to the Junior school section of the Kirkhamian; I hope that you enjoy reading about our school year. Young children love to be enthused and the following pages should give you a taste of all the fun we have here at K.G.J.S.

As teachers we must never underestimate the responsibility we have for our children. The importance of a good education is recognised by everyone, not least by our parents who often make significant sacrifices to send their sons and daughters to an independent school such as ours.

The year has passed quickly as it always does. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to share in the children's hard work, their excitement and enthusiasm. There have been many highlights, some of which you will read about here. The school achieving our 'Sing Up' Platinum Award was a main achievement. The Cheese & Wine Performing Arts Evening, with a number of talented individual performances, was thoroughly enjoyed by an appreciative audience. The Pre-School and Infant Nativity Plays were also memorable occasions. Even at such young ages, you can spot the individuals who are going to have no trouble making their voices heard in later life, as well as the ones who will never feel quite comfortable in the limelight. Our school sports teams enjoyed an extremely successful year, competing in many tournaments and fixtures against other schools.

All the good things that happen within our school would not take place without the hard work and dedication of the staff. As ever, I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their invaluable contribution to school life. I am also grateful to the Friends of Kirkham Grammar School who have worked tirelessly this year to raise a sizeable amount of money for school funds.

One day whilst visiting one of the classrooms I chatted to a little girl who was practising her handwriting. The effort she was having to make was clearly visible on her face. When she had finished I asked her if she thought she had done well to which she replied, "I am really tired but it's my best writing ever!" That is all we can ever ask.



K.G.J.S. NEWS

We welcomed Mr Jonathan Mahon to the school as a member of the P.E. department in September 2011. Throughout the school year he has been an invaluable part of our community and has helped with a wide range of activities. We look forward to working with him again this coming academic year.

At the end of the Summer Term, Miss Evans left us on maternity leave. Her son William was born in July. We wish her every happiness with her new bundle of joy and look forward to her visiting us very soon. We are pleased that Mrs Caroline Atkinson will be looking after J3 in her absence.

Mrs Carys Brown, a familiar face in our school will be returning as a J4 teacher. She will be working alongside Mrs Hamilton and we hope she will continue to be very happy at K.G.J.S.

In September, we welcomed Mrs Alicia Blanco Bayo to the school as the new Pre School Manager. We said farewell to Mrs Marsh, and we wish both Mrs Blanco Bayo and Mrs Marsh every success in their new ventures.

We would also like to welcome Mrs Jayne Gibbons to the school as a teaching assistant in the Junior School. We hope that she enjoys her new role.

SPORT

The sport this year has been particularly successful with regards to participation. All girls have had the opportunity to take part in fixtures against other schools in Netball and Hockey and the boys have had their chance with Rugby and Hockey.

HOCKEY

The girls and boys who have played Hockey this year have practiced hard and have played extremely well in matches and tournaments. This year the school has been represented by the following teams; 3 Under 11 girls' teams, 2 Under 10 girls' teams, 1 Under 9 girls' team and 2 Under 11 boys' teams.

All that have taken part have played with enthusiasm and with a desire to improve. It has been an outstanding year, as far as results are concerned. This is the second year running we have won the North Tournament in both the girls and boys competition.

Throughout the year, the girls have played fixtures against the following schools:

Arnold, St. Mary's Hall, Cheadle Hulme, Stockport, Westholme, Garstang H.C, Isle of Man representative team,

King's College in the 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;

- Foremarke Hall Tournament Winners
- St. Mary's Hall Tournament Winners – this is the 8th year running we have won this tournament.
- Lancashire Tournament Winners – this is the 5th consecutive winning year.
- Budge Tournament Winners
- North Final Champions

This year, we held the Kirkham Invitational Under 10 Hockey tournament for the 4th time where 8 of the top Hockey teams in the North were invited. It was a very successful event with the A team winning the cup competition.

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

- A.J.I.S. Tournament Winners
- North Finals Champions



RUGBY

U11's: The season started off with a very successful 7's tournament against local Rugby clubs Preston Grasshoppers & Fylde. The school entered an A & B team. All players performed well and gained great confidence for the remainder of the season.

During the season they played 12-aside fixtures against Merchant Taylors (twice), Buchan School (twice), The Grange, Birkenhead School, St Mary's Hall (twice), Isle of Man U11's, Kings School Macclesfield and KGS U12's B team. By the end of the season this very talented squad were undefeated recording 11 wins, which was a fabulous achievement. (I was also very pleased to put out a B team which defeated Merchant Taylors).

During the season they also took part in numerous tournaments and achieved the following results:

A.J.I.S 12-a-side Cup – Winners

Budge 7's – Winners

St Mary's Crosby 7's – Winners

AJIS 7's – Semi Finalists

Overall a fantastic season in which tremendous Rugby was played but this was also backed up by a very strong defence.

U10's: The U10's squad worked hard throughout the year and at times played some good Rugby. They need to work on their defence as next year will be a lot tougher with the introduction of a five man scrum.

During the season they had a good win against St Mary's Hall & Rossall but experienced heavy defeats against Merchants Taylors (twice). It was in the match against Merchant Taylors where our defence was lacking and is certainly an area to work on next year.

U9's: This group of players have the potential to be a very successful team next year. They have players with pace and are very elusive and skilful and not afraid to tackle!

During the Season they defeated Merchant Taylors (twice), St Mary's Hall and they were undefeated in our 7's tournament held at Kirkham.

U8's: Our U8's at the end of the Easter Term experienced their first competitive rugby match against our very own U11 Girls! It was clear to see by all that they have the potential to develop into a useful side.



NETBALL

Over 30 girls from J3 and J4 have attended Netball practices on a weekly basis, both after school and additional practices at lunch times. We have had matches throughout the Autumn and Spring terms for Under 11 A, B and C teams.

The standard of play has been very good and it has been brilliant to have fixtures that have involved every single girl from J4. We had a number of fixtures throughout the year, with notable victories against Estcourt and St Marys Hall.

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 Kings, Liverpool College, Bolton and Stockport. The girls battled hard and achieved their rightfully earned medals as winners of the plate competition.

ROUNDERS

Throughout the Summer term, Rounders club was very popular, with over 30 girls regularly attending after school and lunchtimes. All the girls worked hard on improving their individual skills, whether it was their batting, bowling or fielding.

Weather unfortunately curtailed our fixtures. We had under 11 A and B team fixtures against Arnold and St. Marys Hall. We took 4 teams to Lancaster with all our J4 girls playing. Unfortunately the A.J.I.S. Rounders tournament was cancelled owing to poor weather.

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

TENNIS

Tennis Club was very popular with both girls and boys. All that attended learned how to play and score a competitive game.

Big improvements were made over the term, especially in the girls who also play Tennis in one of their Games lessons.

This year, for the second time, we ran a Tennis Cup involving 28 girls and 30 boys from across J3 and J4. Overall it was a huge success, giving the children more opportunities to play Tennis, and also enabled them to have an element of competition throughout the Summer season.



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.

Numerous training sessions and trials were held in the build-up to the A.J.I.S. Championships in early October, held, as usual, at Rossall.

All our athletes ran superbly and recorded the following results:

U11 Boys – 1st

U10 Girls – 1st

U11 Girls – 5th

U10 Boys – 6th

Christian Linton came 3rd in the U11 Boys out of 125 runners.

Eve Turner came 3rd in the U11 Girls out of 125 runners.

The team and individual results were excellent, especially when you consider over 25 schools took part.





INDOOR ATHLETICS

Throughout the first half of the Autumn Term all 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 Athletics Clubs with the following results:

U11 Boys v Blackburn Harriers won 90-52

U11 Girls v Blackburn Harriers lost 82-66

U10/11 Boys and Girls v Lytham U12's lost 145.5-152.5

The U11's also took part in the Lancashire Club Championships

The U11 Boys came 1st

The U11 Girls came 2nd

Christian Linton also won the 'Athlete of the Match Award.'

Following the performance of the athletes at these championships 16 athletes were selected to represent Lancashire in the inter-counties.

Indoor Athletics continued into the Spring Term with the A.J.I.S. Championships. Our athletes once again performed superbly and brought home 15 Gold medals, 12 Silver medals and 6 Bronze medals.

A fantastic achievement and a great way to finish the season.

SWIMMING

Throughout the Autumn/Spring terms all pupils trained hard and developed their individual strokes during PE lessons at Kirkham Baths.

During the season we had a number of fixtures and the results were as follows

U9,10,11 v St Mary's Hall - Won

U9,10,11 v Westholme School - Lost

U9,10,11 v Bolton school - Lost

In the A.J.I.S. Swimming Championship all our swimmers performed well reaching many finals and recording personal bests.

William Dowbiggin was our best performer and became A.J.I.S. U11 Boys Backstroke Champion.

CRICKET

Due to the very wet conditions throughout the Summer Term matches were limited to the first two fixtures and the results were as follows:

v Arnold Won

v Merchant Taylors Lost

ATHLETICS

The weather throughout the Summer Term was dreadful but somehow we managed to fulfil all our fixtures thanks to the artificial tracks at Preston, Blackburn and Wigan.

Many excellent performances were recorded throughout the term and the results were as follows:

U11 Boys v Blackpool - Won

U11 Girls v Blackpool - Won

U11 Boys v Blackburn & Hyndburn - Won

U11 Girls v Blackburn & Hyndburn - Won

U11 Boys v Westholme - Won

U11 Girls v Westholme - Won

U10/11 Boys & Girls v Cheadle - Won

These fixtures provided excellent preparation for the major event of the year, the A.J.I.S. Championships



A.J.I.S. Athletics

K.G.J.S. enjoyed great success at the A.J.I.S. Athletics Championships held at Robin Park Wigan. The children performed exceptionally well and the results were as follows:

10 gold medals

6 silver medals

5 bronze medals

The individual results were as follows:

U11 Boys Hurdles	Gold	Max Huyton (A.J.I.S. record)
U11 Girls Hurdles	Gold	Eve Turner (A.J.I.S. record)
U10 Boys Hurdles	Gold	George Coulthard
U11 Boys 150 metres	Gold	John Gornall
U11 Boys 600 metres	Gold	Christian Linton
U10 Boys Long Jump	Gold	Will Johnson
U11 Girls High Jump	Gold	Holly Keelan (A.J.I.S. record)
U11 Boys Throw	Gold	Christian Linton
U11 Boys 4 x 100 m Relay	Gold	
U11 Girls 4 x 100 m Relay	Gold	(A.J.I.S. record)
U11 Girls 80 m	Silver	Claudia Peacock
U11 Girls 150 m	Silver	Holly Keelan
U11 Girls Long Jump	Silver	Eve Turner
U10 Boys High Jump	Silver	George Coulthard
U10 Girls Throw	Silver	Hannah Mears
U10 Boys 4 x 100 m Relay	Silver	
U10 Girls 80 m	Bronze	Emily Dignan
U10 Girls 150 m	Bronze	Daniella Parziale
U11 Boys Long Jump	Bronze	Max Huyton
U11 Boys High Jump	Bronze	John Gornall
U10 Girls 4 x 100 m Relay	Bronze	

INTER HOUSE SPORT 2011/2012

Once again this year the Inter House Sports Programme has been keenly contested. A total of 12 different sports have taken place and have involved all pupils from J3 to J4. The winners for each sport were as follows:

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

The overall 2011/2012 Inter House Trophy results were as follows:

1st	Birley	319 points
2nd	Colborne	314 points
3rd	Drapers	285 points
4th	Clifton	264 points

Congratulations to Birley for their overall victory, but well done to all competitors.





PRE-SCHOOL

In September we welcomed new families and old back to Pre-School and spent some time getting to know each other with our mini-focus of 'About us and where we live'. We looked carefully at ourselves exploring our senses, our faces and how our bodies are put together. The children brought in photos of themselves as babies and we observed how we have grown. The children loved guessing who the baby photos were and still enjoy looking at our display now they are much bigger! During Book Week we read 'Funnybones' and had a great time as archaeologists searching for hidden bones and making friendly skeletons out of everything we could find. Whilst looking at ourselves and our bodies we went on a trip to the local Opticians where the children enjoyed trying out the special examining equipment and wearing different styles of glasses. This visit prompted the children to set up their own opticians in Pre-School. We also had a visit from Mrs Dowbiggin and her 'germ box' which she used to demonstrate the importance of washing our hands carefully. The children had a competition to see who would be the best and Mrs Dowbiggin gave out some lovely prizes to the winners. Just before half-term the children became intrepid explorers in Ribby Hall wood; returning with a huge basket full of the signs of Autumn which they used to make all sorts of displays and collages. They also enjoyed hunting for the owl and woodpecker carvings in the trees.

Our mini-focus after half-term was 'Celebrations' and the children entered into the spirit of things, returning to Pre-School as witches, vampires, skeletons and monsters! After some Halloween fun and games we moved on to Bonfire night and fireworks, thinking about dressing up warmly and keeping safe around the fire. The children loved making Bonfire Night sounds with musical instruments and used all sorts of materials to make firework and bonfire pictures. Divali, the festival of light, came next and we made Diva lamps, tasted naan bread, invented Mehndi hand designs and drew beautiful Rangoli patterns in chalk on the pavement outside Pre-School to welcome all our visitors and parents. We then moved on to Pavarana, a time when Buddhists think about what it is to be a good person and everyone joined in with the traditional jewellery making and food-giving linked with this festival. For our last look at 'Celebrations' we chose weddings. The children enjoyed looking at pictures of weddings in their families and talking about brides, grooms, bridesmaids and making promises. Everyone designed their own fabulous wedding cake and made name cards for their place at the snack table where they gobbled down the heart biscuits they had baked. A big thank you also to Abdullah, Malaika and Mr and Mrs Bux who brought in some fantastic traditional clothes that children would wear to an Indian wedding, the children had a great time trying them on. The end of term was very festive and everyone enjoyed dressing up and singing the songs in our Christmas Production 'The Bossy King'. The children were fantastic; thanks also to the



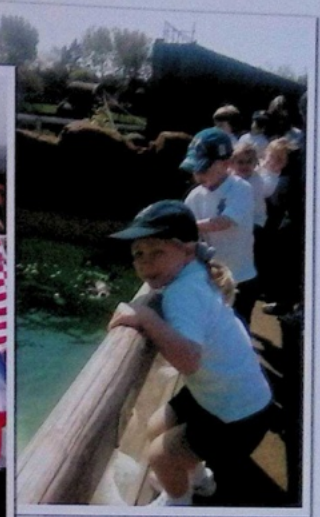
parents and family members who came to watch our budding celebrities. We finished with a Christmas party where special guest, Santa, delighted the children with 'Ho Ho Ho's' and gifts. The children all went home with big smiles on their faces and twinkles in their eyes.

January saw the start of our 'Animals' mini-focus and as this was a very popular theme we spent a week on each animal group. The weather was chilly so we started with animals that live in cold places and those that hibernate for the winter. The children particularly enjoyed setting up a bird feeding station in the garden to help our feathered friends find food. We moved on to pets and heard all about the children's furry friends at home. As Chinese New Year came the children made a fabulous dragon costume to parade around the school and made lanterns to take home. Our water table was transformed into an underwater kingdom during 'Under the Sea' week with creatures of all sorts made by the children. 'Wild Animal' week was popular and the children enjoyed mixing paint colours to produce stripy and spotty patterns and linking elephants to make repeating patterns. We also made a Talking Book using the story of 'Walking Through the Jungle' as inspiration. The children drew their favourite wild animal and then recorded their own voices retelling the story; they loved hearing themselves using the playback buttons. Our last week was spent 'On the Farm' and the children started by setting up a farm shop with fruit and vegetables, a till, a price list and lots of paper bags! The highlight of this



mini-focus had to be our chicks. Eleven eggs arrived in an incubator and all hatched into beautiful chicks. The children enjoyed watching them hop around their brooder box and after a while were able to handle them and observe them a little closer.

'Stories and Rhymes' gave us all the chance to enter an imaginary world of role play and the children were enchanted by the Fairy Garden that magically appeared outside, spreading fairy dust and good wishes over everyone. We introduced the children to our new Storyphones which were programmed each week with a new story and came with great props for the children to play with whilst listening. We also made a Song Board which allows the children to choose from 12 songs and rhymes at circle time or in little groups. Some children re-enacted 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' as a show for the others and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' prompted a good look at sizes, initial letter sounds and the fun that can be had measuring and writing in porridge oats! 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' introduced the children to the days of the week and munched his way through all sorts of food which we enjoyed tasting, too. Houses of straw, sticks and bricks were then built and huffed and puffed down as in 'The Three Little Pigs'. Science week sent us into space reading the story 'Whatever Next' and the children made a planetarium in the Pre-School garden after visiting the one in the Junior School. They delighted in making rockets out of everything they could find and set off to the moon at every



opportunity! Our last week of 'Stories and Rhymes' was a truly magical experience when a magic bean was found in Pre-School with a note asking the children to plant it and look after it. Imagine our surprise when a beanstalk started to grow and grow. It made its way all around the room and the children imagined what might grow on it. They were delighted when the giant left them a basket of chocolate eggs. The eggs prompted a celebration of Easter and the children made baskets and rice crispy cakes to take home.

We returned to school with Olympic fever. The children represented Team GB in assembly and made us all very proud with their rendition of the National Anthem. We looked at the flags of other countries and tasted food from France, USA, Jamaica, Greece, Australia, Italy, China and the UK. A look at the size and shape of different balls needed for different games prompted a painting frenzy of splatting and rolling. The children spent a week taking it in turns to tell their friends all about the different activities they get up to outside of school. We had motorcross, ballet, horseriding, football, swimming and helping on the farm and we really enjoyed seeing the different outfits and equipment the children brought in. Olympic rings were also a feature and hula hooping became a popular pastime at playtime. Finally, after watching some footage of rhythmic gymnastics from the last Olympics, the children made their own ribbon batons and moved around the Pre-School to various pieces of music; a fabulous display. We moved on to our next mini-focus of 'Water' with enthusiasm. The children practised carrying water on their heads like children in Africa, washed clothes by hand and bathed the Pre-School dolls. We enjoyed all sorts of wet activities including under the sea bingo, racing boats with a straw, making sparkly fish, investigating objects that sink or float and trying to cross a crocodile and piranha infested river using only a few blocks! We spent a lovely morning at Blackpool Zoo saying hello to some of the bigger animals in the park before watching the Sea Lion Olympics where, of course, the UK Sea Lion won! We then saw the

Magellan penguins being fed their lunch before coaching back to school for our very own picnic. This half-term could not have passed without a Jubilee celebration and the children joined in the school marathon doing their very own lap whilst cheering on other runners. We topped it off with a Jubilee garden party for which the children made their own bunting, painted the tablecloth with their feet and lots of red, white and blue paint and made sparkling crowns to wear for the big event.

We finished another wonderful year in the Pre-School with Sports Day and the end of term production. Our musical was based around our 'Transport' mini-focus and the children made excellent holidaymakers and travellers of all sorts, all in great voice. Thank you to all the fantastic supporters of these events, the children love sharing with everyone what we get up to in Pre-School.

Finally, all the very best to the children who are moving into Reception this September, we will miss your happy faces and ready smiles, keep on enjoying your learning and have fun.

Tessa Marsh
Pre-School Manager





INFANT MUSIC

Towards the middle of the Autumn term the Infant Department enjoyed practising the songs for our production of 'Tiny Tim's Christmas'. This was based on the traditional story the 'Christmas Carol', but also with a cast including angels, soldiers, teddy bears and Christmas puddings! The song, 'Someone like a boy called Tim' was performed movingly by James Wareing, the principal character. His 'mean' employer, 'Mr Scrooge', was played convincingly by Noah Tonny. The confident acting by the 13 children and wonderful singing by all the Infants was a special start to the Christmas celebrations and was enjoyed by parents and friends.

During their weekly Tuesday lunch time practices, Infant Ensemble members learnt how to read music including note names and note values and then to play together as a group. They also had the opportunity of experiencing various instruments including the keyboard, violin, glockenspiel, xylophone and percussion. The musicians performed one of their pieces called 'Frere Jacques' to an appreciative audience of infants and parents during our House Music Competition.

I would like to wish all the 13 members; Charlie Armstrong, Anya Baxter, Tabitha Berry, Laura Brown, Darcy Clough, Natasha Hartley-Smith, Jennifer Jones, Joe Macadam, Thomas Shuttleworth and Noah Tonny, continued success with their musical pursuits in the Junior Department.

The House Music Competition is now an annual event in June. Many Infant children play musical instruments either in school or lessons at home. We were delighted that many musicians chose to enter the Competition either singing or playing an instrument. The standard was very high and all competitors performed with confidence and flair to help make this such an entertaining event.

The results were as follows:



- Overall winner- Poppy Clough (voice) 13Y**
- Second place- Amelia Battle (piano) 13X**
- Third place- Anya Baxter (violin) 13X**

Special congratulations should also be given to Thomas Shuttleworth for being awarded the prize for 'Music in the Infant Department' at our annual Prize Giving.

Mrs. J. Knowles

JUNIOR MUSIC

Another exciting year draws to a close. Again we have celebrated several successes where children have impressed and amazed us all with their talents and achieved high standards in their Associated Board Music Exams. Musicians have featured regularly at Open Days. Members of the Choir & Ensemble have entertained guests and visitors on these special occasions. Armistice was again remembered, and we were able to hear the trumpet played by a member of staff. We thank the Rev. R. Bunday for leading us in our worship.

The Christmas Concert & Celebration was, as ever, a huge success with many opportunities for children to take part, either as readers, singers or performers in instrumental groups. Both the Choir (Mrs Shuttleworth) and Ensemble (Mr Lockett) gave memorable contributions. Both groups have learnt new repertoire during the year, too, apart from the Christmas contributions.

A large part of the Spring Term was spent preparing for the Cheese and Wine Arts Evening which was a great success towards the end of March. All the musicians enjoyed their involvement and the instrumental and vocal soloists along with the Drama pupils excelled. We thank several of our visiting teachers who made a valuable contribution preparing the children for their various performances.

Edward Hindmoor has been featured on a professional CD, working alongside Mr. Keeling, his guitar tutor, performing a piece he has recently written.

Mrs Shuttleworth took a vocal group to Lytham shortly after the show, entertaining members of the public in a large marquee as part of the St. George's Day celebrations, singing songs from 'Joseph'. A number of musicians featured as soloists and members of small vocal ensembles during assemblies this year.

This year, we again attended A.J.I.S. Sings at Rishworth School in Yorkshire. A group of singers attended the North West Children's Honour Choir at Manchester Cathedral. The children who attended were taught several new songs.

We have continued to raise awareness of music throughout the school as part of 'Sing Up', a national strategy for singing. We were delighted to qualify for Platinum Status during the Spring Term. Congratulations should go to all children, staff and several parents who joined the Staff/Parent Choir.

During the first part of the summer term we held the heats for the Inter-House Music Competition, which also included a Drama section. The competition was for all children in the school. There was a pleasing entry from the infants, too. Mr Lockett, Mrs Shuttleworth and Mrs Knowles adjudicated the preliminary rounds. A great number of children entered round one, and almost half went through to the finals, held later in the Summer Term. We heard so much talent, it was unbelievable!

Also in the Summer Term, we held the Tea Concert, featuring around twenty talented young soloists who could not be included in the Cheese and Wine Arts Evening.



Both the School Choir & Vocal Ensemble reached the finals of the Young Choir of the Guild Competition. The Choir were Runners Up and the Vocal Ensemble were crowned Young Choir of the Guild. The title will be held for 20 years until the next Guild!

In June, one of our students, Charlotte O'Neill, attended the A.J.I.S. Piano Course and Concert at the Grange School in Cheshire and found the whole experience stimulating. We congratulate Charlotte who is also this year's Music Scholar.

Continuing the work from last year, several of our fourth year children again visited Pear Tree School, taking part in a joint project arranged by Mr Lockett and Mrs Shaminski. The children have worked closely together on a music project 'Indigenous People's Music' linked to several countries from around the Pacific area. The children have been able to create music together which will at some later date be recorded.

Music has featured in several class assemblies, and played a vital part in the assembly following the Easter holidays, where we launched our Olympic project. Every class sang the National Anthem of their chosen country. Several classes attempted to sing their anthems in the native language. This was particularly difficult for the children studying China, Greece, Spain and Italy. The Italian Anthem in I1 was ably supported by Mr Roman. The infants performed a version of Viva Espania in an assembly and in addition, the 13 children gave a wonderful performance of Hot Cross Buns on their recorders.

We thank all the children who have entertained and supported us so well and pay tribute to the support given to all our young musicians by their visiting music teachers.

The Choir and Ensemble both performed well at Prizegiving, and we were treated to a super performance on the piano by Charlotte O'Neill

Thank you everyone for another busy and successful year.

Mr. P. Lockett



VISITS

As is the case every year, the school has taken part in a huge range of different experiences outside of normal school life. With special visitors ranging from space programme directors to Olympic athletes and trips to a number of places, the children have enjoyed a huge variety of new experiences this past year.

At the very start of the winter term, the children enjoyed their first trip of the year with a visit to Rock FM in Preston. The eight lucky KGIS pupils, with members of J1, J2, J3 and J4 attending, spent two days at Rock FM putting together the School's first radio advertisement and their own radio programme. With over 70 entries from Junior School children, the pupils who were selected took on the roles of newsreader, presenter, creative director or marketing officer. The children all had a fantastic time learning about the daily goings on at a radio station. Also at the start of term, the I3 children had a wonderful adventure at Leighton Moss in the Lake District. The children spent the day watching all the animals that inhabit the reed bed, as well as going on a mini-beast hunt and talking about what it would be like to fly like a bird. The children particularly enjoyed going pond dipping and looking for mini beasts.

The week beginning Monday 26 September was our school Book Week. Each year group was invited to choose an author and a book on which to focus and study for the week. There were lots of different activities such as paired reading between junior children and younger infant children, group reading and dressing up as favourite book characters. Everyone enjoyed visiting the Scholastic and Silverdell Book Fair, too.

In October the I2 children visited Towneley Hall in Burnley to learn all about how people lived in Victorian times, tying in



Rock FM visit



I3 Leighton Moss

with what the children had been studying in their History lessons. In the morning the children took a tour of the house and later on they explored a woodland walk in the grounds of the Hall. Also in October the Infant children were visited by children's book illustrator Ben Cort, who signed copies of his new book and gave a talk about how he illustrates a book. It was a very exciting afternoon which included surprise visits from a giant monster and a time-travelling scientist who had travelled back from 2051! The school was busier than ever as pupils from the Willows in Kirkham and Ribby with Wrea joined the fun.

The J1 children had a wonderful trip to the Roman Museum in Ribchester in November to celebrate the completion of their Roman topic. The children had started the week with a Roman feast and brought in togas and headdresses to wear as well as Roman food to taste such as chicken, ham, cheese, bread, grapes and grape juice. It was a real celebration and the children had lots of fun. The children also had the opportunity to handle some genuine Roman artefacts and to explore the excavation of the granarium, in which the ancient residents of Ribchester stored their food. Following lunch in



J1 Ribchester



Chris Bradford 'Young Samurai'

the Village Hall, they returned to the museum to explore the ruins of the bathhouse and to enjoy selecting gifts from the shop. Tom Bell even celebrated his birthday by dressing up in a replica uniform of a Roman Soldier!

The J4 children had a fascinating talk from Mrs Marr, an expert on the Titanic. She spoke to the children about the history of the ship, the luxuries on board and the fateful night that it sank, almost 100 years ago. Mrs Marr gave a presentation that was pitched perfectly for our pupils, despite requests for some rather gruesome details! We are delighted to say that since her visit Mrs Marr has contacted the school to say that despite giving the talk many, many times she has never come across such exceptionally well-behaved and enthusiastic children.

In February, the J3 children had a fantastic day out at the Harris Museum. They learned about life in World War II for people at home, such as children, the Women's Land Army and the Home Guard. The children found out about how Land Girls contributed to the war effort, they dressed up in war-time clothing and even milked 'cows'! They were able to experience lessons in a war time classroom, go into a Morrison and an Anderson Shelter and find out about gas masks, identity cards and rationing. They even made their own name tags from parcel labels, like evacuees! On 22 February, Lucy the Tudor visited J2 to teach them all about life in Tudor times. To start off the morning, 2 of the children had a Tudor makeover and got dressed in some Tudor clothes. It was very interesting to learn about what the Tudors used to wear. The children then sampled some Tudor food and they even had chance to make their own. Finally, the children learnt about manners in Tudor times. A great day was had by all and the children were very knowledgeable about the Tudor way of life after the day.

Peter Ford, the KGS Reprographics Technician, is a retired Sub-Officer from Manchester Airport's Fire Service. He came to tell the I1 and I2 children about a day in the life of a Firefighter at the airport. Peter gave a really interesting presentation,

describing how quickly they needed to go out on a call, the different fire appliances and the materials they used to put out different sorts of fires. The I3 children had a visit from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service who spoke to them about fire safety. They learned about what to do in the event of a fire, how to keep themselves safe and the importance of smoke detectors. They also learned never to play with matches.

The week beginning Monday 12 March was an exciting one for everybody, with the school enjoying Science Week. The week was packed full of interesting activities, including a planetarium being set up in the hall which all the children had the opportunity to visit, video conferencing with Dr Croft, a world famous astrophysicist working in San Francisco and a 3D classroom where all the children were able to see images in 3D through the use of 3D glasses. The I2 children had a surprise visitor in March when 'Solveig the Viking' joined them. She transformed the classroom into a Viking village for the morning and told them about life in Viking times. She really brought I2's History project to life; the children were able to explore many different activities and learn about what it meant to be a Viking. Some of the children even dressed up as Vikings!

The J3 and J4 children enjoyed an action-packed visit by Chris Bradford, author of the famous 'Young Samurai' series. He gave a fantastic display of martial arts when he came to talk to the children about his new book 'The Ring of Wind' on Friday 2 March. It was a very exciting afternoon in which Chris demonstrated many different Samurai combat

J2 Museum of Science



J3 Waddow Hall



techniques, brandishing a 'katana', the long Samurai sword, in battle simulations with many, surprisingly willing, volunteers! Also in March, we had a very special visitor in school when Miss Lord from the UK Space Agency came to talk to the children in a very interesting and interactive assembly. The children enjoyed watching the video of the moon landings dating back to 1969 and were inspired to ask lots of searching questions during assembly and afterwards when she visited them in class.

On Saturday 7 April, 23 KGJS pupils and 4 members of staff set off for the annual school ski trip to Alpe D'Huez. The week was thoroughly enjoyed by both children and staff alike and the skiing conditions could not have been better considering the fact that it was the very end of the ski season. Alongside the skiing the children enjoyed going bum boarding, swimming, a quiz and going on the high ropes. The teachers regularly heard from the hotel staff how well behaved the Kirkham children had been and they were a credit to the school.

As part of our Olympic topic, the school were lucky enough to have a visit on the afternoon of Wednesday 25 April from Olympic swimmer Daniel Sliwinski. Daniel generously took time out from a hectic training schedule to talk to our children about what it takes to become an Olympic swimmer. The children were excited to see Daniel's medals and were engrossed in his presentation. Our thanks go to the Bowker family for kindly arranging this wonderful visit. The start of May saw the J2 pupils, together with Mr Lockett, Mr Butterworth, Mrs Walker and Miss Cross, off to Manchester for an interesting and educational visit to the Museum of Science and Industry. The children enjoyed the practical

activities and puzzles before learning about Space, Planets and the Solar System. After lunch they entered the 'Underground' section walking back through time through old sewers from the Victorian era. They also enjoyed the thrilling 4-D cinema which brought Robin Hood very much to life with arrows shooting from the screen and dodging running rats! Before leaving, they bought gifts from the souvenir shop to remind them of their action packed trip.

The I2 children were very lucky to have a visit from Mrs Watson who discussed the way that the people of the Massai Mara live. She told them about the clothes that they wear and the houses that the people live in. All the children were also very fortunate to have a chance to play a traditional Massai musical instrument. Thank you very much to Mrs Watson for giving up her time to come in and talk to the children.

In May our I3 children had a fantastic day at Beacon Fell in the glorious sunshine. In the morning we had a guided tour of the fell with "Ranger Nick". We learnt about some of the history of the fell, the sculptures and the wildlife. Some of the children were lucky enough to see a deer. In the afternoon, we divided into groups for an orienteering course. We ran point to point, trying to find the letters marked on the map. The children (and grown-ups!) had a brilliant time, running in and out of the trees and along the paths. In mid May the J3 children enjoyed a fun-packed day at Waddow Hall near Clitheroe. Despite a wet start, the sun came out as we approached the River Ribble. Throughout the day they thoroughly enjoyed orienteering, team-building, tunnelling and grass sledging. All the children were very well behaved and this was commented on by the staff at Waddow Hall. Linked to their Science topic, 'Teeth and Eating', on 31 May J1 went on a trip to Blackpool Zoo to visit lots of wonderful animals. We had a talk just before lunch where we learnt about the food chain and we got a chance to look at some animal skulls, teeth and pellets, to ensure that animals from the wild receive all the nutrients they need. After lunch, we all went to the playbarn and then got packed up to come back to school. We had a great day and the weather stayed warm!

On Monday 11 June, 48 excited and enthusiastic J4 pupils left to embark on a five day outdoor challenge to the Abernart Lake Hotel in Mid Wales, accompanied by six members of staff. The children were all looking forward to numerous activities to be attempted during the week. The pupils were split into five activity groups and were checked into their luxurious rooms! As soon as they were settled in, they were off to embark on their first activities. After a long day of travelling and their first two activities all the pupils and staff were looking forward to an early night. The forecast for the next day was dreadful, but somehow the group avoided the worst of the weather. This ensured all the children had a fantastic time and were able to test themselves individually in their activities. One thing that stuck with the staff was how supportive of each other the children were during their activities, with many pupils overcoming previous fears. The overnight camp was a highlight for many pupils and the disco on Thursday evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The entire group was a credit to both themselves and the school, with all the hotel staff commenting on the exemplary behaviour and enthusiasm of our pupils. By the time day five came along, it was time to leave, all the children were sad to go but were certainly looking forward to a good night's sleep.

J4 Wales Trip



In June the I2 children took a trip to Marton Mere to learn all about the wildlife that inhabits the mere. The day started with pond dipping, where all the children joined up with a partner and had great fun searching for all kinds of different animals in the ponds. Some of their favourites were the water boatmen, the baby sticklebacks and the rams horn snails. Later on the children were in the classroom learning about how birds move, they especially enjoyed mimicking a flamingo, wearing flamingos on their hands and imitating their movements. The children then had some time to play on the adventure playground, followed by the excitement of exploring the mere and seeing all the different breeds around it. To end the day the children fed the ducks. A great time was had by all the children.

Before the end of the school year, the I1 children went on a trip to Williamson Park and the Butterfly House to learn about the wildlife housed there. On a beautiful sunny day the children arrived at Williamson Park to be escorted into the butterfly house, where they saw all kinds of interesting butterflies and moths. After getting a good look at all the butterflies the children were introduced to "Babs" the snake and had a chance to stroke her. To continue with the theme of the day the children then encountered the mini beasts housed in the "Mini Beast House". After all the excitement of the morning the children then enjoyed a picnic in the park and some free time to play in the surrounding area. The children all learnt a lot about how butterflies live.

I2 Marton Mere



I1 Williamson Park



Olympics



Everyone at K.G.J.S. was excited about the Olympics coming to London! During the run up to the Games there were lots of activities going on around the school to get everyone in to the spirit to support Team GB.

Each class selected a particular country as the central focus of their study and some excellent work was produced by everyone including the making of some fantastic Olympic Torches. The school were lucky enough to have a visit from Olympic swimmer Daniel Sliwinski, who came to talk to the children about what it takes to become an Olympic swimmer. The conclusion of the project was marked with the children running a marathon around the school field in the morning, followed by Afternoon Tea on the school field which also formed part of our Jubilee celebrations.



SING UP PLATINUM AWARD

After months of hard work we were very proud to be awarded the 'Sing Up' Platinum Award. This prestigious award, verified by an external assessor, is in honour of the whole school's commitment to singing. We worked hard at incorporating singing activities in and around the school, in the classroom, by the Sing Up Bus Stop and even on the mini bus on our way to trips and fixtures. The whole school are extremely proud of this tremendous achievement, particularly as we are the only independent school in the whole of Lancashire to have achieved this status.





CHARITY

KGJS pupils, staff and parents were a part of the world's biggest coffee morning, in September, which was organised by Macmillan Cancer Support. The event involved both parents and children being served cupcakes and drinks at the school, with all the money raised being sent to Macmillan. The event was very well attended by many of our parents and the donations received were greatly appreciated by Macmillan.

In October the school held a 'Jeans for Genes' day, where children and staff were invited to wear jeans for the day, in exchange for a donation of £2 to the charity, which aims to help children born with genetic disorders. Also on this day we had our annual harvest festival, which was a huge success, with many items being brought in by pupils, ranging from tinned food, to warm hats and gloves for winter. The donations received will have made a real difference to people's quality of life over the winter.

The Children in Need event that was held by the school alongside the nationwide charity event spearheaded by the BBC was a huge success. With children and staff dressing up in spotty clothes, spotty cupcakes being eaten and a great time being had by all. The event was a great triumph and the money raised was greatly appreciated by the charity.

Throughout the month of November, we are sure a number of you remember seeing Mr Butterworth sporting a bushy moustache as part of the "Movember" charity initiative. Mr Butterworth received a lot of support from members of the KGJS family throughout his charity efforts.

ACTION AID

The J3 children all worked exceptionally hard to organise a lemonade sale and penalty shoot-out competition to raise money for Action Aid. We are proud to announce that they have raised £250 for our Action Aid community. The J3 children sold ice-lollies to contribute to this worthy cause. In June J2 organised their annual charity dog walking event, which was once again a huge success, with over 25 children attending, as well as a number of staff, parents and other

family members also joining us. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped to make the day a success, and for all the donations that were received for charity as well. Congratulations to J1 for their magnificent chocolate fruit kebab sale.

The J2 children made a fantastic effort to raise money for Trang, a Vietnamese child who they have sponsored through the Action Aid charity. Each child had a target number of hula-hoops to achieve and some exceeded their target. Well done to all the children who raised nearly £150 in total to send to Trang and her community.

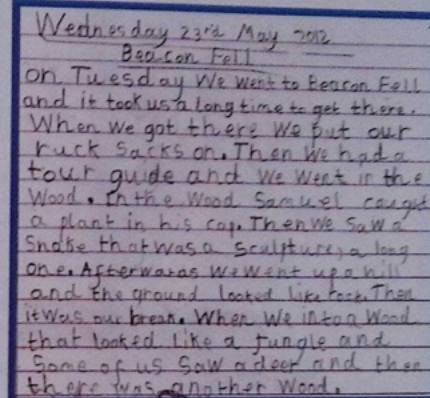


INFANT & JUNIOR WORK

The BONFire Night poem

The rockets went high and low,
 And it was quite a show!
 It was booming, crashing and even hissing,
 And the sky was misting,
 The bonfire was burning,
 And the Catherine Wheels were turning,
 The bonfire sparks flew high,
 They almost reached the sky.
 The children played fun games
 With sparklers they wrote their names,
 The sky was alight.
 The fireworks oh so bright,
 The night was so loud.
 The laughing and the chatting of the crowd,
 Many brilliant things to eat,
 Toffee apples, treacle toffee what a treat!
 Oh what fun and cheer,
 Looking forward to next year!

Will Johnson J3Y



Aiden Hayward J3X



Lucy Payne J2Y



Bryony Smith J1Y



Will Andrews and Mia Walsh J2X



The Runaway Train Ballad

Here is the Number fifty two train ready to set off,
With people boarding it from miles around,
And off it goes with its engine making a smoky cough,
Off go the wheels clattering on the ground.
They arrive at their destination but the brakes won't work,
So now the train goes on runaway.

All of the passengers are shouting at the train driver, Kirk,
Now the train is stranded at a lonely bay.

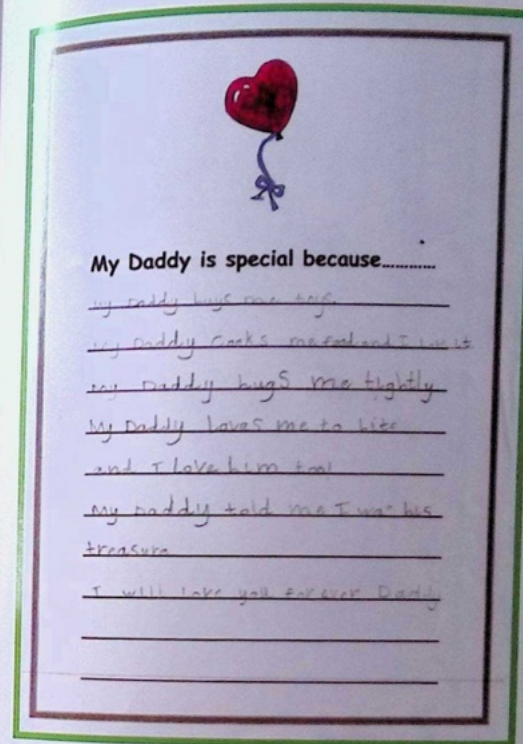
Most of the passengers are helping to fix the broken train
And they are starting to make some progress
But now they really have to concentrate on fishing the main
"Finally we have fixed the train," shouted Tess
Come on everybody let's all get in the new train
Now everybody is very glad
Then the Professor randomly said, "We are not insane!"
And that journey turned out to be not that bad.

Charlie Smith J3X

Cicely Cook J4X



J1's City Scape



My Daddy is special because.....

my daddy hugs me tight,
my daddy cacks me around I love it
my daddy hugs me tightly
my daddy loves me to bits
and I love him too!
my daddy told me I was his
treasure
I will love you forever Daddy

Heidi Aldeen 12

My Dad

He's all right, my dad.
He isn't afraid of no snake.
He can jump right over the moon, and off Mount Everest
or a skyscraper.
He could beat Usain Bolt, or save Lionel Messi's penalty.
My dad can eat like a horse, and he can swim like a fish.
He's as strong as a tiger, and as happy as a bunny.
He can beat me on FIFA.

He's all right, my dad.
He's as big as Robert Wadlow, and as soft as a puppy.
He's as wise as an owl, and as daft as a brush.

He's all right, my dad.
My dad's a great photographer, and is brilliant at running.
He's fantastic as commentating on FIFA, and he makes me
laugh. A LOT.
And do you know what? HE LOVES ME. (And always will)

Noah Tonry 13Y

The Hare and the Tortoise

Once upon a time there were two animals. A hare and a
tortoise. They were going to have the world's best race.
Lots of other animals signed in. When they saw that they
were going to race against hare they all signed out!
Except for one.

The world's slowest animal.

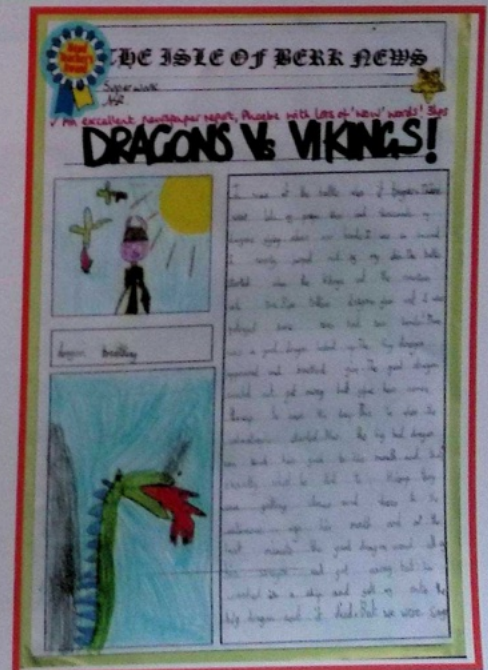
"I bet I can beat you!" boasted the hare.

"Ha such a boaster," said tortoise who was slow and
steady.

The whistle went. Hare sped off. He had only been
running for five minutes when he looked back and saw
that the tortoise was still in the first yard. Hare said to
himself, "He's slow!" Hare dozed off.

After a long period of time the tortoise walked by giving
a little chuckle. A long time after that he woke up and
hopped down the hill but the tortoise won the golden
prize. Hare was sad but he said, "I'll beat you next time!"
So that's a lesson to us all. Slow and steady wins the race.
Tortoise had persevered and was determined. Boasting is
the wrong thing to do.

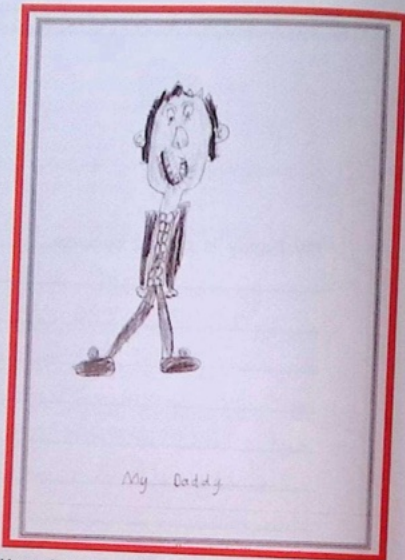
Emily Marsh 12



Phoebe Varley 11Y



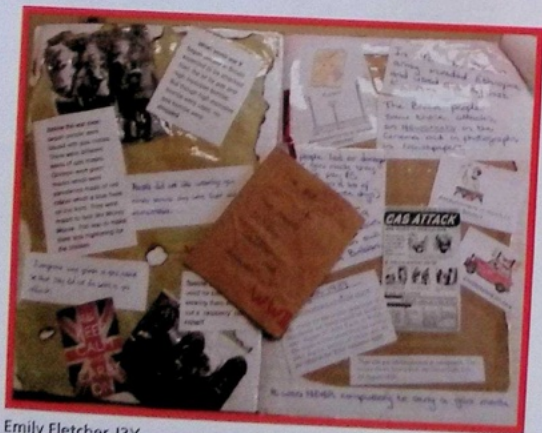
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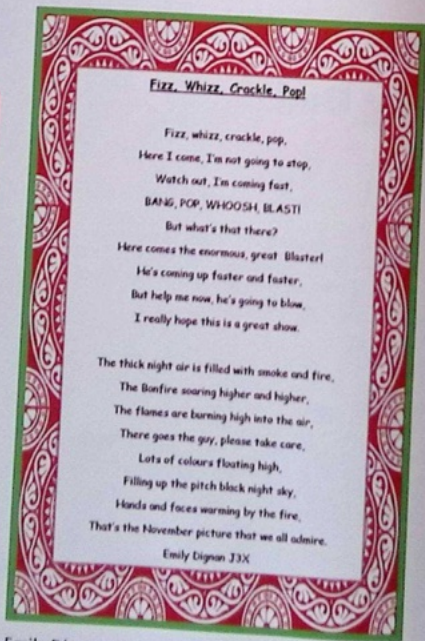
Hannah Williams I2



J3 Olympics Display



Emily Fletcher J3Y



Emily Dignan J3X



Jack Kenmare J3X

The Storm

Fishing in a rowing boat,
On a calm sunny sea
Suddenly a vast dark cloud was above me
Like a UFO come to beam me up.

The boat it started rocking
With the lashing wind pushing
I row and row against the sea
I must reach the beach

The rain it comes as heavy as lead
It's in my eyes and on my head
It's getting harder all the time
I must reach the beach.

A flash of light
As bright as white
Knocks me in the sea
I'm going down where the fishes live
I'll never reach that beach.

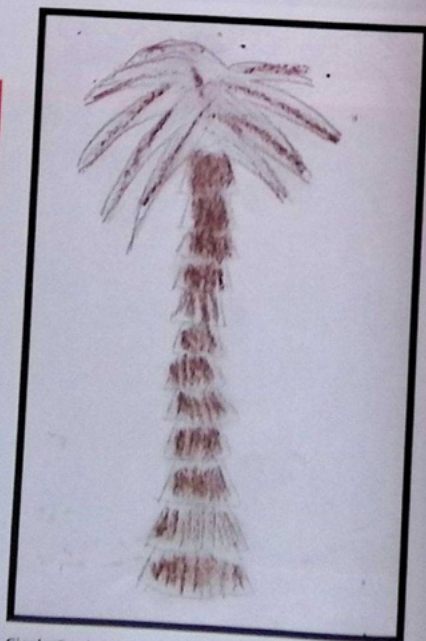
Spencer Shaw J2X



Abby Lees and Grace Knight J4Y



Ellie Madden and Hannah North J3Y



Cicely Cook J4X

The Tiger who came for tea

This story is about a little girl called Sophie and her Mum. Sophie's Mum made some tea on a Sunday night. She was just in the middle of laying the table when the doorbell rang. In came a tiger! The tiger said he was hungry. So Sophie offered him to join them. So the tiger said Yes and sat down at the table. On the table there was some cakes, some buns, biscuits, and coffee. When Sophie's Mum asked the tiger if he wanted a cake, the tiger took all the cakes on the plate and swallowed them all in one gulp. So Sophie asked the tiger if he wanted a bun, the tiger took all the buns on the plate and swallowed them all in one gulp. Sophie's Mum asked if the tiger would like some biscuits, the tiger took all the biscuits and drank all the coffee. After this the tiger looked in all the cupboards and in the fridge and ate and drank everything he could find. Soon after that the tiger left. Sophie's Mum was very sad, now we have nothing to eat or drink! A few minutes later Sophie's Dad came home. Sophie told her dad all that had happened. Sophie's Dad said that they would go out for tea. So they all went to a cafe and had their tea. The next day Sophie and her Mum went shopping and they never let a tiger in the house ever again.

Amelia Battle I3X

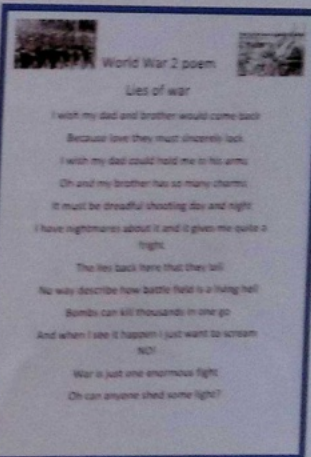


Oliver Kollard I1

A Stormy Day

I am inside looking outside,
Listening to the howling wind,
Coloured leaves rustling,
Winter wind wailing,
Forest animals hiding,
Bare trees tumbling,
Wild waves roaring,
Rubbish bins flying,
Loud thunder clapping,
Petrieved people shouting,
I am inside looking outside,
Listening to the howling wind.

Grace Knight J4Y



Victoria Allan J3Y



Harry Case I1

22nd Jan

The Magic Box

I will put into my box...
 thunder that strikes the heart and soul,
 love so strong it rises over all,
 a secret hidden in a corner of the world.

I will put into my box...
 the stream of silence that divides the soul,
 water so weakly it cleanses the mind of all sins,
 the rain of the world as it washes.

I will put into my box...
 fear so strong it envelops the mind,
 happiness as vast as the universe itself,
 ice so cold it binds the soul to ashes.

My box is fashioned from love and rage,
 petals from roses and talcs glide elegantly across
 the edges when pure happiness from a fairy's laughter
 jumps from corner to corner, looks from a bird's
 shoulders from the base and the summation of
 the rainbow glisten upon the lid.

In love in my box I'll explore the land inside it
 from the greatest of volcanoes to the deepest of oceans
 and from the mountains that reach as high as the sky
 to the tropical forests where the birds sing the sweetest
 melodies, this is my box and the world within.

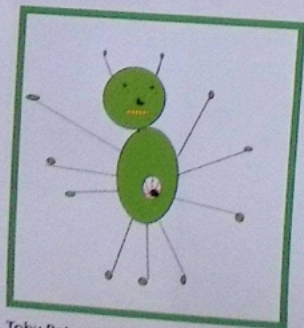
Ieuan Corcoran J4X

Snow White and the
 seven dwarves lived
 in a little cottage.

Francesca Margerison I1



Matthew Wear I1



Toby Paterson J1Y

Olympic Values 2012

Excellence is
 To achieve the very best you can in anything.
 Bring your best to the finish line.

Respect is
 To shake someone's hand after a hard, challenging match.
 Say to someone that they've done well after a race.

Courage is
 To challenge someone who has beaten you in
 anything and to still try your best.
 Standing up to someone who has been horrible to you.

Determination is
 To keep on going at a challenge even though you
 are exhausted.
 Carry on trying something even though you're
 finding it difficult.

Teamwork is
 To work together to be better by someone else's
 achievement.
 Be helped to continue trying something.

Friendship is
 To put on a part of a big family taking part in
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