

# THE KIRKHAMIAN

## SPRING TERM E-LETTER - APRIL 2022



### KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SENIOR SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

As we come to the end of a very busy term it is so pleasing to see the school returning to normality.

The busy schedule of exams, parental evenings, trips, musical concerts and sporting fixtures is a positive reminder of how busy we are in a normal term. As the clocks go forward, we can all look forward to longer days and the small hope that life is returning to normal.

The Easter period celebrates new beginnings and being thankful for all we have. This should never be taken for granted and should be the time when we all look back and feel immensely proud of what we have overcome and achieved at KGS.

Mr D H Berry  
Headmaster



### KIRKHAM GRAMMAR JUNIOR, INFANT AND PRE-SCHOOL

Opportunity for all of our KGS pupils has been prevalent during this term. It has been enchanting watching the pupils continue to flourish both within and outside of the classroom.

A variety of co-curricular clubs, in-house events and external trips, festivals and fixtures have been a welcome addition to our calendar. Our School Council has represented the views of all of our pupils, ensuring that each individual has a voice.

KGS is awash with talent, and of course winning is an uplifting and pleasing part of participation however, I do remind our pupils that every experience, whether we achieve a medal or otherwise, provides us with a learning experience that will enrich one's life if we reflect thoughtfully upon it.

Now, more than ever, I am keen that our pupils continue to grasp every opportunity presented to them, have fun and strive to do their best.

Mrs K L O'Donoghue  
Headmistress



## KGS WIN BOB WELFARE MEMORIAL SHIELD

On Saturday 22 January, KGS hosted Preston Harriers to compete for the 'Bob Welfare Memorial Shield'. The results saw Kirkham Grammar School win the 'Bob Welfare Memorial Shield' which was won by Preston Harriers in 2020.

For more information about the event:

[Click Here](#)



## NSPCC NUMBER DAY 2022

Our NSPCC Number Day 2022 was a huge success at the beginning of February. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to our JustGiving page which raised a fantastic £635 for this very worthwhile cause.

A selection of photographs from the day can be viewed here:

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## WORLD BOOK DAY 2022

Kirkham Grammar School pupils and staff celebrated the 25th Anniversary of World Book Day at the beginning of March. A fantastic day was had by all.

Please click the button for more information:

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## ANNUAL LAMB VISIT

Kirkham Grammar Junior, Infant and Pre-School pupils enjoyed their annual lamb visit at the beginning of March. The pupils were all given the opportunity to meet, and cuddle, Thumper and Bambi. Thank you to Mrs Townsend for bringing the lambs to visit KGS.

To view a selection of photographs:

[Click Here](#)



## U11 BOYS CROWNED LANCASHIRE HOCKEY CHAMPIONS

KGS hosted the Lancashire and Cumbria U11 Boys Hockey Tournament which saw our U11s win all five games, not concede a single goal and be crowned the Lancashire U11 Boys Hockey Champions for 2022.

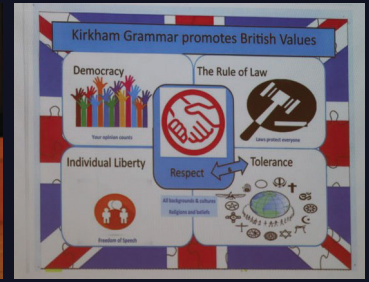
To read more about their achievement:

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## RULE OF LAW ASSEMBLY

At the end of January, Deputy Head, Mr Melling, delivered an assembly about the 'Rule of Law', promoting one of the fundamental British Values.



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD AWARDS

Despite all of the setbacks of the pandemic, a number of our Upper Sixth Form pupils completed their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards. This is a tremendous achievement as they have now completed their Duke of Edinburgh journey.

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## THANK YOU

Kirkham Grammar School received thank you letters from all of the charities we supported at Christmas. Heartfelt thanks to all our families for such tremendous support for these very worthy causes.

To read more about our fundraising:

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## RAF CADETS VISIT TO HANGAR 42

On Thursday 3 February, KGS RAF Cadets enjoyed a visit to Hangar 42 in Blackpool. With lots of artefacts and exhibitions, Hangar 42 enabled the cadets to gain an insight into the realities of wartime, and learn all about local war efforts and operations which ran from Blackpool.

Please click for more information:

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## SPRING TERM MUSIC REVIEW

The Spring Term saw the return of the annual Singers Concert, House Music Festival, House Choir and Gala Concert. All were truly wonderful events, with some outstanding performances that confirmed that the future of music at KGS continues to be a beacon of excellence.

Please click for more information and to view photographs:

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## AUSTIN FRIARS U18 INVITATION VII'S TOURNAMENT

The 1st VII travelled up to Penrith for the Austin Friars U18 Invitation VII's Tournament. Following the bowl and plate finals it was KGS' time to shine in the cup final. Amazing performances resulted in a 3-0 victory against a strong Austin Friars side and allowed Captain, Libby Baxter, to lift the cup in what had been an outstanding day of hockey.

To read more about their girls' achievements:

[Click Here](#)



## NATIONAL TABLE TENNIS WIN

Congratulations to Third Year pupil, Nicholas, who recently played for the Lancashire Table Tennis team in the National Cadet County Championship Premier Division. Nicholas and the team beat seven other counties to win the championship. Well done, Nicholas and the rest of the Lancashire team!



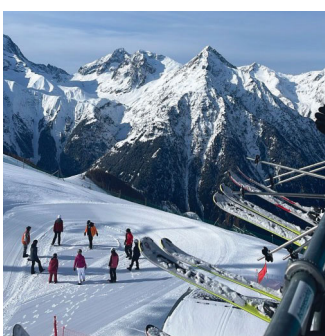
## LANCASHIRE CUP DOUBLE

At the end of February, KGS U14s and U15s made it two Lancashire titles in one day, with a good 31-12 and 31-7 victories respectively over strong Stonyhurst sides. A fantastic achievement. Well done, boys!

To read the match reports:

[Click Here](#)

As this e-letter went into production, our U16s were preparing to play their Lancashire Cup Final match v Lancaster Royal Grammar School.



## SKI TRIP TO LES DEUX ALPES

Towards the end of term, Senior School and Sixth Form pupils enjoyed a week long ski trip to Les Deux Alpes in France. A wonderful week was had by all.

To view report written by Sixth Form pupil, Finnaton Doyle:

[Click Here](#)

## AJIS CHOIR FESTIVAL WINNERS

Congratulations to our KGS Singing Ensemble who won the Association of Junior Independent Schools (AJIS) Choir Festival at the end of March. The standard of competition was high, with ten independent school choirs taking part.

To read more about the pupil's achievements:

[Click Here](#)



## NATIONAL SCHOOLS' CUP U18 FINALISTS 2022

In March, following their semi-final victory over Barnard Castle School, Kirkham Grammar School 1st XV travelled to Twickenham to participate in the National Schools U18s Cup Final, for the first time since 1997, to play Trinity School, Croydon.

It was a sterling effort from this talented group of KGS players and an unforgettable experience.

To view the full match report:

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A selection of photographs can be viewed here:

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## J2 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

In March, a team of J2 pupils took part in an U9 Football Tournament at Cheadle Hulme School. The J2 team, comprising of both boys and girls, played some fantastic football against other North West independent school teams.

To view the full report:

[Click Here](#)

## 'FROM CADET FORCE TO ARMED FORCES'

As mentioned in our Autumn Term e-letter, the school has had a strong association with the Armed Forces for many years and much of this is thanks to the Combined Cadet Force which was set up in the 1960s. OKA President, Mike Ward recently asked on the OKA Facebook group if anyone had any stories of how KGS CCF inspired them to 'sign up' later in life or if they had carried on emulating their childhood heroes in similar roles as teacher/officer.

To read part two of Mike's findings:

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## 'DREAM ON'



Last week, the first live production in over two years took place in the Summerlee Hall. 'Dream On', a modern adaption of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' was a huge hit and the pupils were clearly delighted to be back performing in front of an audience.

To view a selection of photographs from the production:

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## 'OPERATION ISOBEL' APPEAL

As we watched the awful situation in the Ukraine unfold, we decided that as a school and community we needed to do something to support the people directly. After much consideration, we decided to provide further support and aid directly to Ukrainian refugees at the Ukrainian border. Mr Berry, Mr Thomson and Mr R Duncan, will be setting off during the Easter Holiday in a school minibus to deliver much needed help.

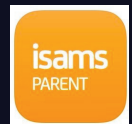
Thank you to everyone who has donated much needed items to our appeal. We have no doubt these will be gratefully received by the people in the Ukraine.



Wishing pupils, parents, staff, governors and the wider school community a very happy Easter!

School reopens on  
Wednesday 20 April 2022

If you haven't already done so, please download the iSams iParent app via Google play or the App Store. We also have a dedicated KGS Sports website which can be accessed via the main menu on our school website or at: [Click Here](#)



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