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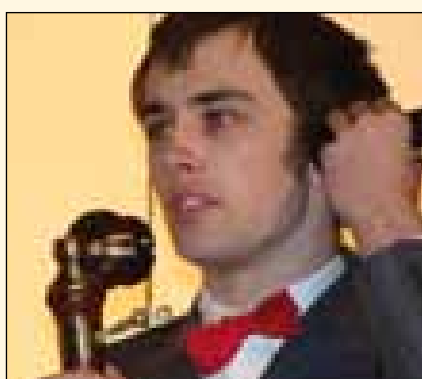
From the Head Master's Desk

Dear Readers

It seems to me that any week in the life of Kent College could be described as a remarkable week. It is certainly true as I write at the end of the first week of March, when 15 girls involved in U13 teams won 3 county titles in 6 days in Netball and Hockey. These excellent achievements could hardly be described as anything other than remarkable. I have also enjoyed two wonderful evenings of music making in Chamber recitals at the Senior and Junior Schools. From a fife solo - 'The Grand Old Duke of York' to a Beethoven piano sonata, all the students gave a polished performance and were demonstrating terrific progress. With World Book Day, the school has been absolutely buzzing with a wonderful book fair and a most successful visit by Jasper Cooper author of 'Candara's Gift'. The community is enhanced by the visit of our German exchange



French exchange students



Ben as Warbucks

students from Georgii Gymnasium and hot on the heels they will be followed by French exchange students from Collège Guynemer, Compiègne.

It feels like a long time ago now when Kent College presented the musical 'Annie' in the first week of February. It was a real privilege for me to be involved and I felt so proud of the students and the team of colleagues which made it happen. Helen Sotillo gave a most engaging and compelling performance in the title role as the tough but sensitive orphan dreaming of finding her parents. Davina

Browrigg was a 'tour de force' as the cruel and caricatured Miss Hannigan who was responsible for the girls at the orphanage. Ben Roberts-Waite was commanding as Warbucks, able to balance the gruff business man and the tender-hearted guardian. Aimee Lloyd as Grace, Warbuck's Personal Assistant was indeed graceful and brought charm and sophistication to the role. Josh Wilson -Holliday and Anna McGibney were convincingly sly and ditsy (respectively) as the crooked characters Rooster and Lily who sought to kidnap Annie. Barnaby Lamper played an authoritative President Roosevelt and Connor



Connor as Bert Healy

Humphreys a very smooth radio host, Bert Healy. These principal roles were supported by a company which was talented in depth: with a particularly strong group of orphans; suitably refined and balletic servants in the mansion; optimistic politicians; and appropriately angry 'down and outs' on the streets. The band directed by Mr McIntosh lifted the performers to new heights and the technical and back stage crews ensured that everything looked wonderful and went smoothly. It was certainly a real team performance with students from Year 7 to Yr 13 involved and with many colleagues and parents making notable contributions.



The Down and outs



Rebecca, Emma and Hannah as the Boylan Sisters

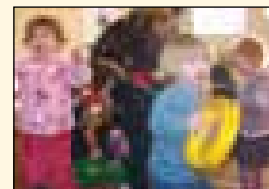
Then there was the Inspection about which I have already sent a letter home to Parents, and we very much look forward to receiving the details of four reports in the very near future which we trust will confirm that when so many weeks are remarkable, that we should not be surprised if the College is described as outstanding.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a restful Easter break and I invite you to learn more of the remarkable goings on in the pages of the Kent College Times.

Dr David Lamper
Head Master



Tumble Tunes



'Tumble Tunes' is now successfully under way within the Nursery at Kent College Junior School and is attended by babies and toddlers alongside their Parents, Grampies and Nannies.

On arrival the Tots enjoy a tumble on soft play equipment which encourages their physical development by encouraging their coordination and use of motor skills.

Following a 'tumble' the little Tots, Parents Grampies and Nannies enjoy a session of interactive songs and action rhymes. There is also an opportunity to explore a range of musical instruments.

Songs and rhymes assist in promoting many aspects of young children's development including language, mathematical, creative and physical ability through the use of music.

'Tumble Tunes' is the perfect opportunity for adults and toddlers to participate in musical activities and to meet and make new friends.

Mrs Anita Nugent
Nursery Dept

(Editor's note: for further information, see Issue 3 of KC Times or ring 01227 866526)

Marathon Training Diary (2)

I am now well into the meaty part of the marathon programme. At this stage there are no 'easy' sessions; everything is endurance based, 10+ miles in distance or interval sessions of lung-bursting intensity. I have to do much of the training at 5am to fit everything in, which my Year 10 has informed me is not the best time due to thicker blood viscosity (!)

Since the last KCT I have completed a half marathon (13.1 miles) and last weekend (1st March) I ran the furthest I have managed for 3 years when I took part in the Thanet 20.

Fortunately the weather was perfect: still, cool, with glimpses of sunshine. Unfortunately the course was an absolute killer. It undulated all the way round, with really steep climbs from lower prom to upper esplanade in Ramsgate; a long drag up to Joss Bay and the North Foreland Lighthouse; and several short sharp hills in-between. It was something of a shock to my system! Still, I persevered round and finished in a respectable 6th position in the ladies' race, in 2 hrs 27 minutes; only a minute slower than my best time from 2004 when I was 5 years younger and the course was flat!

So, all things considered, training is going well. I am keeping up the swimming and cycling to vary things, and am looking forward to the lighter nights when I can get out and run in daylight.

The London Marathon takes place on April 26th. If you have never been up to the city to watch, you should! There is a real party atmosphere all the way round and you will be amazed by the sheer number of participants and mix of runners of all shapes and sizes. You will also get a feel for the speed of the top athletes: something you won't get from the TV. You might even feel inspired to give it a try yourself!

Ms Jenni van Deelen
Modern Languages

Correction

In the Head Master's Letter in the last edition of the KCT, there was an error over names. Please note that it is Lucy Hyams who has been selected for the U16 England hockey team and not her younger sister. There is a report in the Sports pages of this edition.

A Troubler Visits Kent College!

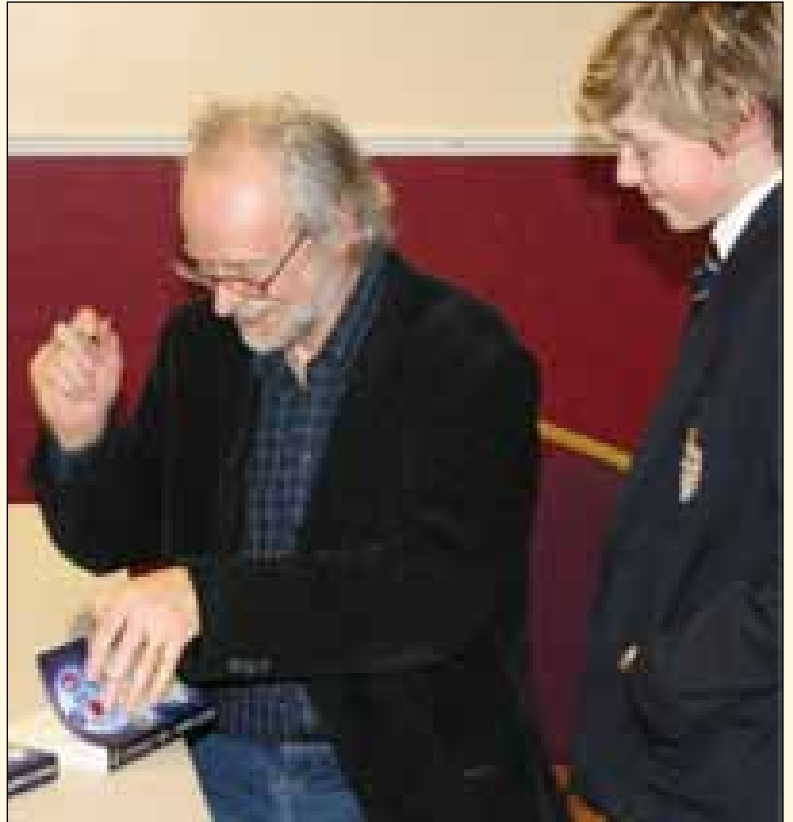
"He did not feel the strange sinister chill that had suddenly filled the air. He did not see the dark-cloaked figure far below him cross the boarder and enter the kingdom. A Troubler had arrived"

Years 7-10 had the opportunity on 27th February to gain insight into an author's perspective. Jasper Cooper, well known for his tennis career, visited the school and told us how he came to be Number One in the Amazon book charts for his book, 'Candara's Gift', Book One of 'The Kingdom of Gems Trilogy'.

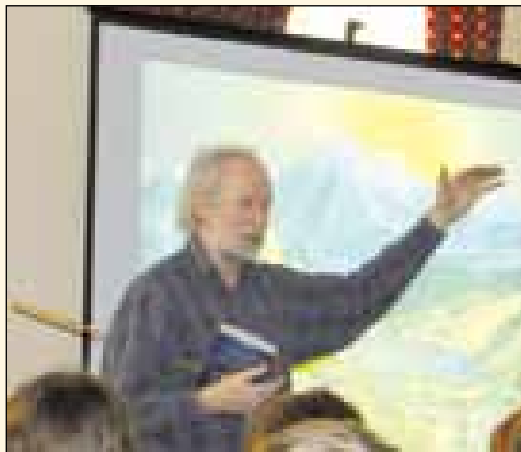
He confessed to those present that his talent for English was not prominent at school, being more interested in playing tennis. He began to discover a passion for English when, at 19, he started to read poems.

At 33, Mr Cooper enrolled on a degree course in Art and Religious Studies as a mature student at Christ Church University. He then became a teacher and began to write stories. His writing career took off when making up bedtime stories for his children. They would ask for the same story repeatedly and he consequently started writing it down. He would write a chapter a night, reading each new chapter to them before bed.

'As the days went by I found that the story was growing longer and longer,' he told us. 'This carried on for 92 days. When it was finished, I found I had written 92 chapters, 50000 words long.'



Jasper signs a book for Jake



Jasper at his presentation

He next painted the 'Kingdom' with oil paint and drew two maps of the kingdoms in the story. Sadly, it was left on a shelf to collect dust for a further ten years. Then one day a discussion forced him to locate the manuscript and read through it. It was then that the possibility of publishing this 'bedtime story' became real; he was made aware of the dedication and the hard work that was imminent.

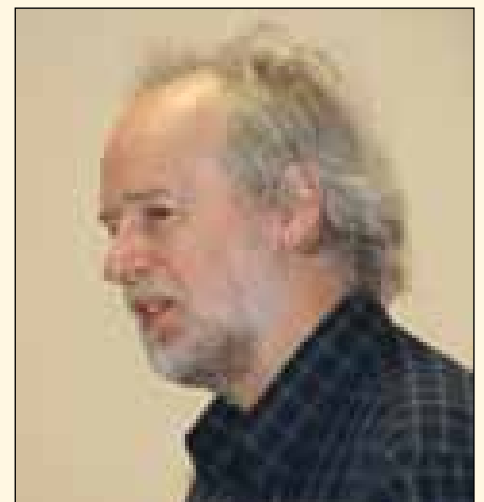
Mr Cooper has hand painted and drawn all the illustrations in the book himself, conveying his own unique style. He is a self-published author, which means the author undertakes the entire cost of publication himself. As a result, however, it is harder to be accepted into major bookstores such as Waterstone's. Nevertheless, he has overcome this barrier and broken into this major High Street bookstore. Becoming Number One in the Amazon books bestseller list has been a major boost.

Jasper Cooper's talk was both insightful and fascinating. For me, to meet the author who wrote the book was an absolute privilege, and also to learn what it takes to be a writer. For those who have the opportunity to hear his talk, it is great to know that even if you are not passionate about reading or writing at an early age, there is nothing to stop you from becoming an author in the future. He also revealed to us that you could become a novelist completely by accident, and that most importantly: nothing is impossible. He said, 'Creativity comes from deeper inside us, not from our minds.'

'Candara's Gift' is full of adventure, humour and fantasy. The world of magic is once again reopened, taking the reader through the twists and conflicts of good and evil. The reader follows the exploits of a prince and princess, together with several companions, to thwart the schemes of a mysterious stranger, who plots to shatter the peace in the Kingdom of Gems.

Jasper Cooper has created a wonderful story that will have every reader sneaking his book into lessons, desperate to uncover the mysteries of 'The Kingdom of Gems.'

Grace Balsdon
Year 11



Jasper Cooper

A Personal Challenge!

Mrs McRae's Pilgrimage from Saint Jean Pied de Port to Santiago de Compostela (780 km)

Last year, during the Easter holidays, I walked from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela in Northern Spain (Galicia), a distance of 115 km. I did this over 6 days. This is part of a well-trodden pilgrimage trail of 780 km – the Camino Frances – that runs from Saint Jean Pied de Port to Santiago de Compostela.

I met many 'pilgrims' on the short part of the walk that I was doing – they had started their pilgrimage from SJPP or Roncesvalles. When I returned home I vowed I would try and do the 780 km from SJPP to Santiago de Compostela.

This is a mainly a personal challenge. I have spent years encouraging the children in my care to push themselves and achieve what they thought was impossible. They were never allowed to use the word 'can't'. So now I am going to try next term to do something that will push me to my limits – very much out of my comfort zones – and I am not allowed to say 'I can't...' (If you go to 'Google Earth' and look for Saint Jean Pied de Port, or Camino, it should show you the route that I will be taking to Santiago de Compostela).

Although this is fundamentally a personal challenge, I would like to try and raise sponsorship for dyslexic children. If any of you would like to sponsor me then I



A pilgrim's rest



On the pilgrim trail

would be extremely grateful.

There are many children who struggle through their education due to no fault of their own and if we could help just a few of them, then this pilgrimage would be even more meaningful and special.

The children will be following my progress on a daily basis – and keeping their fingers crossed that I make it!!

(Cheques should be made payable to 'Kent College') The sponsorship forms are with the secretaries of both Junior and Senior Schools.

Mrs Jo McRae
Head of the Dyslexia Support Centre / Senco at the Junior School

Chamber Music Concert

Throughout the year the Music Department endeavours to challenge students by playing and singing both in large ensembles and occasionally as a soloist or in a small group. The concert on March 4th fulfilled the latter aim perfectly.

The programme of music given by students from Year 7 – 11 was perfectly balanced. We had many fine performances including a splendid 'Pink Panther' from the college Saxophone Quartet. The solo items shone through with a high level of musicality from all students.

The performers were Victoria Sayer, Katherine Letley and Susannah Parker (flute), Eleanor Rouse (violin), Fran Crowther (clarinet), the Saxophone Quartet, Bobby Wu, Caitlin Shaughnessy and Sophie Dee (piano). Several of the students played pieces they are entering for practical examinations in a week or so and this was excellent practice for them.

The small but appreciative audience thoroughly enjoyed all the performances and the students can feel proud of their achievements.

Mr Stuart McIntosh
Director of Music



'Annie'

'Annie' finally took to the stage in the first week of February after an intensive burst of rehearsals throughout January. The final week included two full days of rehearsal alongside a dress rehearsal and three full performances to packed and delighted houses.

The rags-to-riches story of the comic book character 'L'il Orphan Annie as she tries to find her real parents only to find the billionaire Oliver Warbucks instead, gave students from Year 7 – 13 the opportunity to work together. And it is one of the more remarkable features of the production that the co-operation achieved was quite magnificent. Anyone in any doubt was massively reassured from the moment that the lights came up on the Orphans and we were treated to a display of all that is best about KC.

So many people played an important part in the show that it is difficult to spotlight just a few but there were four students in particular who bore the brunt of a great deal of the onstage action. Helen Sotillo was magnificent in her role as the lead character, 'Annie'. Not only did she have to learn a huge number of words and sing many of the show's most important numbers, but she also had to learn an American accent! Our 'Warbucks' was delivered with real sincerity by Ben Roberts-Waite. He was funny, concerned and utterly believable. Aimee Lloyd became 'Warbucks' loyal secretary 'Grace Farrell' whilst Davina Brownrigg's 'Miss Hannigan' was chillingly in tune with the ne'er-do-well she was portraying.

Of course, these four performances merely served to illustrate the depth of talent on display. Over 40 students appeared onstage with several playing more than one role. In the Band six students played alongside other more seasoned musicians to put a real professional stamp on the show. In the lighting and sound departments, we had tremendous student input. And, of course, it wasn't just the students who made such a brilliant effort.

The Head Master, in his debut performance as a director, pulled the whole thing together really well. The costumes were totally in keeping with the period thanks in no small part to Mrs Brissenden. Mr Stephenson worked wonders on the set and the stage crew was brilliantly marshalled by Mr Gant, whilst Mr Lander organised the sound better than ever. The Art Department did a fine job in producing a simple but extremely effective set which helped to frame the whole production.

Putting on a musical is like planning a long journey using different kinds of transport. The difficulties don't become obvious until the journey is well under way. The success of 'Annie' came about as a result of an amazing amount of dedicated work from everyone involved: on stage, in the pit, and those involved behind the scenes whose efforts rarely receive any attention. The ultimate accolade for those of us involved in the production was that so many people came to see it and were massively entertained. The laughter and smiles said it all. That's why we do it!

Mr Stuart McIntosh
Director of Music



Ben, Ollie and Helen as Warbucks, Justice Brandies and Annie

The Verse and Drama and Public Speaking Competition 2008



Competitors in the Verse and Drama Competition

There were over 50 entries for the Verse and Drama competition in the Christmas term. Many of these were from junior forms, but there was also a very healthy interest by 6th formers in the Public Speaking competition. This part of the competition had four entries from senior pupils who spoke on a wide range of subjects from, 'Who cares about a few Polar Bears?', to those who spoke for and against the idea that 'God is Dead'. This last title raised a wide spectrum of opinion and in many ways resulted in a debate between three of the speakers. In the end it was decided that Anna McGibney's views on 'Global Warming' were delivered with the most expertise and confidence so she was awarded the 1st Prize, but all other speakers were highly commended for their thoughts and opinions.

In the Verse and Drama competition there were some very good solo performances from pupils in Year 7. Several pupils had learned their poems by heart and delivered them clearly and effectively. Some groups put on short play-lets or sketches and I would like to thank all those who took part. It takes considerable courage to stand up in front of a room full of people and deliver a speech, or poem and many young performers did this very competently. The Junior Verse Winner was Eva Harris and runner-up was Katrina Fray, both from Year 7. Highly commended in the Drama were Alice Bushell and Katherine Letley, both from Year 8.

Our thanks also to the judges, Mrs. Bircumshaw and Mr. Baldwin, who have judged this competition for several years now. They freely give of their time over a long evening of varied performances and their choice of winners is always conducted with wisdom and kindness.

Mr Julian Coles
English Dept.



Hannah, Mark, Thomas and Anna

Guests of the Lord Mayor

The School Council usually has its regular meetings in the Senior School's Old Library but this term it had two extraordinary sessions in Canterbury's Guildhall as guest of the Lord Mayor. In addition to meeting in the magnificent medieval surroundings of the Council Chamber, the School Council was treated to a personally guided tour of the official residence, Tower House, by the current incumbent herself, The Lord Mayor of Canterbury, Councillor Carolyn Parry. We are extremely grateful to her and her staff for providing us with such a special insight into Canterbury's civic life, past and present. Our visits provided the School Council with valuable first hand experience of the workings of local democracy.

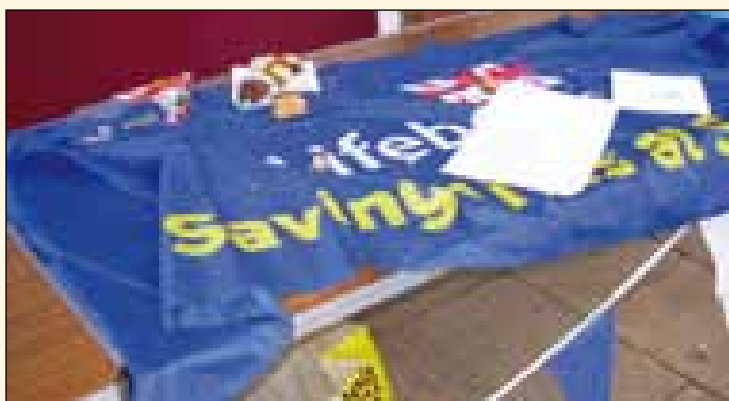
Mr Julian Waltho
Deputy Head Master



The Council Chamber



Year 4 pupil raises funds for RNLI



All gone



Selling well

Year 4 pupil, Iain Barry, is a very keen sailor and he wanted to organise a cake sale to raise funds for the RNLI. The staff at Vernon Holme encourages such initiative and so Iain and his Mum, Gill, arranged everything. They persuaded other Year 4 pupils to cook mountains of cakes, they contacted the RNLI who sent balloons and posters to decorate their stall and they sorted out the selling during morning break of non-uniform day. Iain and Gill raised a total of £77.70 and all Junior School pupils thoroughly enjoyed the fruits of their labours!

Thank you and well done Iain!

Mrs Angela Tingey
Assistant Head at the Junior School



Iain Barry

Diary of Comic Relief Week 2009

Tuesday:

A great start to the week. Loads of wonderful and tasty baking was brought in and at morning break and at lunchtime the Charity Committee were busy selling. At times, hungry pupils wanting to buy besieged the tables! By the end of the day just over £100 had been raised. Easily matching the baking were the 1p and 2p pieces that had been flooding into the school office over the previous few days for 'Pennies Round the Quad'. By mid morning it was clear that one bucket was not going to be enough and a second one had to be pressed into service. At lunchtime a wonderful range of volunteers got down on their hands and knees and started laying the copper around the edge of the grassed area in the quad. It was soon clear that we were going to have more than enough change to circle it - indeed we even ran a line of copper across the central pathway! The statistics are impressive. £106.09 - in 7,859 coins!! A great first day to our money raising efforts.

Wednesday:

A number of boarders were surprised to see me staggering under a huge pile of pizzas on the way into breakfast this morning. We bought 25 pizzas which the kitchen kindly cooked for us and then members of the Charity Committee sold them for 30p a slice at 4.30pm. It's just the thing at the end of a long day. Well - we got through 25 whole pizzas in about 20 minutes! There were a number of people who bought entire pizzas and we made over £50.



The Bake Sale



Pennies round the quad



Hot pizzas



Tom and Alex join in the fun at VH



Junior flautists



Joe, Ollie and Tom as Superheroes



VH go red



Joe and Tom with their fave Wonder Woman, Charlotte



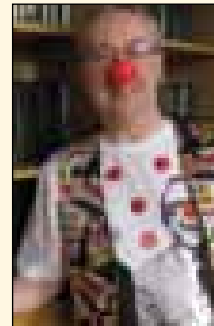
It's raining men!



Year 10 girls



Students at the karaoke



Dr Glass

Thursday:

I teach at Vernon Holme for most of Thursday morning and at lunchtime, I piled a group of excited and talented flautists into my car and we drove up the hill. After tucking into a KC lunch, our intrepid musicians entertained the rest of the dinner queue with solo and group flute pieces. Many people commented on how talented they were and were generous in placing their donations in the bucket. Over £30 raised.

Friday:

The big day! We had invited people to come in dressed as favourite literary characters or in red and lots of pupils and staff really went to town. We had a number of Superheroes, Tigger, St. Trinian's, pirates, Johnny English (or was it James Bond?), Red Riding Hood, and lots of others. The festive atmosphere carried on into a karaoke at lunchtime where the female staff gave us a rousing rendition of 'It's Raining Men', Year 10s did 'Summer Loving' and Dr. Glass and Mr. Waltho did their best attempt at the Tom Jones classic, 'It's not unusual.' Non-uniform raised over £400 and the Karaoke £100. This brings the Senior School total to around £800 - add to that non-uniform and joke book sales at Vernon Holme and the school has raised £1000 'doing something funny for money' for Comic Relief. A wonderful effort and great fun. Thanks to the Charity Committee for all their hard work.

Dr Paul Glass
Chaplain

Schools Challenge

We fielded a team in the first round, held in October. Kishan Korea and Jerome Woolley were our senior pair, and Tom Sayer and Barnaby Lamper our juniors. (Connor Humphreys stepped in for Barnaby in the second match.) We lost fairly comfortably to Dover College, but were able to beat Ashford School by a decent margin in the first round of the Plate competition. The second round took place at the end of January. Kishan and Jerome were in Seville with the Spanish trip, so Mark McBride and Maya Beano kindly replaced them. We were unfortunate in meeting a strong team from Queen Elizabeth's and so did not make it to the regional final. The biggest laugh came at the end of a question on Bulgaria, Tomsk, Orinoco and Tobermory when Maya (who is Jordanian) plaintively enquired what a Womble might be. The spirit of the competition is refreshingly old-fashioned, as befits a non-contact sport. We are grateful to St Edmund's for their hospitality, and hope for better luck next year.



Connor, Barnaby, Kishan, Thomas, Maya, Mark and Jerome

Mr Stuart Williams
Head of Economics

Another Call to Parliament...



Joseph, Huw, the Rt Hon Michael Howard QC MP, Mark, Thomas and Joe

Our progress into the offices was slow as we endured the stringent security checks that were in place. Mr Waltho had acquired Scott Pluckrose to be his helper, who proved with his ability to count to twenty-two that he was well deserving of his Deputy Head Boy role. We were taken to an empty meeting room by our tour guide who then challenged our knowledge of the Commons but thanks to Mr Waltho's brilliant information sheets, we came across as fairly competent. A researcher to Julian

Following in the footsteps set down by the Head Boy, Head Girl and their Deputies (see KCT Issue 3), twenty-two sixth formers came together on a cold Tuesday morning to learn about the history of the English political system and the buildings in which it is situated. Led by Mr Waltho, we took the train to the capital and were soon in the suburbs of London. As we drew nearer, the skyline suddenly crowded with tall structures of offices, mingled with the historic architecture of Medieval London. A brief stop was made on our walk to the House of Commons to discuss Westminster Cathedral, where Tony Blair used to seek refuge and a hurried Mass between Commons' debates. We arrived outside Portcullis House to the chimes of Big Ben striking.



Historians with the Rt Hon Julian Brazier MP



Outside the Houses of Parliament

both in the Commons and in his own constituency. We had been granted a tour of the House so we examined the chambers, saw the large, green tomes of the Hansard reports and were allowed inside the main room, although we were urged not to sit down where the great politicians of the land would be parking themselves shortly.

One of the highlights of the day was that we were given the privilege of sitting in the public gallery to observe the Commons debating. The speaker's procession was full of pomp and ceremony but as a building of tradition, we were expecting to see such tradition. We sat in the gallery, looking down upon those in the chamber as children stare at goldfish through glass. The debate was amusing, if only for the sight of men and women in suits standing up and sitting down in rapid succession, while shouts and murmurs agreed with various speakers as they delivered their politely poisoned words to their opposition.

Having endured the rhetoric and heavy speeches light in factual information, we made our exit and hurried back to the station, the light of fast food outlets guiding our footsteps and wits. We were exhausted but invigorated by our experiences in London and we thank Mr Waltho and Mr Sorokos for arranging the trip.

Mark McBride

Senior Prefect 6.2 (with additional material from Davina Brownrigg 6.1)

Brazier who made a profuse apology for our MP's delay interrupted us to declare that Mr Brazier was required to debate certain matters with the Conservative Party Leader, David Cameron. We were in the midst of asking questions when an extraordinary event occurred. A fire alarm rang out and a polite female voice urged us to leave the building swiftly as a fire had been discovered. Quickly, we jostled amongst the researchers and other employees to escape and spilled out onto the streets.

We excitedly waited to be told of developments, the police having entered to sweep and check the building for any impending doom or danger. It was while waiting that we spotted the former Leader of the Conservative Party – Michael Howard. The blue colours were certainly strong with us that day. A few of us carefully ventured over and enquired if we could be graced with a few autographs. Mr Howard was very obliging and kindly signed a few scraps of paper earnestly thrust at him and then talked for a few minutes while we waited to be allowed back inside. We were assured that fire alarms were not a regular occurrence here.

Our ponderings over the smell of bacon being the cause of the 'fire' were short-lived as, once the building was deemed safe, we returned to our meeting room and were met by Mr Brazier. He was lively and answered our questions fully, telling us about his role

Spring Term Music-Making at the Junior School



Soloists at the Recital

The following week saw another of our early morning piano concerts, which are now a termly fixture. Being a pianist can sometimes be a rather lonely existence and so these events are a popular way of getting our pianists together. They are open to anyone who learns piano in or out of school and are always an uplifting way to begin the day.

Finally we are looking forward to our major concert of the year, the Spring Concert on 17th March followed by Arts Week... more about those events in the next issue!

Mrs Jackie Spencer
Director of Music at the JS

Kent College Choristers at St Peter's 13th March 2009



Mrs Spencer and the Choristers sing The Beatles



Some of the Antiques sing madrigals

Those of us at the Junior School have enjoyed an abundance of musical performances this term.

On 3rd February we had one of our twice-termly Suzuki Play Togethers, run by our violin teacher Colette Wales. This involves every child who is learning the violin from Reception Class to Year 6 and also a couple of violas and a 'cellist. It is a thrilling experience to see these 30 youngsters all playing together with such enthusiasm and to hear the wonderful sound that they produce.

On Monday 2nd March we were entertained by a talented group of solo instrumentalists and vocalists, most of whom are preparing for examinations at the end of this term. As usual, the standard of playing was high and the performers from Years 2- 6 showed a confidence well beyond their years. It would be invidious to mention any particular performances, but fife, flute, clarinet, baritone, violin, 'cello and voice were all well represented.

Our Choristers do like to entertain in style and this concert was no exception.

The programme began dramatically with a soloist (Georgina Townsend, Year 6) in the gallery, a capella, proclaiming 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord' (from the musical 'Godspell'). The band, consisting of guitar, bass and drums, then burst forth, causing a few members of the audience to jump out of their seats, as the rest of the choir then ran in from all corners singing the chorus.

Members of the choir took turns to introduce the items on the programme and to give interesting insights into the music. There was much beautiful Church music for the different seasons of the year, from the 17th century Orlando Gibbons to the present day John Rutter. This was interspersed with secular pieces by Britten, an opera chorus by Smetana and a contemporary piece with vocal slides by the Canadian composer Stephen Hatfield.

The 'antique' choristers made another appearance, (see previous edition of the KCT), with two delightful madrigals, and there were impressive solos from Tobi Corteen-Coleman, Jessica Meakin, Emily Heywood, Elizabeth Baker, Catherine Parker, Eva Barwick, Josie Frappart and Helen Sotillo.

The evening ended with more sounds from the band as they accompanied the Choristers in a medley of Beatles' songs. We didn't quite get the members of St Peter's congregation jiving in the aisles, but everyone seemed to have enjoyed the performance and gave generously raising a total of over £900 towards St Peter's fund for a development project in Mali.

Mrs Jackie Spencer
Director of the Choristers

Coldplay Triumphs in the Grammy Awards

In the 51st Grammy Awards held in Los Angeles in February, Coldplay, who had received seven Grammy nominations, triumphed in two of the major categories, winning Best Pop Performance by a Duo or Group and the prestigious Song Of The Year for their track 'Viva La Vida'.

The group comprises vocalist, pianist and guitarist Chris Martin, lead guitarist Jonny Buckland, drummer and multi-instrumentalist Will Champion, and bassist Guy Berryman (Kent College 1991-1996). Coldplay have sold 50 million albums and are also known for their hit singles, including 'Yellow', 'The Scientist', 'Clocks', 'Speed of Sound' and 'Fix You'.

Accepting the Best Rock Album award for the group's album, which is also called 'Viva La Vida Or Death And All His Friends', Chris Martin commented, 'We're not the heaviest of rock bands, as you will have noticed, we're more of a limestone rock band'. Thanking the 20,000-strong crowd for their support, he observed, 'We've never had so many Grammys in our lives'.

Dr G D Colson



Coldplay with Guy Berryman left of picture

Former teacher returns to KC and to education



Mr Dorion points the way for George

Mr Calvin Dorion was an English teacher and Head of Drama at Kent College from 1998 to 2004. He and his wife, Charlotte (Head of Boarding at KC) moved on to a State boarding school in Bishop's Stortford, where Charlotte was Head of Girls' Boarding and taught French. Calvin took on the role of primary carer for their children, and embarked on a career in writing. This journey led him to writing freelance on the teaching of secondary science concepts through drama for the 'Times Educational Supplement' and 'Junior Education'. Years previously, Calvin had once taught Chemistry through the use of drama and arts-based approaches. With his interest reinvigorated in this topic, he subsequently gained a scholarship to study for a doctorate in Education at the University of Cambridge.

Kent College students in Dr McGarrity's Year 7 class have recently informed Calvin's research. The students were willing participants in an intervention lesson to teach particle theory through role play. 'The students' enthusiasm and creativity were highlights of the session', said Mr Dorion, noting that their skills of imagination and expression made it easy and fun to smuggle learning in under the guise of play. Mr Dorion will be visiting the school regularly as he continues with his research.

Bishop John Inge's Prayers For Jobseekers

The Bishop of Worcester, the Right Reverend John Inge, recently stood outside the Redwich branch of Job Centre, taking requests for prayers from unemployed people and offering copies of the Church of England's prayer for those affected by redundancy.

He promised that he would pray for those job seekers who took up his offer at the Ash Wednesday service in Worcester Cathedral that evening.

Dr Inge (Kent College 1966-1973) maintained that 'by collecting people's concerns I can pray for them at the cathedral and let them know that God cares and is watching over them however difficult their situation'.

Inevitably, the reaction of the public was varied but the Bishop's vigil was deemed a success with some 50 people agreeing to be prayed for in just two hours. A spokesman for the jobcentre commented, 'In the past we have had MPs and politicians visiting to see what we do and how we help people, but this is the first time we have had a visit from a bishop'.

Dr G D Colson



Bishop John (right) with jobseekers

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Family Day for OCs on
Saturday 26th September 2009

BURIAN CLUB

Surprise Visit from Old Canterburians

Earlier in the term we received an unexpected visit from two Old Canterburians, Labeeb Baransi and Stefano Cuomo. This was the first time that they had been back to Kent College since they left in the 1990s. During their tour of the School they spent some time in the new library, which in their day was one of the Milton House dormitories.

Labeeb is at present working in Jordan as chief executive officer in the Amman office of BCI, a leading advanced communications and technology company operating in the Middle East and North Africa, which specialises in three areas: information security, wireless radio communications and audio-visual systems.

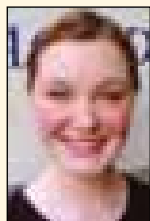
Stefano manages Macknade Fine Foods, a family run business in Faversham, specialising in high-class produce from all over the world.

After their visit, Labeeb commented, 'It was pleasant to come back to a place that is indeed close to my heart, a place that I am always proud to have been part of.'



Stefano and Labeeb reminiscing with the librarian Mrs Carole MacLaren

Violet Ryder

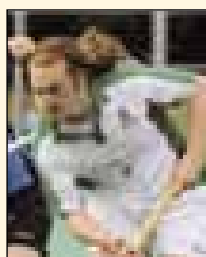


Violet Ryder (KC 1995-2002) has been appearing in a week long run of Noel Coward's 'Brief Encounter' at the Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury. I was fortunate to meet up

with her after the Saturday matinee when she told me about the production. The company, Kneehigh Theatre, has been rehearsing the play for six weeks prior to its first week in Aberdeen. The Marlowe is only its second venue and the tour will take in 17 further towns and cities. Violet is part of the Ensemble, but she is understudy for all three female roles. It was a delight to talk to her and to remember her days at KC. We both recalled the sequinned dress, which she wore as Titania in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' directed by Mr Calvin Dorion in 2001. The lighting was a forest green and the sequins on her dress sparkled brilliantly as she moved about the stage. Violet sends her best wishes to all who remember her and is glad to keep in touch with the school via the 'Kent College Times'. If you have the opportunity to see 'Brief Encounter' whilst the play is on tour, I strongly recommend that you do.

Mrs Kay McGibney
English Dept

Sports Scholarship for Huw



Huw Stevens (KC 2000-2007) has been awarded a Sports Scholarship at Canterbury Christ Church University. He is in the first year of an undergraduate programme whilst training and competing for Canterbury Hockey Club, the University of Kent, the South East and Wales. He has

most recently had success playing for the Celtic Panthers and the Wales U21 team coming 5th in the 2008 European Trophy.

Prize Winning Tom

Tom Rutherford (KC 1998-2005) has won second prize for his undergraduate dissertation in the Geographies of Children, Youth and Families Working Group Competition 2008. Tom completed his Geography degree at University College, London last summer and the prize came as a delightful surprise to him. His dissertation was entitled:

'Questioning the country childhood idyll: parenting and children's safety in three Kentish villages.' The reviewer described it as 'an outstanding dissertation, with particular strengths in the clarity of writing, organisation and literature review sections.'



Tom at his UCL graduation

OC's MESSAGE BOARD

My wife Toni and I have recently retired to Port Elizabeth, South Africa. I think that I am finally calling it a day as far as work is concerned, after 40 years in the construction industry, involving dams, tunnels, roads and harbours in 12 different countries. Due to huge infrastructure expansion in South Africa at the moment and an acute shortage of skills, demand for experienced hands is still there irrespective of age.

I have just finished a large dam in Franschhoek in the wine growing area of the Western Cape. The job didn't make much money but I gained experience and a couple of stone living amongst gourmet restaurants and wine estates. I visited KC after a period of many years some time ago and met Alan Charlesworth, who I respected enormously. I was very sorry to find he had passed away. I have twins aged 27: a son who is in London, and a daughter in Pretoria, and one smashing little grandson.

John Slade-Baker
KC 1953 - 1958
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I am in University College London and doing Civil Engineering now. It's great in London but I miss KC very much.

Jess Jia
KC 2006 - 2008
jiaofanjia1989@hotmail.com

'Beyond Survival' Celebrates its First Year!

The Sixth Form chefs have now enjoyed a successful year's culinary experience in the school's professionally equipped kitchens.

The group builds on the university student survival cooking sessions organised by Mrs Gray and run by the Head Chef as part of the 6.1 Key Skills programme, hence the name 'Beyond Survival'.

More than twenty Sixth Formers have taken part in the activity which takes place on Mondays after school and our membership reflects the Sixth Form's exciting international flavour! We are very fortunate to have Mr Adrian Kember, Head Chef, as our expert guide as he has had international professional experience both as chef and restaurateur. Together we have explored a wide range of cooking styles from round the world. Our practical 'hands on' sessions have included cooking authentic pasta dishes from Central Italy, Oriental stir fries, classic French fish dishes, 'high speed' fisherman's pie and most recently traditional English cake making. All of this has helped develop many Sixth Formers' interest in cooking and might even prove to be the starting point for one of our own 'Masterchefs' to develop a professional career in cooking!

Over the coming year we look forward to expanding our repertoire and sharing our growing international culinary expertise!

This year's participants: Vicky Agyeman-Duah, Daniel Au, Ulf Bach, Sophia Barton, Andy Bayross, Jamie Bright, Mirela Cabral, Jacky Chan, Rodrigo Diaz, Jonathan Dunn, Huw Dyer, Maple Feng, Rolando Figueiredo, Amy Grover, Cindy Huang, Kevin Lai, Caroline Liu, Lois Lu, Tom Samson, Yvonne Shi, Tim Sonntag, Desmond Tam, Prin Tong, Robert Walker.

Mr Julian Waltho

Deputy Head Master

(Editor's Note: Mr Waltho is a specialist in Central Italian cooking and has produced some wonderful dishes himself.)



Huw and Mr Waltho taste

Books, Books, Books...

It is possible to be a library assistant and only have to issue books and put returned books back on the shelves, but there is so much more to running a successful library.

I have been a library assistant for ten years and during that time I have had the chance to explore some of the wider aspects of library work, including giving story times and induction courses, creating displays and leaflets, helping to choose new books and voting for the Carnegie and Greenaway awards. I have recently completed a course which involved putting together a portfolio of evidence of my experience as well as writing pieces on what I have learned from performing these activities. Run by the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, the certification procedure was set up as a way to recognise the contribution made in 'Library and Information' work by library assistants with no formal qualifications in that area. Completing it means I can now use the letters ACLIP after my name.

Mrs Jacky Ridgill, ACLIP

Library Assistant

A Few Statistics on the Book Fair

The Senior School held a very successful Book Fair this month as part of our commitment to reading. A more detailed report will be in the next edition of the KCT once the Readathon has been completed and monies collected. In the meantime, Mrs Ridgill has prepared some statistics on the Fair:

121 pupils and 22 staff bought a total of 309 books at the Book Fair.

29% of pupils bought at least one book.

The average number of books bought per person was 2.2.

The average price per book was £3.70

Maths Masterclass



Gemini and Barnaby

Throughout this term, two pupils from Year 9, Barnaby Lamper and Gemini Wong, have been attending The Royal Institution Mathematics Masterclasses hosted by The University of Kent. They, along with about thirty others drawn from all parts of the county, have been having their minds stretched every Saturday morning by notable speakers from Kent and Cambridge Universities on topics ranging from Leonardo's Rabbits to Pizzas and Electric Guitars! Whilst involving some hard thinking, it has also helped them to develop their ideas about how different the subject can be to that seen in the classroom.

Further to our attempts to involve our pupils in Maths outside the curriculum, four members of Years 8 and 9 will be participating in the UK Mathematics Trust Team Maths Challenge Regional Final at the end of March in Margate, with the possibility of reaching the National Final later in the year. Good luck to them!

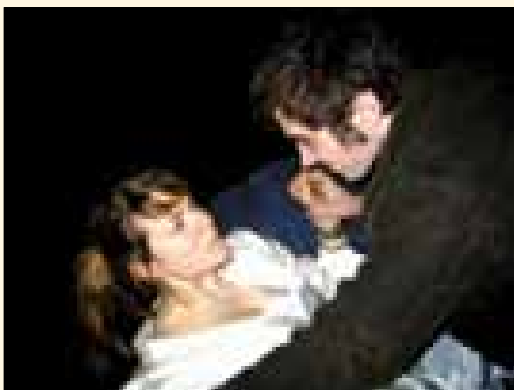
Mr Geoff Gape

Maths Dept

Sixth-Form Girls Turn the Tables

Sixth-form A-level productions have just taken place, with the drama studio once again being transformed into an atmospheric theatre space. Two contrasting productions explored how perceived male dominance can be overturned by a determined female.

Lower-sixth students performed 'Extremities', a highly-disturbing and controversial play by American writer, William Mastrosimone. Three women share an isolated farmhouse. Alone one afternoon, unemployed Marjorie (Sarah Catford) is idling her time away, when a stranger invites himself in. Unease leads to menace, then to horrific violence as Billy (Ben Roberts-Waite) forces himself on her, intent on rape. This chilling opening scene is, however, only the precursor for the play's central theme, as Marjorie turns the tables



Sarah and Ben

on her attacker, imprisons him in the fireplace, and then proceeds to exact her own equally violent and horrific revenge. When her two housemates return from work, both Maria (Natalia Boccagni) and Patricia (Davina Brownrigg) are drawn unwillingly into the drama. Tempers flare, as the tensions and jealousies of the housemates are exposed. An intensely powerful and uncomfortable production brought out the writer's main premise: through exacting her own justice, Marjorie makes her attacker face himself, and is thus herself exorcised of her torment.

By contrast, upper-sixth students took a more light-hearted approach. The women of Ancient Greece, led by the feisty Lysistrata, are getting seriously cheesed-off with their men-folk's continual obsession with war. Their solution, an ultimatum! No more sex until they make peace. A stand-off ensues, until the desperate men cave in, much to the relief of the equally desperate women. This is the story that Emma Boggia and Aimee Lloyd explore in their final A-level

performance – with the help of Eugene (see picture). Using a mixture of theatre styles, the students reworked Aristophanes' famous play for two performers, and the result was an entertaining – and thought-provoking – piece of theatre.

Mr Huw Jones
Head of Drama



Emma and Aimee with Eugene

Teacher... Examiner... Author...

Mr Frank Sochacki, Head of Biology at Kent College, has been an examiner for OCR for many years. When he was invited to help revise the AS and A level Biology specification he jumped at the chance to make the new specification more 'Kent College friendly'. The new course (which we started teaching last September) contains all the aspects of Biology that Mr Sochacki and the other Biology teachers at Kent College find most interesting and stimulating. We hope that this enthusiasm is reflected in the lessons and in the performance of our Biology students in their examinations.

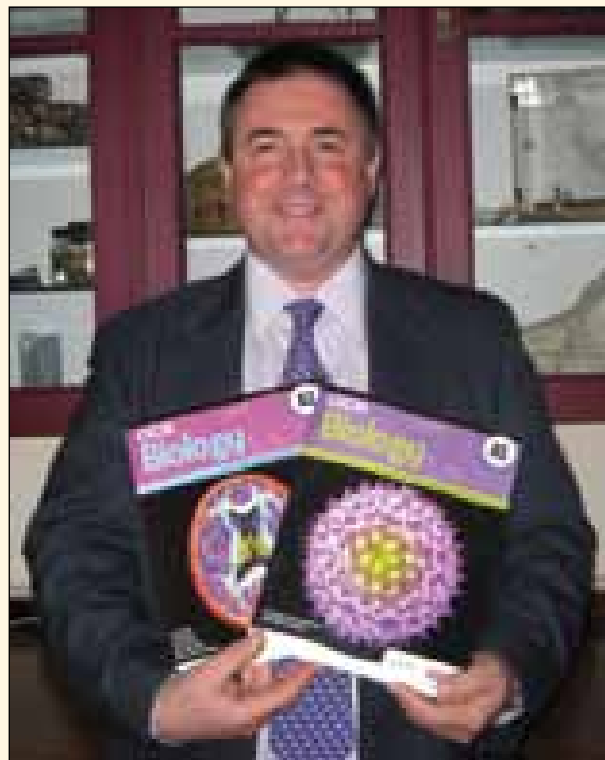
Links to the School Farm

The fieldwork and ecology components of the new specification were written with the Kent College Farm in mind. The range of habitats and conservation areas on the farm lend themselves perfectly to the teaching of these areas of the new specification.

New publications

Recently, Mr Sochacki was very pleased to see the publication of his second Biology textbook – the A2 Biology Text. After strong sales of the AS text he is hoping for more of the same. As the only texts endorsed by OCR to accompany their specification these books should be in use all over the country. This means that students throughout the UK will be able to see photographs of our pupils enjoying their lessons out on the Kent College Farm!

Mr Sochacki has also been involved in writing extension material to accompany the textbooks and in new interactive activities to be used with interactive white boards. These works are to be published and will soon be in use on our newly installed white boards!



Mr Sochacki and his books

Canterbury Schools' Dance Festival



GCSE group



Vernon Holme

The Junior school performed two modern dances, one to Kylie Minogue's 'Wow' and the other to Sam Sparro's 'Black and Gold'. The Senior school also performed two dances, one of which comprised the lower school dance club and the other the GCSE dance group.

The lower school dance club performed a modern style dance to Rihanna's 'Disturbia'. All eight students, in both Years 7 and 8, did us proud on the night with a flawless performance. This was the result of numerous rehearsals and hard work – well done to all those involved!



Vernon Holme

The GCSE dance group closed the show with a contemporary dance based on the theme of Heroic Defiance. This gave them the opportunity to rehearse and refine this piece for their internal moderation in the coming weeks. Once again they did us proud, working in perfect unison.

A lot of work went into the organisation of this event and we thank Mr Stevenson, Mr Lander, his stage crew, Toby Groves and Robert Rampton for sound and lighting. We must also thank Mrs Balsdon, Emily Taylor, Lauren Garner and numerous Junior staff for their work backstage.

Mrs Angela Mathews
PE and Dance



Years 7 and 8

Engineering in Education Scheme 2008-9: Progress Report



Piers, Chris and Bassam fill the generator

In the last issue of the Kent College Times, I reported that the Kent College team had made good progress towards designing and building a device to speed up the transfer of coolant fluid into a generator model manufactured by Cummins Power Generation. Prior to our investigation the transfer of 30 litres of coolant fluid was taking around 45 minutes to complete (90 sec per litre).

Since the last report, the team re-visited the company and had the opportunity of presenting the project to resident engineers at Cummins, as well as obtaining vital filling time data using the designed devices on the actual generator itself.

The colourful and informative project presentation in front of the engineers was quite a scary experience for all concerned, in the form of PowerPoint slides prepared by each member of the team. The Cummins engineers present were very impressed by the overall standard of delivery, as well as the 2 final designs with their respective preliminary filling-time data. The engineers gave some very sound advice in preparation for the final presentation delivery in April at the University of Kent, which will greatly ease the pressure on the actual day.

Data obtained using the actual generator was very encouraging, in which filling times were greatly reduced. The fastest filling design was the 'Bucket and Pipe' (8 sec per litre), but there were some drawbacks here, such as having to haul the fluid up to the bucket on the generator roof, as well as some degree of spillage during its transfer. The drill-powered pump device was the favoured design, as the fluid could be transferred from ground level to the top of the tank at a steady rate of 9 sec per litre of fluid, without any spillage or haulage of fluid. The major drawback with this design was the battery life of the drill itself, as considerable power is needed to operate the pump. With both designs, new improvement ideas were generated, such as how to hook the delivery pipe into the coolant tank before filling with greater reliability, and the length of the delivery pipes. This is how actual progress in engineering and science happens. The photograph shows the team in action, using the drill-pump device, as well as indicating how big the generator actually is: certainly NOT pocket-size.

Our thanks go to the Cummins engineers who gave up several hours of their valuable time on our behalf, and for treating us as fellow professional engineers. Truly an excellent experience.

Mr David Montague
Biology Dept

Ramblings from the Junior School Head Master...

This term has been a very busy one for all members of our school community and I am delighted with our children's successes in all areas of school life.



Examination, musical, sporting and artistic successes are regular achievements for our children but our teachers and support staff usually have to accept quietly that their inspiration and hard work, although crucial, remains in the background.

Every six years a letter arrives in every independent school explaining that, 'The inspectors are calling'; that letter arrived on my desk a few months ago! My immediate thoughts associated with the word 'inspector' were more to do with hotels on the English Riviera, John Cleese and a hamster named Basil that had a strong resemblance to a rat! However our inspection would involve a team of inspectors that would include a number of serving Prep School Heads and two, full time school inspectors; they would be looking at all aspects of our school and would be with us for a week; and just to add further interest there would be another inspector accompanying them to inspect the inspectors and the inspection!

We were delighted to welcome our team into school for the week before half term and whilst I am required to keep their findings confidential at present I can assure you that I will be releasing the report in full as soon as I am allowed. I would though like to congratulate all members of our school community for working so hard every day of the school year to make our school so successful.



Mr Andy Carter
Head Master of the Nursery, Infant
and Junior School at Vernon Holme

Business Studies head for Prague

During the February half-term 26 intrepid sixth formers and three staff set off for a three day adventure to Prague. The trip began on Sunday afternoon with a guided walking tour of the city in biting cold winds, which kept the pace fairly quick! We were provided with a constant stream of interesting facts about the city from our guide, Eva, who expertly whisked us from the Old Town Square, across Charles Bridge, up to the Castle and down again. After an entertaining show at a Black Light Theatre, we were all ready for our dinner and bed!

We woke the next morning to a blanket of snow, and drove through a winter landscape to a Bohemia Crystal Factory. We went to two different departments of the factory; seeing where they blew the glass, and also where the designs were carved onto the glass. After delicious pizzas for lunch we travelled on to the Skoda factory. Here there were two sections; we first saw all the old Skodas that were designed, starting with the bicycle and progressing to more extreme race cars; it was quite interesting as we were allowed to sit in some of the older cars! After looking at the older cars, we took a trip to the factory to observe the assembly process from start to finish. Later in the evening, we boarded a riverboat down the river through Prague, eating our dinner whilst gliding by beautiful old buildings, magically lit up by the city lights.

Tuesday began with a lecture on the Czech Republic's economy and recent history, delivered by a research student at the Cerge Institute. This gave us a good idea of the background from which businesses like Skoda had developed. A few tram stops later (we were experts by now), and we were at the Staropramen Brewery, where we were guided round the factory by an eccentric and charismatic brewer! We ended the tour with a tasting session which became one of the highlights of the week for many of our group! After a short journey on the underground, expertly navigated by Mr Williams, we arrived at the O2 Arena in Prague to watch an Ice Hockey match between the local league champions, Slavia Praha, and a regional team in the same league. The match was very exciting and loudly supported by home fans. We were also treated to displays of some of our students, captured on the giant overhead screens during the match. The opposing team played with great spirit and held the champions to a 3-3 draw which meant we had to go to extra time and sudden death. The home team triumphed, but the nail-biting end made for a perfect spectacle!



On Charles Bridge



A snowy Prague



Waiting for a tram

The last day began with another tram and underground ride out to the Czech TV studios, where we were guided round the buildings and allowed to see several studios set up for programmes being filmed, or workshops where sets were being constructed. We were even let loose in a props room where we could dress up and pretend we were in a film for a few minutes! Then we had a few hours free time to have a last minute stroll round the city, or purchase souvenirs, before we headed home.

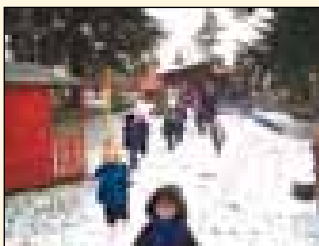
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Saffron Wright
Year 12

Mrs Eleanor Humphreys, Head of Business Studies adds, 'All the teachers would like to thank the students who came on the trip for representing our school so well – you were polite, interested and co-operative and this ensured that we all had a good time!'

Snow Day



One day at Nursery it snowed!
We all went out to investigate
the snow.

Rolling, moulding, patting,
shaping, finding, making, are
your hands cold yet?

Physical Development

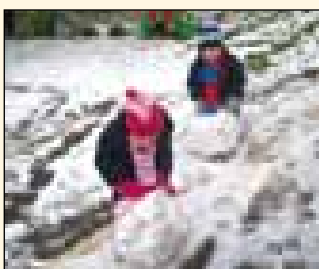


Looking, feeling, touching
snow, what, why, how?

Knowledge and Understanding

Keeping warm, wearing
winter clothes. Working
together, what's going to
work? TEAM WORK!

*Personal Social and Emotional
Development*



Bigger, smaller, larger

1, 2, 3 balls? How many do
we need? How many buttons
do we need?

*Problem Solving, Reasoning and
Numeracy*



Freezing, frosty, crunchy,
silence. Can we think of
words to describe the snow?

*Communication Language and
Literacy*

Making a snowman, what
can we use for his eyes,
mouth and nose? Where can
we find our resources?

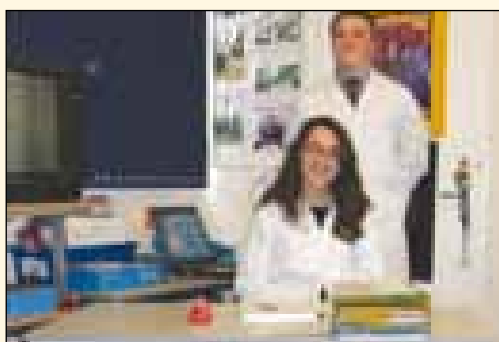
Creative Development

Mrs Anita Nugent
Nursery Dept

Drama in Psychology



'Toddlers' at play



Clare and Elliot enjoy wearing white coats

The Year 12 Psychology group has produced a short film 'A Strange Situation' based on a famous psychological study. This study looks at the developing relationship between the primary carer and toddler. We won't be challenging for a BAFTA award, but it was great fun. Past productions include: 'A Car Park Mugging' (eyewitness testimony) and 'Play School Violence' (child development).

Andy McCarthy
Head of Psychology

Spring Lambs on the Farm



It has been a very busy few weeks down on the farm... Since half term, we have been delivering lots of little baby lambs- a sign that spring is really here! As I write we only have one ewe left to lamb and many of the sheep are already out in the field with their lambs. We have had a great success rate this year, with many of the ewes giving birth to twins. It is inevitable that we will always have some losses and as a result we do have some orphan lambs in the barn that are currently being bottle fed. They are very hard work and need feeding at least 4 times a day; if you want to come and help us feed them, pop along to the Young Farmers' Club and get stuck in!

We also have three litters of baby rabbits at the farm at the moment- they are only a week old, but very soon they will be out of their nests and hopping around looking for cuddles. The GCSE Environmental and Land Based Science group will be selling these rabbits as part of a project they are doing, so if you know anyone who wants an Easter Bunny, send them our way.



Our Spring Open Morning was held on Saturday 21st March when we opened our doors to family, friends and local residents to show off our animals. The baby lambs were very popular! There will be a full report and pictures in the next edition of the KCT.

Miss Beatrice Boyle
Farm Assistant



Individual Sport Success



Jessica Alvarez

Jessica Alvarez, Year 7, has recently competed in the South East Regional Gymnastics Competition in Guildford. She came second in her group in a very close and hard fought contest. She now goes forward to represent the Region at the Nationals on the 25th April in Birmingham.

Sam Smith

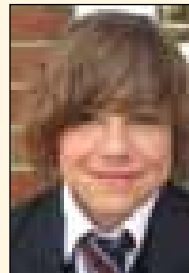
Sam Smith, Year 8, participated in the UK Schools Trampoline Finals held in Birmingham in early March.

Having qualified in two earlier regional rounds (where he finished 2nd and 3rd) he was up against some very tough competitors in the Under 14 Elite section. Many of the other competitors regularly compete at least two grades above him.

He finished in a very creditable 7th place.

Edward Hunt

Edward Hunt in Year 8 has been training with the Kent U13 rugby squad. Playing at scrum-half, he has represented the school's U13 team and Canterbury Rugby Club U13s. According to Mr John Burnage, Head of Boys' PE, Ed has great potential for the future.



Alfie swims to victory!

Alfie Goldsmith, Year 9 (aged 13), had a glorious weekend in early March at the Disabled Swimming Events Nationals in Sheffield. Not only did he win 11 gold medals in every one of his 11 individual races but he also received 2 silver medals from the team relay events.



Alfie receiving his trophy

Alfie also secured 11 Personal Best times and Nationwide, who sponsored the event, presented him with a trophy and a grant for £200, naming him Nationwide Outstanding Male Swimmer. He will receive the cheque at a formal event later in the year.

This is only the second National Junior Swimming Championships that Alfie has taken part in, and it is hoped that his successes will secure his International Disability Swimming classification so that he can participate in international swimming and in due course the Paralympics.

'He is such a graceful swimmer in the water and works very hard,' said his mother, Mrs Carol Goldsmith, PA to the Head Master of the Nursery, Infant and Junior School at Vernon Holme. 'We are so proud of him!'

IAPS Cross Country

A superb performance from Anna Weston saw her finish a very close second in the National Prep Schools' Cross Country Championship held over a very hilly course at Malvern College. Anna recovered from a poor start to overtake all but one of the other competitors in high quality competition. Her performance was supported by very determined runs from Lizzie Neal, Eloise French and Georgina Townsend to take the team into third place in the National Small Schools' competition and tenth place overall.

The boys' team showed equal determination on the hills and through the streams with William Heywood finishing a creditable twenty seventh. He was supported by Sam Hines, Dan Van Hinsbergh and Josh Todd to finish tenth in the Small Schools' competition and twentieth overall.

Presentations were carried out by Christina Boxer (Olympic Athlete) and Emily Pidgeon (European Junior 5000m Champion).

Mr Andy Carter
Headmaster of the Junior School



Emily Pidgeon and Anna Weston



Triumph in Football!



The U11 Boys ended an extremely successful season by winning the Kent Primary Schools Cup for the first time in our 11 year history of this competition. Along with winning the Spring Grove Trophy and narrowly losing in the final of the King's Tournament, it was a fitting end.

In the final, they beat Bridge and Patribourne 3-1 in a game that was fast and furious on the synthetic surface at the University of Kent. But with composure on the ball and plenty of possession they came through to earn a thoroughly deserved victory.

All the boys in Years 5 and 6 have practised hard at their football, whether in curriculum or extra curricular time. The success of the Albion team, in Cup competitions, has been due to the high standards achieved by all the boys, who by raising their game have created a knock on effect, culminating in a trophy cabinet full of silverware.

Mr Chris Sweet
Head of PE and Games at the Junior School

Hockey

in photos...





Unbeatable Girls...



U13 Hockey squad



U13 Netball team

The tension rose in the final as the full time score was a draw but the girls were full of confidence as they had to face the deciding penalty stroke competition. The penalty shoot out saw Kent College once more victorious with 2 excellent strokes from Charlie Spight and Chloe Moxam and brilliant saves from Anna Alvarez in goal.

Carol Baker, Head of Girls' PE at Kent College, said, 'We have a strong reputation in sport but have never had a group of young students who have matched this performance not just in hockey but in netball as well. Now we have to look ahead; we already have three players in the National teams and we hope that some of these players will join them. We also have our eye on 2012 and feel sure that we will have one or more students competing in the London Olympics.'

The squad:

Chloe Moxam Captain , Anna Alvarez, Eva Barwick , Emily Clarke , Josie Frappart, Sarah Hyams , Georgia Martin , Olivia Mullan, Catherine Parker, Victoria Sayer , Iona Thompson, Rosie Maguire , Beth Mason, Jessica Meakin, Charlie Spight.

Three county titles in six days is an incredible achievement by any measure. The fact that this was achieved in two completely different sports makes it all the more remarkable. Then when you add the fact that only 15 girls were involved it seems almost unbelievable.

The run of success started at the County U13 Netball Tournament. Sixty one schools from across the county spent the day competing for the title at Rainham. The Kent College girls dominated their group winning all their games convincingly, putting them through to the tougher afternoon fixtures. The team played with determination and skill. The final against Sevenoaks School was a tense nail-biting affair which went all the way to the line. The result was a draw at full time and went straight to golden goal. Here, nerves counted for everything and after competing hard down the court, the winning goal was calmly scored by Goal Shooter Victoria Sayer enabling the team to lift the county title.

Having barely recovered from their triumph, the very same girls stepped out onto the astro at Kent College to compete in the County round of the National Mini Hockey Tournament. Here, the competition was largely from hockey clubs and a few serious hockey playing schools: thirteen teams in total. The Kent College youngsters got off to a flying start with convincing scores against Herne Bay Hockey Club, Canterbury Hockey Club and Gravesham. The semi-final was a local derby against King's which saw Kent College with a well deserved 2-1 win. Finding themselves in the final against Tunbridge Wells Hockey Club, the girls played with a well rehearsed pattern of play and were delighted to win 2-1. This means the able young side progress on to represent Kent in the regional finals in Norfolk in April, with the hope that they can make it all the way to the Nationals.

Two days later, on a wet and windy pitch at Kent College, the girls were on a roll as they won their first match of the County Schools' Hockey Tournament against Rochester Grammar 9-0. Their winning ways resulted in the following scores: Ashford School 5-0, Tonbridge Grammar 3-0, Highworth Grammar 4-0.



U13 mini-hockey team



... and Unbeatable Boys!

In the 46th year of the Frank Mason Memorial Tournament, Kent College 1st XI maintained their recent outstanding record in this prestigious event.

In the morning group matches, the team played some good hockey scoring 13 goals to finish top of their group. This meant that a difficult quarter final against rivals Simon Langton followed. The Kent College Team dominated the game and won 2 – 0.

In the semi-final against a physical Elham College side, Ollie Hayward, Anthony Bull and Ulf Bach controlled the ball superbly, enabling Anthony Bull to score the decisive goal in a 1 – 0 win. This meant another final against old adversaries, Langley Park.

In the best game of the day, Kent College led twice through goals from Nathan Deeble and Anthony Bull, only for Langley Park to hit back. The final score was 2 – 2. In the penalty shoot-out, Diccon Stubbings made an excellent save, and then scored with a final flick for Kent College to win the trophy for the 6th year out of the last 8.

Player of the tournament went to Captain Anthony Bull, with young Alan Carter close behind.

Mr John Burnage
Head of Boys' PE





Primary Schools Hockey Coaching

On Saturday 7th March almost 50 very enthusiastic young hockey players joined us at Kent College for a morning's hockey. The children came from local state and independent schools, including a large contingent from our own junior school. David Mathews and his team of talented coaches ensured that the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves whilst improving their basic skills. The coaches were all drawn from the Kent College 1st XI's and, in spite of the early start (well, early for some) they all worked extremely hard and proved to be very



VH squad and coaches

England Call Up



Lucy & Grace

Two Kent College pupils have just heard that they have been selected to play for the under 16 England Hockey Team in the Four Nations Tournament that takes

place in Nottingham over Easter, playing against Spain, Germany and Holland.

This will be a fantastic experience for Grace Balsdon, Year 11, who is currently studying for her GCSE exams; this is her second year of selection. Lucy Hyams, Year 10, also studying for GCSEs has been selected for the first time. The two girls have shown great determination and commitment to get into the side. Grace is just returning to full fitness after a serious ankle injury while two years ago Lucy had to take a full year off after breaking both bones in her lower leg! Not only are these girls reaching great heights in hockey, they are both high achievers in their academic studies. Both girls play for the Kent College team that currently holds the County Championship title and both train and play regularly at Canterbury Hockey Club. These two girls are great role models for the younger pupils at the school and perhaps this is the first step on the ladder to seeing some of our pupils in the 2012 London Olympics?

Mrs Carol Baker
Head of Girls' PE

good at motivating these young people.

The morning started off with the obligatory warm-up, followed by a circuit of coached skills. All children developed their hitting, dribbling, shooting at goal and tackling. Goalkeepers were given intensive work-out by Diccon Stubbings and a sixth group worked in a small coached game.



Harvey takes aim



Dan tackles George

A much-welcomed break for squash and biscuits was followed by a series of eight-a-side games, which were keenly contested by all concerned. The final result owed more to Mr. Mathew's skill in picking the sides, rather than the talents of the players involved. The final result did not

really matter. What was important was that the boys had had a thoroughly enjoyable morning's sport and that their skills had developed (in some cases, quite dramatically) during the course of the morning.

Thank you so much to Mr. Mathews for giving up his morning to run this event and to all of the coaches who made the morning such a success.

Mrs Angela Tingey
Assistant Head at the Junior School