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# Welcome

Every term at King's could be accurately described as busy, and rightly so, as we continue in our commitment to offer pupils a rich and varied school life, full of opportunity and challenge. However, Summer Term can prove to be a particularly hectic time as the long anticipated exam season takes hold and we whizz toward the end of another academic year.



It can be an emotional time too, as we say goodbye to our Sixth Form students, many of whom have spent a great deal of their young adult lives at King's. It's always with a healthy mix of nostalgia and excited anticipation that we wish them the best for their exams and the next step of their journey. They are a bright, lively and industrious bunch and I, for one, look forward to hearing more about their progress and accomplishments over the coming years.

Pride has been another defining emotion of this term. Not least the tremendous personal honour I felt in being invited to attend the civic lunch at Chester Town Hall as part of the historic visit from HRH The Queen and The Duchess of Sussex to our great city. As spectacular a day as that was, the truth is that I never struggle for reasons to be proud when surrounded by so many inspirational young people.

This term has been no exception, as we cheered on our very own Commonwealth Games competitor, Wales hockey player Izzie Howell; watched in awe as our Junior School pupils exploded into life in their staging of *The Jungle Book* and celebrated an array of academic and personal achievements.

Alongside the dedicated scholarship of our students, it's been a time for exploration and discovery. Students have enjoyed trips to Barcelona, Iceland, France, and Bronte's Yorkshire, among other destinations. I've long bestowed the virtues of learning beyond the classroom, and I can't think of a better or more tangible demonstration of this than the school trip. It's where memories are made; friendships are cemented and learning comes alive.

As you work your way through this edition of *The Herald* you'll see how much we have to be grateful for here at King's. Not only our incredible staff and facilities, but also our ambitious students inspired by a proud tradition of excellence. None of this is taken for granted, however, and we continue to push forward in our pursuit of the highest academic and pastoral standards, which will help each pupil to reach their long-term sustainable potential, whilst equipping them with the character and resilience for life beyond King's.

So whilst we may allow ourselves a few moments of fond reflection, it's quickly on to the next job at hand. And perhaps as we drive forward, we'll refer to some wise words from our recent royal visitor, HRH The Queen, on her address to the United Nations General Assembly in 2010.

*"I know of no single formula for success. But over the years I have observed that some attributes of leadership are universal and are often about finding ways of encouraging people to combine their efforts, their talents, their insights, their enthusiasm and their inspiration to work together."*



GEORGE HARTLEY  
Headmaster

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# Fond farewell to Class of 2018

IT WAS A DAY OF contrasting emotions at King's as our Upper Sixth students celebrated a very special Leavers' Day in May.

The morning started with a breakfast, as students and staff enjoyed each other's company and the abundance of treats served

up by our catering team. Following the breakfast, the pupils headed out to the fields to take part in the traditional tug-of-war between Houses. Following an informal photograph, it was time to reach for the tissues as Mr Hartley, Head of Sixth Form, Mr Carter and Deputy Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Hollingworth, led the Leavers' Assembly, giving everyone time to reflect on their time at King's. Head of School, Olivia Wade-Jones finished the assembly by urging the year group to stay in touch and beat last year's A Level results!

Finally, the students then gathered for the formal photograph in front of the tower and informal photos with their friends before an ice cream in the sun!

Head of Sixth Form Mr Carter said, *"This year group are a first-rate bunch, both individually and as a collective. They have given hugely to the school community and should approach their A Levels with huge confidence. Their final day really reflected their humour, enthusiasm and sensitivity."*



## EXCLUSIVE Creating history with our new House emblems



DURING THE LENT TERM, students were asked to design a new emblem for their Houses. This exciting competition resulted in eight fantastic emblems which will live on in King's history long after the designers have left school.

The original winning designs, as chosen by the Heads of Houses, were then handed to the Director of External Relations, Mrs Titmuss, and King's creative design agency, and recreated into a set of emblems. At each stage of the process the pupils were fully involved and saw their initial designs developed to create eight House emblems which work well both together and independently.

The winning designs were created by:

**Bradbury House's** design used the theme of a 10 shilling note – linking back to John Bradbury's work in Treasury and his signature on the 10 shilling note.

**Grosvenor House's** emblem used the wheatsheaf symbol which is integral to the Grosvenor family's crest.

**Dutton House's** emblem represents a DNA strand and a Trypanosoma which is the type of parasite that Joseph Dutton was responsible for discovering in his work in tropical medicine.

**Werburgh's** emblem is of a goose called Gray King, which Anglo-Saxon Princess, St Werburgh, reportedly brought back to life.

**Gladstone's** emblem is a griffin with a sword which represents 'Faith and Strength', the motto of the Gladstone family.

**Walsh's** emblem is of climbers and a mountain in homage to Mr Walsh who was a geographer who mapped mountains, also to represent teamwork.

**Fox's** emblem is a blend of two designs – a suffragette's sash, (representing the 100 years' celebration of women's right to vote), in spirit with Michelle Fox being the first girl to study at King's. The graphic fox design in the centre of the sash was the second design, which has been incorporated.

**Lester Smith's** emblem represents working together and unity.

Oliver Williams (L6GRO)

Catherine Savidge (L6DUT)

Jasmine Denton (5WAL)

Freya Walsh (4FOX), Mansi Gupta (4FOX), Max Hollywood (4FOX) and Arvind Sahni (U6FOX)

Jack Sackett (U6GLA) and Patrick Timpson (U6GLA)

Sashank Viswanathan (L6LES) and Mehtaab Shergill (L6LES)

Ceri Murray (5WER)

Jess Parkinson (3BRD), Leila Prendergast (3BRD), Anisa Kiely (3BRD) and Molly Rudd (4BRD)

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## A trip to the palace for Gold DofE recipients



THIS MAY, 20 pupils successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award and received their certificates at a presentation ceremony in the grounds of Buckingham Palace, attended by The Princess Royal, The Earl of Wessex and The Duke of York.

A number of inspirational speakers and guests mingled with the Gold Award recipients in the beautiful surroundings of the palace.

Amelia Standing (U6WER), Sam Barnes (OKS 2017), Ben Duncalf (OKS 2017), James Meakin (U6LES), Henry Greaves (OKS 2017) and Tom Ardron (U6LES) attended and received their certificates on a splendid day with some 3,000 students from the UK in attendance.

Students participating in the Gold Award continue to be involved in a wide range of activities including music, photography, cooking, veterinary surgery assistants and sport. They also devote a significant amount of time volunteering with toddler/youth groups, centres for the elderly and numerous charities.

## Superb performances at Shakespeare Festival

OUR SHELLS DRAMA STUDENTS recently performed a series of The Bard's classics in front of packed audiences at the Vanbrugh Theatre.

The students performed in a series of 20-minute productions over three consecutive nights. These included *Hamlet*, *Macbeth*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *The Winter's Tale*.

The performances were hugely impressive, with students managing to memorise and recite long pieces of dialogue within a short time frame. Thanks to all the parents and staff who attended the performances – the support was greatly appreciated!



## Queen receives a King's welcome

MR HARTLEY, Head of School George Bell (L6WAL) and members of our Junior School choir were honoured to take part in HRH The Queen and The Duchess of Sussex's visit to Chester, to officially open Storyhouse on 14 June.

After being welcomed to the city by cheering crowds, HRH The Queen and The Duchess observed a minute's silence for victims of The Grenfell Tower fire. Max Bentley (RMSC) joined the Royal party on the steps of Storyhouse for the moving tribute.

Our choir joined other local primary schools in performing a piece entitled *Drop in the Ocean* for the VIP guests and Mr Hartley was deeply honoured to attend a civic lunch at Chester Town Hall.

HRH The Queen unveiled a plaque to celebrate the official opening of Storyhouse to the delight of our pupils and other invited guests.

A truly incredible day, full of special memories which will last a lifetime!



Photography by Ant Clausen

# Physics Olympics sets new records!

THE THIRD annual Physics Olympics took place at King's in May.

The competition saw Year 9 students from 24 different schools across the North West compete in a variety of physics based challenges.

Particular highlights from this year's competition included a new Olympic record being set in the capacitor boat challenge, and the introduction of a new computer programming task.

As ever, the level of competition was high, and the final scoring was exceptionally close. Stockport Grammar beat The Grange School to first place, with Moreton Hall finishing third. Each of the six events were won by different schools, and more than half of the schools featured on the podiums for the different events, meaning all finished the day with a great sense of achievement.

Physics teacher, Mr Grisedale said, *"We are very fortunate to have such dedicated staff in the physics department so as to be in a position to organise such a prestigious event."*



## EXCLUSIVE Experiencing the 'joie de vivre' in France



*Written by Mrs Rowley Williams, Modern Foreign Languages Teacher*

WE LEFT KING'S SCHOOL at midnight on Sunday 25 March, the bus was filled with 31 Removes and Shells students, four staff and a certain joie de vivre, despite the 16-hour bus journey that lay ahead!

When we arrived at Château Beaumont in Normandy we were greeted by François, our French group leader. After sorting out sleeping arrangements and briefly exploring, we sat down for a lovely supper, followed by the pupils' first French challenge – asking for their nightly hot chocolate. I can still hear "Je voudrais un chocolat chaud, s'il vous plaît" now!

Tuesday started with a visit to Le Marché de Laval in the morning, a typical French market, filled with souvenirs and nic nacs that certainly enticed the children. We were back at Château Beaumont in the afternoon to try our hands at climbing, archery and an obstacle course. It was great to see all the students getting thoroughly stuck in and making new friends.

On Wednesday we travelled to Le Mont Saint Michel and its beautiful abbey, which is a world heritage site. It captured the students' attention due to its grandeur,

with a lot of steps to climb, but the views overlooking the water were worth every step. The afternoon took us to Saint-Malo, a beautiful little town by the sea. Here, we had time to explore and immerse ourselves in the French way of life.

Thursday morning was all about 'Le fromage du Chèvre' (goat's cheese). We visited a lovely 'fromagerie' where the children, and adults alike, not only learnt about how goat's cheese was made and aged, but also interacted with the goats themselves! A great morning spent with these lovely creatures and I know from the smell on the bus later a fair amount of goat's cheese was bought to travel back to England.

Friday was possibly the day the students were looking forward to the most from the outset – Disneyland Paris. This really brought out everyone's inner child and the day was spent exploring the park and seeing who would go on the most daring rides!

All in all, it was a fantastic few days away in France with both year groups and it was a pleasure to accompany the students as they behaved impeccably, as well as being curious and bold in speaking French and trying different foods for the first time, such as frog's legs and snails.



## Talented trio exhibit work in art competition



Ailsa Black (5WAL)



Ava Fargher (SHGRO)



Olivia Faux (U6GRO)

CONGRATULATIONS to Ava Fargher (SHGRO), Ailsa Black (5WAL) and Olivia Faux (U6GRO) who all exhibited work in the distinguished Living Edge Schools Art Competition.

The annual competition recognises exceptional artwork within Cheshire schools and aims to celebrate the best young creative talents. The entries of three students were recognised as Highly Commended by an expert panel.

Ava was included in the Under 14 category for her haunting and intriguing portrayal of a forest path. Ailsa was nominated in the Under 16 category for her gripping and intense portrait and Olivia was selected within the Under 18 category for her powerful image, which made stunning use of colour.

All three pupils had their work displayed at the Hexagon Room in the Lowry Arts Centre at Salford Quays.

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## An unforgettable trip to the land of fire and ice



A GROUP OF GCSE and A Level students embarked upon a six-day Icelandic adventure during the Easter holidays, exploring the 'land of fire and ice' and creating lifelong memories.

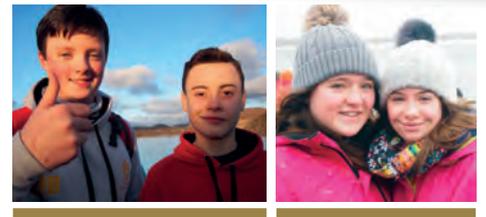
The trip started with a visit to the Blue Lagoon, a spa located in a lava field in Grindavik on the Reykjanes Peninsula, south-western Iceland. Students bathed in the hot geothermal lagoon, enjoyed silica facials and drank smoothies whilst basking in the milky warm waters.



Another highlight was a trek across a glacier connected to the Vatnajökull ice sheet, the largest ice sheet in Europe. Wearing crampons and wielding ice picks, the group made its way across the lunar-esque landscape, under brilliant blue skies. They were also lucky enough to journey along the south coast and see basalt columns, coastal stacks and caves, as well as the impressive Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, complete with seals bobbing along the shore.

The students were able to experience a number of spectacular waterfalls, including Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss, which is 60 metres high. On the last day they visited the Golden Circle of Iceland, which includes Gullfoss waterfall and Thingvellir National Park. The park covers the rift valley created by the North American plate and the Eurasian plate pulling apart – every geographer's dream!

On the final night, the group headed to Reykjavik, the most northerly capital in the world, and ate at the Hamburger Factory, a famous restaurant in



Iceland, known for ringing a bell every time the population increases by one.

Geography teacher, Mrs Aldridge, said,

*"Favourite memories will include eating boiled eggs and rye bread that had been baked in the ground, coming up with the student group names, including the 'Ice Ice Ladies', 'The Geezers', 'Da Boyz', and 'The Glacicy Gals', and all the students rising to the geographical occasion and building on their talents by fully immersing themselves in everything Icelandic."*

## Dance Club lights up the Vanbrugh Theatre



THE SENIOR DANCE CLUB recently staged their Annual Showcase in the Vanbrugh Theatre.

This year, the performance was based around the theme of 'Collaboration' with the students working hard to choreograph their own dances during lunchtimes. This was the first performance in front of an audience for many of the club members, and they rose to the challenge with confident and assured performances, full of flair and poise.

Many thanks to our Head of School, Olivia Wade-Jones, who helped choreograph the group dance to the backing music of 'Run Boy Run'.

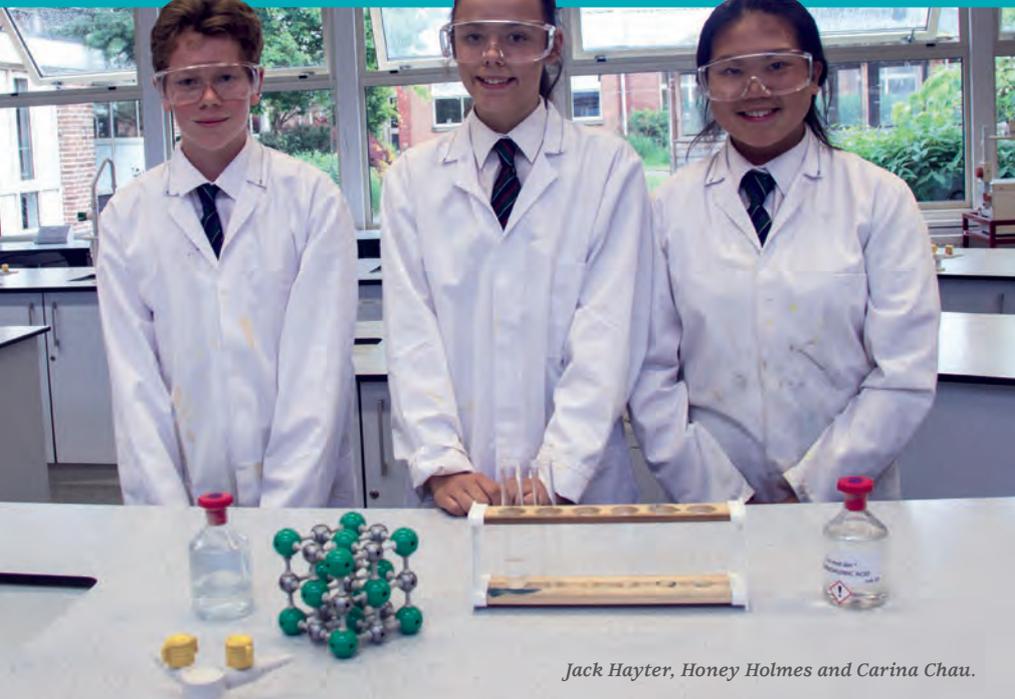
One of the dancers, Olivia Whorrall-Campbell (SHGRO), said, *"I really love the opportunity to create my own dances and to experiment. I joined the club when I was in J1 and I have enjoyed every minute of it. Even though I have done six dance shows in school, I still feel nervous before every one of them, but when you get out there and dance it feels amazing!"*

*This year, I was involved in four dances which included the two group dances, 'Friends' and 'Run Boy Run', a dance that I choreographed myself and a dance that involved four of the senior dancers. I am looking forward to the upcoming years when we will be able to use the new dance studio in the Sports Centre!"*

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## Salter's Festival of Chemistry



*Jack Hayter, Honey Holmes and Carina Chau.*

### By Carina Chau (SHFOX)

IN MAY, four Shells students: Carina Chau (SHFOX), Honey Holmes (SHDUT), Jack Hayter (SHFOX) and Aria Praveen (SHBRD) went to Liverpool John Moores University to participate in the Salter's Festival of Chemistry.

"We were extremely excited as we were going to be competing in a range of challenges showing off our chemistry skills and teamwork. It was going to be a busy day for us as we were determined to win the prize.

When we arrived at the university's prestigious labs, we were faced with the 15 schools which were also taking part. The first part of the day was going to the lecture theatre and listening to Dr Bradshaw give a talk about what was to come and what sort of activities and mysteries we had to solve. We were going to be investigating the crime of the missing trophy and this was going to require all of our teamwork, problem solving and communication skills. In the second half of the day there was another challenge which was called the 'university challenge', it was certainly going to be a day to remember!

As soon as we got back to the labs, our whole team had an organised and focused plan; we split into pairs so that we could complete the challenge at a quicker pace and then crack the code.

We had the team spirit and determination to keep us going as Honey and Aria started their first experiment by doing the chromatography experiment, which consisted of them testing which ink was used to write the code that was left behind at the crime scene. This was a fun challenge, as it showed the precision and analysis of the colours of the five inks needed to match up the ink.

After they recorded the results, they swapped experiments with Jack and I, who were doing the testing of the white powders. This challenge consisted of testing five different white powders and seeing which powder reacted the same way as the powder that was found at the crime scene. This involved observing how the powder would react with water and recording if it would go cloudy with a white precipitate and seeing if the powder would go fizzy when the substance reacted with the acid.

The other experiment carried out by Honey and Aria was the testing of the unknown solutions, which involved testing five substances with universal indicator and seeing if the solution was acidic or alkaline. Once we had recorded everything, we put together a full report and crossed our fingers that we had done enough!

In the afternoon, we were challenged to try and get the reaction to occur at exactly 30 seconds. This meant that we had to use another substance which would slow the reaction down, and in this case we decided to use ice. We submerged the conical flask into the ice so that the reaction would occur in double the time that it would normally happen. In the end we got the reaction to occur at 28 seconds... better luck next time.

We were very proud when it was announced in the prize ceremony that King's had won first place! This was a great accomplishment as we tried our best as a team and we were so happy that all the hard work had paid off.

This was a very enjoyable experience and I would love to do it again!"

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## Dynamic duo aim high at maths competition

CONGRATULATIONS TO Anna Harris (3FOX) and Mickey Nguyen (3GLA) who have both been placed within the top 2% in the Senior Mathematical Education on Merseyside competition.

The competition is organised by the University of Liverpool and challenges pupils to solve an array of mathematical puzzles. This year, more than 1,000 pupils entered the competition from 118 schools across the country. The vast number of entries meant that the competition was hugely competitive, making Anna and Mickey's place in the top 2% in the overall national standings a commendable achievement.

Both pupils attended a prize giving ceremony at the University of Liverpool, where they were awarded certificates for their impressive achievements.

*Well done to our wonderful Removes and Shells mathematicians, who picked up eight gold, 26 silver and 38 bronze awards in the UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) Junior Challenge!*

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## Welcoming pen pals



A GROUP OF EIGHT STUDENTS from the Gymnasium Oldenfelde in Hamburg, Germany, spent a taster day at King's in June, to get an insight into British school life and to explore the similarities and differences to their own school.

Students from Removes to Fifth Year have been writing to their pen pals since last September and relished the opportunity to finally meet some of them. They joined their partners during the school day and enjoyed a traditional afternoon cream tea and cricket match, organised by PE prefects Laura Scott (L6WAL) and Aled Bennett (L6GRO).

We hope the visit will encourage more King's German students to take part in this wonderful project and strengthen our partnership with Gymnasium Oldenfelde.



# Students recognised with Award for Meritorious Service

CONGRATULATIONS TO Emma Giddis (L6FOX), Amelia Standing (U6WER), Sonja Danby (L6FOX) and Olivia Samson (U6BRD) who were recently recognised by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant with an award for Meritorious Service.

The awards recognise the exceptional service of those serving in the Reserve and Cadet Forces.

Each cadet has contributed in a major way to the running of the unit, whether in teaching lessons, or together with a member of staff, coordinating a training programme or trip.

All the cadets excelled in what they have achieved and what they have given back to their communities and the CCF. Amongst their achievements are: representing the UK Cadets in Canada; being best cadet on Regional and National Leadership Courses and conservation work in the Galapagos.

Major Michael Lee said, *“Olivia, Amelia, Sonja and Emma are superb cadets and role-models for what can be achieved with motivation and focus.”*



## Top of the medals for Linguistics Olympiad

CONGRATULATIONS TO Tom Wood (L6GLA) and Oliver Williams (L6GRO) who were recently awarded gold and silver medals respectively, for their entries to the UK Linguistics Olympiad (UKLO) competition.

Similar to the Mathematical Olympiad and National Cipher Challenge, the UKLO encourages students across the country to compete by attempting to solve linguistic data problems. The competition is divided into four levels: breakthrough, foundation, intermediate and advanced.

Oliver and Tom took part in the gruelling two and a half hour advanced level challenge. Both students rose to the challenge, tackling complex linguistic data to win silver and gold medals. We hope the boys can build on this success next year too!

*Lingua Logic Club is always looking for new members and runs on Mondays at 1.15pm-1.45pm.*



# Fuelling Curious Minds at TEDx Youth event

AN ENTREPRENEURIAL group of Sixth Formers organised a TEDx Youth event at King's this term, hosting a number of high profile speakers exploring the theme of 'Fuelling Curious Minds with Ideas for Change'.

The team coordinated the illustrious evening, arranging both student and external speakers; running the event and handling all associated marketing and PR.

Talks included:

- *We should all be economists* by Nonhlanhla Makuyana, Youth Network Officer at Positive Money
- *What is a cli-fi novel and how do you get one published?* By David Barker (OKS 1998), economist and author
- *Dare to Tri* by Louise Minchin, journalist, presenter and athlete
- *Do Robots Dream of Big Data? – How robots will take your job* by Gareth James, CEO of Intilery
- *Surfing (not sinking) in a world of constant change –* by Martin Bryant, consultant, speaker, writer and educator

- *Change or be changed – Life lessons for a change-filled world* by Ian O'Doherty, CEO Park Group, previously of MBNA

TEDx Youth events are independently organised and designed to empower and inspire young people. TEDx is a programme of local, self-organised events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. TED is a non-profit organisation devoted to 'ideas worth spreading', usually in the form of short, powerful talks given by leading thinkers and doers.

Congratulations to Adi Iyer (U6WAL), Lead organiser and Curator; Mr Carter, Co-organiser and Curator; Olivia Wade-Jones (U6BRD) Event Manager and Curator; Daniel Badeli (U6DUT) Executive Producer; James Clark (L6WER) Communications, Editorial and Marketing Director; Arvind Sahni (U6FOX) Lead Designer and Website Manager; Oscar Cornelius (L6FOX) Video and Production lead; Owen Parsonage (L6DUT) Speech Supervisor and Curator.



## Sport Relief fun raises over £2,000

STUDENTS WERE DELIGHTED to welcome BBC presenter and GB triathlete Louise Minchin to the school to help kick-start Sport Relief activities this term.



Mrs Minchin joined Senior and Sixth Form students, who were dressed in an array of weird and wonderful outfits, in their Sport Relief mile, before marshalling a series of fun activities, including a bean bag and skipping race.

Earlier, Willow Lodge Infants started the day's activities by running a very spirited mile around the astro pitches. They were spurred on by their teachers who joined them on the morning run and raised more than £100 in sponsorship.



Junior pupils joined the action later in the morning, determined to post the quickest times, with the musical backdrop of *Step it Up for Sport Relief 2018* motivating them around the track. A fiercely fought tug-of-war saw Houses go head-to-head for glory!

Overall the school raised more than £2,000 for this fantastic charity!



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## Creative writing and geography in the Yorkshire Dales

By Mr Aldridge, Head of English

A GROUP OF Removes and Shells students travelled to Haworth in the Yorkshire Dales for a weekend of creative writing and physical geography in May.

After settling into the rather impressive looking youth hostel, the group spent the Friday night using pictures of the local area as inspiration for some descriptive writing. They worked long into the night and finished with an introduction to the limestone scenery they would be exploring the following day.

Bright and early the next morning, the group set off towards Ingleton waterfalls for a circular walk in unseasonably sunny weather.

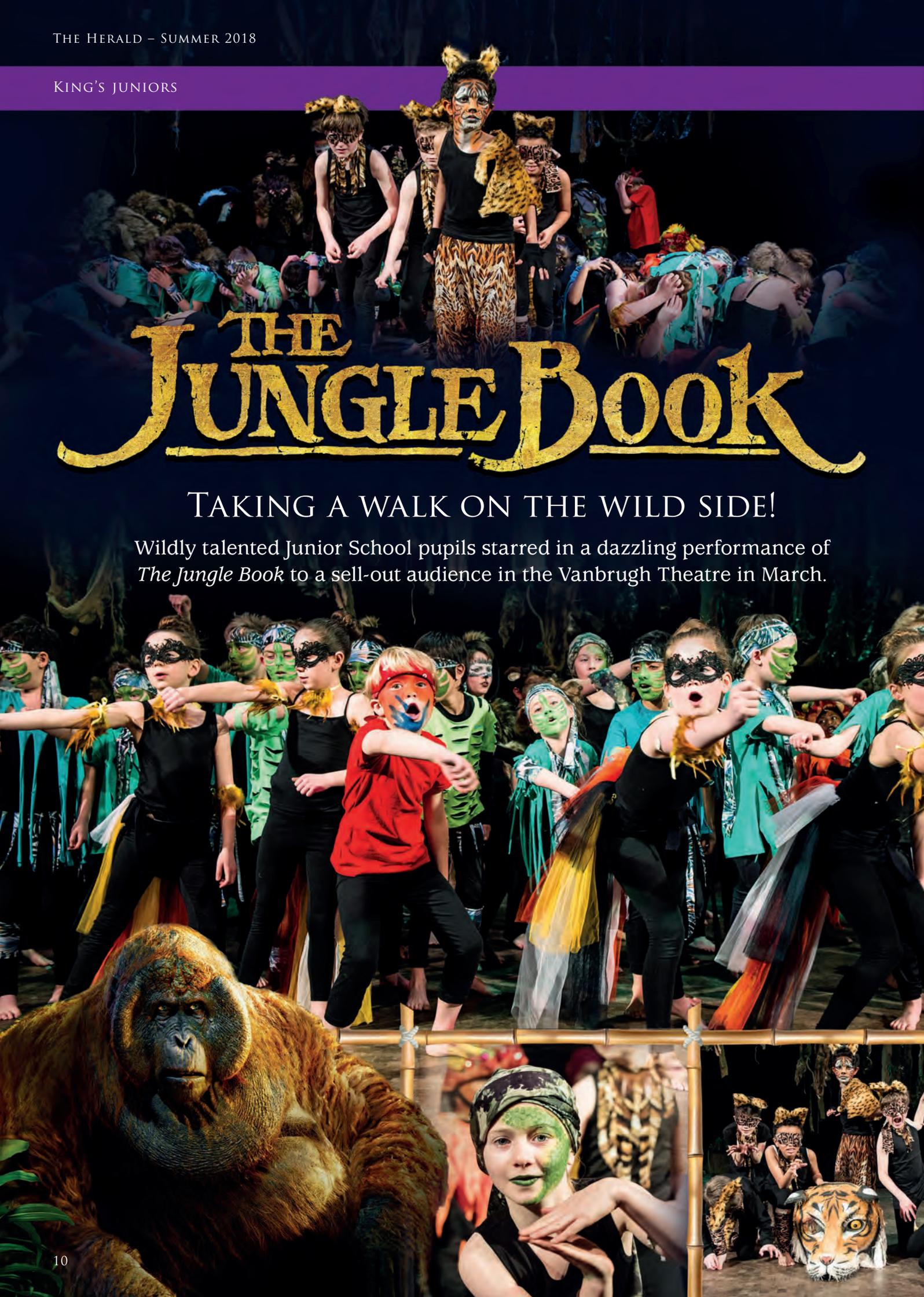
Students answered questions, drew waterfalls and bought the odd ice cream. Staff even introduced them to Kendal Mint Cake!

An underground guided walk through White Scar Caves allowed them to discover subterranean streams and duck under rock formations before finally arriving in a spectacular cavern.

The last stop was Malham Cove to show the group the incredible limestone pavement and the site for a famous scene from *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1*. They returned a little weary after walking far further than many had ever done before. They rounded off the final evening by producing geographical animation films and taking part in a quiz.

Returning on Sunday, students were left to reflect on a demanding and challenging weekend, hopefully inspired in their English and geography work by the stunning surroundings they had witnessed.



A large group of children in elaborate costumes and masks are performing on stage. The costumes include black tank tops, patterned skirts, and various headpieces. The masks are colorful and some have animal-like features. The children are in various poses, some with arms outstretched. The background is dark with some green lighting, suggesting a jungle setting.

# THE JUNGLE BOOK

TAKING A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE!

Wildly talented Junior School pupils starred in a dazzling performance of *The Jungle Book* to a sell-out audience in the Vanbrugh Theatre in March.



Bears, tigers, snakes and monkeys were just a few of the jungle animals brought to spectacular life by the J2 pupils. Colourful costumes and make-up, created by art teacher Miss Savage, added to the vibrant set design and the whole production was a visual triumph!

Every pupil played their role with great commitment, with Mowgli and Baloo winning a special place in the audience's heart thanks to their cunning wit and charm. Under the watchful eye of Bagheera, our hero negotiated the pitfalls of jungle life. The ferocious Shere Khan proved to be an imposing figure and the slithering body of Kaa the giant snake was moved around the stage with great skill by the pupils.

The delighted audience tapped their feet along to the classic songs, all of which were sung beautifully by the talented cast with music arranged by Junior School teacher Mrs Stevens.

The impressive performances were coordinated by the director, Mrs Parker, whilst thanks must also go to Action Transport Theatre, a professional theatre company based in Ellesmere Port, for loaning us some fantastic set decorations and props.



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# Making memories in Barcelona



MORE THAN 60 PUPILS enjoyed a four-day cultural trip to Barcelona.

The J3 and J4 pupils delighted in an action-packed adventure – furthering their knowledge of the Spanish language, learning how to cook the national dish of paella and visiting the tourist attractions of the Catalan capital.

Camp Nou, the home of Barcelona FC, was explored by the children who toured the dressing rooms, the press box, the mix zone and the dug out while marvelling at the size of the 99,354 seater stadium, the largest in Europe.

Evenings were spent at the pristine beaches of Castelldefels, playing beach volleyball or football, before returning to the hotel to take part in Spanish bingo, a quiz or writing their unique Spanish diaries as the sun set over the suburbs of the city. A sumptuous lunch was prepared under the watchful eye of local chefs at the beautiful Poble Espanyol, an open-air architectural museum. The feast comprised of various tapas, paella, Spanish omelette and was finished by a delicious crema Catalana.

The history of Gaudi's masterpiece, Sagrada Familia, was explained by a cathedral guide as the magnificent building was investigated. More of Gaudi's work, including his iconic salamander, was appreciated at Park Güell.

The trip proved very popular; so many children wanted to go that it was decided to take two groups over the half term holiday.

Mr Spellman, who organised the trip, said, *"We had a fabulous time touring this wonderful city and the children were a credit to their parents. I hope we have made memories that they will cherish for a lifetime."*



# Medals galore at the AJIS biathlon

SPORTY PUPILS put in an incredible performance at the recent annual Association of Junior Independent Schools' (AJIS) biathlon, hosted by Rossall School, Lancashire.

Nine schools and more than 160 children took part in the event and King's was delighted to be the only school to medal individually in each of the age and gender categories.

After some determined and skilful individual events, J3 pupils Freya Artell, Eleanor Williams and Anna Walker took first, second and third

place respectively and Team Gold overall. Marcus Thornton (J3H) achieved second place individually and won Team Silver alongside Charlie Beyeler (J3H) and Finn Lewis (J3H).

The J4 pupils weren't about to be outdone, with William Pritchard (J4O) Ben Whittlestone (J4O) and Harry Taylor (J4M) bagging Team Gold, hot on the heels of William coming third in the individual category. Emily Hunt (J4O) celebrated second place in her individual event.

Each competitor swam two full lengths of the 25m pool and ran 800m on the athletics track. The top three results from each age category for each school were subsequently added together to form a 'team' and medals were handed out to the top three teams, as well as the three highest individual scores.

The pupils had a fantastic day and performed brilliantly as a squad.





## Spectacular success for U11 Boys' Hockey team

THE U11 BOYS' HOCKEY TEAM enjoyed a spectacularly successful season led by Captain Francis Unett (J4S).

In the AJIS competition, the King's A team qualified as winners of the group for the semi-finals against the King's B team who they narrowly beat 1-0.

They met Kirkham in the final which was very tight and remained scoreless after extra time. Consequently, Kirkham and King's shared the honours of the AJIS Cup winners.

The team also qualified for the North England Finals. They progressed to the semi-finals as runners-up in their group. They beat Kirkham in the semi-finals before narrowly losing to Cundall Manor in the finals.

Lukas Pold (J4S) and Abreek Mohammed (J4S) were also members of the same squad but are not pictured.

## Blazer article: My Mate Meghan

By Blazer reporters Alya Ollies (J4O) and Sude Kulak (J4O)



Prince Harry's fiancée is kind, engaging and articulate, according to theology teacher, Ms Rutberg (left), who was in the same school class as Meghan Markle.

Ms Rutberg explained that she attended Hollywood's Little Red Schoolhouse with the young Meghan.

*"It's been a very long time, but Meghan and I were friends. I was in a class with people a year older than I was, so not everyone was so welcoming. She was one of the people I was good friends with, which I think says positive things about her openness and friendliness,"* said Ms Rutberg, who is American.

She revealed that Meghan was present at her fancy dress party for her fourth birthday. And the young Jessica went to Meghan's fifth birthday party. Describing her strengths, Ms Rutberg remembered Meghan being, *"Kind, engaging and articulate,"* and having an interest in acting, performance and social issues.

She remembers Meghan enjoying her dance classes, run by Jessica's mother at the private elementary school. Meghan was at the school in the late 80s, leaving in around 1992 to join Immaculate Heart High School.

Asked if she was surprised when her old school friend was to marry an English Prince, Ms Rutberg told The Blazer, *"I'm not a big follower of royal family news, but I thought it was exciting to see that Prince Harry has chosen to marry someone who doesn't fit the traditional model of royal spouses. I strongly approved."*

Ms Rutberg believes that Meghan's experience of England will be very different from her own. *"However, I think England is a great place to live, and I'm sure she'll enjoy it."*



## Maths Champs



HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO two of our Junior School pupils who finished in the top 4% of the national Primary Mathematics Challenge.

Oliver Price (J3S) and Eloise Smith (J4M) were delighted to receive bronze medals in recognition of their outstanding performance.

The Primary Mathematics Challenge is a fun and exciting contest aimed at pupils in years 5 and 6 throughout the UK.



KING'S JUNIORS

# Making memories at Plas Menai!

INTREPID PUPILS enjoyed an adventurous residential trip in May, with lots of opportunity to celebrate friendship and teamwork in some glorious sunshine.

The J4 pupils visited the Plas Menai National Outdoor Centre, Caernarfon, for a special few days packed with new and exciting experiences.

Fun water activities included raft building,

kayaking, sailing and power boating. Back on land, they enjoyed mountain biking, orienteering, climbing and abseiling. They also had the opportunity to try their hand at archery and low and high ropes, which of course included the now infamous Leap of Faith!

Great fun was had by all and, of course, the beautiful weather helped enormously!



# Top performances at The Chester Festival of Speech and Drama



OUR PUPILS ENJOYED wonderful success at The Chester Festival of Speech and Drama held at King's in March.

All of our entrants performed in their respective categories with incredible confidence and poise, and picked up a number of top-placed trophies and certificates. We were delighted to see so many of our pupils taking part in this much celebrated annual event.

Of particular note were the achievements of our youngest pupils, with several members of Willow Lodge tackling their first experience of speaking in front of an audience. The pupils enjoy weekly lessons and their hard work certainly paid off with a number of them receiving first and second places.

## EXCLUSIVE

# Success for Shepherds in Art House Competition



THIS TERM has seen the inaugural King's Juniors House Art Competition take place and the results were truly spectacular.

Pupils were tasked with producing an image of an animal in their House colours. The choice of animal had to be appropriate to the colour of their House, so no green foxes or red dolphins, and

the background to their animal had to also be predominantly the House colour.

Beyond that, pupils had free rein and they certainly explored a wide range of media and techniques. Every single Junior School pupil submitted an entry.

Mr Downey, Head of Art in the Senior School, kindly agreed to undertake the difficult task of judging the work. There were lots of points for

first, second and third in each class and an overall winner in each year group.

Rachel Joseph (J2P) was awarded the honour of Supreme Champion which won many points for her House. When all the points were added up, it was Shepherds who were the deserving winners of the first House Art Competition.

Well done to Shepherds and to everybody!



KING'S JUNIORS AND WILLOW LODGE INFANTS



## Fun and fundraising for Race for Life

WILLOW LODGE AND JUNIOR PUPILS donned their sun hats and some very bedazzling accessories to take part in a Race for Life event this term.

All of the children were invited to donate one pound to Cancer Research to take part in the race around the sports field, with a few fun obstacles thrown in for good measure.

Pupils took on the challenge with great vigour and enthusiasm, and were joined on several parts of the course by some equally energetic staff members.

A special thank you to one of our Willow Lodge parents for donating the official pink Race for Life wristbands for the Infant pupils taking part.



WILLOW LODGE INFANTS



# Learning in the great outdoors

PUPILS ENJOYED glorious sunshine and lots of hands-on activities when they took part in Outdoor Classroom Day in May.

Outdoor Classroom Day is a global initiative designed to celebrate and inspire outdoor learning and play. Thousands of schools around the world enjoyed lessons outdoors with over two million children in more than 100 countries taking part. The campaign organisers believe that outdoor learning improves children's health, engages them with lessons and leads to a greater connection with nature.

As part of their outdoor lessons, pupils decorated a tree in the Forest School with drawings of all their favourite school activities. Once complete, the tree was a unique representation of all the things our

pupils love about coming to Willow Lodge every day. Throughout the day, pupils enjoyed phonics, maths, PE and problem solving in the beautiful outdoor surroundings of Willow Lodge.

Then it was time for a tasty BBQ for lunch followed by some ice cream for pudding!



EXCLUSIVE

## Building relationships



DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY Sixth Form students visited Willow Lodge this term to showcase their projects to our Infants.

This year, two of our A Level students decided to explore the theme of furniture for an educational setting. As part of their projects, the students were required to undertake a series of evaluation assignments to assess how their prototypes would function within that environment.

Students Harry Jaquiss (U6BRD) and Issy Whittingham (U6WAL) decided to take their prototypes over to Willow Lodge to assess how the Infant pupils used and interacted with their designs. Harry designed an adjustable desk which adjusted to a pupil's height, whilst Issy designed a storage unit which could also be used as a chair.



EXCLUSIVE

## A trip back in time

NIGHTINGALE CLASS visited Erddig Hall, a National Trust property on the outskirts of Wrexham, and spent the day as Victorian servants this term.

The children all made fresh lemonade, helped to do the washing, groom the horses and clean the boys' quarters. This included emptying the toilets!

All the children had a lovely day and despite proving to be very capable servants, they decided it was certainly better to be a child now rather than in Victorian times.



## Bubbles galore!



OUR INFANTS ENJOYED a Science Day packed full of hands-on activities this term.

The Willow Lodge classrooms were hives of activity as pupils tried out experimental baking, construction, colourful confectionery art and textiles design.

The undoubted highlight of the day for many was the bountiful bubbles! Pupils spent the morning creating their very own bubble blowers which they then put to use on the playground. Using a container of warm water, plenty of washing up liquid and a little help from the wind, pupils created some fantastic shapes!



## Stop-start animation

CREATIVE INFANT PUPILS enjoyed learning all about stop-start animation in April.

Using some beloved Lego figures, the children got to work at mastering the patience and technical ability needed to film short animated clips and enjoyed sharing their wonderful films with their classmates.



WILLOW LODGE INFANTS

# Royal Wedding fever!

THERE WAS GREAT EXCITEMENT in Willow Lodge as the children joined the nation in celebrating Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's big day in May.

Pupils enjoyed their very own street party in the dining hall amid a sea of bunting, hats and balloons – all whilst enjoying some tasty 'Harry and Meghan' themed cupcakes.

Throughout the week, the children learned about royal weddings throughout history, as well as cracking codes and creating beautiful dresses and cake designs for the happy couple. They also completed a guided reading activity about Prince Harry and solved a phonics-based royal wedding mystery.

A right royal time was had by all!



# Olympian Beth pops in for a gymnastics lesson



KEEN GYMNASTS in Willow Lodge were delighted to welcome Olympian Beth Tweddle to school recently.

Beth and her team were more than happy to help out with a gymnastics lesson, showing excited pupils the best warm-ups, and top tips for improving their balance and core strength.

After meeting Mr Hartley, and Head of Infants and Juniors, Mrs Ainsworth, Beth visited all the year groups for a fun question and answer session about her time in competitive sport and as a celebrity on Dancing on Ice!

She revealed the hours of practice and sheer determination it took to represent her country and encouraged the children to try as many sports and activities as possible.

# Inspiring art exhibition raises more than £600 for Water Aid

OUR INFANTS recently showcased a beautiful collection of artwork themed around water in a bid to raise money for an important cause.

The exhibition took place in the Willow Lodge playground and parents were invited along to view the work and make a donation to Water Aid by purchasing their child's painting. It was lovely to see so many beautiful pictures displayed around the playground, all inspired by different artists and techniques.

The aim of Water Aid is to increase the access to clean water in every area of the world. The

charity works in some of the most deprived locations, enabling entire communities to unlock their potential, break free from poverty and change their lives for good. The charity also works with governments to change laws, link policy makers with people on the ground, pool knowledge and resources and rally support from people and organisations around the world, making lasting change happen on a massive scale.

We are proud to announce that a total of more than £640 was raised for this vital charity!



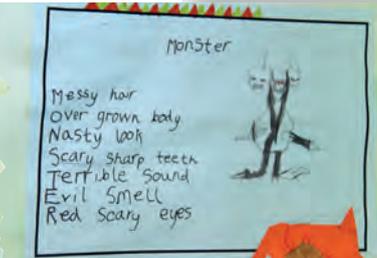
# Mythical monsters and dastardly dragons!

OUR INFANTS RECENTLY WELCOMED Mr Hartley to Willow Lodge, where he spent time reading the pupils' monstrous World Book Day poems.

The Kingfishers and Nightingales classes worked together to write Mr Hartley a letter inviting him to come and see their wonderful work.

Mr Hartley gladly accepted and spent the afternoon with the pupils, reading their poems which were themed around mythical monsters and dastardly dragons.

Creative pupils had brought their poems to life with some fantastic illustrations and Mr Hartley was hugely complimentary of their fantastic World Book Day efforts.



KING'S ALUMNI

# Reunion for 2008 leavers



IT WAS LOVELY TO welcome back 2008 leavers to their 10-year reunion on Saturday, 19 May, particularly as it was such a busy weekend with the Royal Wedding and the FA Cup Final!

The group enjoyed a guided tour of the school, set against a backdrop of beautiful blue skies and sunshine. This was followed by a light-hearted presentation, intended to spark reminiscences, anecdotes and shared memories. Then it was time for a delicious three-course meal, prepared by the school catering team.

Former Headmaster, Tim Turvey, and several former and current teachers joined the group, including Dr McMahon, Mr Hutton, Mr Elmore and Mrs Hollingworth. All were incredibly impressed by the diverse range of careers amongst the group, which included a dentist, doctor, engineer, accountant, real estate director, motion graphic designer, entrepreneur, speech therapist and HR professional, to name but a few!

This was our final reunion for 2018. Next year's get-togethers will be held in February, March and May for the following leaving years: 1959, 1969, 1979, 1989, 1999 and 2009. More details will be shared later in the year.

## A proud family tradition

THE WALKER FAMILY have celebrated the remarkable achievement of having three children row in the Oxford versus Cambridge boat race.

It started in 2007 when former King's School pupil, Peter Walker (OKS 2007), went to study natural sciences at Gonville & Caius, a constituent college of the University of Cambridge. A keen and successful rower whilst at King's, he achieved his dream by rowing for reserve crew Goldie against Isis in the 2014 Boat Race.

His sister Emma (OKS 2010), who also attended King's, quickly followed in his footsteps in 2010 when she went to study medicine at the same college. Not a rower at school, she was encouraged to take up the sport by her brother, who by this point was overall men's captain at the college.

***"I learnt to row here when Peter was captain as they needed more girls," said 26-year-old Emma, who is a junior doctor. "I had never really expected to be in the Boat Race and never thought I would!"***

Emma became Caius' women's rowing captain in 2012-13, eventually racing in 2015, beating Oxford by three feet at Henley.

And now, youngest sibling Victoria (OKS 2015) has sealed the family dynasty by rowing in the Cambridge University Women's Boat Club (CUWBC) lightweights' crew at Dorney Lake, Buckinghamshire, in March. The race was moved from its original location of Henley due to adverse weather conditions.

Victoria, who is in her third year studying medicine at Caius, learnt to row at King's and was the college's women's captain last year.

She said, ***"I always knew it was something I could do; it was achievable I just had to put in the effort to do it."***

All the family were there to cheer her on, for what was no doubt a very proud moment as the CUWBC triumphed by 1/2 length!



## Congratulations to Hiroshi



CONGRATULATIONS TO Hiroshi Amako (OKS2011), who recently completed a three-year opera course at the Royal Academy of Music.

Born in Tsu, Japan before later moving to North Wales, Hiroshi is a seasoned oratorio soloist with a particular enthusiasm for JS Bach. In September he will be relocating to Hamburg after being selected for the distinguished State Opera's Young Artist programme. Prior to starting the two-year programme in Hamburg, Hiroshi will be joining the Auckland Philharmonic to sing the St Matthew Passion, a sacred oratorio by JS Bach.

He recently reflected upon his experiences and singled out praise for his former music teachers, saying, ***"It's all happened very quickly in the last couple of weeks so it's a bit of a whirlwind! I wouldn't have believed I would end up doing this sort of work – a lot of it is down to teachers Kath Andrews, James Millard and Fanny Cooke for encouraging me through all the music at school... especially the singing side!"***

Some ties last a lifetime

# King's alumnus driving change at Manchester United Football Club



KING'S ALUMNUS Richard Arnold has been making the headlines in a bold attempt to make football more affordable for younger fans of Manchester United Football Club.

In his role as Group Managing Director, Richard oversees all commercial and operational aspects of the club and has recently focused his attention on the introduction of cheaper tickets

for young fans in a drive to improve the Old Trafford atmosphere.

In a recent Sky Sports article, Richard praised the unparalleled support of the club's fans and discussed the introduction of more affordable tickets for younger fans in the Stretford End and the freezing of season ticket prices for next season.

*“The introduction of reduced ticket prices for young adults in the Stretford End lower tier stems from suggestions generated by*



*fan groups through our fans' forum, aimed at building on the tradition of vibrant support.”*

It's fantastic to see our alumni driving change at the highest level of sport.

# Economist branches out with first novel



DAVID BARKER (OKS 1998) is celebrating the successful publication of his first novel.

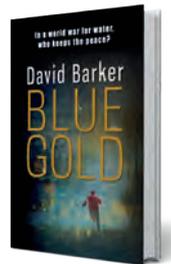
*Blue Gold* was published by Urbane Publications in May 2017 and its sequel, *Rose Gold*, is scheduled for release later this year.

He lives in Berkshire with his wife, daughter and three pet rats. David spends half the week travelling into London where he works as chief economist for an international fund, and the other half writing at home.

*Blue Gold* is set in the near future, when climate change and geopolitical tension have given rise to a new international threat – a world war for water. This most

vital of resources has become a precious commodity and some will stop at nothing to control its flow.

David said, *“I attended the Faber Academy How to Write a Novel course in 2014 with the best-selling Ali Land. And I appear on the Radio Berkshire monthly show Radio Reads with Bill Buckley and Claire Dyer. You can find blogs, short stories and more about me on my website [www.davidbarkerauthor.co.uk](http://www.davidbarkerauthor.co.uk) And you can follow me on twitter: @BlueGold201.”*



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Music and Theatre themed Founder's Dinner Saturday 29 September

This year we will celebrate all things musical and dramatic. Enjoy a sumptuous three-course meal in our fabulous Vanbrugh Theatre whilst being entertained by the best of King's talent past and present.

### King's at RIBA

### Alumni Networking Event at RIBA ..... Thursday 15 November

Join us for a convivial and memorable evening at the Royal Institute of British Architects in London. Our Guest Speaker is former pupil Matt Hancock, Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.

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## Alumni Team News

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE that Liz Gwyther has been promoted to Head of Development.

Many of you will already have met Liz, as she has organised a wide range of events during the past seven years. These have included reunions; balls; fundraising dinners; and alumni get-togethers at the Houses of Parliament, Henley and HMS Belfast and she is looking forward to the new challenges ahead.



KING'S SCHOOL SPORTS

# Izzie creates history down under

CONGRATULATIONS to Izzie Howell (U6LES) who represented the Senior Wales Hockey Squad at the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Australia, playing in all five matches, including an historic win against India.

She was initially chosen to travel to Gran Canaria on a warm weather training camp with the squad before being officially selected to represent the team in Australia. Izzie became part of history as the win against India was the first time the Welsh Women's Hockey team had beaten a top 10 ranked side in the past two decades.

As the whole school followed Izzie's progress in Australia with keen interest, her experience evoked particularly fond memories for Dr Ashcroft, the school's hockey coach, who himself represented Wales at both the 1998 Kuala Lumpur and 2002 Manchester Commonwealth Games and won the UK Player of the Year award in 1999. Dr Ashcroft has been delighted with the development of hockey at King's and was proud to see Izzie compete down in Australia.



Hockey at King's has reached new heights this season as teams from all age groups have thrived. Highlights include:

- U11 Girls' Hockey squad triumphing at the annual Moreton Hall Tournament and making the North of England Finals.
- U11 Boys' Hockey squad crowned AJIS Winners and North of England runners-up
- U12 Boys' Hockey squad claimed the King's Chester Tournament Title
- U13 Boys' Hockey squad placed in the Top 10 schools nationally at the Nottingham National Hockey Finals
- U16 Girls' Hockey squad crowned Cheshire Outdoor Champions
- 1st XI Girls' Hockey squad crowned North West Champions and finished 3rd in the North of England Championships
- 1st XI won the Chester and District Outdoor Tournament
- U18 and U13 girls won their Chester & District Indoor titles

There were also a number of key individual successes as Joe Webb (5BRD) and Anna Mackay (4GRO) were both selected to represent the U16 Boys and Girls Welsh National Squads, whilst Aled Bennett (L6GRO) captained the Welsh National squad at U18/U19 level.

## Students show great athleticism

CHESTER AND DISTRICT Athletics for Schools Minors' Championship was a successful event for Removes and Shells this year.

The day, held in glorious sunshine at Deeside Athletics Stadium, was full of individual successes and great team performances. The Removes and Shells girls' teams came third with the Removes boys' team finishing as runners-up and the Shell boys coming first out of the 10 district boys' schools.



## Starting the day on the right foot

DURING THE SUMMER TERM the pupils have been supported in their training and fitness with early morning cricket and tennis sessions. A large number of students have been taking advantage of the sessions, run by tennis coach Gary Ward and cricket coach, Chris Ashcroft.

The sessions are aimed at allowing pupils to hone their skills through game play and nets practice and those taking part have very much enjoyed the opportunity to start the day in an active way.



# Pulling together at the Schools' Regatta

MORE THAN 100 ATHLETES represented King's in 16 different crews at this year's National Schools' Regatta, held at Dorney Lake, Windsor.

The weekend got off to an excellent start when the J14 boys' 2nd octuple finished in dramatic style to win a bronze medal in their category.

The success continued the next day, with the J15 girls' 2nd VIII winning a bronze medal in their category and the J15 1st VIII girls finishing fourth in the B final. The J15 boys VIIIs both raced well, with the 2nd crew rowing through Radley to finish in 10th position, a solid fourth in the B final.

At the senior level, the girls' J16 four finished the day in the B final, with the boys J16 four finishing first in the C final. The boys 1st VIII narrowly missed out on the B Championship final. The boys put their disappointment behind them to produce an excellent time in the C final, finishing second in the C final just behind a well-drilled Monmouth School crew.

The Sunday of the regatta was the turn of the smaller boats. The boys championship coxless four was pushed into fourth place in the C final by a strong Hampton four, the girls championship pair raced well to finish in third place in the D final. The

final race of the day for King's was the boys' championship coxless pair of Oliver Irvine (L6FOX) and Jack Roberts (L6DUT), who after qualifying for the A final in dramatic style, fought hard all the way down the track to narrowly miss out on a third place by less than a second to a strong Walton pair. Despite the disappointment, the boys can be proud of what was an inspiring performance to reach such a high level of rowing on the national stage.



## Honing skills in Holland



OVER THE EASTER BREAK, more than 100 King's rowers and coaches attended annual training camps. This year the J15 and senior rowers made the trip to Tilburg in Holland, while the J14 camp returned to Peterborough. Tilburg provided an excellent training venue with all squads completing

a great deal of technical work, as well as lots of distance work. Immediately following the senior camp, a total of 43 J14 pupils and their coaches attended the first formal training camp hosted by Peterborough Rowing Club.



## A promising team for the future

JACK ROBERTS (L6DUT) AND OLIVER IRVINE (L6FOX) represented King's at the Great Britain Juniors Small Boats Trial in Nottingham recently. The format was a time trial in the morning, followed by a semi-final and a final in each of the small boat events.

The boys had a strong time trial, finishing 11th overall and progressing into the A/B semi-final; this alone was a huge success due to the relentless headwind they faced as one of the lightest crews at the trial. The duo came fifth in their semi-final which claimed them a place in the B Final.

The B final was a close race between some of the fastest pairs in the country and the boys pushed their way into third place just behind St Paul's School and Westminster School. The pair's day finished in a very pleasing ninth place overall.



## New opportunity for future sport stars

AS PART of the Sports Centre development, the sports department has been working with former England and British Lions rugby player, Phil Greening, who has opened a high performance gym in Chester called The Athlete Factory.

The gym has awarded six year-long memberships, free of charge, to some of our top performers. The players are from a mix of sports and the coaching team will be working with the students to optimise their performance over the next year.

The pupils involved are Archie Blacklock (L6BRD) (Cheshire Tennis), Jacob Bell (L6WER) (Wales Basketball), Sam Jones (L6BRD) (Cheshire Football), Elsa Hodgson (5BRD) (1st XI School & Chester Ladies' Hockey), Ellie Saunders (5GLA) (Wales Netball) and Emily Rossiter (L6GLA) (Lacrosse – North of England and the Regional English Talent Pathway). The pupils will now be given their individual training sessions and look forward to developing their conditioning over the next few months.



## Charity run in aid of UK Sepsis

CONGRATULATIONS TO Junior School staff members Mrs Nicola Tomlinson, Mr David O'Neil and Mrs Nicky Davis along with Willow Lodge teacher Miss Takacs, who completed the Chester Half Marathon to raise money and awareness for The UK Sepsis Trust.

They were inspired to support the charity after Mrs Tomlinson was admitted to hospital in June 2016 with severe sepsis. Thanks to the generosity of all those who donated, the fabulous foursome raised nearly £2,000 for The UK Sepsis Trust.



## Water Aid Donation

IT'S BEEN NEARLY 10 YEARS since the school's 'Geog Soc', King's Geographical Society, was formed back in 2009. Since its formation, one of the society's main goals has been to raise money for the Water Aid charity. Over the years the pupils have learned all about the impacts of unclean and unsafe water on people's health and their socio-economic development as well as the unfair inequalities that exist in today's society in terms of access to vital resources. Water Aid was selected as the sole recipient of the society's fundraising efforts due to their aims of providing clean drinking water and sanitation to those who need it most.

The 'Geog Soc' initially set a hugely ambitious target of raising £5,000 for Water Aid, with pupils devising an array of methods to raise both funds and awareness for the charity. The students began their fundraising efforts by arranging and hosting a series of Fairtrade tuck shops and cafés once per term, where they sold Fairtrade goods, performed songs and comedy sketches, ran quizzes and even showcased magic tricks.

Additionally, the society ran week-long Water Aid Fairtrade festivals where the students hosted a King's music festival each lunch time. Most recently,

In support of 

the students also organised a week-long Dizzy Goals Challenge in both the Junior and Senior.

The students are thrilled to announce that the current donations raised for the Water Aid charity have been match-funded, providing a grand total of more than £10,000.

Geography teacher Mrs Aldridge said, *"This is a truly commendable achievement by all involved. The staff and students would like to thank everyone for their support and are now fully focused on future fundraising initiatives."*

## Parents' Association are on a mission



THE KING'S SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION (KSPA) is currently on a mission to involve more parents. The association exists as a charity to host events which pupils and parents enjoy attending, contributing towards and getting involved in. By hosting these events we also raise extra funds to provide purchases, investments and scholarships which children will benefit from.

Greater than all the financial gains, however, it enhances a community spirit and feel for pupils, parents and staff alike.

### Examples of recent KSPA donations include:

- £25,000 for new sports café furniture
- £2,100 for an outdoor stage at Willow Lodge
- £1,500 for Willow living structure at Willow Lodge
- £15,000 for play equipment at the Junior School
- £1,200 for new House colours bibs for Senior School sports day
- £180 for giant bean bags for Senior School library
- £345 for stage in a box for drama department
- £300 for bean bags for drama/film club
- £240 for modern foreign languages department for interactive games software
- £220 for board games for Senior School extra-curricular club

If you are a King's parent and would like to get involved with the KSPA, please email [kspa@kingschester.co.uk](mailto:kspa@kingschester.co.uk)

## OPEN DAY SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER

Come and see how we uncover a lifelong love of learning at King's

**Willow Lodge**  
9.30am – 12.00 noon

**King's Juniors**  
10.30am – 1.00pm

**Willow Seniors**  
1.00pm – 3.30pm

**King's Sixth Form**  
1.00pm – 3.30pm

Please contact us today to reserve your place.

## OPEN EVENING THURSDAY 11 OCTOBER

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