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HIGHLIGHTS in this issue are

- **Excellent swimming results**

CRICKET



total of 188 for 5.

U12B lost by 5 wickets chasing 62 runs.

U13A lost by 14 runs having scored chasing 76

U14 won by 6 wickets scoring 84 for 5

U15 lost by 7 wickets having scored 72 all out.

Tuesday 29 April

Cheshire Cup against Shavington saw both U14 and U15 sides win, the former by 108 and the latter by 128 runs. U15s scored 161 for 1 off 20 overs with Saxon caught on the last ball for 99. Johnny Marsden took 4 for 5.

Wednesday 30 April

Denstone saw only the 1stXV match played. We won by 5 wickets chasing 123. The highlights were Lomas 3 for 14 and Thompson 40.



Saturday 12 April

Merchant Taylors was a washout with all games having to be cancelled.

Monday 19 April

Kings Chester on 19th April saw the U15s cancelled for a second week but all the other games played as schedule. 1st XV lost by 28 runs chasing a total of 159. Ben Allsopp took 4 wickets for 37 but our batting failed to catch up.

2nd XV won a nail biting finish by 4 runs

U12A won by 93 runs

U13A won by 40 runs

U14 won by 53 runs

Monday 26 April

Bishop Vesey's fielded stronger sides than usual.

1st XV kept Vesey's down to 119 thanks to a splendid 4 for 15 from Allsop and went on to win by 6 wickets.

2nd XV won by 10 wickets having skittled the opposition out for a meagre 53.

U12A lost by 117 runs having to chase a huge



NETBALL

Monday 17 March

v Alderley Edge School

Seniors King's won 18-8
Year 10 AESG won 15-7

Saturday 8 March

Under 14 Cheshire County Netball Tournament

The forecast given was very poor and we'd come prepared. However we were very, very lucky and the rain stayed away.

Kings were in a tough section having to play against some strong netball schools. The girls were well prepared and were psyched up for a competitive morning of high-quality netball. Our first game was against Alderley Edge. Annie Egerton was given the hard task of marking a six foot Goal Shooter; she did an amazing job at GK. We won 8-5. The girls continued to play brilliant netball all morning, their will to win, team work and control was outstanding, playing an excellent standard of netball.

RESULTS

KINGS V WHITBY - WON 9-7

KINGS V BISHOP HEBER - WON 6-1

KINGS V LYMM - WON 7-6

Kings were section winners. We were now in the semi-final v The Grange. Every single member of the team gave one hundred percent. The shooters Izzy Bell and Ellie Barratt worked hard and scored some very important goals. The centre Emily Pasquale kept control of the game with WA (Elisha Diamond) and WD (Megan Jones) in support. The defenders GD (Danni Allright) and GK (Annie Egerton) fought hard and put The Grange under pressure. We won 7-5.

Having reached the final the girls had to keep concentration and the belief they could win. We were to play Alsager (who are national finalists) - it was going to be a tough game. It was a very evenly contested final and the girls' tenacity never faltered. We made a couple of costly errors and Alsager pulled ahead by 2 goals. Final score 9-7 to Alsager.

The Under 14's are now Cheshire County runners up. Absolutely fantastic girls. Well deserved. Hopefully next year we'll go one step further.

C. Coleman

Under 15 Macclesfield District League

When we started training back in September 2007, the Under 15 netball squad had been a struggling team with low self esteem. We had to build on their basic netball skills and to start work together on their confidence to believe they could succeed.

The girls have steadily progressed and have improved tremendously. I am very proud of this netball squad and their achievements and I hope they will continue to remain focused and build on their strengths.

The UNDER 15 NETBALL SQUAD became WINNERS of the Year 10 (B) Macclesfield District league. A fitting success for all the girls' hard work and efforts.

The formidable defence consists of Emma Butterworth (GD) and Hannah Murphy (GK). These girls have gone from strength to strength and have prevented many shots from the opposition. The centre court Heather Beard (C), Melli Shannon (WD) and Felicity Kimber (WA) played some great netball, feeding the ball well into the shooters Petra Gillian (GA) and Mya Salehin (GS) whose accurate shooting won many games. I would also like to mention Hannah Sugden, Jess Thornley and Lotti Duncan who all contributed well but all suffered various injuries during the season.

This is a developing squad that has lots of potential. The girls must remain focused and determined to continue there progress.

C. Coleman

Monday 17 March

Under 15 H.M.C Netball Tournament

The under 15's finished off the netball season playing some of their best netball to date. The whole team have improved tremendously this season, with a special mention to Emma Butterworth who only came back to netball this year and hadn't played since year 7. Emma has made a big difference to the squad. Special mention must also go to Petra Gillian who has captained her team and has scored some great shots this season.

RESULTS;

v Arnold won 10-5

v Kirkham lost 8-3

v The Grange won 10-3

v QEGS lost 17-5

Unfortunately, we didn't progress further. This is a developing squad and must continue working on those skills necessary to progress further.

C. Coleman

Wednesday 12 March

MDNL Fixture King's v AESG

Year 7A won 10-5

Year 7B lost 1-5

Year 8 won 12-1

Year 9 won 8-1

The Netball teams played a triangular fixture with St Edwards College and visiting King William College from the Isle of Man.

U15 VII lost to St. Edwards College 18 - 12 and to King William College 16 - 10.

U12 VII lost to St Edwards 3 - 7 and to King William 16 - 0 but the U13 VII beat St Edwards in a convincing 17 - 1 win and then went on to beat King William College 10 - 4.

Some work still to do but most certainly some very encouraging signs.

Wednesday 5 March

v Macclesfield High School

Year 7 won 16-3

Year 8 won 22-0

Year 9 won 30-1

Seniors lost 24-19

SAILING

Saturday April 12

'Summer Term' seemed something of a misnomer this week as dark skies and hailstorms threatened the assembled fleet. An early Easter may be good for skiers but it's not so hot for Saturday sailing. An excellent turn out was decimated by cold blustery conditions and hail showers that swept across the lake. Take heart, don't be put off, let's see you all there on the 19, especially those like the Misses Morris who were first timers and stayed the course.

Monday 14 April.

Year 11s enjoyed a promising start to their in-games session at Redesmere. Briskly and efficiently on the water and enjoying a brisk but cold wind out of the Northwest they were overwhelmed before long by lowering dark cloud, a rising wind and stinging hail. Well done to Will Holden for battling his way back from the far side of the lake to regain the relative safety of the jetty.

Tuesday 15 April

It seemed as though the weather gods had exhausted their armoury. Heavy and continual rain had persisted all morning – finally relenting at about one o'clock, just in time to give the assembled sailors an optimistic surge of anticipation as they boarded the minibus. They did indeed have a lucky break and were able to sail a race – ably won by Alasdair Bremner. Sam Porter was an able beachmaster. Dan Holden demonstrated adroit capsizing recovery in the blustery but dry conditions. Well done to Jon Clarke, attempting to blend Laser sailing with wet-suit wrestling. Three sailors made the step up to Toppers from Optimists. They handled the difficult conditions well – only nine capsizes between them. Thereby proving that you don't need hail and freezing rain to get cold and wet.

Remember – bring warm clothes and appropriate wet weather gear.

Remember – CUMBRAE. All welcome. See Mrs Wheeler for your letter.

Barry Edwards

RUGBY

Tuesday 26 February

Solihull Sevens – Under 13

Group Games

v Bedford Modern School won 34-0

Tries: Ravenscroft (3) Marsden (2) Quinlan

Conv: Marsden

v Warwick School won 34-5

Tries: Ravenscroft (2) Mantel, Quinlan, Kenny, Hudson

Conv: Marsden (2)

v Nottingham High School won 33-5

Tries: Marsden (2) Hudson, Hayward, Barton

Conv: Marsden (4)

Quarter Final

v King Edward's Aston

won 15-0

Tries: Hudson (2)

Semi Final

v Camphill O.E

won 32-12

Tries: Marsden (2) Hayward, Kenny, Ravenscroft, Quinlan

Conv: Marsden

Final

v Warwick

lost 12-22

Tries: Hudson, Ravenscroft

Conv: Marsden

Saturday 1 March

U13 Rugby Festival

King's lost narrowly in the final against a strong St Ambrose side by one solitary try 5-0. In a hard fought, but thrilling game, King's almost drew level in the closing minutes with sustained pressure on the St Ambrose line, but they just managed to hold out.

In the group games, King's overcame Cheshire Cup finalists Lymm High School, 14-5, but easily overcame Bridgewater High School 34-0, and Bishop Vesey's 17-0, which led to a semi-final against Loughborough Grammar School. Although Loughborough were a competent side, the King's team were unstoppable with a comfortable 17-0 win.

HOCKEY

Girls' Hockey

Saturday 15 March

U16 won 2 - 1. Jess Quinlan

U14 lost 2 - 6 Niamh Burke x 2

U13 lost 0 - 3

U12 won 2 - 0 Lisa Bianco, Alix Davies

Some very exciting matches against a very strong hockey school.

Well done to all.

DMB

Splendid Hockey results, well deserved wins.

U16 won 2 - 0 Sarah Branley and Jess Quinlan

U14 won 1 - 0 Jae Bowers.

Saturday 1 March

U14 County Hockey tournament

v Queens Chester lost 1-3

v Holmes Chapel drew 0-0

v Weaverham lost 0-2

Although the team finished in fourth place, the results do not reflect the standard of play by the King's team. The girls played with spirit, determination and excellent team work. Many of the set pieces and strategies that we had been working on were executed well and individual confidences had obviously grown.

Hannah Gradwell was outstanding in Goals and there were several attempts at scoring from Jae Bowers, Victoria Lomas, Becky Grimes and Niamh Burke.

Niamh scored our only goal but had numerous attempts

which were sadly saved.

Saturday 1st March 2008.

U18 Girls' Hockey 7's Tournament Mount St Mary's College Spinkhill, Chesterfield

The U16s' were entered for the experience since many of the U18s' were involved in the Girls' Rugby in Bristol.

Teams entered were: Mt. St Mary's A and B, Pocklington A and B, Anthony Gell ,Stonyhurst, Silcoates and King's. The standard of play was very high and our first match was against the Cup holders Pocklington A who looked to be in contention again this time. King's lost 2 -0. The following matches against Mt. St Mary's and Anthony Gell were 1 -0 defeats.

This put King's in the Plate competition where the result was a 1 - 0 defeat to Mt St Mary's B team.

Unfortunately the scores do not reflect the effort and commitment put into each game. The team played some very good hockey but on the day were outclassed by older and more experienced teams.

Hopefully it will be a very different situation next year!

Team : GK Alex Smith,
RB Hatty Ravenscroft,
LB Grace Duckworth / Sophie McFadyen,
RM Sarah Branley (Captain),
LM Sophie Fox,
RW Caroline Shorland,
LW Jess Quinlan.
DMB

ROUNDERS

Saturday 10 May

v Withington School

Year 7 lost 16-16.5
Year 8 lost 20-24
Year 10 lost 9.5-19.5

BIATHLON

Sunday 24 February

National School Biathlon Championships Bath University

Congratulations to Lara Knowles in Year 8 who achieved a very creditable 37th place overall (38th in the 1000m run and 30th in the 50m swim) and

Alix Davies a fine 30th position in the Year 7 class (40th in the run and 26th in the swim.).

It was unfortunate that Hannah Hills Year 12 was not able to compete due to injury.

DMB

SWIMMING

Tuesday 11 March

Newcastle-under-Lyme Swimming Relays

U14 team :Arran McCloskey (Year7) Oliver McCloskey (Year 9) Megan Barton (Year 7) Jess Burns (Year 8)

U16 team: Tom Gilsenan (Year11) Daniel Cotterill

(Year11) Katherine Edgar (Year10) Alice Bailey (Year9)

U19 team Ben Allsopp (Year 13) Alex Eyre (Year 11) Jonny Ratcliffe (Year 11), Sophie Preece (Year 8) Laura Booth (Year 8).

Competing Schools: Alsager, Biddulph, Thomas Alleynes, NULS, Ripley St Thomas, Merchant Taylors, Bromsgrove, Bradford, St Edwards, Nottingham, Canon Slade and Kings..

All of our teams had swimmers who were well under age and yet they produced some superb results against very strong opposition.

The most notable was the Under 16 team defending their title in the Medley Relay where they swam a second faster than last year and yet were pipped into 3rd place by Merchant Taylors and Bradford Grammar who were 2nd and 1st respectively.

However it was a different story in the U16 Freestyle relay where the team were runners-up last year; this time they swam a most exciting race beating Bradford convincingly by 2 seconds unfortunately however missing the record by 0.3 of a second. A fantastic 1st place over some of the best swimmers in the region.

Tom, Daniel, Katherine and Alice to receive gold medals and 1st place certificates for the Freestyle relay and 3rd place certificates for the Medley relay. Tom to present the trophy to the school.

Congratulations to all who swam.

DMB

TENNIS

Saturday 10 May

v Withington School

Overall King's lost 41 games to 66
Year 7 lost 2-7
Year 8 lost 8-23
Year 9 lost 8-25
Year 10 won 22-12