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Design skills showcased in exhibition

The Design and Technology Department held their annual exhibition in May. Work from GCSE and A Level students was displayed for staff, parents, students and governors as well as other visitors to King's. Visitors had a chance to see the electronic portfolios and the final products that the students had designed.



for excellent finishing and for creating such a complete final product using 3D printing to house a Raspberry Pi. Cherie Wong (U6SW), received the Design Award, for superb quality of sketching throughout her time in Design and Technology. Holly Jebb (L6NH), received the Innovation Award, for excellent innovative thoughts in her restaurant ordering concept. Peter Bothroyd (U6SB), received the CAD/CAM award, for an outstanding display of the use of CAD/CAM in his 3D printed radio controlled car, as well as the renderings and delivery service for the product.

It was a fantastic evening and an excellent way to showcase the work of the department.



It is always excellent to see work in this way, all together in one space, especially when that work demonstrates design on an almost commercially viable level, a huge achievement even for students much older than these young people.

Students were awarded for their efforts, particularly Charlie Gomersall (L6BH), who received the Making Award,

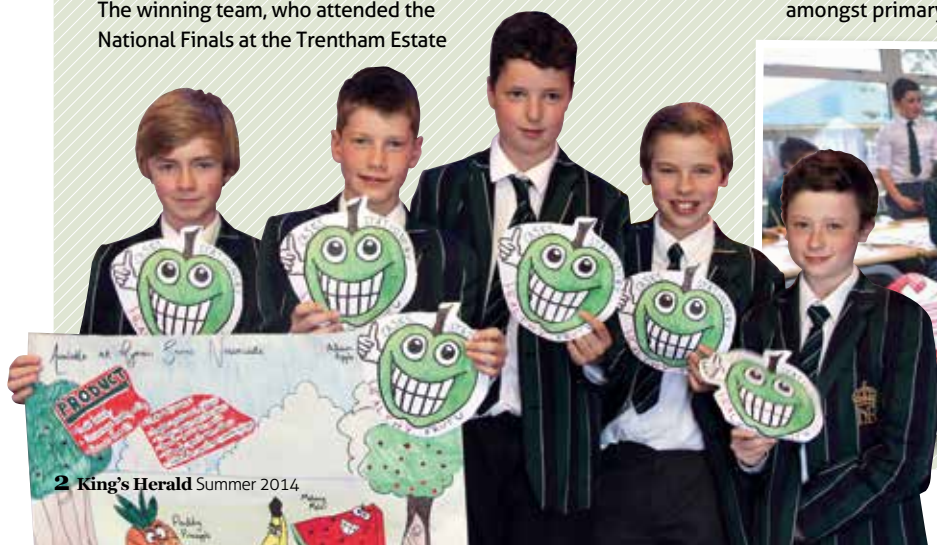


Enterprising students pitch product ideas

In May, students in Shells took part in the National Enterprise Challenge. It was a day of excitement as well as an introduction to business. The year group divided into teams of six to approach the challenge set by Theo Paphitis – to develop, design and pitch a new pencil case for Ryman's The Stationers.

Eight teams were selected to present to a panel of judges, including Head of Economics Mr. Walton, Deputy Head Dr Byrne and a representative from the National Enterprise Challenge, pitching their product ideas, in the style of Dragon's Den, in under four minutes. The winning team, who attended the National Finals at the Trentham Estate

in July was Healthy Frutu. The team consisted of Alasdair Daniels (ShCM), Harry Langley (ShHB), Jack Dobson (ShRA), Sonny Wood (ShRA), Oliver Irvine (ShRL) and Kate Jenkinson (ShCM). They created a range of fruit shaped pencil cases to help encourage healthy eating amongst primary school children.



Author visit is a 'monster' success!

In March, successful local novelist, Jon Mayhew, the author of *Mortlock* and *The Monster Odyssey* amongst other books, visited King's.

He spoke to J3, J4 and Shells classes about the background to his books, especially the monsters lurking in them, and even had some of the J3s pretending to be a giant squid! His introduction to very short stories inspired the J4s to come up with lots of ideas to use in their creative writing. Jon clearly enthused the pupils and spent a lot of time signing books after the talks.

This was Jon's third visit to King's since his first book was published in 2010, but the first one in which the Junior School pupils have been involved. It was also nice to see some of the current Fifth Year students, who were involved in that first visit as Removes, come in to buy signed copies of his latest books.



King's team secures a place in the final



Four pupils from Removes and Shells, Owen Parsonage (ShJJ), Arjun Balasubramaniam (ShHB), Mariam Littler (ShJJ) and Martha Mulliner (RmCR) secured a place in the final of the Cheshire Schools' Book Quiz in June.

Over 20 schools take part in this quiz, which involves reading and answering questions on six set books over the course of six months. Each round also features general book questions, and the King's team showed an incredible range of knowledge and impressive team work in achieving high marks.

They faced three other teams in the final and performed brilliantly, missing out on the winning place by only two points. The event which was held at King's, was a great success and featured an inspiring talk by local author Jon Mayhew.

Reading competition produces a classic clash!

The annual Latin reading competition once again saw Remove tutor groups go up against each other in a clash of dramatic ability and ancient classical diction.



Performed entirely in Latin and often from memory, this King's tradition involves every student in the year group and sparks some fierce rivalry. This year, the reading competition was based on a play about a Roman ghost story complete with lions, gladiators, insanity and death.

Judging the completion, Mr Punnett was particularly on the lookout for correct pronunciation but was also impressed by the trouble that some tutor groups had taken to design costumes and collect props. Tutor group RmRA stole the show, with perfect pronunciation, costumes and an energetic performance.



Virtual Stock Trading

Finn Abberton (U6DB) and Ralph Elsegood (U6HF) recently entered into a virtual stock trading competition run by the Stock Brokerage firm, Hargreaves Lansdown.

The competition lasted several months, with over 30,000 entrants. Finn placed 68th and Ralph placed 24th overall. Both started with £100,000 worth of virtual money to invest into funds and stocks of their choosing. Ralph's final portfolio net worth was £160,000 and Finn's was £142,000.



Chess girls make the move to National level

Having finished third in the Northern Region Semi-Final, the U19 girls' chess team qualified for the National Final played over two days at St Catherine's School, Bramley, Guildford in April.

This was the second consecutive National Final for the young team, which comprised of Susan Gorman (U6PW), Catherine Savidge (ShHB) and Mariam Littler (ShJJ).

The opposition was very strong, and included the British ladies' champion, the British U16 girls' champion and several internationals. Five hard-fought matches resulted in two wins and three close defeats for King's, finishing in a very respectable fourth place. The team's achievement confirms King's place as one of the top schools in the country for girls' chess.



Learning how to pull strings behind the scenes

In April, theatre company, Theatrical Niche Ltd performed an exciting adaptation of *Blood Wedding* in the Vanbrugh Theatre, and before the show the professional actors also provided students with a puppetry workshop.

During the workshop, Edward Ramsey (4FV), Fin Paterson (4JR), Harry Edwards (4FV), Alchemy Lucas (RmNG) and Daniel Sharratt (RmRA) were given the opportunity to perform with the puppets that featured in the production and make their own puppets. The students learnt about the art of theatre puppetry, in particular, the importance of breath, weight and focus. It was an exciting, creative and engaging workshop which the students thoroughly enjoyed and gained some new skills.

Students thrive on Berkoff workshop



In May, AS and GCSE Drama students partook in a drama workshop exploring the teachings and techniques of theatre practitioner Steven Berkoff.

The workshop was run by Liverpool Everyman and Playhouse Theatre's Head of Education, Allan Williams. Students were actively involved in a varied and challenging evening of exercises including physical theatre, mime, chorus and ensemble and produced some extremely inventive and thought-provoking pieces of original work.

In June AS and GCSE drama students attended a workshop with actor Neil Cople in the Vanbrugh Theatre. Neil appeared in soap opera *Brookside* for several years and is a veteran of the stage,

being the first ever Mickey Johnstone in the West End production of *Blood Brothers* and recently performing in *Twelfth Night* at the Liverpool Everyman Theatre. Neil spent time working with students on the teachings and techniques of Russian theatre practitioner Constantin Stanislavski, covering areas including observation, imagination, "Magic If", "Given Circumstances", units, objectives and emotional memory. As a studied practitioner on both the AS and GCSE courses, this was an invaluable experience for the students involved.



The sweet music of success

Over the Easter holidays, Katie Pownall successfully passed her Associate Diploma on Clarinet, with Trinity College, London.

This is the first post-Grade 8 Music Diploma offered by Trinity College, London and very few musicians of Katie's age manage to achieve this level of success. She is now entitled to have the letters ATCL after her name!

Budding trumpet player, Jack Roberts (ShRA) has been offered one of only 50 places in the National Youth Brass Band of Wales (age range from 11-18). This is a great achievement, as there were hundreds of pupils from all over Wales who auditioned for the band.



A golden day for Duke of Edinburgh students



This has been another busy year for pupils participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. Over 90 new pupils registered for the Award, at all three levels.

Bronze candidates successfully completed their practice expeditions on the Cheshire Sandstone Trail in March. The Silver and Gold students conducted their training expeditions on the Clwydians and Snowdonia mountains taking in some breathtaking views.

Pupils have successfully completed their Gold Award. Susan Gorman (U6PW), Jack Jameson (U6PW), Harriet Robinson (U6JR) received their certificates at a presentation ceremony at St James' Palace, London, which was attended by His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh.

Pupils participating in the Award Scheme continue to be involved in a wide range of activities including music, photography, cooking, bee-keeping and sport. They also devote a significant amount of time volunteering with youth groups, centres for the elderly and numerous charities.

Cadets see action out in the field

During the Easter holidays, 46 cadets enjoyed a challenging and rewarding four day camp. The cadets took part in a wide variety of fieldcraft training including: cooking, shelter building, patrol harbours, health and hygiene, first aid and ambushes.

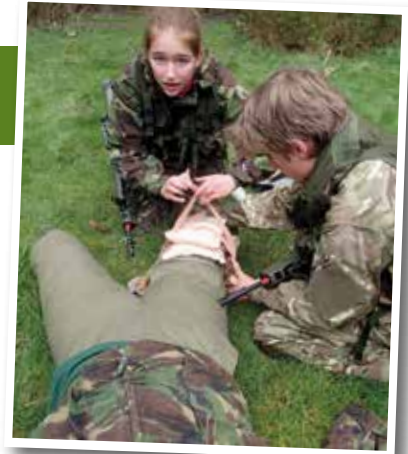
The cadets were exceptionally enthusiastic throughout and it was great to see the older cadets looking after the younger cadets. On the last day the main party departed for home leaving behind twelve cadets who comprised King's Cambrian Patrol teams.

The final 48 hours of the camp saw the final twelve conduct close target reconnaissance patrols, navigate and partake in a patrolling exercise with full equipment. Cadets were taught Close Quarter Battle drills which involved working in small groups and manoeuvring through woodlands to find and attack enemy locations. This is an exhausting activity which demands close co-operation and very clear communication to be done effectively.

All in all the camp was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for the cadets.

In May, 16 cadets attended the Cadet Cambrian Patrol. The patrol is the most challenging competition open to cadets in the UK. The patrol is conducted in the Brecon Beacons and involves navigating between various stands where the cadets are tested on various skills. The junior patrol covers an estimate of 10km and the senior patrol covers an estimate of 15km. Both are done with full bergans, webbing and rifle (12-15kg in total). It is an extremely tough competition and the King's cadets were amongst the youngest, with most teams, (senior and junior) having an average age of 17, King's was more like 13.5!

Cadets skills are measured against a standard and can either complete or achieve a bronze, silver or gold medal. This is the first year King's has entered this competition. Both teams completed the patrol but did not achieve a medal; however plans are already in place for how to improve on this for next year.



Visiting the land of fire and ice

During the Easter holiday, 53 pupils from the Fourth Year to the Upper Sixth visited the least densely populated country in Europe which skirts the Arctic Circle and whose capital city, Reyjavik, is the furthest north of all capital cities.

The geography trip to Iceland was a resounding success and all involved, pupils and teachers, were overwhelmed by the breathtaking landscape, refreshed by the purest of air and water, intrigued by the Icelandic culture and entranced by the warm, witty and down to earth Icelandic people.

Volcanic craters, spectacular waterfalls, canyons, glaciers, basalt caves, volcanic coastlines, lava fields and glacial lagoons were just some of the geological features visited, as well as the world famous Blue Lagoon, which exceeded all the geographers expectations.

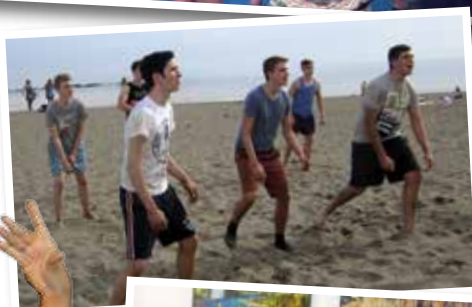
The students themselves made the trip an excellent adventure as they were constantly curious and enthusiastic, despite enduring the extremes of climate experienced in the land of fire and ice.



Sun, sand and studying on the Costa del Sol!

In April, 14 King's pupils aged 14-18 travelled out to Benalmádena on the Costa del Sol to embark on a week of Spanish lessons and culture.

The pupils had lessons every morning which involved rigorous grammar and culture. The morning lessons were followed by a beautiful home-made lunch. Meals included typical Hispanic dishes such as 'Arroz a la cubana' and 'Paella'. Throughout the week they enjoyed hot and sunny weather. Afternoon activities included playing volleyball on the beach, a trip to Mijas and to Málaga, where they visited the Picasso museum and cathedral. The pupils stayed with local families in groups of two or three, this helped them to improve their Spanish. The trip was a huge success and students have returned with greater fluency in Spanish.



Fancy dress and fond farewells

The Upper Sixth Form celebrated their last day at King's in May. The 2014 leavers enjoyed a big breakfast in the morning, as they gathered together in fancy dress or own clothes.

This was followed by some inter-form competitive games, a fancy dress catwalk and the classic King's leavers' game: tug of war. The students ended their morning with their final assembly and photograph. We wish them all the best for results day and every success in their future careers.



Animal magic enriches understanding of nature

The Animal Man is a regular visitor to King's bringing his animals with him to illustrate his talk about animal behaviour and evolution. Pupils in Science Enrichment lessons have enjoyed a fully hands-on experience, holding and showing the various species to their fellow students this term.

From cockroaches and millipedes, through chameleons and frogs, and on to snakes and lizards, every new animal he introduced built confidence (even with those pupils who were previously a little afraid of them)!



Fundraising fun for two good causes

King's enjoyed a busy fundraising week in March. As well as joining the rest of the country in raising money for Sport Relief, King's also decided to raise awareness and money for a charity closer to home: The Gem Appeal. The proceeds were split equally between the two charities.

Pupils and staff donated money to wear fancy dress and got into the spirit with pupils dressed up as heroes, teletubbies, Heinz ketchup bottles, carrots and ghosts to name a few! The Junior School pupils and staff joined in the fun too, dressed as "sport heroes".

Teams took part in a dodgeball competition and a sponsored fun run where pupils could run, swim or use the rowing ergo machines to complete a mile.

The total raised was in the region of £2,440.



Juniors put on a winning performance at Arts Festival

The Junior School pupils competed in the annual Chester Competitive Festival of Performing Arts (Speech and Drama Festival) which was held at King's in March.

Over 50 Junior pupils performed at the event with King's winning six classes and achieving a "top three" place in 11 classes. It was an outstanding performance by them. In the Junior Scene category, King's were placed 1st for *Carrie's War*, 2nd for *Midsummer Night's Dream* and 3rd place for *Kensuke's Kingdom*. The School has won this class for the fourth year in succession.



Will Thompson (J4S) achieved 1st place in the Monologue class.

Freya Walsh (J4P) placed 2nd and Luke Mulholland (J4H) 3rd for Year 6 poetry.

In the J1/2 Spiritual Reading class, Bróna Halpin (J1K) was 1st and Limonée Fearn (J1D) in 2nd place.

In the J3/4 Spiritual Reading class/Rees Trophy, Mansi Gupta (J4P) was 1st in the class and Partap Shergill (J3B) came in 2nd place.

In the J1 Prepared Reading class/Chester Festival Cup, Lloyd Bennett (J1K) achieved 1st place, Louis Roberts (J1K) 2nd and Limonée Fearn in 3rd place.

In the J1 Sight Reading Class, 2nd place was achieved by Duncan Boyd (J1T) and Rohith Muthuvelu (J1T).

Charlie Marshall (J1K) came in 2nd place in the Year 3 Set Poem class.

Will Saul (J1T) came 1st and Millen Batra (J1T) 2nd in the Year 3 Poem class.

In the J3 Reading class, Eden Hambelton-Davies (J3O) came in 2nd place with Calum McCaig (J3B) in 3rd place.

In the J4 Reading class, Luke Mulholland came in 2nd place.

In addition, two Senior School students also won prizes. AS Drama and Theatre Studies student, Marissa Landy (L6NS), won 1st prize at the Festival for her portrayal of Volumnia in a monologue taken from William Shakespeare's *Coriolanus* and GCSE Drama Student, Edward Ramsey (4FV), came in 3rd place with a portrayal of King Henry in Shakespeare's *Henry IV Part 2*.



Hoodwinked is a dramatic triumph for Juniors



In March, J2 performed *Hoodwinked* to a packed Vanbrugh Theatre. The musical script adapted and directed by Miss Anderson, gave all 50 children a speaking part.

Hoodwinked, a musical comedy, was performed using two stages and tells the story of the rule of treacherous Prince John in the absence of King Richard I (Richard the Lionheart), who was fighting in the Crusades. As the tale unfolds a folk hero called Robin Hood comes to the aid of the poor people being harmed under Prince John's rule.

Tom Rofe (J2A) played Robin Hood and delivered a jolly and cheerful performance. Isabelle Whittlestone (J2R) was sweet and gentle showing genuine emotion as Maid Marian. Ted Arnold (J2P) was convincing and dynamic as the evil Sheriff of



Nottingham and Anthony Chappell (J2A) appeared as King Richard the Lionheart, to save the day.

The Musical Director was Mrs Stevens assisted by Mrs O'Leary with music and percussion being provided by J4 pupils: Lauren Barnes (J4S) – cello, Luke Mulholland (J4H) – French horn and Sophie O'Leary (J4S) and Angus Millard (J4H) – percussion. Spectacular scenery which made a convincing Sherwood Forest was created by Miss Savage. Backstage help was also provided by J4 pupils: Matthew Dodds (J4H), Felix Griffin (J4H), Freya Walsh (J4P), Mansi Gupta (J4P), Molly Rudd (J4H) and George Arnold (J4P).



Work begins on exciting new Learning Centre

The School was celebrating in April as the exciting construction project commenced to build the new £1.5m Junior School Learning Centre.

This fantastic new centre will house a science lab, art studio, design and technology workshop, new library, outdoor classroom, new reception, medical room and offices.

Due for completion in October 2014, it will bring state-of-the-art additional facilities for the ever-popular Junior School, which has seen increasing pupil numbers in recent years.

The new Learning Centre is to be built using sustainable wood construction. It will have a living sedum roof, rainwater will be harvested and the heat pump air sourced. It is the first project at King's to embrace renewable energy.



Have books, will travel!

Eighty-Seven pupils from the Junior School entered the Extreme Reading competition this year – once again another record-breaking year and a big rise on last year's 69 entries.

As usual there were some great Extreme Reading photographs and even a YouTube video! Several themes emerged, from reading with animals, in diggers and on cliffs to reading upside down and even under water!



The winners of the extreme reading competition, who received a book token and a book specially signed by its author, were:

Millen Batra (J1T), for reading in front of the Terracotta Army and on the Great Wall of China.

George Munday (J2R), who was so engrossed in his book that he got scooped up in the bucket of a large digger.

Anya Adapala (J3S), who read on the edge of World's End, Llangollen.

Freya Walsh (J4P), who discovered and visited lots of Liverpool streets with literary names such as Shakespeare Street, Dickens Street, Bronte Street, Macbeth Street etc.

The response to this year's Readathon has been truly magnificent. As a result of the children's efforts, and the generosity of their friends and families, King's has raised £3397.75 (£2309.20 last year) to help seriously ill children and young people, for several charities: CLIC Sargent (helping children and young people with cancer), Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity (for seriously ill and disabled children), Readwell (supplying free books and storytellers to children in hospital) and Together for Short Lives (supporting children's hospice services to help seriously ill children and their families). In addition, King's has earned books to the value of £679.55.



'Megasuccess' at Chess Finals



Fourteen King's students took part in the County Final (Megafinal) of the world's largest chess tournament at Cheadle Hulme School in May and achieved astonishing results with two winners and eight of them qualifying for the National Final.

The students had qualified for the final after outstanding performances at school tournaments from an entry of 60,000 children at 1,800 different schools.

In the Megafinal, all students played six games against the best players in their age groups in the Cheshire and North Wales Region.

Susan Gorman (U6PW) was crowned the Under 18 girls' chess champion and Rohan Yesudian (ShJJ) was crowned the Under 13 boys' chess champion.

The others who qualified for the National Final were Daniel Savidge (ShRL) (U13 boys' category), and

five from the Junior School in the Under 11 boys' event: Riyaan Yesudian (J4P), Abhijay Chawda (J4H), Danny Simone (J4P) and Manny Rajapandian (J4H) and Hayat Leung (J4H).

Six other students scored well but narrowly failed to qualify for the final: Arjun Balasubramaniam (ShHB), Alex Forrester (ShRL), Nithilan Sivanand (J4P), Roshan Clarke (J3S), Hugo Thompson (J3O) and Rutujay Chawda (J2R). The National Final will be held in Manchester in July.

Congratulations to all students on a great day for King's Chess.



Riyaan's the chess champion of England

After a string of impressive performances in the last 12 months, the English Chess Federation has announced Riyaan Yesudian (J4P) as the English Youth Chess Champion of 2014 for his age category.

The winner is decided on grades achieved in tournament play in the last 12 months along with the total of the top three results.

In June, Riyaan played for England in the European Youth Chess Championships in Greece.



Passing on literacy skills, from older to younger

In March the Upper Sixth A Level English Language students visited a J1 Literacy lesson as part of their A2 course on Children's Literacy development.

J1 pupils were keen to show their stories and to answer questions from the older students about their reading and writing.



Wonderful watersports fun in the sun

The J4 pupils headed off to Plas Menai in May for their annual trip to the National Watersports Centre, Wales, situated on the banks of the beautiful Menai Strait, between Bangor and Caernarfon.

The boys and girls enjoyed an action-packed programme of fun and exciting tasks, taking them out of their comfort zone and challenging them to try activities they may never have tried before including Canoeing, Catamaran Sailing, Kayaking and Powerboating.

Pupils were encouraged to take a positive approach to trying new things and to support and help each other in a variety of team building exercises including Orienteering, Mountain Biking and the 'dreaded' Leap of Faith!

The group was blessed with glorious weather which helped speed up the drying process after any inadvertent mishaps on the water! It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for the J4 pupils and a lovely end to their time in the Junior School.



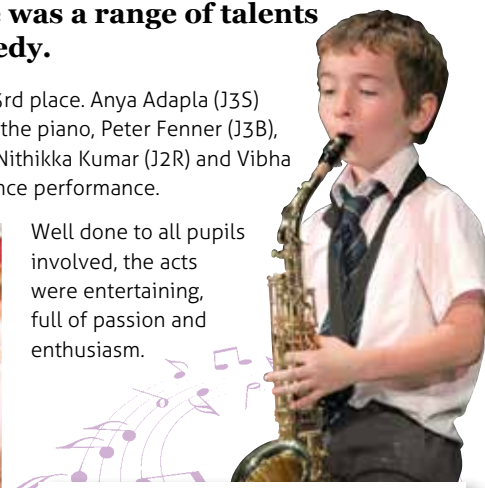
Larks and Owls show they've 'Got Talent'

The annual "Larks and Owls Got Talent" show took place in the Vanbrugh Theatre in May. There was a range of talents showcased, from singing to comedy.

The judges awarded prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Anya Adapla (J3S) achieved first place for singing and playing the piano, Peter Fenner (J3B), was 2nd for playing his electric guitar, and Nithikka Kumar (J2R) and Vibha Shetty (J2R) were placed 3rd with their Indian dance performance.



Well done to all pupils involved, the acts were entertaining, full of passion and enthusiasm.



Drumming up that Samba beat with Bo!

In April, the Junior School received a visit from Samba Drummer, Bo, who is a member of Primary Workshops for Schools. Bo gave each J2 and J3 class a 45 minute Samba Drumming workshop.

All pupils had the opportunity to try out different instruments traditionally used in Samba music. The children were fascinated by Bo's musical background and thoroughly enjoyed their experience as drummers for the afternoon!



Juniors inspired by long-distance charity drive

The Junior School were very lucky to receive a visit from Reverend Canon Chris Samuels in April.

On behalf of the Chair of Trustees for charity, Children in Distress, Reverend Canon Samuels and two other volunteers are participating in this year's Thundercrawl Banger Rally in July, where participants are challenged to take the 1400-mile endurance drive in a car over 15 years old and costing no more than £200.

The intrepid trio will be travelling through Europe to Venice in an old London taxi costing a mere £1! They aim to raise £20,000 for the children's charity Children in Distress. Junior pupils were inspired by Reverend Canon Samuel's words and will be joining forces to help fundraise for such a brilliant cause.



Kwik Sticks shoot out ends in win

In April, The Junior School's A and B team participated in the Cheshire Large Schools' six-a-side U9 Kwik Sticks Hockey Tournament at Deeside Ramblers Hockey Club.

Fifteen teams competed in the mixed tournament. Both King's teams reached the semi final where they battled against each other; the A team was victorious, winning 3-0. They then went on to play Kelsall Primary School in the final. In a fiercely contested match the score was 1-1 after extra time. Captain, Jacob Popplewell (J2P), held his nerve to score the winning goal in the sudden death penalty shoot-out.



A premier league visit from Liverpool coaches



In May, the J1s were visited by representatives of Liverpool Football Club who presented certificates and signed photographs of some of the Liverpool players to pupils who had taken part in the coaching course through the Lent term.

There were also trophies for those boys and girls who had shown a particularly good attitude and had set a good example.



Rainy weather doesn't dampen spirits at the 1994 Reunion!

A good time was had by all at the 20 year King's Reunion in May, despite the driving rain that hampered those who took part in the football match on the Astro Turf.

Football played a major part in the history of this particular year, as several attendees were part of the victorious team that won the ISFA Boodle & Dunthorne Cup Final on the 23rd May 1994 against Ardingly College. Interestingly none other than Frank Lampard played for the opposition in the earlier rounds! A montage of photographs showing the winners' celebrations, plus video footage of the final whistle brought back many memories.

1994 leavers were heavily involved in rowing and drama too. Edward Ball and Kevin Whyman were part of the rowing crew who won the Henley Visitors' Challenge Cup in their Lower Sixth year – a feat which has yet to be repeated. Productions of Julian Slade's *Salad Days* and Gilbert & Sullivan's *Mikado* featuring Mike Beadle, Oliver White and Roger Wickson are also a significant part of School history. Snippets of video from these productions were shown during the morning.

With a hair transplant surgeon, criminal lawyer, doctor and stockbrokers amongst the attendees, it's hoped that the education they enjoyed at King's, along with the opportunities available, played some part in their subsequent success.

The day was rounded off with a curry at the Barton Rouge Indian Restaurant, in Chester.



1994 leavers with former teachers

Graham Bendall is still flying high!

In the Spring Herald we reported that Graham Bendall had secured a scholarship to train as a helicopter pilot at Bristol's flying school at Staverton.

Subsequently we have been informed by his family that he was recently presented with the Airbus Helicopter Trophy at The Air League Awards held at St James' Palace on the 20th May. The Air League was founded in 1909 to promote the need for aviation national defences.

This is an extremely prestigious award and all at King's will be watching with great interest to see what happens next in his flying career.

Paul Faulkner elected onto FA board

Former King's pupil Paul Faulkner has been elected onto the board of directors of the FA after a successful stint as Chief Executive of Aston Villa. Paul has been elected to replace Premier League chairman Anthony Fry who is recovering from illness.

The 36-year old former King's pupil said he was "really proud" to take on the role at the top of the national game. He said "It is quite humbling. I'm going to do my best and try and respect the position."



This latest appointment marks a rapid rise up to the top table of football governance for Paul. After working for MBNA bank in Chester, he moved to Aston Villa in 2006 and was appointed Chief Executive in 2010.

In 2012 he was elected onto the FA Council before being elected to the FA Board of directors this month. He will also continue in his role as Chief Executive of Aston Villa. After leaving King's, Paul graduated from Sidney Sussex College Cambridge. He holds an MA in history.



Saul stars on BBC's 'Heir Hunters'

Former pupil Saul Marks has recently participated in the BBC television programme *Heir Hunters*. The programme focuses on attempts to find missing or unknown relatives of people who have died without making a will, before the British Treasury lawfully collects the money.

Saul is now a Case Manager for a Company called Celtic Research based in Liverpool, who, through an extensive network of agents are able to search for missing heirs around the world. They have successfully investigated cases in the United States, Canada, Latin America, Australia, Southern Africa, Western Europe, Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Republics. They claim to resolve cases that no other company can solve.

In his company profile Saul is described as follows, "Saul is, fundamentally, an eccentric. He talks a lot, and at speed, often while waving his arms around and failing to multi-task. It's a good thing he doesn't drive like he talks, or at least we hope not. He often seems incapable of walking through a door without banging his elbow on the door frame. Amongst other things, he loves



summer, cricket, cemeteries, cheese, his young family and the smell of freshly mown grass! He also helps run one of Britain's oldest synagogues and has pioneered the restoration of Liverpool's oldest Jewish cemetery."

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The Class of 1991 get-together!

The idea to organise a reunion for 1991 leavers was initially proposed by former pupil Mike Stanley (OKS 1991).

Having contacted the Alumni Team some time ago expressing a desire to get his cohort together, Mike assisted in tracking down former pals via Facebook and LinkedIn. The group, who met up in June at King's, greatly enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with each other and also several former teachers.



Link up with our
LinkedIn

To join the Group on LinkedIn, search for The King's School Chester Alumni.

If you haven't already, please do join our OAKS LinkedIn group. With a growing membership, it's a forum through which you can discuss or use professional connections to ask advice. All members have a connection to King's.

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More information coming Sept 2014

Please make a note of the
next reunion dates:

Sat 7th February 2015 1975

Sat 21st March 2015 1965

Sat 9th May 2015 1995

Hockey girls shine at all levels

The U19, U16 and U14 girls' hockey teams have all been successful in their respective County Hockey Tournaments this season.

The U19s have been crowned County Outdoor champions at senior level after winning the County Outdoor League. This comes on the back of being crowned District Indoor and Outdoor Hockey champions this year. The girls have had a tremendous season captained by Jessica Arnall (U6AM). Further successes this season have been the U16s winning the County

Indoor Tournament and the U14s winning the County Outdoor Tournament held in March. Earlier on in the season, the U14s also represented Cheshire in the North Schools' Final, the first time King's have ever represented the North West. This was after they progressed through both County and North West rounds as winners.



Testing their skills against the best in the country

In May the boys' U16 hockey squad, 2014 North West champions and North runners up, travelled to Cannock Hockey Club for two days of intense competition against the country's top schools in the last eight of the National Schools' competition.

With 10 of the squad also eligible next year, this was a great opportunity, for the King's Squad to gain experience and test some of the best players in England.

The squad will have learned a lot from these games, although they did not win any games, they were never outclassed. There were many fine performances, most notably from goalkeeper Dan Whittingham (4FV), full back Rob Way (4CG), centre midfield and skipper Will Dodd-Moore (5MP) and attacking midfielders Harry Armatage (4CG) and Alex Tan (5EH). That said, it was a solid squad effort from all concerned and hopes can justifiably be high for further improvement next year and beyond.



Great results for netball squads



one by only one goal. The U14 team are also county semi-finalists and went through to the 2nd round of the National Schools' Netball Tournament representing Cheshire in the North West Regional round.

It was the first time King's has entered a team in the National Schools' Netball Tournament and the girls played extremely well, and beating Hulme Grammar School, Oldham, was a real highlight of this tournament. They placed third in their group, narrowly missing out on a semi-final place. It has been a very good season for the U14 squad and Mrs Jones is exceptionally proud of their efforts.

The U15 netball squad came in second place in their last two tournaments of the season. The girls have played brilliantly this season and just missed out on being crowned champions of both the District and County Tournaments.



The U13A girls' team competed in the U13A Chester and District Netball Tournament in March. The team played six matches, winning all but their final one and finished second place.

The U14 girls' squad competed in the U14 District Netball Tournament in March and also came second position. The team played five matches, winning all but their final

Solid performances from King's Athletes

The Removes headed off to Deeside Athletics Stadium in June to compete in the District Minors' Athletics Competition. The girls overall finished in a respectable 3rd place and the boys finished in 5th place.

There were notable performances from several pupils: Ellie Saunders (RmRA) who won the Shot with a putt of 6.57m and came second in the hurdles race. Daniel Lokko (RmVL), who won the Long Jump with a jump of 4.52m, Jack Goodrich (RmCR), who won the High Jump with a jump of 1.32m, Ailsa Black (RmPH), who came second in 1500m race with a time of 5 minutes and 59 seconds and Emily Houghton (RmLB) who came second in 200m and third in the long jump with a time of 31.63 seconds and a distance of 3.63m. These students competed for the district in Warrington.

The successful Remove athletes performed brilliantly in the district competition. A special mention goes to Daniel Lokko who won the Long Jump competition with a jump of 4.44m, he will now represent Cheshire in July in the Inter-Counties Cup v Merseyside. The other representatives also achieved excellent results, all managing to come in the top 5 for their respective events. Ellie Saunders in the Shot, Ailsa Black in the 1500m, Emily Houghton in the 200m and Jack Goodrich in the High Jump.



Juniors and Seniors put on their dancing shoes

The Senior School and Junior School Dance clubs displayed their first ever end of year dance show for their friends and families.

Since September the girls from both clubs have been working hard for half an hour each week to learn various dance routines. The show was a resounding success, highlights included choreography of their own and a finale to *Jai Ho*.



Success comes around again for rounders teams

In June, the U13 girls' rounders team, competed against five schools in the District Rounders Competition. King's came into this tournament as defending champions.

With two new fantastic additions to the squad, Amelia Jones (ShRA) and Isabel Alvarez-Martin (ShRL), King's had every possibility of taking the title again. The girls won all their matches. It was a King's V Queen's School final, King's finished with a brilliant batting innings and quite rightly won overall.

In May the U15 girls' rounders squad competed in the District Rounders Tournament, they played six matches losing only one to the eventual winners!



Girls' crew set Regatta record

The J14 and J15 squads raced at the inter-regional Regatta in Nottingham, in May, representing the North West region in this nationally ranked Regatta. Racing up an age category, the J15 boys' VIII came 8th and the J15 girls' VIII came 5th. In the coxed quads, the J14 girls came 6th racing in the Women's J15 category.



The Junior squad also had a competitive day of racing at Marlow Spring Regatta, in May this year, held on Dorney Lake over 900 metres. Two of the crews progressed to the finals with the J14 girls' octuple finishing in 3rd position, the J14 girls' quad finishing one place better in 2nd place.

The Senior squads raced at Wallingford Regatta, again on Dorney Lake. The King's crews fared well with many progressing to the finals. The J15 boys' VIII finished in 6th, the J16 boys' VIII finished one place better in 5th place. The boys' 1st VIII rowed well to finish 4th, less than a length behind Eton, Abingdon and Shrewsbury. The girls' squad had a very encouraging day at the event with the J16 girls' crews finishing 4th and 5th place in the J16 coxed fours event.

The girls' 1st VIII led the way however with an impressive and first ever win in a girls' J18 Vllls event. After trailing behind Lady Eleanor Holles School (LEH) for most of the 2000 metres, the girls rallied to produce a time of seven minutes and one second and rowed through the LEH crew in the last 250 metres to win the event by 0.47 of a second. This was the first time King's has won the J18 girls' Vllls event at Wallingford and in doing so the girls have also set a new club record for 2000 metres in competition.



Strong showing at the National Schools' Regatta

In May, 113 members of the King's School Rowing Club attended the National Schools' Rowing Regatta, held over three days in Nottingham.



King's boated five octuples on the first day, a club record at this event, which saw 45 athletes take part in their first year of rowing.

The boys' C octuple had their best run of the season but were not quite quick enough to qualify for the semi-final stage. The girls' B boat, competed in the A boat category and also failed to progress. The boys' B octuple progressed to the

final, and in a fantastic showdown to the event a blanket finish meant they just missed out on a medal in 5th place. The boys' A octuple also produced their best row to date to finish sixth in a competitive A final. The girls' A octuple stole the show. Dominating from the start, the girls were able to put eight seconds between them and Headington School and Lady Eleanor Holles School (LEH) by the finish, to claim the gold medal. This was a remarkable performance and one of the most convincing wins by a crew in years.

On the second day, the girls' coxed four unfortunately failed to make it into the semi-final, however they rowed their best time of the season. The three girls' Vllls progressed well and all made their respective finals. The J15 girls' VIII, side by side with Sir William Borlase's Grammar School (Borlase) for the whole 2000 metres, were beaten by less than a second into fourth. The girls' J16 VIII continued their excellent run of form by winning a very convincing silver in the J16 Vllls category, following on from their gold last summer in the J15 Vllls category. The girls' 1st VIII produced King's best result to date in the championship girls' Vllls final, finishing in a very credible fourth position.



The boys' J15 VIII raced hard but were beaten in their semi-final. The boys' 1st VIII produced a good row in the processional to win a seeded lane in the semi-final, unfortunately they did not progress to the final. The boys' J16 VIII rowed through Borlase in the J16 championship boys' Vllls in great style to win a place in the J16 final. The boys fought hard in the final and came in 6th place.

The final day of the Regatta saw King's win a further three medals. Four crews reached their finals, with the J16 girls' coxed four reaching the semi-final. The J16 boys' coxed four were very unlucky to be drawn in lane 6 and were less than a second off winning a bronze medal in their category. The J16 boys' coxless four produced an excellent row to finish in bronze medal position in their category, they raced well in an unfavoured lane to win their first medal at the championships. The senior girls' coxless four rounded off a very accomplished weekend by winning a silver medal in the championship coxless fours. In the final event of the weekend, the senior boys' coxless four, matched the girls' performance by winning a silver medal in the boys' championship coxless fours event.

King's finished in 13th place in the medal table with five medals in total. This was a great achievement by the 113 athletes over the weekend with plenty of strong performances to build on before the end of the season.



Sculling crews hold their heads high

King's performed on the National Sculling stage with the J14 boys' and girls' octuples producing a fantastic set of results at the National Sculling Head at Dorney Lake in March.



Out of 23 girls octuples, the King's girls finished in 1st and 6th position. The winning girls' crew won the category by 11 seconds, this team consisted of Isabel Beardwood (3PS), Natasha Groome (3HL), Sophie Cliff (3AI), Amelia Standing (3PS), Isobel Wild (3PS), Anna Lloyd (3ML), Cox: Natchaa Austin (3HL), Jess Lee (3AI) and Abigail Fisher (3RC). The girls' B octuple finished in the top six, beating many club and school A crews to this finish position.

The boys then matched the girls results, with the A octuple finishing in 3rd position from a field of 50 crews. The boys' B octuple finished in 2nd place in the B category and an overall finish position of 23rd. Finally, the C octuple finished in 3rd place in the C octuples' category and in 33rd position overall. It was an excellent day with great racing conditions and for many this was their first national competition.

Easter camps prove a cracking success

One hundred and thirteen pupils attended four rowing camps over the Easter break. Ten senior girls trained at Dorney Lake and made good progress over the week. Forty-one of the Third Year pupils trained at Peterborough and again had an excellent week. Twenty-five girls from the J15, J16 and Colts A squads attended the training camp at Henley on Thames.

Thirty-seven pupils from Fourth Year to Upper Sixth attended the Ghent training camp, in addition to fantastic training conditions the squads won a total of ten gold, two silver and three bronze medals over the two days of the International Regatta in Ghent, this included the 1st VIII retaining the Flemish Under 18 Championship.

Seniors make waves on Welsh water

Eight girls, two boys and one cox (Megan Pode, L6BH) attended the first round of Junior Welsh squad trials. Both boys have provisionally made it through the first set of selection, Aaron Soutter (L6CC) and Ben Monk (L6NH). Four of 1st VIII girls, Maud Moir (L6BH), Fiona McDonald (L6KS), Bronwen Hulme (L6CC) and Olivia Rogerson (L6NH) came 1st and 2nd in the pairs and have also progressed through the first set of trials. Rebekah Hagan (5PN), Natalie Tomlinson (5PN), Anna Willis (5EH) and Natasha Tudor (5JM) performed well and will trial again at the end of term.



Rowing success at Chester and Durham Regattas

In June, The King's School Rowing Club enjoyed successes at both the Chester and Durham Regattas, with 70 athletes racing. The J14 girls' coxed quad won their event at Durham Regatta and the J15 girls stormed through four college crews to win the Novice VIIIs.

The boys' J14 coxed quad and J15 VIII also put in strong performances. Meanwhile, in the Chester Regatta, the J14 coxed quad won their event, as did Henrietta Green (U6PW) and Alice

Carr (U6SW) racing in their final race for KSRC as a senior double scull. Katie Lawrence Smith (5EH) and Charlotte Knight (5JM) were victorious in the WJ16 double scull and Huw Smith (3HL) won

the J13 single scull event. The J18 quad made a big step toward qualifying for Henley beating Royals and Grosvenor in the J18 quad event. The IM3 coxed four (colts' A girls) won their event.



King's girls' VIII make history at Henley Women's Regatta 2014

After a best-ever 4th place for King's at The National Schools' Regatta it was decided that the girls' championship VIII would enter The Peabody Cup for School/Junior VIIIs at Henley Women's Regatta.

In doing so they would be racing against the best girls' VIII not only from schools in the UK, but this year also, two crews from the USA and another from Canada.

In training the crew found increased speed and times were increasingly impressive. Sadly, with only three sessions left until their first race at Henley, unforeseen circumstances meant that the crew lost its pivotal stroke-person. An urgent reorganisation of the crew order was required as well as a member of the J16 squad being drafted into the boat for the very first time.

In their first race at Henley, the VIII put on a dominant performance against Cantabrigian RC to win by an impressive

'easily' verdict. This result rewrote King's rowing history as no King's girls' VIII had ever won a race at Henley Women's Regatta. In doing so the girls secured a quarter final race against Branksome Hall School from Toronto, Canada.

The race was a Henley classic with no more than a few feet separating the two crews over the entire course. In the end, the VIII just missed out on a semi-final berth with Branksome Hall managing to holding on to win by one third of a length.

This was an extremely positive result given the lack of water time the crew had available and also given the age of the girls racing. Well done to Anna



Willis (5EH), Natasha Tudor (5JM), Megan Douglas (L6KS), Fiona McDonald (L6KS), Maud Moir (L6BH), Zoe Soutter (L6JK), Sarah Lusher (L6KS), Bronwen Hulme (L6CC) and Urbi Sen (U6DB).

Only the cox leaves the girls' VIII this year and the squad wish Urbi best wishes for her future. The girls should be extremely proud of what they achieved throughout the 2013/14 season and the future looks bright for girls' rowing at King's!

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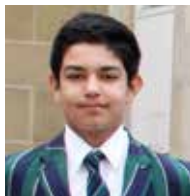
Will becomes a Red Devil

Will Jones (J1D) has been signed to Manchester United Football Club Academy under nines. This comes as no surprise to his football mad family! At the age of four, Will played for the Christleton Newscene football team and up until Season 2012-2013 he played for the year above. In the summer he will be training in time for the new season in September where he will play against other academies, such as Everton, Liverpool, Stoke and Manchester City. Will also has three festivals lined up against football academies: Blackpool, Tranmere and Bradford City.



Selected for England Hockey Pathway

Harry Langley (ShHB) and Aled Bennett (ShJJ) have been successful recently with squad selection with the England Hockey Pathway. Harry has made it through to the Junior Regional Performance Centre (JRPC) U15s which involves training over the summer and participation in the Fortunes Cup. Aled has got through to the Tensworth NW England Hockey Squad. Aled also enjoyed a tournament against other regional squads in June.



Sheil steps up to the crease

Sheil Sethi (3HL) has gained a position in the Cricket Welsh National Junior Team. Sheil has worked hard over recent years to improve his cricket and has now been rewarded with this prestigious selection.



Full Monty for Elliot!

Elliot Anthony (RmSB) performed as Nathan in Tip Top Productions, *The Full Monty* at Theatre Clwyd in June. This musical stage version is set in Buffalo, New York. Rehearsals started at the end of April and he was thrilled to be part of the cast!



Lily has her skates on!

Lily Harwood (J2R) entered an U18 Blackpool Open Ice Skating competition in May and came 9th out of 30 competitors.



Omid is courting tennis success

Omid Bakhtiari (J3S) has excelled at tennis this term. He finished 1st on the North Wales County Leaderboard, gained 2nd place in the Telford Spring Open (Grade 4) and 1st place in the Shrewsbury Spring Open (Grade 4).



Making a splash at the Aquathlon

Isabelle Whittlestone (J2R), Lauren Barnes (J4S), Amy Miln (J4S), James Fahmy (J3S) and Angus Millard (J4H) took part in the 2014 Deva Junior Aquathlon. Isabelle was placed 2nd in the girls' 9-16 age group, James came 6th in his age group and Angus beat his personal best by 22 seconds, coming 8th in his group.



James is a Taekwondo sparring star

In April, James Hunt (J3O) entered a Tae kwondo sparring competition whilst in Sweden and came 3rd out of 20 competitors.



Boys train with Welsh FA

Calum Huxley (RmCR), Rhys Schofield (RmSB) and Luke Allen (RmNG) attended the Welsh Football Association training camps in April. The sessions took place in Oswestry and were all day events.



Chester Chess Champ

Rohan Yesudian (ShJJ) won the Chester Chess Club Championship trophy 2014. Rohan has won this trophy for the fourth consecutive year.



Winner of adult Chess rapid play competition!

Daniel Savidge (ShRL) attended a chess presentation in June, he was awarded a plaque for winning an adult rapid play competition, organised by Chester Chess Club. There was a strong field and Daniel played extremely well to gain 1st place!

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