



THE KING'S SCHOOL  
CHESTER

# Herald

All the latest news from **The King's School, Chester**



## Heads up!

for our new Head of School team,  
including a history-making  
first for Hayley.

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From the sports fields  
to the science labs, it's  
been a busy time at  
King's. Look inside for  
all the top stories...



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## History making Hayley – our first female Head of School



History was made at King's this May, when, for the first time in the School's almost five hundred years, a girl was elected Head of School.

**F**OLLOWING A RIGOROUS APPLICATION process, which involved devising a personal statement and undergoing a panel interview with the Headmaster and senior staff – to say nothing of surviving the challenge of the Sixth Form hustings! – Hayley Milner emerged from a ballot of staff and Lower Sixth students as the School's chosen leader of the student body for the academic year 2013-14.

Since first coming to King's Junior School, Hayley has been a consistently active member of the School community in many spheres, notably in her involvement with the Passion 4 Poetry group – in which capacity she recently represented the School in the regional heat of the national Poetry

by Heart reciting competition – and in her keenness to establish a School Book Club. Her enthusiasm for working with younger pupils has been a particular strength. Able support for Hayley will undoubtedly come from the School's two elected Deputy Heads of School, Urbi Sen and Rudi Macloskey. A very fine musician, Urbi blows a mean trumpet and she is also a very strong member of the Rowing Club. Rudi, meanwhile, is a talented singer-songwriter, has proved invaluable in supporting the Fairtrade activities of Geog Soc and displayed enviable presentational skills as the compere of last February's Charity Blind Date, which raised funds for Water Aid. Together they make quite a trio!

## Olympian performances at Physics

Among the successes of the students sitting this year's British Physics Olympiad, Matthew Temple (U6KS) and Sean Telford (U6NS) each received a gold award.

On this exceptionally challenging three hour paper, this places them high within the best physicists in the country. Matthew's mark was such that he was invited to take a second paper which selects five students for the British Olympiad team. He narrowly missed out on this, but was commended for the solutions he gave. Both Matthew and Sean were presented with a book from the Olympiad organisation for their successes.



## Polly's design skills win her a prestigious St Martins place

Polly Morris (U6JK) has received an offer to study Product Design at the prestigious Central Saint Martins College of Arts and Design, University of the Arts, London. This is quite an exceptional offer, as the university does not normally offer places to students who have not completed a foundation year first. The University were extremely impressed with Polly's A level Product Design coursework.

King's Art and Design department have a long tradition of sending pupils to Central Saint Martins. Katie Grant (2011 leaver) studied Art and Design with a Graphics specialism once completing the foundation course, and followed David Graham in 2008 and Sarah Narici in 2009. Felix Chabluk-Smith also studied a Masters' Degree in Men's Fashion having graduated from Edinburgh, an equally prestigious art college.

Former pupil Tim Wallinger is a fellow of Saint Martins and is a successful menswear designer with his own brand.



**Polly said:** "The product is intended to be a form of 3D illustration, designed so that blind or visually impaired children can enjoy the illustrations that accompany stories in the same way normally sighted children can. I have accomplished this by using texture and sound, as well as moving parts, which can be imagined as many different things, for instance, the rain shaker sounds surprisingly like rain and the yellow rattle part can sound like footsteps or a clock. The target market for the product ranges from children who are still having stories read to them by parents to children who are beginning to be independently reading, typically ages 2-8."

## Young analysts impress in Royal Society competition

For the first time ever, King's entered a team for this year's Royal Society of Chemistry Young Analyst competition. The competition was held in March at Liverpool University in the brand new Central Teaching Laboratories, built at a cost of £25 million.

The team consisted of Esme Norman (L6JR), Oscar Lloyd Williams (L6AM) and Henry Makings (L6ER). They each carried out various practical and analytical tasks, working individually and as part of a team.

Out of 30 schools, including all of the strongest in the region, the King's team came second – not bad for the first time! The students each won a cheque for a small amount of cash and the School was awarded £200.



## Leading professor praises History pupils



Professor Eric Evans, one of the country's leading authorities on nineteenth and twentieth century British Political History, has just made what has become an annual visit to the King's History Department. Known to all Lower and Upper Sixth historians through his writing, Professor Evans' two-hour revision session proved to be most illuminating and entertaining.

Professor Evans gave a fascinating lecture on the significance of the 'Great' Reform Act of 1832 and then led a study skills session on source evaluation.

He was full of praise for the King's A level historians and said, "I very much enjoyed engaging with the students and sensed the enthusiasm of so many of them for the subject."

## Shells produce the right formula at Chemistry Festival

The Salters' Festivals of Chemistry are an initiative of the Salters' Institute, whose aim is to promote the appreciation of Chemistry and related sciences among the young. The Institute works in partnership with the Royal Society of Chemistry to offer university based challenges to school pupils.

THE KING'S TEAM CONSISTED OF four Shells students; Amber Disley (ShPS), Amicia Crewe-Read (ShRC), Sarah Korb (ShML) and Ruhi Singh (ShML).

The day consisted of an introductory lecture by Dr Ian Bradshaw from the School of Pharmacy & Biomolecular Sciences at Liverpool John Moores University, followed by The Salters' Challenge and then a University Challenge after lunch.

The Salters' Challenge consisted of a forensic chemistry 'whodunnit' entitled "The Body in the Staffroom" where students had to analyse samples from suspects and a crime scene in order to produce a forensic report.



The King's team managed to work safely and methodically to identify the culprit in the murder of the Headmaster. The PE teacher did it!

The team achieved third place in this event out of thirteen schools and were commended for their teamwork and the quality of their written report.

Mrs Jepson was delighted with their prize of an advanced molecular modelling kit which will be put to very good use in many lessons at all levels.



## Record numbers take up Physics Challenge

This year a record 18 Fifth Year students (10 girls and 8 boys) chose to take the difficult Physics Challenge, set by the British Physics Olympiad. While the students found it a tough task – as it is supposed to be – they all felt a sense of achievement at finishing. The results were very encouraging, with six silver and nine bronze medal winners, more than any time previously. As the students have been studying for the IGCSE Physics, we believe that this has raised the standards of physics right across the Fifth Year.



## Best Delegation award at Model United Nations Conference



King's team won 'Best Delegation in the General Assembly' at the George Watson's College Model United Nations Conference in March.

SCHOOLS FROM THE UK and abroad represented 50 countries at this highly regarded three-day conference where 600 students meet and mirror the procedures of the United Nations. Hard on the heels of our win overall last year, the King's delegation won 'Best Delegation in the General Assembly' after a very successful weekend in their committees. The delegates researched Chad's position in the lead up to the conference and wrote resolutions about issues as diverse as micro credit and foreign aid, the place of women in politics and biological warfare. Awards are given to the top seven or eight delegates in each committee of 50, and individual awards for our delegates, given for submitting resolutions and amendments, lobbying and effective speech-making, included a 'Best Delegate in Committee' award for Harry Butt (U6SD), three 'Highly Commended' awards for Oscar Lloyd Williams (L6AM), Bertie Walker (U6JK) and Chris Austin (U6NH) and five 'Commended' awards within the remaining delegates Kartik Upadhyay (U6JK), Jemimah Beardwood (L6ER), Louis Bostock-Williams (L6AM) Alex Jekov (L6AM), Barnaby Rule (3JJ) and Arjun Rao (4DR).

## King's pupils fall in love with Poetry by Heart

In March, King's participated in the nationwide 'Poetry by Heart' competition, where students from Fourth Year to Upper Sixth delivered a variety of magnificent poetry recitals within the Vanbrugh Theatre.



THIS EVENT CONSISTED OF STUDENTS across the country having to memorise a pre and post 1914 poem. All poems recited had to be from those listed in the Poetry by Heart anthology, covering a broad range of classical choices and more modern poetry. A finalist from each school is chosen who then has to recite a third poem in the regional heats. In turn, the finalist from these heats must then

perform in the finals at the National Portrait Gallery in London. This competition's primary aim is to encourage pupils not only to learn, but to appreciate different forms of poetry whilst learning the skills necessary to publicly recite them.

In the first, pre 1914 heat, eight students performed several very different poems including 'How to Kill' by Keith Douglas and 'Out, Out' by Robert Frost. All were scored but the winner was only decided in the

second, post 1914 heat, which again saw poems ranging from 'Envy' by Adelaide Anne Procter to 'The way through the Woods' by Rudyard Kipling. Although all performed exceptionally, Hayley Milner (L6HF) emerged the clear winner and went on to represent King's by competing in the regional heats. A recording of all recitals can be heard at [soundcloud.com/kingschester](https://soundcloud.com/kingschester)

## UK Maths Trust + King's Pupils = 8th place



In March, a team of four pupils participated in the Regional Final of the UKMT Team Maths competition at Birkenhead School.

Fraser Smellie (3RL), Matt Williams (3JM), Ally Bibby (ShML) and Max Dunlap (ShML) competed against 25 other teams from the North West region. They completed four rounds of events including a cross number puzzle and a relay race and finished 8th overall.

# Design and Technology students put on a brilliant show

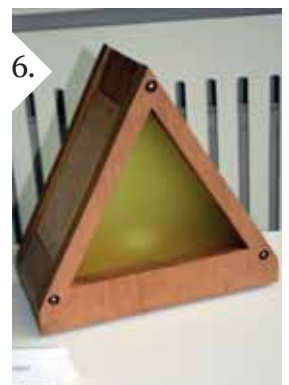
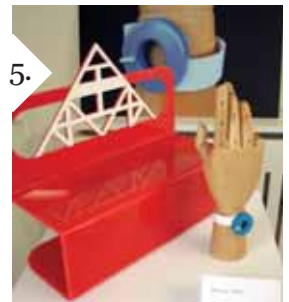
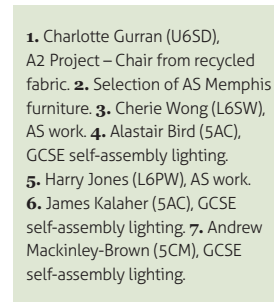
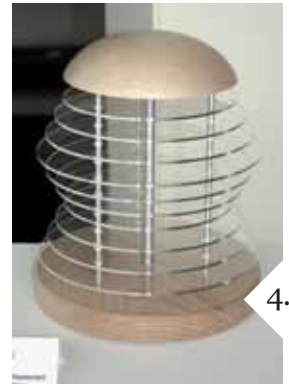
In May, the Design and Technology Department hosted the private view of their summer exhibition featuring exam work from Fifth Year and Sixth Form pupils. King's parents, pupils, staff and Governors were invited to the event and over 70 people filled the gallery to see the fantastic work produced this year.

THE GCSE SELF ASSEMBLY LIGHTING project work included some excellent highlights, such as Alistair Bird's (5AC) beech and acrylic light, which attracted people with its simplistic beauty. A number of awards were presented throughout the evening, including a Designing Award presented to Owen Haylock (5FV) for the excellent level of depth in his design portfolio. Francesca Jebb (5FV) was awarded the CAD/CAM Award, whilst Duncan Gilbertson (5FV) picked up the Innovation Award for an impressive piece of 3D printing to create a self assembly cat light. The final award was presented to Andrew Mackinlay-Brown (5CM) for a well finished piece using a wide range of making processes. All of the work however, looked impressive and showed the high level of creativity and quality in the department.

Both the Upper and Lower Sixth Form presented their work with great examples including a wireless camera controller, a 'hydrostick charger' and a variety of other furniture and product examples. So many outstanding examples were on show, that it is difficult to highlight any one,

but the visual impact of a chair made from reclaimed materials designed by Charlotte Gurrán (U6SD) cannot be denied. Students in the Lower Sixth also had a chance to design for a 'live client' this year, working towards a project brief set by the Quinn Glass Company to redesign the signage for their plant. Peter Boothroyd (L6SB) won the competition and became the first holder of the Quinn Glass Design Award, as well as the winner of the £50 book token prize. Harry Jones (L6PW), Charlotte Lowe (L6ER) and Matthew Groome (L6DB) also picked up prizes for the competition.

The exhibition was a great success, giving the students a chance to talk about their work and discuss their love of design with a variety of different visitors. People were also given a chance to experience a virtual reality tour of the exhibition using iPads, and to sit on the Thomas Heatherwick 'Spun' chair, a great example of how design can be about more than just solving needs. Why should a chair be just for sitting on, why not for spinning, laughing and having fun at the same time? The exhibition will be an annual event, so please come along next year for more of the same.



1. Charlotte Gurrán (U6SD), A2 Project – Chair from recycled fabric. 2. Selection of AS Memphis furniture. 3. Cherie Wong (L6SW), AS work. 4. Alastair Bird (5AC), GCSE self-assembly lighting. 5. Harry Jones (L6PW), AS work. 6. James Kalaher (5AC), GCSE self-assembly lighting. 7. Andrew Mackinlay-Brown (5CM), GCSE self-assembly lighting.

## Maths team through to regional final

Four Fourth Year pupils competed in the regional heat of the Further Maths Support Programme's Year 10 Team Maths Competition in March.

The heat was held in Ellesmere Port and there were 18 local schools present in total. King's came second and as a result won a place at the regional final in Manchester.

The team worked brilliantly and came 3rd in the region, beating over 20 teams. They each received a certificate and book prize. The team were Emily Boothroyd (4ET), Andrew Darby (4DR), Mathew Oliver (4ET) and Daniel Swinnock (4PN).



## Answering the National Enterprise Challenge

The National Enterprise Challenge came to King's in May. Students in Shells competed in teams of six for a place in the national final in London in July, at which Lord Sugar is the guest speaker.



**THE CHALLENGE** – to develop an idea for a social enterprise. Students worked hard throughout the day on the 4Ps of marketing – product, price, place and promotion – before eight teams were chosen to pitch to the panel of judges.

The winning team, LitterAlleyArt, comprised Oliver Williams (ShHL), James Paterson (ShAI), Lucy Emsden (ShHL), Thomas Ardron (ShRC), Annie Powell (ShRC) and Roberto King (ShAI). The judges were impressed with their concept of engaging local artists to turn litter into works of art and praised their presentation skills.

## Pure Gold for Mark and Hannah with Duke of Edinburgh Awards

**Mark Brownson (U6KS) and Hannah Dent (U6CC) recently received their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards at St James's Palace, London.**

Alastair Campbell presented their certificates, which had been signed by His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh. Both Alastair Campbell and the Duke of Edinburgh spoke to all the students and their parents in the Picture Gallery, congratulating them on their achievements. As part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award, Mark achieved Grade 5 in guitar, took part in CCF where he completed a leadership course, as well as rowing and coxing. Hannah played piano and hockey, as well as volunteering at a local children's nursery and working on the Ffestiniog and Welsh Highland Railway.



## Masterclass for Piano Trio

**King's senior Piano Trio enjoyed a visit in April from Principal Tutor of Piano at the Royal Northern College of Music, John Gough.**

The Trio performed a little-known chamber work by Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg, the one-movement Andante con moto in C minor. John gave great insight into the work, helping the students to find meaning in the music, and to make a more communicative and homogenous corporate sound.

The Trio of Tommy Metcalf (Piano) (L6AM), Terence Au (Violin) (U6JK) and Jeremy Telford (Cello) (U6NS) performed to a very high level, giving the assembled audience a memorable and enjoyable evening's music.

John studied at RNCM on Associated Board Scholarship and was the first pianist to graduate with a First Class Honours Degree and the Professional Performance Diploma with Distinction in the same year.

He won the John Ireland Centenary Piano Competition and has since broadcast many of his works on BBC Radio. He has considerable experience in solo and chamber music playing and more recently, song recitals.





## Gareth enters a new stage with the NYT

**Gareth Roberts (U6SD) has been selected for the National Youth Theatre's 'Epic Stages' – a six week summer residential course designed to prepare the best young performance and production talent for working in the industry.**

**H**UNDREDS OF PEOPLE applied for this prestigious course, and Gareth had to complete a full day of auditions, including workshops and a 2-minute monologue. The course caters for emerging performers, technicians, producers and directors aged 18-25, making Gareth one of the youngest participants. On completion of the course, he will be awarded NYT membership.

## German students explore the sights – and the language...

**A group of pupils from the Fourth Year, Fifth Year and Lower Sixth spent a wonderful week in Leipzig just before Easter.**

They stayed with exchange partners in their homes and enjoyed spending time in their German school, practising and improving their spoken German. Wrapped up against the bracing cold

they visited the sites of Leipzig, including the church where the famous composer JS Bach was Choir Director. They also spent a day in beautifully restored Dresden and fascinating Berlin, including a visit to Check Point Charlie and seeing a part of the wall left standing that divided the city for many years. The English and German pupils had a busy and sociable week together and many enjoyed a great 'Battle of the Bands'

concert on the Saturday. Pupils are looking forward to the return visit from their new German friends in September.



## Easter concert attracts rave reviews

"What a brilliant night! Such talent, and amazing variety!" Just one of the many comments by parents at the end of a great night of music at the end of the Spring term. The Easter concert was the culmination of a busy term of music making by King's ensembles, with a presentation of their finest work.

**E**ACH ENSEMBLE THAT PERFORMED was introduced by a student, telling the audience a little about the identity of the group as well as the music being performed. The concert featured all of the main ensembles, starting with the youngest and progressing to the most senior. It was a memorable evening and gave parents an insight into the breadth and quality that King's students produce week by week.

**Below is a summary of the programme for the evening:**



*Tausend Dukaten* (Susato) and *Rompeltier* (Trad), **Troubadours**

*Hey Down A Down* (Anon) and *Cemoys de May* (Janequin), **Madrigal Choir**

*Forget You* (Bruno Mars) and *Firework* (Katy Perry), **Wind Band**

*Caribbean Carnival* (Ling) and *Slavonic Dance* (Dvorak), **Sinfonia**

*Standing In The Need Of Prayer* (US Trad Gospel) and *Shine* (Take That), **Gospel Choir**

*Too Young To Die* (Jamiroquai), **Stamatakis Collective**

*In A Sentimental Mood* (Ellington) and *Song For My Father* (Silver), **Jazz Cats**

*Grease Medley* (Andrews) and *The Lady Is A Tramp* (Rodgers/Hart), **School Choir Andrews**, *Words by Lorenz Hart*, *Copacabana* (Manilow) and *Chicago* (Kander/Ebb), **Concert Band**

*Brandenburg Concerto no.1 in F, 3rd mvt* (J.S.Bach), **Senior Strings**

*In The Stone* (Willis), *Dock Of The Bay* (Redding) and *Manteca* (Gillespie) featuring *Charlotte Gurrin* (Voice) and *Alex Watts* (Guitar) **Big Band**

## A fond farewell for Sixth Form leavers

King's wished a fond farewell to its 2013 Sixth Form leavers in May.



**T**HE UPPER SIXTH ARRIVED IN FANCY DRESS for their last day of school, which started with a leavers' breakfast, followed by some inter-tutor group competitive games and a tug-of war. There was a fun informal photo before the fancy dress catwalk enabled the Upper Sixth to select a winning costume. The students then changed into uniform for their formal photo, leavers' assembly and speeches from the Headmaster, Assistant and Head of Sixth Form and the Head of School.

## Henrietta's back home with a 'quacking' brood of 14!

Henrietta has returned to School for a sixth year to lay her eggs and hatch her ducklings. The first year she arrived, she chose an uncomfortable spot in a planter outside the kitchens during the renovations in 2008. The second year she chose the quad. By the third year, the biodiversity group had supplied her with a duck house on the pond in the quad, which she seemed very pleased with. In 2011, she was found in the enclosed garden outside the library, however returned to her house in the quad last year. This year she has once again been spotted in the quad and enjoying a swim with her 14 ducklings. Well done Henrietta!



# Poetry fans create a superb Soundscape

**A**T THE END OF APRIL, Passion 4 Poetry compiled a soundfile of poems chosen and read aloud by members of the School, with many written by the students themselves. Students were invited to King's radio station to record their reading. Over 80 contributions were made, including poems in French, Spanish, Latin, Russian and in a variety of accents and dialects. The Soundscape was played in the gallery throughout the week. Here is just a selection of the poems read:



***A Poet to his beloved***

by W.B. Yeats, read by Robert Clark (ShRC)

***Acquainted with the Night***

by Robert Frost, read by Ms Brown

***Do not go Gentle into that Good Night***

by Dylan Thomas, read by Gareth Roberts (U6SD)

***Fire and Ice*** by Robert Frost, read by Faith Lydon (5FV)

***Ne Zhaleju ne Zovu ne Plachu***

by Yesenin Sergei, read by Mrs Ignata

***Originally*** by Carol Ann Duffy, read by Isabel Dawson (4ET)

***Paisaje*** by Federico Garcia Lorca, read by Olly Green (U6JS)

***Psalm 137,***

read by Mr Rees

***So What?*** written

and read by Sarah Korb (ShML)

***To a Louse*** by Robert Burns, read by Mr Shepherd

***To the Collider*** by Nathan Addison (U6KS) and Mrs Lydon, read by Nathan Addison

***What has happened to Lulu?***

by Charles Causley, read by Sophie Reeks (ShML) and Olivia Wade-Jones (ShML)

***But what do they do?*** written and read by Barnaby Rule (3JJ)

This compilation can be listened to on the school website. All poems are available in Student Share for the school community to access.

## Impressive support for Anya's Appeal

King's held a non uniform day in March to raise money for Anya's Appeal.

**A**NYA HAS NEUROBLASTOMA, a frighteningly aggressive childhood cancer. She has already had lots of cancer treatments in the UK and has done really well so far. Now Anya's best chance of beating the disease lies in America. The treatment Anya will receive in the United States is not available in the same format in the UK. The proposed treatment and associated costs of £250,000 will not be funded by the NHS which is why Anya needs our help.

All pupils were asked if they could bring in a little more than the usual £2 non uniform

money and pupils could, if they wished, do a sponsored activity. King's raised an astonishing £2,570 for Anya. All tutor groups contributed to the cause, with fantastic donations from RmJW who raised £162, 3RA who raised £160, RmSC who raised £80.50 and ShRC who raised £82.



## A battling performance at Warhammer World

After qualifying top of the Cheshire and North Wales heats last February, in April four King's pupils ventured to Warhammer World, Nottingham. Chris Robson (U6NS), Alex Cooper (3JJ), Allan Prosser (3JJ) and Owen Edwards (ShPS) faced 24 other schools from England and Wales, and managed to achieve second place overall, only losing in two matches (the same as the school in 1st place).

Owen and Allan won all their games. This means that Allan is now unbeaten in all rounds of the competition for two years, extra impressive given he is often facing pupils four years his senior. Chris won best painted army in the Cheshire and North Wales heats.

They went on to win eleven, draw one and lose only four matches at the finals in June, and are now the Warhammer 40,000 National Champions.





## Shiver me timbers, King's pupils are the Perfect Pirates!

Timbers were thoroughly shivered as J2 pupils performed the musical *Perfect Pirates!* Directed and adapted by Junior School teacher, Miss Jan Anderson, this colourful production had a cast of 60 pupils, each child taking a speaking role.



**T**HE ACTION BEGAN with the bored Anne Bonny (Charlotte Scott, J2B) wishing for adventure on the high seas. She is swept off her feet by the dashing Calico Jack (Jacob England, J2B) and joins his motley crew on a voyage in search of fame and fortune. An ancient map leads the pirates to the mysterious island of El Diablo, where fair Spanish señoritas guard a secret hoard of gold, silver and jewels.

But another pirate has designs on claiming the glittering prize and Captain Blackbeard (Eden Hambelton-Davies, J2B) has to be outwitted in the quest for the booty.

However, in hot pursuit of the pirates is the law, in the shape of Captain Barnett (Zak Packer, J2T), who aims to arrest these buccaneers of the high seas on order of the Governor (Jake Liddle, J2T) and Mr Hangam-Hiye (Max Lloyd, J2A).

A capacity audience in the Vanbrugh Theatre was treated to a musical extravaganza, which included a range of dance and songs including "What shall we do with a Drunken Sailor?" and the memorable "Gangplank Style".

Music was provided by a percussion band of J4 pupils, directed by Mrs Barbara Roberts. A magnificent nautical back drop was painted by art teacher, Miss Kirsty Savage.



## Exploring the wonderful world of books

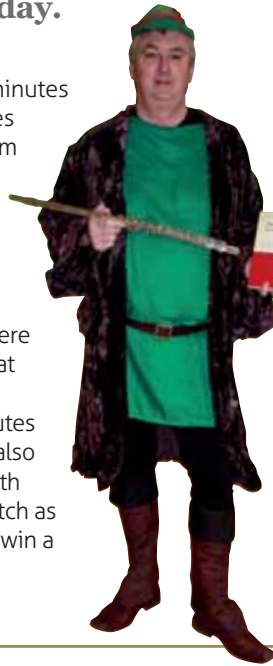
To celebrate World Book Day in March, Junior and Senior pupils took part in a number of activities throughout the day.



**P**UPILS AND STAFF in the Junior School dressed up as their favourite literary characters and brought along their favourite book, which they had the

chance to sit and read for 10 minutes in assembly. Excellent costumes included Queen Elizabeth I from the Horrible Histories collection, Harry Potter and Hermione Granger, and Mr Malone as The Pied Piper.

The Senior School took part in 'Drop Everything and Read', where all pupils and staff stopped what they were doing and took the opportunity to read for 20 minutes during tutor period. Staff were also coupled up as 'literary pairs', with students having to find and match as many staff couples correctly to win a book token.



## Taking centre stage at Drama Festival

**King's brought home the Avalon Cup for Junior Scenes for the fourth year running at the Chester Festival of Drama and Performing Arts.**

Over forty King's pupils took part and impressed with their interpretation of the meeting between Mole and Rat from Kenneth Grahame's 'Toad of Toad Hall'.

Overall King's pupils won five first places, four second places and three third places in both individual and group performances. A diverse range of classes were entered which included prepared readings from favourite authors, recitations of classic poems, spiritual readings and dramatic scenes. Many pupils gained distinctions and commendations from the national adjudicators.



## Footballers win place at Everton



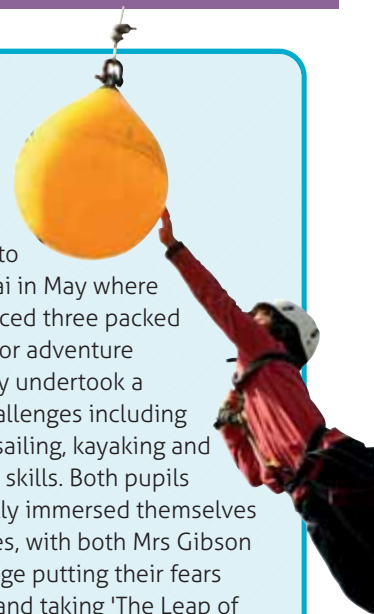
In February, King's hosted an U9 football tournament organised by Everton Football Club. A number of schools from Chester were invited to take part in the competition, with the hope of proceeding to the next round at Everton's training ground.

**I**T WAS A LOVELY DAY with a lot of supporters from all schools. King's played four matches in total, convincingly winning their first match 4-0. This spurred great determination in the team, who went on to win their matches 1-0, 2-0 and 1-0 – no goals conceded!

King's won the overall tournament and were invited to compete in the next round at Everton's training ground, Finch Farm.



## Exploring the great outdoors



**J** 4 PUPILS travelled to Plas Menai in May where they experienced three packed days of outdoor adventure activities. They undertook a number of challenges including raft building, sailing, kayaking and team building skills. Both pupils and staff totally immersed themselves in the activities, with both Mrs Gibson and Miss Savage putting their fears behind them and taking 'The Leap of Faith!' All pupils had a great time working together and having fun before they start their Senior School adventures in September.



Watercolour by: *Jasmine Denton (J4D)*



## Booklovers go to extremes for charity

Once again, the Junior School's response to the annual Readathon was magnificent. As a result of the children's efforts, and the generosity of their friends and families, King's Junior School have sent £2,309.20 to CLIC Sargent, Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity and Readwell to help seriously ill children and their families.

**I**N CONJUNCTION WITH THE READATHON, pupils demonstrated amazing Extreme Reading skills and proved that they can find time for a good book no matter where they are. Photographs brought into school show them reading in locations ranging from an igloo in the back garden to the Grand Canyon and the top of the tallest building in the world. Pupils have read on boats, motorbikes, camels and donkeys. They have read in hot tubs, whilst ice-skating and at the fun-fair. As usual, the grand judging was extremely difficult and several Highly Commended certificates were awarded.



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### Overall winners were:

**1.** J1 – Bram Lucas, in a very Extreme Reading situation in a Scottish Tudor Garderobe! **2.** J2 – Zak Packer, along the Weymouth coastline. **3.** J3 – Freya Walsh, in a shop window. **4.** J4 – Emily Haughton, in Egypt.



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## 1914 Duke of Westminster medal comes home to King's

In March, the Alumni office was contacted by Ms Valerie Byers of Vancouver, Canada, who wrote that she would like to visit the School to officially present her late father's Duke of Westminster medal to the School Archives.



**T**HE MEDAL WAS AWARDED TO Mr Joseph Austen Byers in 1914 as recognition of his outstanding academic achievement. Upon leaving King's, Joseph, who joined the School in 1907, was elected to an Open Mathematical Exhibition at Balliol College, Oxford, elected as King's 'Platt Exhibitioner', receiving £60 per annum for three years of university study, and as the best candidate in the county, was awarded the first Cheshire County Scholarship at an annual value of £50. Joseph's university career however was cut short at the end of his first term, having been given a Commission in the Cheshire Regiment at the beginning of the First World War.

In 1916 Joseph was wounded in Mesopotamia while a subaltern in the Cheshire Regiment and after recovering,

served in India, then a British Colony, as a Royal Engineer (Army Signals) and found a bride. Having survived the war, unlike many other less fortunate King's Scholars, Joseph returned to Oxford in 1919 to complete his studies. He married, became a Judge and eventually settled in Vancouver, Canada where his only daughter, Val lives today.

This was a very emotional day for Val, who was also able to view some archive material of her father in School drama productions and read about his exploits on the cricket pitch, as chronicled in old School magazines.

The medal itself was originally struck in 1877 and depicts the very first Duke of Westminster on one side and the School crest on the other with the motto *Rex dedit: benedicat Deus* – The King gave it, may God bless it. The Westminster medal has been presented by the Grosvenor Estate each year to the outstanding academic since 1870.

Since the foundation of the Westminster medal in 1870, there has only been one design change. From 1877, the medals feature the Duke on one side and the School crest on the reverse. However from 1870 to 1876 inclusive, the reverse instead showed a curious mixture of the City and Cathedral arms.



**These medals are of course very rare and were given only to...**

- 1870** Edward William Okell
- 1871** Harry Beswick
- 1872** Frank Joseph Powell
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- 1874** Frederick James Beckett
- 1875** Alexander Vint
- 1876** Thomas Gartside Butterworth

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## 10 years later... the class of 2003 get together again

**A great time was had by all at the 2003 reunion in March – and what a fabulous year group it was – an incredibly friendly and extremely talented bunch of people.**

Quite a few current and former teachers attended too; Mr Hutton, Mrs Hollingworth, Mr Neeves, Mr Malone, Mr Mellor, Mr Consterdine and former Headmaster, Mr Wickson. It was a particularly poignant reunion, as very sadly

Tom Arnold, a very talented and popular pupil who left in 2003, died last year from a rare form of cancer.

His parents attended and gave a very moving speech about how Tom had greatly valued the

friendships he made at School. We also took the opportunity to raise some money for the Clatterbridge Cancer Trust. A total of £880 was raised, which will go towards Cancer Research.



## World renowned scientist makes a welcome return

It was lovely to welcome Professor Hagan Bayley back to King's in April.

Hagan left in 1971 and went on to Oxford, then various universities in the USA (firstly Harvard), before returning to Oxford as Professor of Chemistry. He is also a Fellow of Hertford College, Oxford and a Fellow of the Royal Society – the highest level of distinction for a scientist. He and the Headmaster toured

the much-changed School and went into some of the modernised labs, watching some of today's young scientists at work! Hagan had been at Chester University delivering a lecture, and we look forward to seeing him back at King's regularly, including some more time with Sixth Form scientists.



## Composer David hits the high notes at home and abroad

Former pupil, David Bruce (1988 leaver) has composed music for a new family opera currently touring the UK!

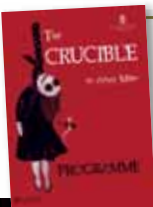


The Alumni Office has recently uncovered information about another high achieving former King's pupil. David Bruce is currently Associate Composer of the San Diego Symphony Orchestra, for whom he will write three pieces, including a new work for the orchestra's Carnegie Hall debut in October 2013 and a violin concerto for 2014.

In the UK, David is 2012-13 Composer-in-Residence with the Royal Opera House, London. Together with The Opera Group, ROH co-commissioned the chamber opera *The Firework Maker's Daughter* (based on the Philip Pullman story) which tours the UK and New York in 2013. The Daily Telegraph's review of the Opera on 8th April was very complimentary.

## Ron Pickup applauds Crucible performance

After a successful week of *The Crucible* performances in March, King's was delighted to welcome former pupil and actor, Ron Pickup back to School. He made a special journey from London to see the performance and meet the cast and crew. Ron opened the Vanbrugh Theatre two years ago and has become a regular supporter of drama at King's. Ron was very impressed with the performance and pupils were thrilled to meet him.



## Old girls show they're still winners at hockey

In April, some of King's girls who left in 2010 came back to School to take part in a hockey match against current pupils.

This year group started in Removes during the first year King's became co-educational, so were part of the first group of girls to be educated right through the Senior School.

The game ended 5-5, resulting in penalty flicks deciding the winners. The old girls narrowly beat King's 3-2 to win the trophy.



## Still rowing – at 72!

Arnold Cooke (1959 leaver) is still competing at a very high level in rowing.



One of King's former Olympians, Arnold Cooke is still rowing at the British Masters' Event and was recently featured in May's edition of Rowing & Regatta Magazine.

With more than 50 British veteran titles, Tokyo and European double medallist, Arnold Cooke is a true pioneer of UK Masters' rowing. Arnold recently overcame cancer and bounced back by smashing the over 70, 75kg world ergo record (7:08).

He has recently paired up with German rower, Klaus Riekemann in a double scull, who, despite a gold medal at the Rome Olympics, is still seeking a British Masters' title.

## Calling all King's Medics...

Chester Medics Dinner  
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## U13s crowned as netball County Champions

**Following an unbeaten season, the U13a netball team went to the Cheshire County netball tournament in April.**

**T**HE GIRLS PROGRESSED comfortably through the group stage, beating Bishops' Blue Coat School 10-2, Lymm School 9-3, Fallibroome Academy 10-5 and Bridgewater School 8-2.

They then beat King's Macclesfield 11-7 having been down 3-6 at half time. Their 8-2 victory over The Grange saw them progress to the semi-final, where their 12-5 win over Wilmslow School set up the exciting and dramatic final – King's v Fallibroome.

King's were behind 4-5 at half time, with the score throughout the second half staying neck and neck; King's equalised, Fallibroome went a goal ahead. The score at full time was 8-8, resulting in a golden goal finale. King's won

the toss and took the first centre pass. Under pressure, Annie shot for goal and scored!

The girls worked hard throughout the tournament and were the only unbeaten team there on the day. The squad were: Emily Cartwright (ShRC), Sophie Cliff (ShAI), Emily Cresswell (ShAI), Eloise Dooley (ShPS), Abigail Fisher [captain] (ShRC), Megan Gareh (ShRC), Natasha Groome (ShHL), Jessica Lee (ShAI), Chloe Morgan (ShRC) and Annie Powell (ShRC).

This success means that King's are Champions of Chester and District for U13a and U13b netball, as well as school County Champions, a fantastic achievement for the year group.

## King's footballers win two finals in style

With two matches in March, King's First XI team competed in the Chester and District football final against Bishop Heber High School – followed by a victorious win in the County Cup final against Wilmslow High School.

Within the first 25 minutes, King's had already scored two goals from long throws into the six yard box. King's were 2-0 up, but Heber reminded the team to stay alert when a shot from 25 yards crashed against the bar. King's were quick to react and scored their third, then fourth, goal before the first half drew to conclusion.

The second half was a case of waiting for the game to wind down and for their 4-0 victory to be greeted with the final whistle.



Two days later the team faced Wilmslow High School in the County Cup Final. The strong wind was in Wilmslow's favour in the first half, and after 20 minutes King's went 1-0 down. With only a couple of minutes to go before half time, Wilmslow scored their second goal from a long clearance down the pitch.

The second half had to be all about hard work and a positive attitude. Within two minutes King's pulled the game back to 2-1. The goal gave the team the conviction and momentum to believe they could go on to win the cup. With 15 minutes to go, King's managed to pull the score level.

Extra time arrived and both teams were tired, but sheer will power kept the King's team going. The game entered the last minute of extra time and seemed destined to go to penalties. In the final few seconds, a fine cross to the back of the six yard box meant a winning goal for King's – a memorable 3-2 victory.

## Tournament success for U14 netball team

In March, the Third Year girls achieved a well deserved win at the Chester and District netball tournament.

**T**HEY HAVE TRAINED and played so well and consistently this season that they really did deserve to win. First up was Queen's – last year's winners. King's started strongly but let Queen's score first. With nerves calmed the second half was magnificent and the squad won 10-3.

King's steadily swept aside Bishop Heber and Catholic High Schools, who both failed to score. Blacon High School proved to be a nice simple game before the tough match against Bishops' Blue Coat School. King's took this steadily, passing the ball well and



trying not to put too many overheads into the shooting circle. After a very tense first half King's managed a fantastic win with Bishops' failing to score in the second half. The squad were: Jess Middleton (3JM), Lora Hunt (3HB), Chloe Cowan (3HB), Elise Back (3RL), Polly Chappell (3JM), Rachel Huber (3RL), Anna Wallace (3HB), Imogen Szerdy (3RA) & Niamh Jones (3RA).

## More success for U13 netball team



**The U13a netball team were crowned Chester and District Champions in March. In the first round, King's played Catholic High, Upton and Bishops' Blue Coat Schools, tallying a 35-7 win overall.**

**T**HIS SAW THEM THROUGH to the semi-final versus Tarporley School. The team was ready for a much sterner test than the group stages and Tarporley did not disappoint. King's girls dug deep and worked well as a team, with defence working hard to keep Tarporley out of the goal. King's finished the match strongly with a 13-0 win and faced tough opponents, Christleton School in a close and keenly-contested final.

With Christleton's team having six club players (one of whom is County level) and King's with four club players (three of whom are County level), it was bound to be a close match. Christleton began well, scoring from their first

centre pass. The game then progressed with Christleton going one goal ahead and King's equalising throughout. The breakthrough came around half time when King's managed to score from a Christleton centre. This gave King's the lead of 5-4 at half time. King's kept up the pressure in the second half and managed to get ahead by two, then three, goals leaving the final score as 8-5 to King's.

This was a strong performance which showed the girls' ability to hold their nerve: Emily Cartwright (ShRC), Sophie Cliff (ShAI), Emily Cresswell (ShAI), Eloise Dooley (ShPS), Abi Fisher (c) (ShRC), Megan Gareh (ShRC), Jessica Lee (ShAI) and Annie Powell (ShRC).

## Equestrian team qualifies for Schools' Nationals

King's Equestrian team competed in March at the Southview Equestrian centre in the Northern Region Area Qualifier for the Schools' Nationals in October.

The team consisted of

Chloe Stratton (L6SW), Emily Boothroyd (4ET) and Katie McNamara (ShHL). Unfortunately Annabelle Reid-Jones (U6JS) was unable to compete due to illness, leaving the team without a drop score.



However the team achieved a commendable 4th place with some fantastic individual results. Chloe won three of the four classes of the day as an individual, qualifying her horse, Thunder, for the Novice and Elementary classes at the Nationals.

Chloe also won the Abbey Gate Trophy for achieving the highest dressage score of the day, 77.8%, a wonderful mark to achieve.

Emily also secured a 4th place on her horse, Salveinus in the Preliminary class.



## Golden performances by King's athletes

King's entered the Cheshire round of the English Schools' Athletics Association Track and Field Cup in May.

**G**REAT RESULTS WERE HAD by many of the King's athletes who ranged from Removes through to Fourth Year. King's had four teams in total; two boys' and two girls' squads in the Inter and Junior Competitions. Each athlete must complete in two events; a track and field, field and relay or track and relay. The times, heights and distances all convert into points that make up the squad total.

The Inter boys gained 315 points in total and came 7th. Stephen Wynne (4MP) was the top performer gaining 22 points in the hurdles with a time of 12.5 seconds and 16 points in the high jump, clearing 1.50m. Luke Sawney (4PN) also performed well with a total points tally of 32. He scored well in the 100m and discus.

The Junior boys came 5th overall with a total of 258 points. Matthew Willis (ShRC) gained 23 points in the 1500m with a time of 4:41 and Hamish Strudwick (ShAI) achieved 37 points for the team in the 100m and high jump.

The Inter girls achieved 5th place overall, with a total of 248 points. This was quite an achievement as the two 1500m runners had to leave to attend rowing. In the new event of 300m King's girls excelled. Eloise Bland (4EH) gained 17 points with a time of 47.7 and Penny Downes (4MP) won her race with a time of 46.9, gaining 19 points in total. Penny also managed 10 points in the triple jump making her the best scoring girl on the team.

The Junior girls' performances were the

highlight of the afternoon, taking 1st place overall with 265 points. They will now go on to the second round representing Cheshire. Captain, Martha Owen (ShAI) won her 1500m race with a time of 5:21 earning 22 points. She started the day really well gaining 12 points in the high jump. Other outstanding performance were Megan Gareh (ShRC) throwing the discus 16.45m, earning 15 points and then following this by gaining 23 points in the 200m with an outstanding time of 28.5 seconds. This was a great team effort by the Removes and Shells girls.





# Winners at U14 hockey

**In the Chester and District tournament in March, King's knew that to do well they had to win their opening game.**

**W**ITH THIS IN MIND, Bethan Pode (ShML) and Rachel Huber (3RL) were given the task of man-marking whilst a 110% effort by the rest of the team and a well-taken goal by Anna Wallace (3HB) put King's firmly in the driving seat against rivals, Queen's.

The winning momentum continued against Bishop Heber School with Rachel Huber scoring the only goal. Against

Abbeygate School tiredness set in with a scoreless draw being the final outcome. The final game against Tarporley School saw a rejuvenated King's team and whilst the score finished 2-0 to King's, the score could have been much higher. This crowned King's as Chester and District Champions.

The team were also runners up in the County tournament. King's started well beating Fallibroome Academy 3-0, Jess Lee (ShAI) opening the scoring with a stunning strike from the back of the

circle. Against Wilmslow School, King's dug in and earned a well fought, competitive draw, Anna Wallace getting the only goal for King's. The last game was against Queen's, who the girls had beaten in the district competition. King's were runners up, a very commendable and pleasing all round performance.

All in all it has been a fantastic season for the U14 girls' hockey team and one in which teamwork has been the defining characteristic.

## Kings of the tennis court



**Peter Bayliss (L6ER) and Llewelyn Bevan (ShRC) were runners up in the U19 Northern Schools' Tennis Tournament held at Bolton in May.**

**THEY BEAT TEAMS** from Ampleforth College, Yarm School (second pair) and Woodhouse Grove, before losing to a very strong first pair from Yarm School. This is the furthest King's have ever reached in the competition, having only won the Plate or reached the semi-final in previous years.

The boys played excellent tennis in windy and wet conditions. This was a fantastic achievement made even more remarkable considering Llewelyn is only 13 years old.

## King's athletes compete with the best in the district

**In May, 10 schools from across the district came together for the annual District Athletics tournament. The weather was rather drizzly and cold but the King's athletes competed very well.**

**I**N THE THIRD YEAR BOYS' competition King's came 7th overall but they picked up quite a few points in the field events. Jack Hodgkinson (3JJ) was the best performing athlete and came 5th in the 80m hurdles and followed this with 3rd place in the discus. Lee Bryce (3RL) and Harry Armatage (3RA) also gained 3rd place in the shot put and long jump respectively.

The Third Year girls were also 7th overall, but gained most of their points on the track. Rachel Huber (3RL) was the best performing athlete gaining 8th place in the 800m and winning the discus with a throw of 18.08m. Rebecca Hatton (3RA) came 3rd in the 1500m with a time of 5:58.87. Erika Ignata (3HB) narrowly missed out on winning the hurdles with a time of 13.66 seconds – only 0.46 seconds behind the winner! Chloe Cowan (3HB) also achieved 3rd place in the shot put.

Shell boys came 6th overall. The outstanding performance of the day was Matt Willis (ShRC) who broke the district record for the 1500m with a time of 4:36.02, a personal

best and 120m ahead of the second place athlete! Jonathan Nixon (ShAI) also came 1st in the 75m hurdles, a very competitive race.

After winning the English Schools' Athletics competition the previous week, the Shell girls put in a solid performance all round and came 2nd overall by just three points. They gained points in every event except the relay when a change-over went wrong. Megan Gareh (ShRC) came 2nd in the 200m and also the discus with a fabulous throw of 16.20m. Anna Lloyd (ShML) came 3rd in the 800m.

King's had some great results in the throwing events; after Megan's 2nd place in the discus the girls also came 2nd in the shot put and javelin, where Eloise Dooley (ShPS) threw 6.95m and Annie Powell (ShRC) threw 14.57m. Martha Owen achieved the only first place of the day for the girls. She ran the 1500m in 5:20.16, narrowly missing out on the district record but still 27 seconds quicker than her nearest competitor!



## Netball girls win 'Round-Robin'



**King's U13b team played really well and came out as winners in the 'Round-Robin' Chester and District netball competition against Blacon, Christleton, Bishop Heber, Tarporley and Abbeygate Schools.**

**THE TEAM CONSISTED OF:**

Amicia Crewe-Read (ShRC) (captain), Lottie Cousins (ShAI), Natasha Groome (ShHL), Bethan Hill (ShML), Sarah Korb (ShML), Anna Lloyd (ShML), Chloe Morgan (ShRC), Martha Owen (ShAI), Olivia Wade-Jones (ShML) and Alice Woodward (ShPS).

## Mr Egerton proves to be our globetrotting goalscorer!



Mr Egerton has helped his club team secure the Premier League national title. Beeston Hockey Club, from Nottingham won the league back in February and have been building to the finals weekend since.

**T**HEY BEAT READING ON PENALTIES to progress to the final where they met Surbiton, running out 5-1 winners. Mr Egerton scored the 4th goal in this game, his 24th in this competition cementing his place as the league's top goalscorer. Before the game, Mr Egerton was presented with the Top Goalscorer's Shield in a year where he has scored a record 61 goals in all competitions.

Mr Egerton now draws his attention to flying to New Zealand in the Summer, where he will play for Auckland in the National Hockey League.



## King's crews win the day at Runcorn Head



The Rowing Club crews experienced an excellent day of racing at the Runcorn Head in March – the six kilometre course offering an excellent challenge.

With the J14s staying at home and training on the Dee, it was up to the Senior crews to perform. Both the girls' J15 & J16 Vllls performed well, with the girls' J15 Vlll winning the Women's Novice Vlll category. The boys' J15 squad matched the girls' performance with the 2nd Vlll also rowing well. The J15 1st Vlll produced an excellent display to win the Novice Men's category, finishing in an overall place of 9th in Division 2.

The J16 boys and the 2nd Vlll battled hard all day, with less than two seconds between the crews in both divisions. Both crews finished in the top 6 in both divisions, with the J16 crew unlucky not to pick up the IM3 pennant, narrowly being beaten by the University of Manchester's 1st Vlll. The boys' 1st Vlll returned as winners of both divisions, beating Shrewsbury School in the 1st division and along with it picked up the trophy for the fastest crew of the day.

## Rowers hit their stroke at National Regatta

The Rowing Club travelled to Nottingham in May to compete in the annual National Schools' Regatta, the largest regatta for Juniors held in Great Britain.

**K**ING'S WERE PLACED AS THE TOP co-educational school in the country and placed 7th overall out of over 100 schools and ahead of Abingdon, Eton and Shrewsbury, returning with two gold and one bronze medal. King's managed to qualify all 72 competing rowers at the regatta with very few other schools being able to compete with this.

Two Senior boys' crews progressed to the final; the boys' J16 coxed four and the boys' Championship coxless four. The coxless four of Jack Webber (L6DB), Ralph Elsegood (L6HF), Toby Miller (L6DB) and Patrick Hanratty (U6BH) pushed all the way to the line to win a bronze medal. The J16 coxed four of Ben Paxton (5CM), Lucas Martin-Yates (5FV), Alex Slater (5CM), Ben Monk (5AC) and William Blacklock (5DL) dominated both their semi and final to claim their gold medals. The girls' J15 Vlll won their heat

decisively and dominated their final to bring home a gold medal, a professional row from the crew who looked unbeatable all weekend.

The boys' 3rd Vlll made the final. This is the first 3rd Vlll King's have sent to the National Schools' Regatta since 2009, demonstrating the enthusiasm for rowing at King's. The boys' Championship Vlll raced the race of their season and were pipped to the line by only 0.3 seconds. They then entered the repechage, where they fought with spirit and placed 5th ahead of Eton College. The girls' Championship Vlll won their repechage and claimed lane one in the final finishing 5th. The J15 coxless four were particularly impressive as they were racing up a category and reached the semi-finals.

The Championship coxed four progressed through to the semi-final and the girls' coxless four fought a good race but just missed out on their final. The J16 girls' coxed four event saw two King's crews come up against each other – on this occasion the J15 crew just got the better of the J16, both narrowly missing out on the final.

The J15 2nd Vlll and girls' coxed four qualified for the semi-final. The J15 Championship Vlll made their highly competitive final, finishing in 6th place. The 2nd Vlll drew old rivals, Shrewsbury in the semi-final. They finished 4th, but with a time which would have seen them progress in the other semi-finals.



# Winning streak extended at Bedford Regatta

KSRC experienced an excellent day of racing for the J14 VIII and the J16 coxed four at the Bedford Regatta in May.

**T**HE J16 COXED FOUR continued their run of form by winning their category, two weekends in a row. The J14 boys' VIII accomplished an excellent win in their event, again with back-to-back weekend wins.



## Hard work rewarded at Shrewsbury Regatta

There were wins for the 3rd VIII in Novice VIIIs, the Senior coxed four and the 2nd VIII in J18 VIIIs at the Shrewsbury Regatta. However it was a tough day of racing for the J15 squads and the 1st VIII who drew tough draws against their respective Shrewsbury crews.

## Coxless four excel at Nottingham City

The club recorded a win in the Senior coxless four with their dominant performance over the field in the final. The Senior coxed four came 4th in their final. The First VIII raced hard to finish 2nd in the Senior VIIIs and the girls' First VIII reached the final of their event and produced an improved performance to finish 3rd.

The Senior girls' coxed four, boys' 3rd VIII and the two J15 VIIIs raced well and showed improvement. The girls' J15 VIII raced well in the final of the novice VIIIs category, finishing in a pleasing 3rd position after some hard racing in the final 500 metres.



## Top of the ladder at Marlow Spring

Wins for the J14 boys' and girls' VIIIs at Marlow Spring against some strong opposition to establish King's at the top of the J14 ladder. Both raced well in beautiful spring conditions to produce their best performances of the season to date.



## Rowers dominate at Wallingford Regatta

KSRC had an excellent May bank holiday with the boys' J18 VIII winning their event at the Wallingford regatta. The J16 coxed four also dominated their event.



## GB and Welsh trials for promising rowers

Ralph Elsegood (L6HF) and Patrick Hanratty (U6BH) have received invites to the final set of GB trials in July. Finn Abberton (L6DB) and Toby Miller (L6DB) will also be attending the race-off for the final four places at these trials. All four are hopeful of gaining a seat in this year's GB Junior Rowing Team.

Jack Webber (L6DB), Liam Hunt (U6CC), George Middlehurst (U6NH) and Tommy Reeves (U6KS) have all progressed to the final 16 junior athletes in the Wales 2013 trials. It is looking likely that all four will represent Wales at this year's Home Countries International Regatta in the Welsh VIII. All four will be looking to go one better than last year and aim to pick up a gold medal from this event.



## STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS!



### Tom sails through to World Championship

Over Easter, Tom Williams (U6CC) competed in the Royal Yachting Association Youth Nationals in Largs, Scotland. This is the main youth event in the UK, with all sailors competing for a place in the International Sailing Federation Youth World Championships.

Tom entered the last day of the event as the lead male Laser Radical sailor, and managed to maintain his position. He has qualified to represent GB at the ISAF Youth World Championships in Cyprus this Summer, where he will be sailing against representatives from 63 other countries.



### Our very own British Kickboxing Champion

Ollie Bradley (U6NH) has been selected to represent England in Kickboxing and Sport Karate at the World Championships in Sicily this October.

Ollie, who is from Lee Matthews' British Military Martial Arts Club, has also been crowned British Champion in -74kg Continuous Kickboxing at the Top Ten British Open Championships which were held in Birmingham in May.



### Wild about swimming...

Sam Wild (4MP) competed in the British Gas International Swimming meet in May. This saw him competing against the top GB, European and American swimmers, some at Olympic level. Sam did exceptionally well and won gold medals in the 50m butterfly and 50m freestyle, as well as silver in the 100m butterfly and 100m freestyle.



### A rollercoaster ride for Chloe

Chloe Stratton (L6SW) competed at the Mitsubishi Grassroots Championships held at Badminton Horse Trials in May. At the end of the dressage phase, Chloe was overnight leader of the top 65 amateur event riders. The next day her horse, Thunder dropped an unlucky pole at the last fence in the show jumping and also had a run-out at a difficult fence on the XC course, leaving them out of the running.



### Triple grade 8 success for Rachael

Rachael Alcock (U6NS) recently passed her grade 8 Piano exams with distinction. This is the third time she has reached grade 8 in a musical instrument, including the Violin and Treble Recorder together with Grade 5 Music Theory. Rachael has taken over 30 music exams whilst at School and has offers for medicine at University College London, King's College London and Birmingham universities.



### Tom selected for play in the Dewar All Wales Rugby Championship

Tom Hill (4DR) was selected to play full back by RGC South (Rygbi Gogledd Cymru) in the Dewar All Wales Rugby Championship, playing against the best rugby talent in Wales.



### Club success for netball girls

Anna Chadwick (RmLP) and her U12 team from Chester Netball Club won the U12 Deeside league, the Finals Day play off and also won the Cheshire and Merseyside league in an unbeaten season. Annie Powell (ShRC), Abigail Fisher (ShRC) and Megan Gareh (ShRC) are part of the U13 team which entered the U14 Deeside league. They were crowned champions of the league, won the Finals Day play off and also won their age group of the Cheshire and Merseyside league.

Megan has also been selected to play for Cheshire and was named Cheshire Netball U14 Coaches' Player of the Season, even though she is only a U13 player! Megan will be attending trials for the North West squad in the coming months.



### Marissa's magic at music

Marissa Landy (5AC) participated in the Chester Festival of Performing Arts in five classes. She came third in the voice recital, with a mark of a very high distinction and won all four of her other classes. Marissa has been encouraged by the festival director to compete for Young Musician of the Year.



### Sara's riding high at eventing

Sara Ashworth (L6AM) has been selected for the Long List for the Junior British Team, who will compete at the Junior European Eventing Championships held at Haras de Jardy, France in September. After a series of trials during the Spring, the Under 18 National Championships were held at Houghton Hall, Norfolk in May, where she finished a fantastic 4th place. From here, 12 competitors were selected for the Long List. The squad of six which will travel to France will be announced after the final trials in August.



### A dashing young blade!

Jacob Bell (RmSC) is the only Welsh fencer to automatically qualify for the 2013 British Youth Fencing Championships. Last year, Jacob was ranked the number 1 U12 Welsh fencer and reached the finals of the British Youth Championships, ranking 6th in Great Britain.



### Matt's our mini marathon man

Matthew Willis (ShRC) competed in the London Mini Marathon (British Athletics Road Championship) in April. He was selected to represent North West England following his English Schools' Cross Country success at county and national level. He came 9th in the U13 boys' 3-mile race. Matthew is currently ranked 5th in U13 boys' British Cross Country Rankings.



### Black belt win for Fin

Fin Paterson (3RL) has recently passed his final grading in Tae Kwon Do and is now a black belt. Fin attends classes outside of School, and also volunteers his time and expertise to help out at the Tae Kwon Do class at King's on Wednesday evenings.



### An award winning recital from Arran

Arran Fearn (RmLB) recently won The Cranmer Awards, an annual competition to introduce young people to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, where entrants from across the country can read or recite a passage of their choice.



### Silver success for Ben

Ben Davies (RmRA) won silver in the U12 York Badminton Championships as part of the Cheshire Badminton squad in April. Ben was one of six boys to be selected for the squad, winning six of his eight games.



### Junior Girls step up to the wicket

Four girls from the Junior School have been selected to play for North East Wales cricket team. Ellie Saunders (J4G) and Jasmine Denton (J4D) play for Carmel Cricket Club, whilst Caitlin Thomas (J4H) and Elsa Hodgson (J4H) play for Gresford Cricket Club.



### Lily opens Lily Garden!

Lily Harwood (J1T) travelled to Kent in March to officially open the 'Lily Garden' at Millmead Children's Centre in Margate. Lily travelled with her dad, who is involved with the management board. Lily cut the ribbon to officially open the garden for all the children of the Millmead Estate to enjoy.

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