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Welcome to 'Have Mynde'

In writing the foreword to the 2006 edition of 'Have Mynde', I am pleased to report that, yet again, our school magazine proudly marks another milestone in its development.

When the first copy of "The Queen's School Annual" was produced in 1897, it was entirely printed in black and white. A sepia-toned line drawing of the school graced the cover, but otherwise there were no illustrations and nothing to detract from the rather austere interior. Times, however, move on, and over the years our editorial teams have gradually been able to introduce colour - first and foremost in order to do justice to the magnificent art work produced by girls at both the senior and lower schools. This year's all-colour edition marks yet another step forward in the development of 'Have Mynde', making it even more attractive to the eye and, I hope, further increasing your pleasure in reading it.

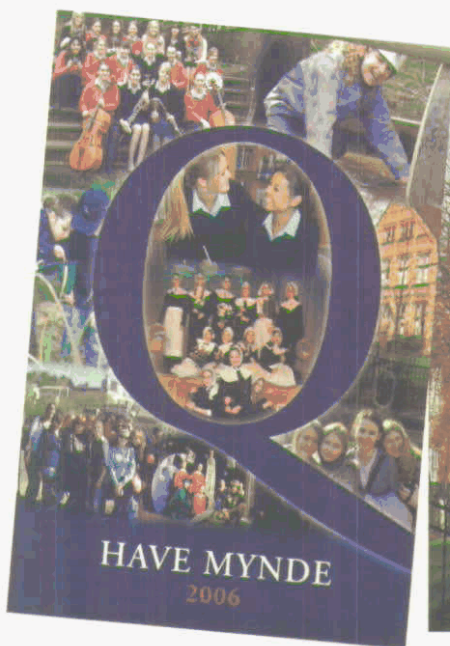
A respect for tradition has always been balanced with an eye for innovation at The Queen's School. In this rapidly-moving technological age, we can only speculate where Mr Ainsworth and his editorial committee of talented sixth formers will take future editions of 'Have Mynde'. Whatever they decide, I am confident that the editor of that very first edition, Headmistress Mrs Sandford, would have applauded their efforts and commended their determination to make each year's 'Have Mynde' even more exciting than the last.

Of course, this philosophy of constant improvement is one which very much reflects the ethos of our school. We were therefore delighted that the visit of the Independent Schools Inspectorate last autumn confirmed the effectiveness of the school, its staff, its governors and its pupils in turning our aims into reality. All aspects of school life, from the high quality of teaching and learning and the pastoral care of the girls, to the spiritual development of pupils and the wide range of extra-curricular opportunities, were rated very highly by the inspection team. It is very satisfying to know that the school continues to achieve, and even exceed, the high standards upon which its reputation is built.

If the past twelve months have been stimulating and successful ones in the life of the school, where better to record and reflect the range of achievements of our girls than in our school magazine? You will read here exciting accounts of overseas adventures and of challenging outward-bound activities; of numerous sporting triumphs and of musical and dramatic successes. You will see too the creative excellence of Queen's girls, whether in their written or their



The changing face of 'Have Mynde'
- The changing face of Queen's



artistic work. Above all, I hope you will gain a sense of a school buzzing with activity, where young women of energy and imagination are challenged to develop their many interests and skills.

Congratulations must go to Mr Ainsworth and his creative team of sixth formers who have moulded this wealth of material into yet another stimulating, sparkling and very colourful edition of 'Have Mynde'.

Catherine Buckley



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YEAR 11 GCSE RESULTS

Subject	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	Number entered	Number A*-C
Art	5	10	3					18	18
Biology	26	23	10	7	1			67	66
Chemistry	25	18	13	5				61	61
Classical Civilisation	3	6	2	1				12	12
English	28	34	7					69	69
English Literature	22	38	9					69	69
French	28	19	8					55	55
Geography	18	10	7	2				37	37
German	15	6	3					24	24
Greek	1	1			1			3	2
HE	1	3	1	2				7	7
History	17	15	6	2				40	40
ICT	47	21	2					70	70
Latin	2	1	1					4	4
Mathematics	20	32	14	4				70	70
Music	4	3	4					11	11
Physics	22	20	14	4				60	60
Religious Studies	2	3	1	1				7	7
Spanish	3	5	1		1			10	9
TOTAL	289	268	106	28	3	0	0	694	691
% grades	42	39	15	4	0	0	0	100.00	
No Candidates	70								

A* - 41.6
A* and A - 80.3
A*, A and B - 95.5
A* - C - 99.6

YEAR 13 A-LEVEL RESULTS

Subject	A	B	C	D	E	U	Number entered	Number passed
Art	6		1				7	7
Biology	8	7	2	1	1		19	19
Business Studies	1	1					2	2
Chemistry	13	5	1	1			20	20
Classical Civilisation	5	1					6	6
Economics	2						2	2
English Literature	5	3	8				16	16
French	4	3	1				8	8
Further Mathematics		3	1				4	4
Geography	4	3	5	1			13	13
German	2		1				3	3
History	7	1	6				14	14
Home Economics		1	1	1			3	3
Mathematics	19	2	1	1	1		24	24
Music	1	3	1				5	5
Psychology	5	4	1				10	10
Physics	5						5	5
Religious Studies	3	4		1	1		9	9
Spanish	2	1		1			4	4
	94	40	29	7	3	0	173	173
% grades	54.3	23.1	16.8	4.0	1.7	0.0	100.0	
No Candidates	56							

Pass Rate - 100.0%
Grades A and B - 77.5%
Grades A-C - 94.2%

SATS RESULTS

KS2

	Level 4	Level 5
English	100%	88%
Mathematics	100%	72%
Science	100%	92%

LEAVERS' DESTINATIONS 2005

Anna Anderson	Reapplying 2006	Victoria McCubbine	UCL - Economics
Mary Ankers	Sheffield - Geography	Kay Morris	West of England, Bristol - Physiotherapy
Sarah Ayton	Birmingham - Medicine	Holly Newman	Glasgow - Psychology
Gemma Ball	UCL - Medicine	Nazmim Noor	Bradford /Leeds - Clinical Sciences/Pre. Med
Sarah Bennion	Cambridge(Sidney Sussex) - Modern & Medieval Languages	Antonia Parker	Camberwell College of Arts - Art Foundation
Rachel Bernie	Newcastle - History	Sophie Patrick	Bristol - Mathematics
Ellen Bettaney	Oxford (Hertford) - PPE	Elizabeth Perkins	Keele - Biomedical Sciences
Jennifer Boules	Kings, London - Law	Joanna Reid	Nottingham (2006) - Medicine
Sarah Bransby	Bristol - Veterinary Science	Isabella Richards	West of England, Bristol(2006) - Art Foundation
Fiona Britton	Manchester - Biomedical Sciences	Claire Robinson	Liverpool - Veterinary Science
Laura Charlesworth	Durham - History	Leonora Russell	Reapplying 2006
Joanne Cornes	Bangor - Psychology	Sophie Russell	Goldsmiths - History of Art
Abigail Davies	St. Andrews - Cell Biology & Pathology	Annabel Sayers	Exeter - Law
Charlotte Elliott	Stirling - Psychology	Hollie Shelbourne	Liverpool John Moores - Criminology & Applied Psychology
Laura Evans	Bristol - Classical Studies	Laura Spencer	Oxford (Hertford) - Modern European Languages
Helen Fitton	Imperial, London - Mathematics	Danielle Steven	Leeds - English
Ashleigh Fowler	Central Lancashire (2006) - Journalism	Emma Swe	University of Chester - Early Years Education
Elizabeth Garry	Leeds - Medical Microbiology	Emma Swinnerton	Goldsmiths - English / American Literature
Abigail Gleek	Cambridge (Clare) - History	Zara Tait	Manchester - Classical Studies
Aisha Gohar	Birmingham - Medicine	Carolyn Telford	York (2006) - Psychology
Cheryl Groom	Birmingham College of Food, Tourism & Creative Studies - Hospitality & Food Management	Stephanie Ward	Northumbria - Law
Lisa Hallam	Birmingham - Medicine	Nicola Webb	Durham - Mathematics
Ceri-lyn Humphreys	Royal Northern College of Music - Classical Vocal	Georgina White	International School of Beauty Therapy - Nantwich
Sara Kagan	Stirling - Psychology & Biology	Emily Williams	Loughborough (2006) - Geography & Sport & Leisure Management
Tamanique King	Durham - History	Laura Woodcock	Northumbria - English
Chiara Lisowski	Birmingham (2006) - Italian Studies/Music	Kathryn Wright	Oxford (St. Hughs) - Medicine
Donna Macfadyen	Cambridge (Peterhouse) - Architecture	Deborah Wynn	Birmingham - Human Biology
Brina Marks	Sheffield - Biblical Studies		
Alice Mason	Durham - Civil Engineering		
Emily Mason	Cambridge (Sidney Sussex) - Natural Sciences		

LEAVERS FROM 2004 WHO REAPPLIED

Emma Addinsell	Leeds - Product Design	Anna Sznerch	Sheffield - Architecture
Elizabeth Archard	Bristol - Dentistry		

LEAVERS FROM 2003 WHO REAPPLIED

Jennifer Lister	York - History
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The Queen's School Association

The club for leavers, 'old girls' and staff

Another busy year for the QSA has included, on the social side: the AGM lunch, with presentations to retiring members of staff; the (fast becoming a tradition!) Spring Lunch at the Racecourse; the London/Oxford Branch meeting - this year lunch in Oxford; a trip to Powis Castle; and the planning for another Wine Evening this November; as well as the Michaelmas Supper - see below.

SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL

The QSA - remembering years of Sport at Queen's



1st Hockey Team, March 1955
- B. Garner, R. Smith, C. Jones, G. Chesters, A. Harkness, K. Jones and Miss Connie Baxter. M. Allen, S. Wesley, R. Dromgoole, A. Williams, and D. Williams.



In front of the old shed, March 1955
- Rosemary Smith, Kay Jones, Peveril Jerome and Chris Jones. Ruth Riggs, Mary Crimes.



Cricket on the School Field in Summer 1912

The QSA Bursary

A Sixth Form Bursary is awarded by The Queen's School Association in alternate years to a girl entering the sixth form from Year 11 to provide help towards tuition fees. The bursary is currently worth £500 per term, and applications should be made via the Clerk to the Governors, Mr Brian Dutton.

QS Prizegiving

The Queen's School Association was proud this year to award four prizes at Prizegiving on 12th January. They were:

The Eileen Bankes Memorial Prize for Service to the School: **Laura Spencer**

The Memorial Prize for Service to the School: **Emily Williams**

The Marjorie Miln Memorial Prize for French: **Sarah Bennion**

The Connie Baxter Memorial Prize for Games and Gymnastics: **Sara Kagan.**



2nd Lacrosse Team, 1982-83 - Bridget Plottier, Jo Ingham, Louise Nell, Vickie Griffith, Sarah Long, Virginia Cleaves, Elizabeth King, Alex Murphy, Susan Shaw, Christina Smedley, Stephanie Willis.

The Michaelmas Supper - the traditional leavers' get together

This event is organised by the QSA which invites all Year 13 leavers to join them for a relaxed evening meal - for free! The idea was established many years ago to give Queen's leavers an easy opportunity to see each other before they go off to university, college, gap year activities, etc.

Members of staff are also invited and a number regularly attend - glad of the chance to see the girls after their results and when their future plans are in place. We hope that leavers will maintain their contact with School, via the QSA, from wherever they find themselves in their future careers. This evening is, of course, the girls' first opportunity to attend a QSA social event, to eat and drink well (often before heading into town!) and to meet some of the committee and other members.

We invite all of this year's Year 13 to join us for our next Michaelmas Supper on Friday 8th September 2006 - watch out for details with results in August!



Contact us: qsa@queens.cheshire.sch.uk

SUPPORTING CHARITABLE PROJECTS

Heather Rees travels to Lesotho, South Africa

After leaving school in 2004, Heather talks to us about her travels - sponsored by the QSA



I travelled with AIM to Lesotho, southern Africa for five weeks and during this time worked with 2 other volunteers alongside the local people of Li'rahoeleng (a town on the outskirts of the capital Maseru). AIM is an international agency working in many locations across Africa and the islands of the Indian Ocean. It serves the people of Africa in numerous practical ways, such as training nurses, initiating agricultural projects and helping children receive an education. AIM recognises that its presence in places is only temporary, and seeks to train local people so that work can be self-sustaining.

The first couple of weeks were spent running holiday clubs for the local teenagers and children. This involved lots of singing, games, as well as Bible study, and was loads of fun. It was a great opportunity to get to know the local people and we learnt a lot about their culture through the children. The final week of my time in Lesotho was spent doing home visits. This involved going with the 'Evangelist' of the Lesotho Evangelical Church of Li'rahoeleng to a different area of the parish every day to identify those in need and to pray with them. I found this week quite draining emotionally and spiritually and it was frustrating not being able to speak the language. However, it was a real privilege to visit some of the families and many of the people we met seemed genuinely touched and blessed by our visit. I went to Lesotho expecting to give something to the people there but came home having received so much more in return. The generosity and gratitude of Basutho families is so humbling, and a real challenge to Western attitudes.

I want to say a big thanks to the QSA, and all those who supported me, for enabling me to have this amazing experience.



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SUSAN WOODLAND

Susan joined The Queen's School as Head of Biology in 1986, having previously been Head of Science at The Princess Mary School, Halifax.

She has always displayed a love of, and enthusiasm for, her subject and this has been reflected in all her teaching. Her pupils have benefited from her extensive knowledge, thorough preparation and meticulous application of academic rigour. She has also displayed a penchant for administration, which has not only resulted in the biology department running like clockwork, but also in the smooth running of the day-to-day allocation of staff. As Senior Assistant from 1994 to 1997 and Administrative Officer from 2003 to 2005 she has been responsible for staff cover for absent colleagues, examination invigilation and numerous room changes, all of which she has carried out fairly and with good humour. She likes nothing better than the challenge presented by a complex problem and has actually revelled in working on the onerous task of compiling the school timetable.

Her contribution to school life has not only been academic and administrative. She has given unstintingly of her time in many other ways. Being a committed Christian she has, over many years, run the Junior Christian Union, known as Quest Club, which involves fun activities such as quizzes, games and lively discussion. She has also been a stalwart of the Christian Union Weekend, having attended no fewer than 18 of them, and where she pioneered the cookery workshop, an exercise involving the mass production of cakes and sweets that has gone down very well! She has been the organiser of the traditional Queen's School Christmas hampers which have been so generously supported. She has run the annual Year 7 trip to Chester Zoo through rain and shine and quips that, despite her best efforts, she has not managed to leave any pupils there! She has also taken part, on three occasions, in the Year 8 Activity holiday to France and has shown an adventurous side to her nature by taking part in the activities. She admits it was a toss up whether she drowned or learned to windsurf! The most intrepid 'excursion' yet is to be the Operation Wallacea Expedition to Honduras in July, where surveying in the rainforest and coral reef diving are to be the activities.



Her colleagues know her as a good and caring friend who organises theatre outings and celebratory meals at her home for impossible numbers of people and as a maker of scrumptious puddings. Her pupils know her as an excellent teacher whose high standards and academic excellence have helped many to achieve their full potential. As she leaves The Queen's School after 20 years of service in order to effect a career change and to expand her horizons, we all wish her well.

Sheila Jarvis

DENISE REBOUL

Denise joined The Queen's School in 2001 having moved up to Chester from London where she was teaching in The Forest School.

Over the 5 years she was at Queen's she was thoroughly involved in the life of the school teaching in and then running the Geography Department, tutoring throughout the school and organising a multitude of fieldwork days and excursions.

Denise was a cheerful member of the teaching staff and one who will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike. Her quiet demeanour and gentle ways made her a highly likeable person and one who always looked out for those around her.

Her enthusiasm for her subject was obvious as was her passion for teaching and education. We would like to wish her well in the next stage of her life, which has involved a move back to Ireland with her husband and family.

Ruth Sullivan



IAN McKENNA

Ian joined The Queen's School as Head of Religious Studies in 2002, having previously taught at Weaverham High School, Northwich.

It was immediately evident that he was a talented and enthusiastic teacher. Girls benefited from lively lessons and went on, inspired, to study the subject at examination levels. To cater for demand, Ian expanded his subject, offering R.S and Philosophy as an additional A-level subject.

Ian was also a valued member of the PSE team and two years ago became Head of years 10/11. In his pastoral role, girls have heeded his advice, appreciating the care and trouble he has gone to on their behalf. Always game for a fun time, Ian has organised countless trips to Alton Towers, cinema outings and bowling trips.

Ian's talent and enthusiasm infiltrated many extra curricular activities, from his peak performances in football club to his sophisticated singing in jazz band.

We have all valued Ian as a caring and willing colleague. He has always been unstinting of his time for both girls and colleagues. We are very sorry to lose Ian but believe that his new post at Withington will bring him undoubted and deserved success.

Sian Chafer



SYLVIE TANIGASSALAME

Sylvie Tanigassalame came to The Queen's School in September 2002 and immediately established herself as a very successful and popular teacher, even if some pupils did have difficulties getting to grips with 'Mme Taramasalata's name!

She taught French to years 7 to 13 within the Senior School and to years 3 to 6 at Nedham House.

Sylvie had a very quiet but charismatic presence in the classroom and a real knack of turning girls on to French. She was a very thorough and creative lesson planner and delighted the younger pupils with her imaginative games and puzzles. However, Sylvie was also much loved by girls in the Sixth Form, who appreciated her ability to breathe life into topics such as the workings of the European Union and the use of the imperfect subjunctive! It was therefore no surprise that Sylvie's lessons were described by our inspector last autumn as being particularly inspiring and that her teaching at Nedham House was deemed to be excellent. However, Sylvie also took her pastoral responsibilities seriously. The girls in Sylvie's form were very fond of her and showed their appreciation by giving her a standing ovation at the last assembly.

Sylvie also enjoyed contributing to school life outside of the classroom. During the course of her 3 years at Queen's she ran a popular lunchtime Spanish Club and helped out at basketball.

Trips were another area in which she liked to get involved, having accompanied the Year 8 Activity Holiday to France and helped to organise the French Exchange to Avignon.

As a colleague within the Modern Languages Department, Sylvie has been greatly missed. She was a person of integrity and warmth who was extremely well organised and could always be relied upon to get things done. She also had a quietly infectious sense of humour and was a much loved colleague, eager to share ideas and to support other members of staff.

I am sure that everyone who worked with Sylvie, girls and staff alike, will all wish her the very best in her new life and career, teaching French as a foreign language in Cannes, and that we'll all think of her, living by the beach and enjoying the life on the Côte d'Azur as we look forward to another English summer.

Jo Anderson



BERYL ARKLEY

Beryl joined the school in 1990 as a part-time teacher of music at Key Stage One.

This was a new post and Beryl introduced the girls to a wide range of musical experiences. She was an enthusiastic choral singer with a lovely soprano voice and so was keen to develop the girls' singing. Our performances, at Harvest, Christmas, Easter and every summer, owe a great deal to Beryl's teaching.

Over the years she taught girls and boys a huge repertoire of songs and carols. She provided opportunities for many of our young girls to sing solos and duets and managed every summer, to teach groups a dance, as part of the summer play; a long list of exotic dancers, mice, rats, dragons and pantomime cows danced to her choreography. She is an accomplished pianist but did find it daunting sometimes, on occasions like our Nativity plays, when she had to play, literally surrounded by an enthusiastic audience of doting parents with their camera flashes and videos often pointing in her direction.

As her own children grew older, so Beryl's hours at school increased. She has worked full time as the Reception class teacher for several years now and has introduced many, many girls to school life. She has quietly nurtured their developing literacy and numeracy and always strived to foster the girls' independence and responsibility. She has an eye for detail and everything she did was to her own, very demanding high standards.

Beryl has been a very supportive member of staff. Those of us who have worked with her will miss her friendship, her willingness to help and her common-sense advice. We know she will not spend her retirement with her feet up. She is looking forward to having more time to spend with her family and, as the Arkleys are all fanatical skiers, she will love the opportunity to ski in new and exciting locations. We all wish her a long, happy and active retirement.

Darlah Thomas

New Staff

In a recent interview we sort out to find out the ins and outs of our newest staff's thoughts, lives and childhoods

Why did you come to the Queen's School?

Mr Abell: I firmly believe that single gender learning environments work, for both boys and girls.

Miss Racapé: The pupils in The Queen's School were motivated and well behaved.

Mr Tucker: Nobody else would have me!

What did you hope to achieve from teaching at the Queen's School?

Mr Kelly: The ongoing enjoyment of what is the best job in the world

Miss O'Keefe: Survival!



What did you want to be when you were a child?

Mrs Owen: A sweetshop owner or a nurse

Mr Cripps: A mountaineer

Mr O'Meara: Centre forward for the Irish football team.

Mr Abell: A welder in a shipyard

Who was your Idol as a child?

Mr Stevens: Isaac Newton, probably Britain's greatest scientist.

Mr Tucker: My Dad and Bono from U2

Miss Sullivan: Another girl at school - Joanne. She had long blonde hair and wore dresses whilst I was in dungarees and had short dark hair.



What is your favourite film?

Miss Racapé: 'One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest'. I love the story and the acting.

Mr Kelly: '2001: Space Odyssey' - 35 years on I still don't understand what it means!

Miss Sullivan: 'Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle stop Café'; it always makes me cry.



Mr Abell



Miss Racapé



Mr Tucker



Mr Kelly



Miss O'Keefe



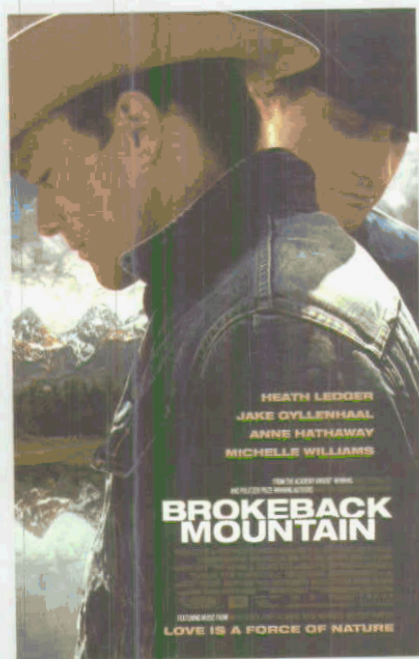
TOUCHING THE VOID A TRUE STORY

What is your favourite book?

Mr Stevens: I have no favourite but enjoy reading about the history of science and technology

Miss O'Keefe: 'Pride and Prejudice'

Mr Cripps: 'Touching the Void' - the only book I've read in one sitting.



Who is your favourite singer/band?

Mr O'Meara: At the moment somewhere between Johnny Cash and Greenday.

Mr Abell: Big Joe Turner.

Mr Tucker: Too many! Bob Dylan, U2, Joan Armatrading, Lou Reed, Moby - they're all poets!



What was the last book you read?

Mr Stevens: A text book on medical imaging

Mr Cripps: 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.

Miss Sullivan: 'Keeping Faith' by Jodie Picout.

What was the last film you saw?

Mrs Owen: 'Chicken Little'

Miss Racapé: 'King Kong' - The original is still the best.

Mr Abell: 'Brokeback Mountain'

We would like to thank all the new staff and the office staff for all their help.
Claire Haddad, Rebecca Rankin and Jessica Rimmer.



Mrs Owen



Mr Cripps



Mr O'Meara



Mr Stevens



Miss Sullivan

Sports 2005

Tennis Report

This year has been very successful for the school tennis teams, but at the same time slightly frustrating, due to some of the results finishing with Queen's in second place.

In the Nestle competition, the year 8 A team beat Christleton, The Grange, Neston and Heber but narrowly lost to Altrincham to be placed as Cheshire runners-up. Congratulations go to Katherine Baker, Cheryl Laverick, Sophie Rowland and Lucy Cope. The B team played against Christleton, The Grange, Neston and Heber. Congratulations to Sophie Clough, Sophie Willis, Alex Maling and Rebecca Spaven.

In the same competition, the Year 10 A team beat Altrincham 6 matches to 1 and Loreto Convent by 4 matches to 0 which put them in the Cheshire final. They were placed second in this, to make them Cheshire runners-up to Lymm. Congratulations go to Sally Meekins, Nicola Pether, Jenna Stein and Hannah Baker. The B team played Neston, Hartford and The Grange. Congratulations to Hattie Cottrell, Kate Minshall, Jemima Cope and Victoria Lowery.

Due to the enthusiasm of our tennis teams this year, many friendlies have been able to take place. Queen's has been very successful in these, winning them all. The Year 7 and 8 doubles teams beat the King's School in two very long matches. Both the under 15 and under 14 teams beat Moreton Hall by 11-4 matches. The Year 9 team beat Abbeygate by 8 sets to 1.

In the Chester and District competition, held at King's, Year 8 beat Abbeygate, Upton, Christleton and King's to become the Chester and District Champions. Congratulations go to Katherine Baker, Cheryl Laverick, Sophie Rowland and Lucy Cope. The Year 10 team played at Christleton. They beat Upton, Tarporley, Bishops and drew with Abbeygate and Tarporley again in the final to become Chester and District champions, sharing the trophy with Tarporley. Congratulations go to Nicola Pether, Jenna Stein, Sally Meekins and Hannah Baker.

In the Cheshire Year 7 singles tennis tournament, Rebecca Okell was placed 2nd overall in the Chester area. Rebecca and Ayesha Jones played Christleton, Neston and King's in the area qualifier of the Cheshire Year 7 doubles matches.

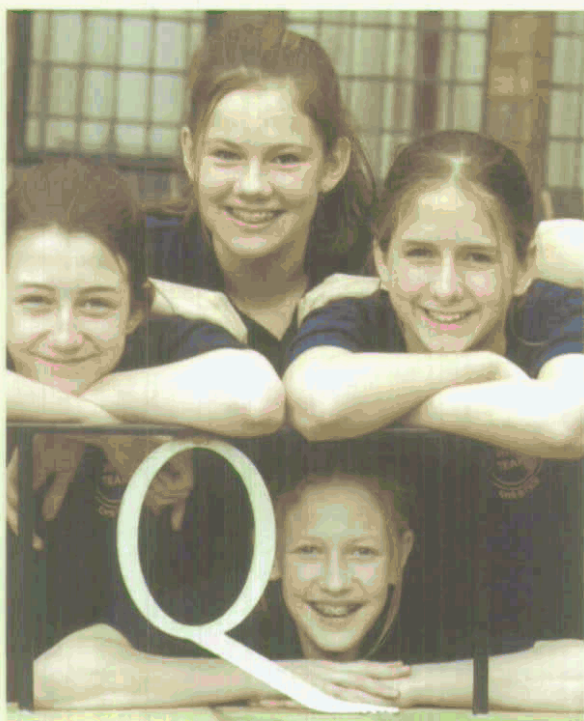
Congratulations must go to all the girls who played in these matches. In the year 9 Cheshire singles competition, Emily Teare played several fantastic matches meaning Queen's was placed first in Section A, but she narrowly lost to Christleton in the area semi-final. In the Year 9 Cheshire Doubles Queen's were once again runners-up to Neston in the area round.

In the Cheshire Senior Girls Doubles, Queen's beat Sir John Deane's and Tytherington but lost to Stockport, which made Queen's runners-up in their section. Congratulations to Sarah Ayton, Emma Swe, Jenny Barcroft and Nicki-Jayne Russell.

In the Aberdare cup competition, Queen's were frustrated with a bye in the first round, a walk-over against Kings in the second round and then meeting a very strong team from Lymm in the county semi-finals. Lymm also beat Ellesmere College in the Area final, so they progressed on to national finals instead of us this year.

Thanks must go to all involved in the tennis teams this year. The standard of play has been fantastic, as has been the enthusiasm shown by the girls at practices and in matches.

Alex Light, 13A - Tennis Captain



BAZUKA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

In November, the Under 14 swimming team, consisting of Hannah Phillips, Alice Little, Holly McCann and Alice Howarth, swam in the 4x50 metres medley and freestyle relays at the Regional Bazuka Secondary Schools' Championships.

After winning both the relays comfortably, we found that we had qualified for the National Finals in the medley by being the second fastest qualifier nationally!

As it was Cheshire's turn to host the event, we only had to travel as far as Macclesfield that cold Saturday in February!

The team performed well in the semi-final, gaining a place in the final later that day. We finished in 4th position out of over 250 teams overall – a great result!

Hannah Phillips, 9R

Rounders

Friendly matches were played against King's, Christleton, Abbey Gate, Bishop Heber, Nedham House and Moreton Hall. We had a very successful term in the Chester & District tournaments with the following results:

Year 10 - Champions
Year 9 - Runners-up
Year 8 - Semi-finalists
Year 7 - Semi-finalists

Football Club

The Football club has been a great success this academic year.

When the teachers walked down to the sports field on a dreary afternoon in September, they were blissfully unaware of the task that awaited them: they had to coach 30 giddy Queen's girls! Mr O'Meara took on the job of coaching the 6th form, whilst Mr Robinson and Mr Kenna opted for the gargantuan task of years 7 - 10. Each teacher has left an impression on the team, most notably Mr Kenna's trademark tricks.

The aim of football club has been to improve our football skills and techniques by playing friendly matches. We feel we have improved significantly as many teams have enjoyed success against other teams. The 6th form and Year 7 teams had famous victories against our biggest rivals King's. The Year 9 team are still searching for some worthy adversaries. Our enthusiasm and commitment this year has been fantastic; everyone is confident of another good season next year. We would like to thank Mr Robinson, Mr McKenna and Mr O'Meara for giving up their time to coach us.

Zara Fyfe and Heather Beer, 9R



THE HOUSE SYSTEM

The school year began in September with the Inter House Cross Country Championships. Everyone takes part to run round the course and support their House. This year our winning House was THOMPSON.

The autumn term also involved the Senior girls in an Inter House lacrosse tournament, won by HASTINGS.

In December, Ms Mayes, our Librarian, kindly hosted a Literary Quiz for Year 8, which was won by a team of girls from HASTINGS. Year 7 took part in the longest paper chain making in House groups and the rivalry in the Gym had to be seen to be believed. HASTINGS won the competition but all the colourful chains were put to excellent use by local hospitals/hospices.

In January new House Captains were elected, so it was Thank You to: Nikki Arthur and Sophie Hearle of Hastings, Laura Evans and Holly Westwood of Sandford, Lucy James and Amy Underhill of Thompson, Elizabeth Tane and Laura Barcroft of Westminster; and welcome to the role to:

Hastings: **Philippa Johnstone** and **Grace Marks**
Sandford: **Kate McGeorge** and **Rebecca Wilson**
Thompson: **Emma Peters** and **Louise Stride**
Westminster: **Abi Okell** and **Laura Whiteley**

In the Spring term, the girls focused on the Anna Markland Music Festival, rehearsing and playing to an excellent standard. Many girls won cups and honours for individual vocal and instrumental sections, SANDFORD won the competition and Angharad Lyddon of Sandford won the Anna Markland Cup.

More sporting competitions were held before Easter resulting in wins for:

HASTINGS - Year 7A Netball, Year 8B Hockey, Year 9 Lacrosse, Year 10 Netball
SANDFORD - Year 8A Hockey,
THOMPSON - Year 7B Netball, Year 10 Hockey, Senior Hockey.

The summer term plans are underway for a photographic competition and more Inter House sporting activities. The merit mark collection is a personal way to support your House and many girls throughout the school have progressed to Gold and Platinum certificates. In July we should know the winning House and will see if any other Houses can topple WESTMINSTER from their three year reign!

A sincere thank you to the Heads of House and Miss Littler for organising a variety of competitions.

Laura Whiteley, 12C

Colours

TENNIS

Junior

*Sally Meekins
Nicola Pether
Jenna Stein
Hannah Baker*

ATHLETICS

*Jemima Cope
Nicola Pether
Emma Shore
Ellie Sayers
Emily Fozard
Megan Preston
Kate Johnson
Laura Thompson
Lottie Clulow
Katie Minshall*

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Jemima Cope

HOCKEY

Senior

*Catherine Forshaw
Amy Underhill
Holly Westwood
Georgina Washbrook
Charlotte Whittaker*

Junior

*Kate Bernie
Libby Anderson
Helen King
Sarah Underhill
Helen Kelly
Charlotte Meara
Emily Teare
Helen Cumiskey
Stephanie Blackwell
Charlotte Gowers
Rebecca Barritt*

LACROSSE

Senior

*Jessica Corbett
Nicola Arthur*

Junior

*Charlotte Meara
Kate Bernie
Georgia Corbett
Helen King
Emily Teare
Libby Anderson
Helen Cumiskey*

Around the Athletics Track

The athletics season of 2005 opened competitively with the West Cheshire athletic club holding their Invitation Schools event.

It had been decided to run this meeting to coincide with the Opening of Stanney Oaks athletics track at Ellesmere Port.

Therefore 16 girls from Queen's found themselves collecting Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson's autograph at the opening, and then each age group took part in four events and a relay. We achieved several firsts against 8 local schools from Chester and Ellesmere Port and Queen's won the overall team title for girls.

The teams were:

Year 7 - J.Greer, K.Green, S.Stanton, and A.O'Brien

Year 8 - R.Pemberton, L.Cope, E.Walker, and S.Clough

Year 9 - S.Billingham, E.Teare, S.Blackwell, and H.King

Year 10 - E.Shore, N.Pether, J.Cope, and C.Clulow

In early May, Junior (Yrs. 7 and 8) and Intermediate (Yrs. 9 and 10) teams entered the English Schools Cup event and were drawn at Warrington in the first round. After a very competitive day against 23 other schools in Cheshire, the Juniors were placed 5th, and the Intermediates were 1st overall (Junior team: E.Tedstone, S.Stanton, R.Pemberton, E.Gibbons, S.Clough, C.Boffey, S.Rowland, L.Cope, A.Maling, M.Barrow, L.Whiteside, and S.Marshall. Intermediate team: S.Blackwell, E.Shore, C.Clulow, S.Billingham, J.Cope, H.King, N.Pether, E.Teare, E.Fozard, E.Sayers, K.Johnson, and K.Minshall)

As a result of their excellent performance, the Intermediate team progressed to the next round at Trafford Stadium, Manchester, against some strong opposition from the North of England. The team, carrying a few injuries, performed well and achieved a creditable 7th out of 12 schools. (S.Blackwell, E.Shore, C.Clulow, S.Billingham, J.Cope, H.King, N.Pether, E.Teare, E.Fozard, E.Sayers, K.Johnson, and L.Thompson)

Queen's hosted a successful Field events meeting for Years 7 and 8 on our field during June v. Bishop's High, Bishop Heber and Tarporley Schools. The year 8 team won convincingly, and year 7 were placed runners-up. Well done to all those girls who took part and definitely an event to expand in the future!

In the Chester and District Schools Championships, teams were entered in Years 7 - 10 inclusive. Outstanding performances were achieved by:

RESULTS: CHESTER AND DISTRICT SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIP - SUMMER 2005

YEAR 7
S.Stanton (1st in Hurdles and 1st in Long Jump, new record),
K.Green (2nd in Shot)
 Year 7 Relay team of:
S.Stanton,
K.Green,
A.O'Brien and
J.Greer. (3rd)

YEAR 8
R.Pemberton (1st in 100m)
E.Tedstone (2nd in Hurdles)
 Year 8 Relay team of:
R.Pemberton,
E.Gibbons,
S.Clough and
C.Laverick (2nd)

YEAR 9
E.Teare (2nd in 800m, and 1st in Discus)
C.Campbell (2nd in Hurdles, and 2nd in Long Jump)
 Year 9 Relay team of:
S.Billingham,
E.Teare,
C.Campbell and
H.King (3rd)

YEAR 10
J.Cope (2nd in 300m, and 1st in Long Jump)
E.Fozard (3rd in 300m)
N.Pether (1st in 800m, and 2nd in Triple Jump)
M.Preston (2nd in 800m, and 1st in High Jump)
E.Sayers (1st in 1500m)
E.Shore (1st in Hurdles)
C.Clulow (2nd in Shot)
K.Johnson (2nd in Discus)
L.Thompson (1st in Javelin)
 Year 10 Relay team of:
C.Clulow,
J.Cope,
E.Shore and
K.Minshall (2nd)

As a result, out of 14 schools, Years 9 and 10 finished first in their overall team's performance, Year 8 finished 2nd and Year 7 finished in third place.

Several athletes were selected to represent Chester District at the Cheshire Schools Championships in June. Noteworthy performances were achieved by: Sophie Stanton (1st in Hurdles - Cheshire champion, and 1st in Relay), Rebekah Pemberton (6th in 100m), Stephanie Blackwell (1st in Hurdles - Cheshire champion), Jemima Cope (5th in 300m) and Laura Thompson (4th in Javelin)

Sophie Stanton was unlucky for as yet there are no representative matches for Cheshire at Year 7 age group. Good luck next year! Stephanie Blackwell was selected to represent Cheshire in Birmingham, on two occasions. In June Stephanie won the Hurdles event v. 7 other Inter-County teams, and went on in July to the English Schools Championships. Stephanie ran a personal best time of 11.56secs. in the Hurdles heats and was placed 6th in England in the Final in 11.57secs. She was also a member of the Cheshire relay squad who were placed 4th in the final out of 44 counties.

C Moore and S Littler





News from the Hockey Pitch

It has been a successful hockey season with all the teams involved in friendly matches, (but needless to say even though the games were classed as friendly, we still had to win!) and tournaments at all levels, indoors and outdoors. The spring term brought snow to interrupt our fixtures, unfortunately including the cancellation of an international game v. Waterloo College from Ontario, Canada. The team arrived safely at Manchester Airport, but could not travel to Chester, so they spent an expensive afternoon at the Trafford Centre!

The 1st XI trained hard to develop a team spirit, on Mondays at Upton and on Thursdays at a variety of venues socially! They won the Chester and District Indoor and Outdoor Tournaments and played some challenging matches with excellent results. Who can ever forget the competitive end of season win v. Newcastle under Lyme?

The Under 16 team, ably led by Sally Meekins, played with confidence, winning all their friendly matches, and receiving gold medals from the local and Cheshire Tournaments. They earned an excellent reputation in the North by qualifying through Cheshire and then North West rounds of the National Schools Tournament, to play in the North of England Final at Belle Vue, Manchester. Unfortunately this wasn't to be and we wished our 'rivals' Arnold School 'Good Luck' at the National Final.

The Under 15 team continued their success from previous years in our usual fixtures and remained unbeaten! They competed in two tournaments resulting in excellent wins at the Ellesmere College (U16) Outdoor Tournament and the Chester and District Indoor Tournament.

The Under 14's have followed in the footsteps of their older colleagues and achieved an excellent season including playing in the North West of England Final of the National Schools Tournament. They also won several gold medals at the local and Cheshire Tournaments.

The Under 13 team are developing their skills and have played numerous matches. In the Cheshire and Greater Manchester Tournament, the A team reached the semi-final losing narrowly to the eventual winners.

Our Under 12 team are progressing well and have played several competitive matches achieving excellent results. The A team took part in the Chester and District Invitation Tournament and were placed runners-up overall.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the players for their continued hard work and dedication this season, and a huge thanks to Miss Littler, Mrs Moore and Haggis for their continued coaching, support and for organising the season. I wish Sophie all the best for next season and I am confident she will be a great Captain; Good Luck!

Catherine Forshaw, 13A, Hockey Captain

Congratulations to the 17 girls who have been selected for representative team honours: Catherine Forshaw, North U21, Cheshire U21; Lucy Woodside, North U17 Training, Cheshire U17; Sophie Ledsham, Cheshire U17; Jemima Cope, North U16, Cheshire U17; Sally Meekins, North U16, Cheshire U17; Sarah Underhill, Wales U16, North Wales U16, Cheshire U15; Helen King, North U15, Cheshire U15; Sophie Clough, North U15, Cheshire U15; Alex Maling, North U15, Cheshire U14; Sophie Rowland, Cheshire U15; Rebekah Pemberton, Cheshire U15; Lucy Cope, Cheshire U14; Cheryl Laverick, Cheshire U14; Kate McKenzie, Cheshire U14; Catherine Verity, Cheshire U14; Sophie Stanton, Cheshire U14; Amy Clarke, Cheshire U14.

There are also 8 girls from Years 7 and 8, Lucy Finnigan, Ceri Fowler; Kitty Green, Alicia Logan, Hannah Schofield, Gemma Pool, Emily Ward and Emma Williams, training with a Cheshire U13 Squad, hoping to be selected later this summer for future development.

Lacrosse

Our squads have had an enjoyable season, with a number of "firsts" to boast. In September we welcomed the return of Jason Perrin as our lacrosse coach and, brimming with confidence, the 1st squad had a fantastic run in the Senior North Schools' Tournament in York.

Four year 10 girls made their debut in the 1sts with such success that we reached the semi-finals against the hosts - Queen Margaret's. We lost 4-3 in an extremely hard fought game and travelled home a little deflated, but very proud of our achievements. Sally was nursing a fat foot, others had varying degrees of aches and pains, but we re-applied the make up and prepared for the bonfire night parties.

All our squads played lots of friendlies and tournaments with varying degrees of success, but the outstanding achievement has to go to the Under 15 squad who won the Junior North Schools' Tournament with ease. The final was against Moreton Hall and even they didn't pose any great threat as we won 3-1. Congratulations to all of them and the 1sts look forward to welcoming them into their squad next season.

The most memorable fixture has to be the new style National Schools' Tournament, held in the stunning scenery of Stowe School, Buckinghamshire, which is on National Trust land. What with our school being closed on the Friday and half of the squad being snowed in, we all managed to reach school in time for an afternoon departure. Saturday we played well and were put through to section 5 for Sunday. After a good rest we pulled out all the stops and narrowly missed out on second place in our section. It had been a great weekend with Lottie's trusty ipod playing cheesy music such as "Build me up Buttercup" and classic Disney tunes to sing-a-long to all day.

All the squads would like to thank Jason and Mrs Moore for their coaching and organisation and all our supportive parents at fixtures and tournaments. We can even serve refreshments on home match days now - courtesy of our new pavilion - so please feel free to come and join us on Saturday mornings throughout the season!

Jess Corbett, 13E, Lacrosse Captain

Lacrosse - Representative honours:

England Under 19 - Eleanor Sayers & Emily Fozard.

North of England Under 19 - Eleanor Sayers & Emily Fozard.

Cheshire Under 19 - Eleanor Sayers, Emily Fozard, Charlotte Clulow, Emily Teare & Libby Anderson.

Centex Regional - Emily Teare, Libby Anderson, Charlotte Meara, Kate Bernie, Alex Maling & Sophie Clough.

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FOR HER: Amanda Wakeley, For All Mankind, Temperley, Missoni, Nicole Farhi, Paul Smith, Prada, Armani Jeans, Mulberry, DKNY, See by Chloe, Patrizia Pepe, Diesel.

FOR HIM: Giorgio Armani, Hugo Boss, Maharishi, Diesel, Armani Jeans, Stone Island, Paul & Shark, Y3, Prada, Original Penguin, Evisu, Duck & Cover, DKNY, Nicole Farhi, Lyle & Scott.

SOCIETIES

Christian Union

For many people, Friday 31st March was an ordinary day leading to an ordinary weekend. However, for 62 excited Queen's girls, Friday meant the beginning of the annual Christian Union weekend away at Llangollen Youth Hostel.

After spending a day at school in home clothes impatiently waiting for the final bell, the bus was eventually loaded and we set off.

After dinner, the weekend's activities began with some ice-breaking team games in the meeting room led by Bryony and Nicola, and settling into the dorms. Our first meeting was held, led by Mr. Armstrong's daughter, Ruth, who introduced the weekend's theme of Christianity and Creation. We went to bed tired after a week of school, hoping against hope that the year 7s and 9s would be quiet. Little did the unsuspecting teachers know that the year 10 dorm would be the noisiest, the Old Girls coming a close second!

On Saturday morning we split up to go to our chosen workshops - cooking, drama, dance or art, where we created masterpieces, dances or plays to communicate the theme. In the afternoon, a wide game organised by the C.U. was played. There were pirates, hula girls, fairies and even washerwomen (Mr Armstrong!!) on the bases, setting challenges to be completed by the teams which were led by the horde of old girls who had returned again.

On Saturday evening was the traditional entertainment, which saw the return of Jake, sorry, Greg the Peg, Izzy's day, Edelweiss and the inevitable fluffy bunnies. Sunday morning saw the final presentation of the workshops, including one stunning and affecting drama sketch, a foot-stamping, floor-shaking dance and several artworks. This was followed by a visit from Glod, a Christian adventure camp in Wales and a happy reunion for 3 of the girls. A slide presentation was shown, and the sweets made by the cookery workshop were eaten. Before leaving the youth hostel, there was time for the entire contingent to troop down to a neighbouring



field for a fast and furious ultimate Frisbee tournament.

This year's weekend away marked the eighteenth, and sadly last, for Miss Woodland (unless we can persuade her to return, of course). Her constant support, enthusiasm (even when asked yet again to be a bad guy in the wide game), faith and expertise will be greatly missed. Our best wishes and prayers go with her as she leaves The Queen's School for pastures new.

The weekend was a great success, thanks to the many weeks of prayer and preparation by the Christian Union. Thanks to all involved, especially the teachers for their time and effort.

Helen King, 10T and Libby Anderson, 10D



QUEST CLUB

Our year in Quest Club has been full of quizzes, games and fun crafts.

As well as learning from Miss Woodland and Mrs Marshall about fruits of the spirit, we have been very busy making and learning about christingles, Valentine cards and even trying our hand at origami!

Jennifer Robinson, 7S

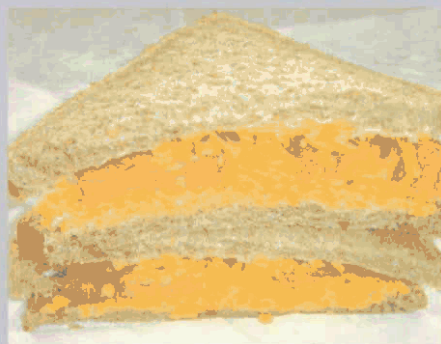
Debating Society

Debating Society has had a successful year with some interesting topics discussed including 'the great sandwich debate', where we arrived at a unanimous decision that the filling was the most important part of the sandwich.

On a more sensible note, we must congratulate Kriti Upadhyay, Sangeeta Kakati and Becky Wilson, for winning a place in the finals of the Rotary Club Public Speaking Competition, addressing the up-to-date topic of 'Renewable energy'. King's were no match for us in the annual King's vs Queen's debate, held on Valentine's Day, where Jessica Denton and Lauren Rivers put forward a strong proposal that 'the English exam system is severely flawed', winning by a solid 13 to 8 votes.

Our thanks go to Mrs Griffiths and Mr Ainsworth for all their help.

Kriti Upadhyay, 12A



A New Beginning

Violence

It hurts people who are victimised.
It hurts those who see it happen.
It hurts the person who uses it.
It clutters up the mind with guilt.
It bruises and breaks the body and the spirit.

Tidy your life.

Start again.

Let your chi flow

Like a river of calm

Let your mind be peaceful

Like an oasis in the desert of hatred.

The sun comes up

Defeating the dark world of war

Explosions are silenced,

People change their minds,

Decide they won't jump from that block of flats,

Decide they won't push that man from the balcony,

Decide they could do better with peace,

Tell them how they feel,

And don't use violence,

Decide they can put up with the world,

Now that the bombers have defused their bombs,

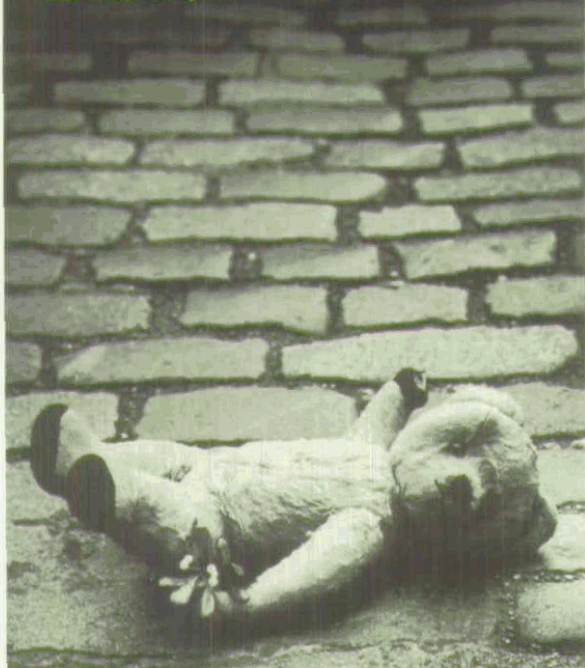
The soldiers laid down their weapons,

The racists realised they're just the same,

The world is at peace...

For now, anyway.

Alice Matthews, 7W



Rhythm 'n' Blues

Hear the beat of my feet as I run hear the beat
Pounding the pavement and lies and deceit
Tearing past people shredding the earth
Running in hope of a wondrous rebirth
As I fly ever onwards my feet make no sound
And the tears do not fall from my eyes to the ground
And my heart does not scream as it's breaking in two
As I drum out my rhythm I'll not think of you
No I won't and I shan't and I can't yet I will
For this numbness will wear off as soon as I'm still
That's why I must run to escape from the pain
And wipe from my memory the sound of your name
Your name still excites me the curve of your smile
Though I pray that the image will fade in a while
Till then I must run to drown out the repeat
The thoughts that go round to the pulse of my feet
In the street is your image the clouds are your face
The sun is your eyes and the trees your embrace
And I drown it all out as I run through defeat
Hear the beat of my feet as I run hear the beat

Marina Lambrakis, 12Cr

Scavengers

The hunters,
Surrounded by a sense of failure,
Return,
Back from the white wilderness,
To their home,
Cloaked by the same cold mass,
That prevented them from success,
Tired and aching,
They trudge wearily towards the hope of warmth,
They weave their way through trees,
That stand majestic,
Despite their skeletal and bare appearance,
The dogs stumble behind,
Coats frosty,
Their paws numb
Frozen by the unforgiving temperature,
Of the crisp ground underfoot,
Above them the few remaining birds,
Still trusting in Mother Nature to provide,
They continue their quest,
Desperate, in search of a non-existent reward,
They are hollow, ebony silhouettes upon the watery sky,
It does not compare to the pure white frosting,
That covers all below,
They are all scavengers,
But they will not find...

Sarah Poulten, 8L

Senior School

A Painful Sonnet

I search for eyes the eyes your eyes the eyes
That find my eyes through eyes and crowds and lies
I listen for a sound the sound of your voice
I try to be deaf but I don't have a choice.
I reach for your hand and the touch of your skin
I long for the passion that burns from within.
I pick up your scent from a mile down the street
Then I run faster; listen for my feet.

If you bring me roses I'll know we're two
If you should bring lilies I'll know we're through.
If you give me daisies I am but a child
If you should send foxgloves then you are wild.
If you buy me orchids I'll see you've got taste
But if you send nothing then you are a waste.

Laura Le Brocq, 11A



Spring Haikus

The spring pushes forth
Yellow faced dandelions
And many young things.

The charming fledglings
White capped snowdrops in the ground
Both mark Spring's rebirth

It was bare last week
But now it's completely green.
What an explosion!

Tulips, scarlet splash
against the spring greening lawn.
A crow ambles by.

Flowers are blooming
Bursts of colours come alive
Fragrant smells around

Sun strikes mountaintops
Waking birds break into song
Hello a new day

Sarah Kelly, 80



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New Beginnings

"Sorry mate you're on your own"
I was shivering and afraid.
In the town I was alone,
Out on the streets I stayed.

My stomach an empty hollow,
My heart ripped into shreds.
Overwhelmed by my own sorrow
And filled with many dreads.

It's getting dark, I need to sleep
But I can find no place
Slowly down the road I creep
To find a sheltered space.

But it's all so vast and frightening
Cars are rushing past.
I don't know what is happening.
I need to get out fast.

Before I have a chance of fleeing,
I hear a monster roar,
Its lights ablaze and screeching
I curl up on the floor.

I shut my eyes tighter
And I feel my body shake
The light is getting brighter
But then I hear it brake.

A man steps out from in his van
And comes to look at me,
I knew that then, I should have ran.
But it was far too dark to see.

"You're only a puppy, and on your own!"
He said as he scooped me up
"I'd better go and find my phone
To tell Jen I've found a pup!"

That night was my new beginning
A fresh start, a better life
My days no longer frightening,
With the good man and his wife.

Francesca McDaniel, 80



New beginnings - what for?

New beginnings.
I suppose I don't really have much to say
on the topic,
Because I don't want one.
I don't want a new beginning.
I mean, why would I?
For me, it would be much better
If everything stayed exactly as it is now.
Forever:
Simply you and me,
Curled up on the couch for all eternity.
Just sitting here,
Carefree,

Watching the world go by.
And we talk of new beginnings,
And we share our thoughts and share
our time.
And I don't know about you
But there isn't anywhere I'd rather be.
Or anyone I'd rather have as mine.

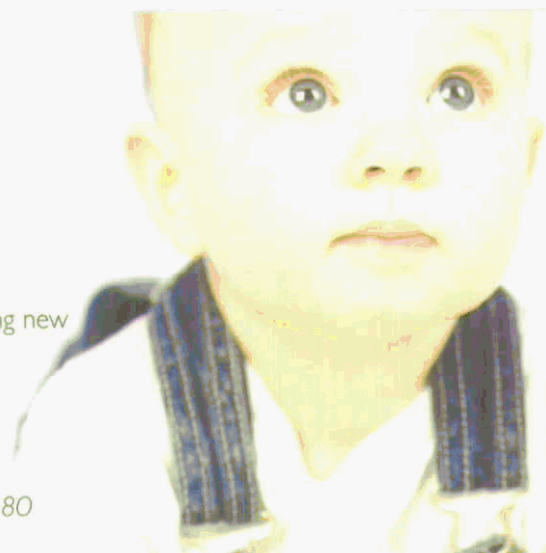
New beginnings are great.
But I don't want one.
I mean, why would I
When I have you?

Emily Wayne, 80

New Beginnings

As one thing ends	A baby's born
Another begins	Maybe twins
A birth	They play
A chance	They speak
A life	They leap
A lamb is born	Start something new
Life begins	Chances spin
It grows	You grasp
It learns	Them and
It runs	You win!

Hannah Littler, 80



New beginnings...

...We yelled, we shouted, we argued. Then I walk away from the fight like a boxer when they are defeated, but neither of us are sure who the winner is. I wish I was triumphant but I don't know how. I am as confused as a lemming, but as confident as a panther, striding through the jungle. I hear children, chattering about rumours that they know are not true: about me...

My cheeks are flaming, my palms sweating, fists clenching. I'm sure she feels just like I do... I go home that day, somehow feeling a dark shadow clinging on to me: guilt. What had I done wrong? It was all her fault, honest...

My mother explains to me, "Sometimes you must forgive and forget". I knew she was right, and I knew what I had to do. I knew somewhere deep down, I felt it so definite, I was sure, yet so anxious.

The next morning, I strode across the battlefield, hearing nothing but my heavy breathing and the beat of my own heart.

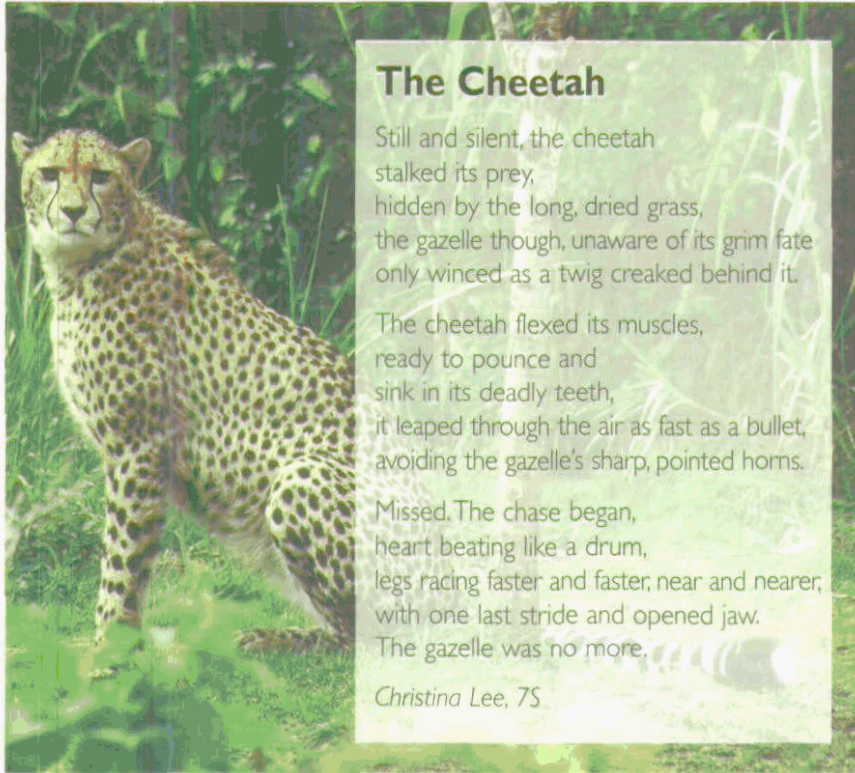
There she was...

I told her how I was feeling, awkward but sincere, then that was the moment Sorry...

I came home again that day, feeling relief but gladness. I had turned over a new leaf, a fresh start, a new beginning...

Lucy Finnigan, 80

Senior School



The Cheetah

Still and silent, the cheetah stalked its prey, hidden by the long, dried grass, the gazelle though, unaware of its grim fate only winced as a twig creaked behind it.

The cheetah flexed its muscles, ready to pounce and sink in its deadly teeth, it leaped through the air as fast as a bullet, avoiding the gazelle's sharp, pointed horns.

Missed. The chase began, heart beating like a drum, legs racing faster and faster, near and nearer, with one last stride and opened jaw. The gazelle was no more.

Christina Lee, 75

Sonnet

When summer's sun is waning in the sky,
Autumn's light illuminates from up high;
Where life once ran through earth and trees combined,
Now death has spun its web round all entwined;

And birds once soared in glassy skies of blue,
But mossy green is this grave season's hue;
And in the eve I had some time for thought,
Now night draws in and cuts my day too short;

Once summer's warmth helped me my day to start,
Now autumn's chill shall freeze my beating heart;
And should at night I wish for light to come,
I have an age before my morning sun;

Yet in such glacial and cheerless time,
It's a rare beauty which makes this season mine.

Laura Thompson, 11R



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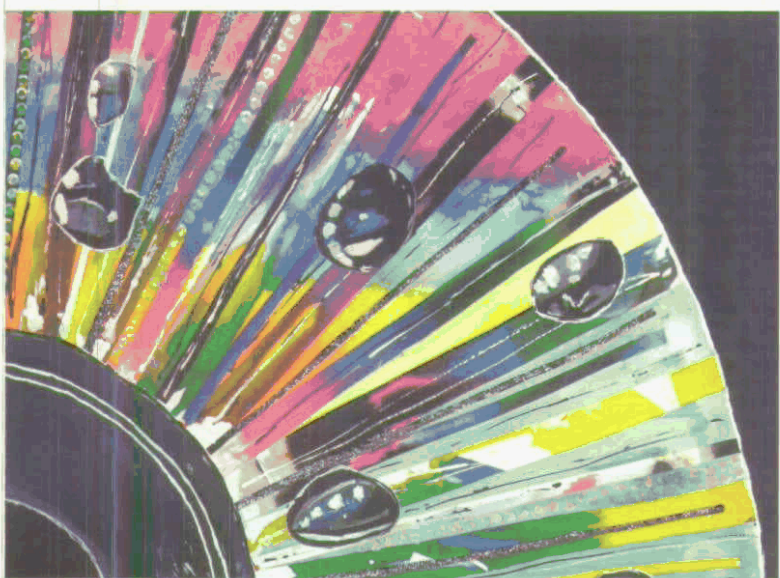


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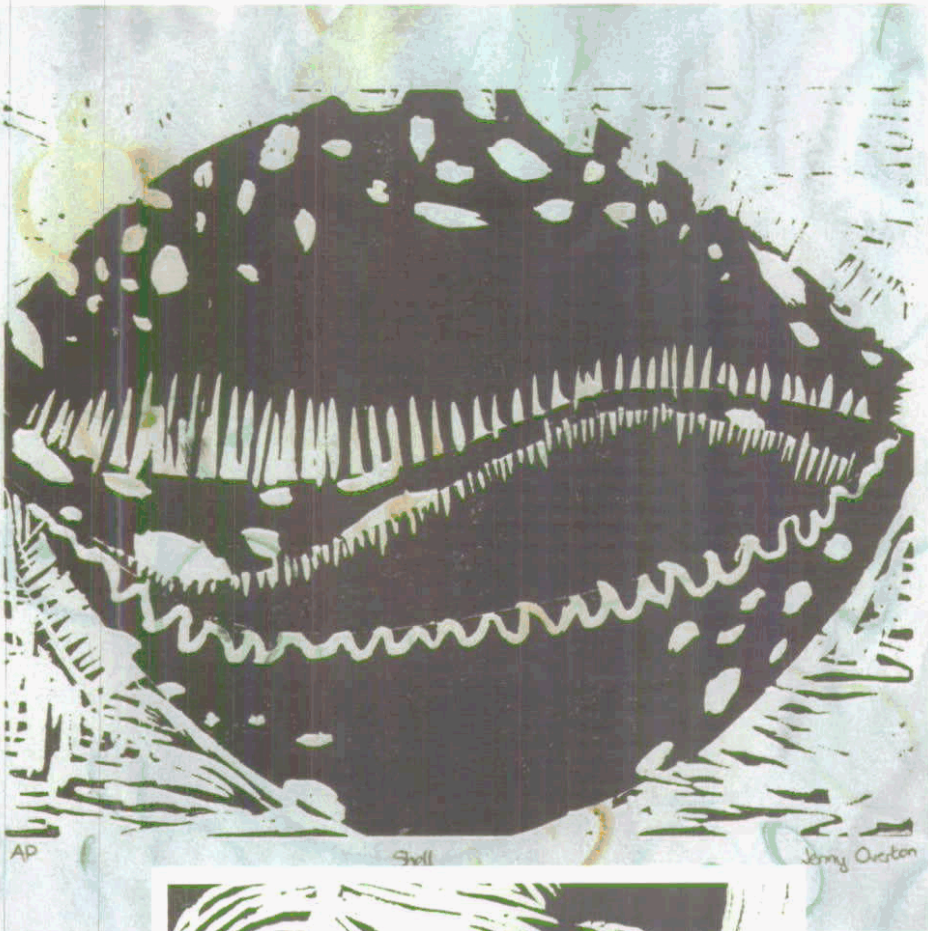


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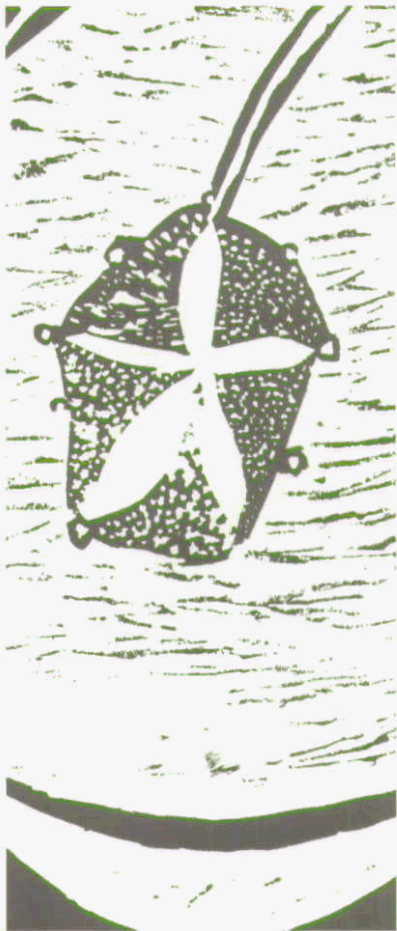


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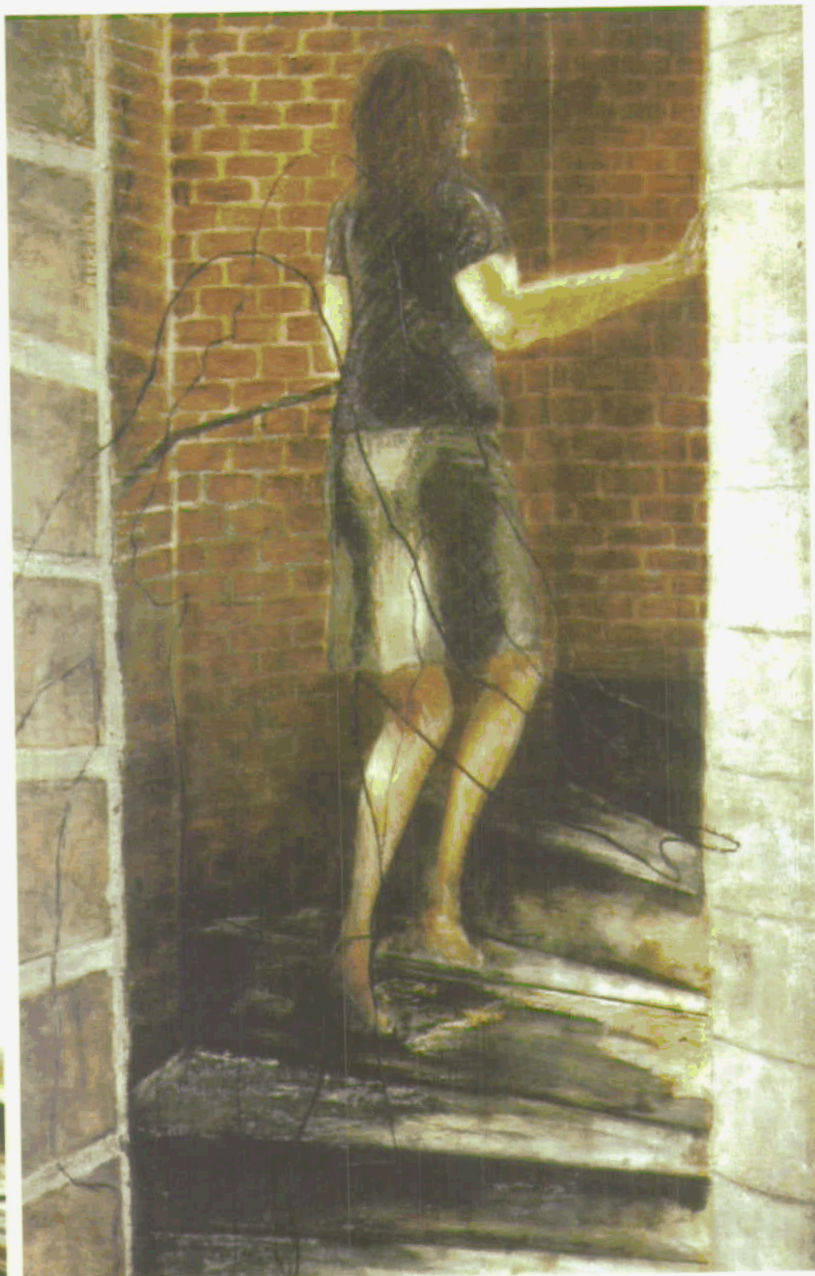
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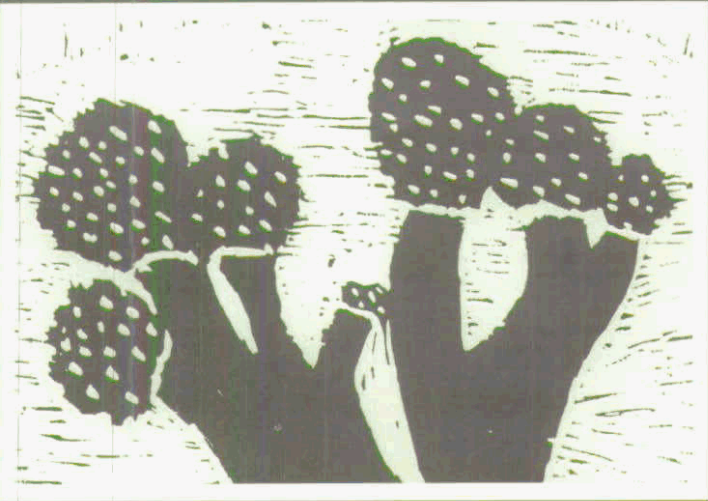
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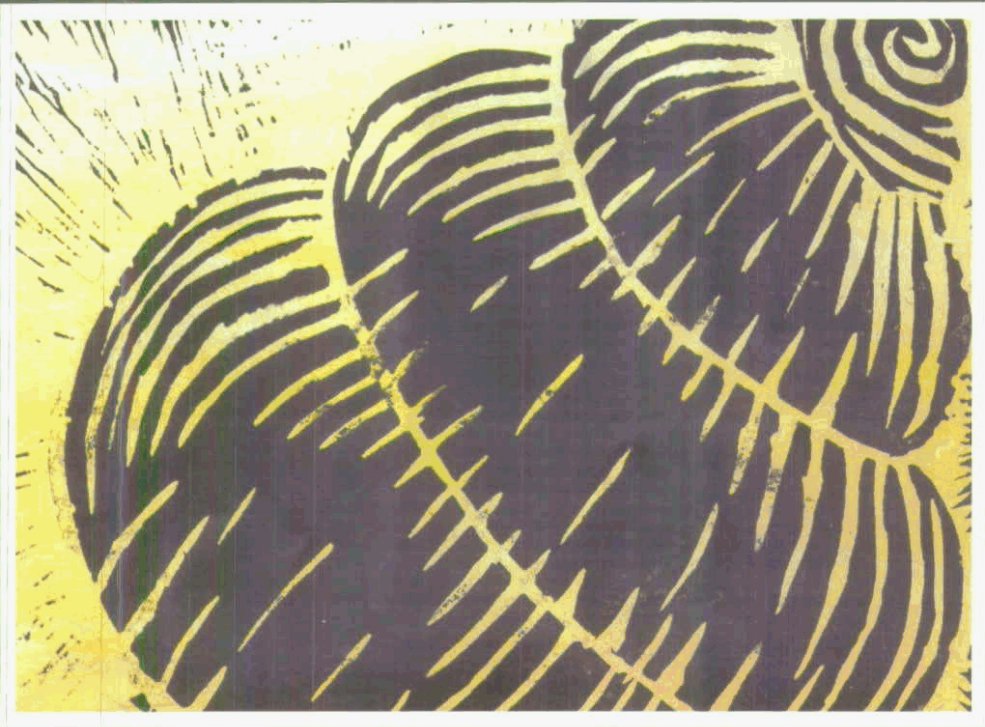
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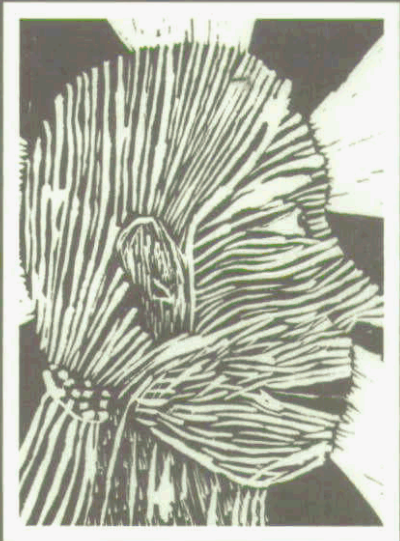
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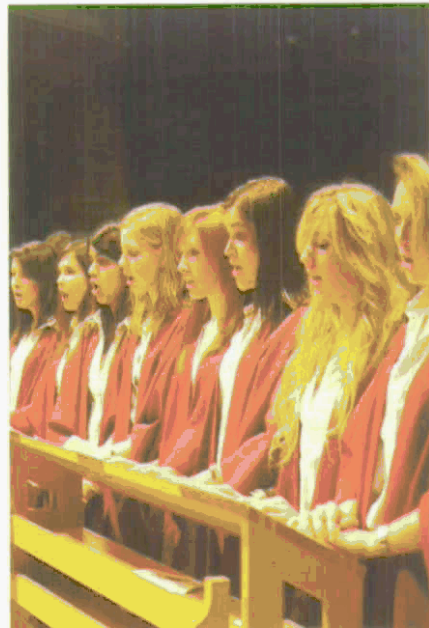
Well done to all girls who took part; the standard of entries was very high. We hope to see you next year!

Also congratulations to Angharad Lyddon who won the People to People Young Singer of the Year award for 2006.

Once again, this has been a busy year for the Music Department and we can now look back on some first-class classical, jazz and light music performances and concert visits.

The number of girls participating in our ensembles has grown this year and the standard of musicianship achieved has been enjoyed at concerts in school and services at Chester Cathedral. Many girls, including all those in Year 7, have attended Hallé Orchestra concerts at The Bridgewater Hall in Manchester.

Our junior ensembles are preparing for their riverbank concert in July and 90 girls will sing in a BBC recording of 'Songs of Praise' before the end of the term.



Welcome! We would like to extend a special welcome this year to our new addition to the Music Department, Miss O'Keefe, who has been an asset to all the extra-curricular activities and a very dedicated teacher.

Sophie Rosa

Congratulations must go to violinist Sophie Rosa of Year 13, who this year won through the local, regional and quarter finals, to secure herself one of five places in the Strings final of the BBC 'Young Musician of the Year' competition.

The String Final was held in February at The Sage in Gateshead with her performance being televised on the BBC. Mrs Jones travelled up to watch and support Sophie in the competition.

'She played exceptionally well,' said Mrs Jones, 'and was unlucky not to have gone through to the overall final.' To prepare her for her performance at The Sage, Sophie gave a concert at school along with her younger sister Jessica. The programme included works from Beethoven, Sarasate and Ravel and was very well

received by all. We wish her the best of luck for the future and look forward to following her; and her sister; in their continued musical development.



Music & Drama

'Torchbearers'

In the Spring Term our talented cast of musicians and actresses embarked upon a gruelling rehearsal schedule which was to prepare them for the Queen's School summer musical, 'The Torchbearers,' directed by Mrs. Larder and musically directed by Mrs. Jones and Miss O' Keefe.



The musical is set in the mid 1600's and sees pregnant Puritan Jane Landon [Kat Hannible] set sail for Massachusetts with her maid Martha [Sally Anglesea] and newly rescued prisoner Mary [Lucy James]. They arrive in their new territory and purchase a new helper for the busy household, native Indian, Rebecca [Hannah Donald.]

The new community's prejudices come to light at the death of Jane's child; she is suspected and a dramatic witch-hunt ensues with a horrifying search for someone to blame.

All the cast, chorus, crew and especially teachers worked extremely hard for the spectacular and moving performance; well done and thank you to everybody involved!

Compiled by Angharad Lyddon and Katherine Hannible, AS Music students

Christmas Cabaret

On Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th December 2005, the Music and Drama Departments hosted their Christmas Cabaret evenings, combining entertainment and food (what could be better?!) and playing to full houses on both nights.

Audience members were treated to an eclectic mix of musical entertainment including performances from vocal soloists, instrumental duets, choirs, orchestras and jazz bands! Interwoven into these magical evenings were performances of both modern dance and ballet and a wide range of dramatic interludes including monologues, duologues and thigh-slapping pantomimes! Who can forget, for example, the custard pie ending of the evil villain Captain Hook in the panto Christmas Allsorts? By the end of each evening, guests, staff and girls alike were dancing in the aisles, in recognition of yet another successful Queen's School production!



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Drama



Spike performance

In September, Action Transport Theatre Company came into school to perform their new play 'Spike' to a mixed audience of Year 6 students (at whom the play is targeted) and our Year 10 Drama students.

There was then an opportunity to ask the cast questions about how they created and developed their characters and about the unique challenges of performing as a touring theatre company. GCSE students then participated in a writing workshop with writer and director Kevin Dyer. Pictured is Bethany Griffiths, a Year 10 pupil who is interviewing one of the cast members on set after the performance.

THE BOMB

In February, girls in Years 9 and 10 were given the opportunity to watch 'The Bomb', a play inspired by Jo Berry, whose father was killed in the Brighton bomb, and her meeting with Patrick Magee, the man who planted it. Written by Kevin Dyer, it was a fascinating and moving story which journeyed into the minds of two extraordinary characters.

The audience experienced at close quarters what it was like to be in a bomb blast. Afterwards Jo Berry, who made a special visit to the school to see the play performed, answered questions from the pupils and spoke eloquently about her experiences.

The Drama Department has had an eventful year with outside productions visiting the school, junior and senior drama performances and collaborations with the Music Department on our Christmas cabaret evenings and our summer musical 'Torchbearers'.

Thank you to Mrs Larder for making the dramatic side of the school flourish this year!

Junior Drama Club

Junior drama club has had a great year. Once again the club has proved popular at lunchtimes and after school with regular attendances of over 40 pupils from Years 7-9.

Junior drama club have worked with great effort and enthusiasm from the beginning of the year to improve their performance skills. The highlight of the year was a series of mini rhyming pantomimes which were performed at lunchtime in school before and after the Christmas holidays.

The pantomimes gave Junior Drama Club a chance to show off their acting (and in some cases costume making) skills and gave them confidence to face the new challenges the spring term provided. The club split into many smaller groups to work on performances of poetry and a variety of genres of literature.

Each group performed their piece to commemorate World Book Day, which accompanied a week of activities in the Library. Junior Drama Club and the 6th form helpers would like to thank Mrs Larder and Mrs Furbur for their tireless efforts in finding (and photocopying!) texts and for all their help this academic year.

Jessica Denton 12Cr



'Macbeth'

In March 2006, actors from The Gateway Theatre Company performed their version of 'The Scottish play' to an avid year 8 audience who were also able to participate in an after-show discussion with the actors.



Trips

CHESTER ZOO - YEAR 7

On 25th April the whole of Year 7 made the short journey to Chester Zoo for our biology trip.

We saw and studied most of the animals in the zoo over the course of the day. The teachers had provided us with a folder of sheets to write down distinctive features about each of the animals we saw. This fits in with our current topic of vertebrate classification.

During our studies of the animals we were all surprised to learn some lesser known facts about animals: giraffes actually have very long, blue tongues and there is a type of fish that has legs!

Most people on the trip were glad of Chester Zoo's many indoor enclosures as the weather was cold; the favourite was the tropical fish aquarium. Our highlights of the trip were seeing the sea lions and stepping into the Twilight Zone bat cave. At the end of the day we had time to visit the fantastic Chester Zoo shop to buy souvenirs of our visit. The trip to Chester Zoo was brilliant and all of Year 7 would like to say a big thank you to Miss Woodland, Dr Threadgold, Mrs Steventon, Miss O'Keefe, Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Jarvis for taking us.

Caroline Turner and Stephanie Gorman 75



French Exchange 2006

After first having our exchange partners over in England, we were all really excited about the second leg of our journey in France. That is to say we were rather apprehensive (a mild understatement!) Although once we got there we all realised it wasn't that bad and it was going to be more like a holiday than a week of torture as we had all envisaged.

One of the first things we noticed was the inspiring sight of the city wall, enclosing the town within like a castle. We then realised why the French had not been too impressed when we took them on several walks around our crumbling ruined walls in Chester that we had been so proud of.

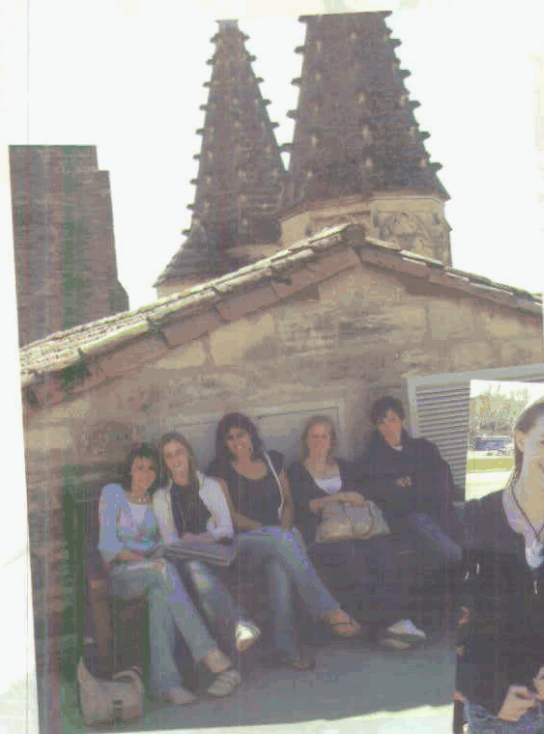
Cultural trips included the beautiful Pope's Palace and 'le pont d'Avignon'. Where one of the highlights included the teachers making us dance around in a circle...holding hands...to the well known ditty 'sur le pont d'Avignon' ('on the bridge of Avignon').

To our delight we also climbed a large hill in the midday heat, whilst learning about Marcel Pagnol, a local film maker...or priest...or something. This confusion was due to our friendly, but incomprehensible guide (he had a strong southern accent). We must thank the teachers at this point for putting up with our constant moaning about the heat and the constant questioning - 'what is that weird man going on about?'

Most of us got on well with our exchange partners, and as always there was love in the air as the language difference didn't seem too much of a barrier for some couples.

We are all really glad we went as this exchange was definitely an experience worth having. Thank you to Mrs Carpenter, Mlle Racapé and Mme Vergnot for organising this trip, looking after us and making sure we all had an enjoyable time.

Lauren Rivers 12J



Trips



Paris - Years 8 and 9

After an exciting journey we finally arrived at our hotel in Paris.

One of our first highlights was the visit to the Palace of Versailles; unfortunately we could only view the gardens as the queues were horrendous! We visited the 'must see' monuments including 'le Sacré Coeur', and stared in wonderment at the amazing views of Paris from the Eiffel Tower, after a treacherous climb... to the lift. Of course we got to do some shopping, and took a fun trip on the river Seine in a boat.

Although the weather wasn't amazingly hot (more like British weather) and some of us were mobbed by vendors trying to sell us mini Eiffel towers, we all had fun and improved our French at the same time. Thank you to Mrs Green, Miss Littler, Mrs Furbur and Amy and Mrs Edwards for looking after us and organising this trip.

Elena McLoughlin and Laura Whiteside, 9R



Christmas in New York - Year 12

On 13th December 2005 a party of excited (despite the 7am check-in) Year 12 Queen's girls assembled at Manchester Airport eager to undertake the challenge that awaited them. It was to experience the sights, culture and very importantly the shopping in New York in just four days.

The first evening in New York was truly memorable. We ascended to the top of

the Empire State Building where we were given fabulous panoramic views on the New York skyline. Our hotel was located in the centre of New York which allowed us to fit in a quick shopping session before a much needed early night.

Most of us opted for an early start the next to enjoy a traditional New York breakfast; basically it was bagels, but American (a.k.a. enormously) sized. The good breakfast gave us the energy we needed to tackle the busy subway to Times Square. It is a truly unique sight: a small area, packed with skyscrapers and all of them drenched in television advertising boards. It is very easy to feel small amongst those surroundings. The major attraction for many was, of course, the shopping; after a brief hour's spending a lot of us realised we would have to be stricter with our money if it was going to last for two more days. The afternoon's boat trip around Manhattan taught us New York's colourful and varied history as well as giving a brilliant view of the world-famous Statue of Liberty. In the evening, a group of 11 went to the Metropolitan Opera House where we saw a fantastic performance of Bizet's 'Carmen'.

Thursday was our last full day in New York and so we had it free to explore the city. Many people chose to take the subway down to Ground Zero, the former site of the World Trade Centre. It was humbling to see the tributes left by a huge number of people, of many different nationalities. In the afternoon some took one of the thousands of yellow taxis to the enormous Bloomingdales' department store on the other side of the city. The Christmas

decorations made everything feel festive and the free samples of chocolate on the top floor were received very gratefully! In the evening a larger group of Yr 12s chose to see the musical 'Mama Mia', featuring the music of Abba on Broadway.

Friday morning was clear, sunny and mercifully warmer than previous days so as a group we walked to the historic Grand Central Station. The famous building is a sight to behold on the inside with marble carvings and high ceilings decorated with constellations. A large group of us took the short train journey from Grand Central to Times Square to fit in, yes, one last shopping excursion before we had to depart for home in the afternoon.

New York is an amazing city, especially at Christmas time and we were all very grateful for such a fantastic opportunity to experience it, if only for a few days. Thanks go to Mrs Chafer and Mrs Maddocks who accompanied us on the trip.

Jessica Denton, 12Cr



Trips



Tate and Walker Galleries, Liverpool - Year 10 and 11

On 15th February, girls from years 10 and 11 travelled to Liverpool to visit art galleries to further their coursework ideas. We first went to the Tate Gallery, where year 11's looked at the special exhibition, **Making History**, documenting art in Britain from 1929 to the present, and surveying the impact of the documentary form on artists.

The exhibition included film, photography, installation art and paintings and proved very useful as it covered a variety of styles and subjects. Other exhibitions included works from 1830 to present day, including some prominent artists including Picasso, Matisse, Andy Warhol and Jasper Johns.

After a lunch and shopping break we suffered a short bus journey to the Walker Art Gallery. We were interested to learn that many of the gallery's most important works have been display in the city for nearly 200 years. We were then able to make written and drawn observations of the works on display. Despite the modern day gallery being closed,

much to our disappointment, we worked hard in producing some successful drawn images from both Art Galleries.

The trip was a great success despite time limitations and we have been inspired in our various coursework topics. The 'guess the artists quiz', brilliantly devised by Mr Tucker was thoroughly enjoyed. This was a great end to a worthwhile day, and all of us taking GCSE Art found it very valuable.

Thanks must go to Mr. Tucker, Mrs Latham and Mrs Tolley for arranging this trip and enabling us to have a great experience.

Gillian Rodgers, 10C



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THE BRYHER NEWS

Bryher gig Triumphant!

REPORT BY ISOBEL PUGH

The Bryher gig was involved in a dramatic race yesterday against the gig from St. Mary's. The Bryher boat was the first to reach the General Lee, a three-masted schooner, as she struggled beyond White Island.

Quick-thinking Laura Perryman, the first to spot the schooner, said afterwards, "I am really pleased that we won, as Father says it means our pockets are all a little fuller. I am glad Father is pleased, but I wish I could row in the gig. I wish, I wish, I wish."

Apparently, rumour is that the race was fierce and the wind was cruel. But we asked Granny May exactly what happened on Sampson Hill, "At first we all thought

that the gig from St. Mary's was sure to win, as she always does. But fortunately we found clear water and a strong wind. St. Mary's gig lost an oar and had to turn back. I suppose we were just lucky this time."

We also asked Billy Perryman, who rowed in the gig, what happened during the return to the Great Porth. "During the return everyone on board was cheering and shouting. Father was especially pleased, but with

Laura, not me. Sometimes I feel like Father hates me. He probably does."

Thank you Billy, for that piece of information. The General Lee has suffered damage to her mizzenmast and will have to stay at the Great Porth in Bryher for repairs.

We have now worked out that the General Lee will have to spend at least a week, possibly more at the Great Porth were experts are desperately trying to repair the General Lee's mizzenmast.

The reason this triumphant is so great is because everyone has earned

at least a couple shillings, maybe more.

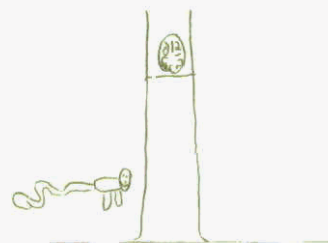
And now, let's give a big thank you to Laura Perryman, Spotter of General Lee.



Isobel Pugh, Class 5

I am a wicked wolf. I am a bad character. I am from the little red Riding Hood story. I saw little red Riding Hood taking cakes to her grandma. I was hungry so I went to the grandma's house and pretended to be her. I grabbed her up. Little red Riding Hood came and I grabbed her up too! The woodcutter cut me open!

Grace Atkins, Class 1



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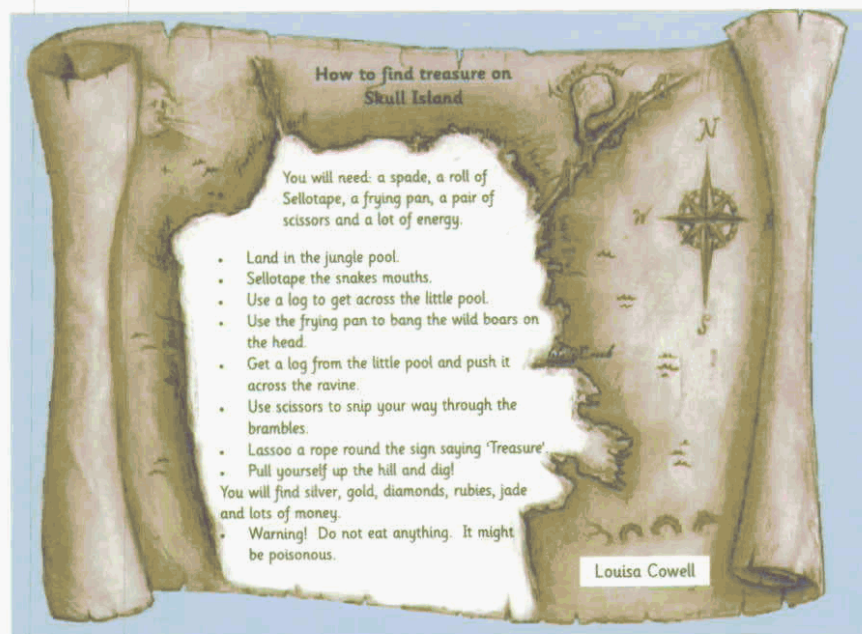


Mollie Young, Class 2

Mariam Littler, Reception

Lower School

Louisa Cowell, Class 2



Blonde Beauty Arrested over Porridge Theft

By reporter Katherine Woods

An eleven year old girl with golden hair, called Goldilocks has been arrested. She was arrested for stealing porridge from the Three Bears' House. Goldilocks also stole some of the baby's favourite toys. As well as doing that, she destroyed their house, Blackberry Cottage in Blackberry Wood, next to Blackberry Village.

When I spoke to Mother Bear she said, "My little one was heart-broken when he saw his smashed chair. It was his prize possession. My husband made it for him last Christmas."

It happened last Sunday morning, which happened to be Baby Bear's birthday. It was a very sunny day, lovely for a nice walk. The bears went out to let their porridge cool down.

When I spoke to Goldilocks I asked her "Why did you go into the house?" "I went in because I was hungry and cold," she moaned. "Why did you break the chair?" I said. She replied "I didn't mean to, I was just a bit too heavy."



This is a picture of eleven year old Goldilocks after winning first prize in a painting contest last summer.

I looked around the bare walls of the cell and thought she wouldn't be liking this.

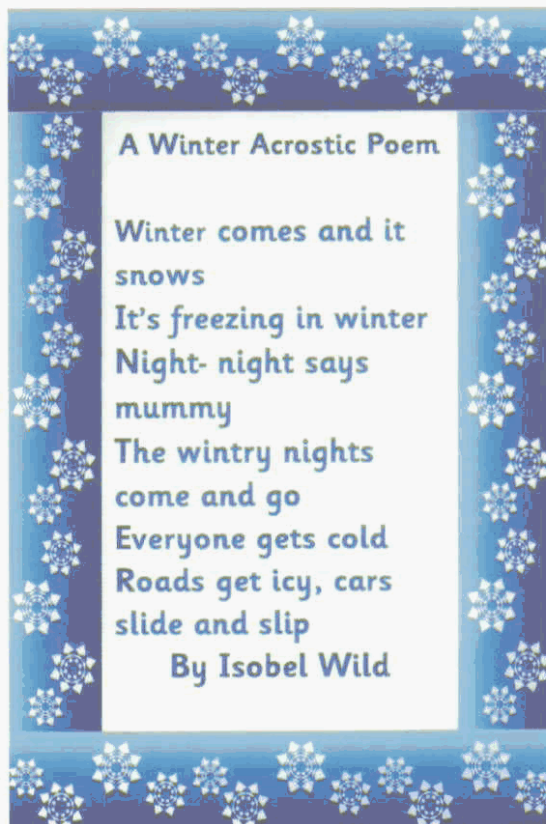
Goldilocks' punishment is making Baby Bear's bed for six months. We hope this will teach her a lesson. If it doesn't then she'll do it for six more months.

Katherine Woods,
Class 3



Louise Crook, Class 2

Isobel Wild, Class 1



New York Nightmare

(by Katie Angus, Class 5)

At last, I was in New York. The first time was when I was 10 years old, and I'd got my American Girl Doll. Oh, since then I've always wished to return. But here I am now all by myself and all grown up at 19.

What a busy city! Excited shoppers zoomed by like racing cars, clutching large, colourful shopping bags.

I looked around and saw people of all shapes, sizes, skins and religions. Everyone was here. Smells wafted up my nostrils from the largest ham burgers to the smallest peanuts. I looked up and saw the tallest sky scrapers ever, almost touching the candy floss clouds.

I then decided to cross the road to get to the impressive Central Park, as I nervously attempted to cross the coal black road, taxis screeched, horns honked impatiently, celebrities shook angry fists out of blacked out windows of their limos.

Eventually, I got to the other side of the road, like a bowling ball reaching the skittles. This was Central Park!

I saw the elegant horses for rides in colourful carriages. There was already a long queue of frantic, chattering tourists, so I decided to have a go later.

I saw the lake where Stuart Little was filmed and lots of other movies. I saw little children waving at me like poppies in a field. Then all of a sudden they backed away from me as though I had a disease. But it was too late - a horse hovered towards me, then POOM! The horse's hoof had struck my head. I felt as though I was falling off a cliff. I felt blood trickling down my head like a tap that had not been switched off. I heard unusual sounds, sounds I had never heard before. They sounded like animal noises, mixed together in a witches brew. I heard ambulance sirens around me and someone peering over me.


Then all of a sudden my bones gave way and I was falling; through tunnels and subways, falling, into lakes and seas, falling, into shopping bags and ice-cream. Falling, falling, falling.....

I woke up screaming sweat pouring down my face, the sheets, stuck to me. I looked around and thought, "Where am I?" And then I realised. I was at home, 9 years old, in bed with my American Girl Doll.

Katie Angus, Class 5

Busy Bees

Amelia Wood, Class 1



The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch

Once upon a time there was a lighthouse keeper and his wife called Mr and Mrs Grinling. They lived in a white cottage on a cliff. Every day Mr Grinling polished the light. Mrs Grinling made his lunch. Three Seagulls ate it up. Mrs Grinling tied some ribbon on the basket but it didn't work. So the seagulls ate it up. Hamish felt sick in the basket so Mrs Grinling made mustard sandwiches and the Seagulls spat them out. Mrs Grinling made up another lunch. Mr Grinling looked out of his telescope and saw the seagulls eating the fisherman's lunch.

Re-told by Amelia Wood

Dear Mummy

Thank you...

for laying me cuddly, squishy toys,
 for cooking me delicious food,
 for giving me beautiful clothes,
 for helping me when I fall over,
 for paying for me to go to a wonderful school,
 for ordering me a bouncy trampolines,
 for washing my dirty clothes,
 and for loving me.

Love From
Hattie

Hattie Williams, Class 2

Sheena Ananth, Class 4

Spring Time

Spring flowers sparkle and baby lambs leap for joy
 Pretty petals shimmer with delight
 Rainbows glimmer through the rain drops
 Insects crawl on the gleaming grass
 New buds appear like bright balls that children toss in the air
 Green sweet grass grows in the warm sun
 The noisy children play in the golden light
 In forests, squirrels build nest for their babies
 Many animals run with joy
 Easter Bunnies give the little children big chocolate eggs.

By Olivia Jones

Olivia Jones, Class 2

Butterflies

The delicate silk-winged butterfly flutters around the garden in the gentle summer breeze, like a dainty, young ballerina dancing gracefully on the stage.

The Rabbit

The young rabbit darted across the field of long, dew-filled grass like an agile deer running through the forest away from danger.

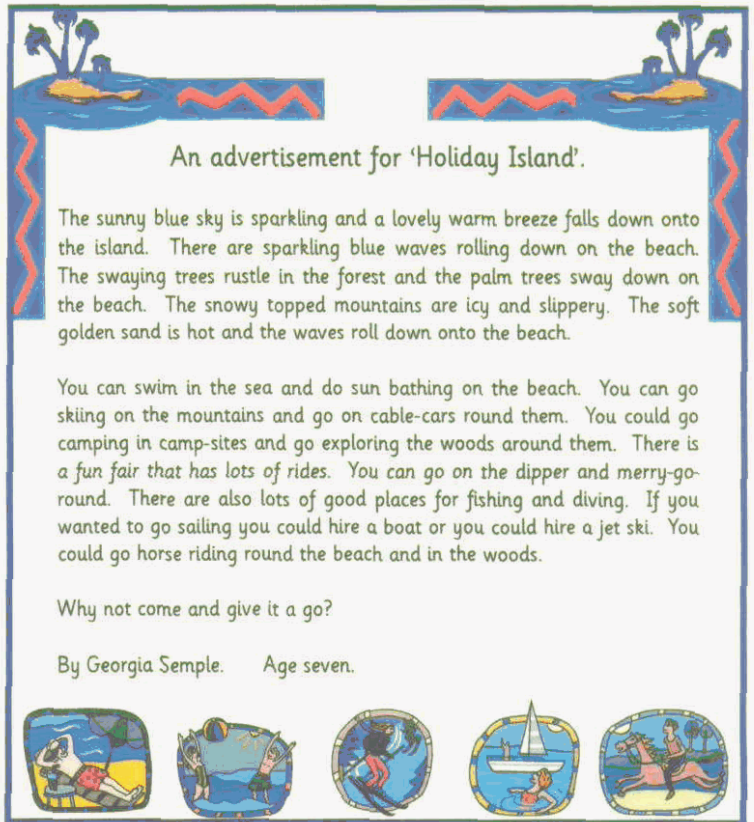
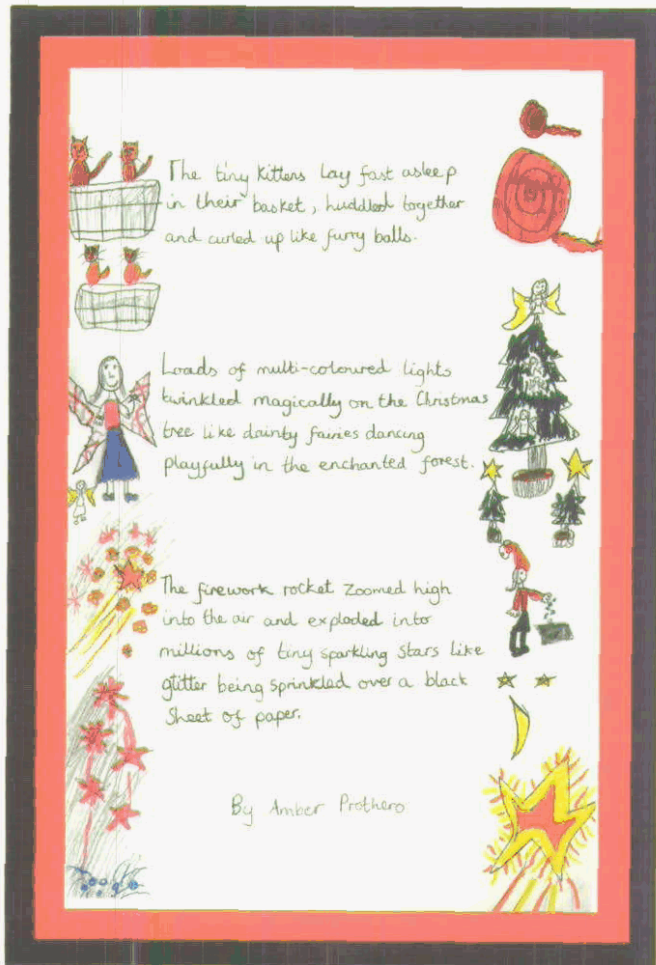
Autumn Leaves

Colourful Autumn leaves were flying through the woods in the gentle breeze like fairy children fluttering amongst the trees playing hide and seek.

By Shemaa

Lower School

Amber Prothero, Class 4



Georgia Semple, Class 3

Emily Letton, Class 2

Candle

I am a candle on a birthday cake.
Proudly wearing my bright red jacket,
I stand to attention and patiently I wait.
A match is struck and soon my head's alight.
My golden flame dazzles, it shines so brightly,
And molten wax starts dribbling down my sides.
Then, a puff of wind follows happy children singing.
My light extinguished, my moment of glory gone.
Grey smoke swirls high up into the air,
Making the birthday girl cough and splutter.
My blackened wick is burnt and twisted now.
My body is bent over like a crooked, old man.

Anna Longson, Class 4

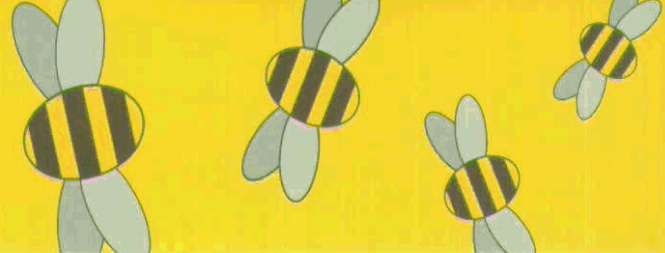
Fire!

One night, a little girl called Louise, caught sight of a box of matches on a high shelf. 'Maybe, just maybe, I could stand on that chair and get it down,' she thought. She picked up the matches and struck one. 'It's burning my fingers!' she shouted and dropped the match. It fell on the carpet.

First it was a tiny spark, then it was a little flame, next it was a huge fire, filling the kitchen with smoke. Louise ran out of the kitchen into the hall. She grabbed the telephone and dialled 999. Her mother and father were just coming home. They saw the fire and jumped out of the car and hugged her. By now the alarm had gone off. They heard a siren. Windows were exploding. The fire brigade squirted water at the house. Soon the fire was out. 'Louise never play with matches again,' her mother said. 'I'm sorry mother. I have learnt my lesson,' replied Louise.

by Emily Letton Class Two

Busy Bees



The Weeping Child

Deep in the labyrinthine cave,
Where icicles,

Hang like coats
On rocky pegs,

And crevices are cooled
With chilly air,

And the wagon squeak of rats,
Rickety like thorns

Stretch round mountains
In the silent air,

A child is weeping
Alone:

In the dingy cave
His undisturbed

Tears I
Drizzle

And
Drizzle.

Here in the joyful meadow,
A flowery patchwork quilt,

The crops plavish,
Tall, yellow and fresh,

You can watch the children playing,
Like jelly beans,

Hopping delightfully
Between every blade of grass.

When the weeping child
Approaches the meadow

Let him play
Let him play
Let him play



Ruth Hoare, Class 5

Sparkling dewdrops shining on a
Frosted cobweb in the early morning
sun like priceless diamonds
twinkling on a silver necklace.

Early in the morning sparkly dew
glistened, making patterns on the
shining wet grass like spiders' silky
webs.

I watched the sparkly snow
falling silently to the ground like
precious crystals being scattered
inside a jewellery box.

By Georgina

Georgina Hodson, Class 4

The Rain



The rain beat loudly against the window
pane like the sound of wild horses thundering
across the moors.



The Baby Penguin



The clumsy baby penguin slipped into the
icy cold water like a clown tapping over
his own feet in the circus ring.



The Tired Racehorse



At the end of the race the exhausted
racehorse galloped heavily and snorted
loudly like a snoring bear that had
just eaten a huge meal.



By Charlotte

Charlotte Allwood, Class 4

The Witches' Brew

Middle bubble at the double.
Cooking pot stir up some trouble.

Into my pot
there now must go
tongue of snake
and warty frog's toe.

Middle bubble at the double.
Cooking pot stir up some trouble.

Ripped book,
old farmer's socks
spooky jelly
and a rusty box.

Middle bubble at the double.
Cooking pot stir up some trouble.

A lump of mouldy mud
a hairy spider's leg
swollen fingers
and a rotten egg.



Middle bubble at the double.
Cooking pot stir up some trouble.

Dragon's fire
a cat's whisker
smelly pig
and a giant's whisper.

Middle bubble at the double.
Cooking pot stir up some trouble.

Tail of cat
a heavy bull's tongue
A horse's nose
and something that's hung.

Middle bubble at the double.
Cooking pot stir up some trouble.

Scaly lizard,
fur from a bear,
a mouldy tooth
and a creaking stair.

Middle bubble at the double.
Cooking pot stir up some trouble.

By
Emily Birch

Emily Birch, Class 3