

Sporting Success



Autumn term AJIS Swimming and Cross Country events have produced two medals for King's. Zoe Thomas is U10 25m Backstroke Bronze medalist and Grace Gudgeon is U11 AJIS Cross Country Champion. Both girls should be very proud of their medal success.



The King's Under 11 Football team began their season by winning the annual Macclesfield Primary Schools' 7 a-side tournament held at Derby Fields. When King's reached the final, they expected a tough match against a talented side, but our boys proved to be far too strong for the opposition and eased to a 3-0 win to be crowned champions!



In the AJIS Chess Competition, Louis Adkins and Tommy Elder, came 4th and 3rd in their section, Edward Elder, 2nd in Year 5 and James Wolstenholme 2nd in the Year 6 category.

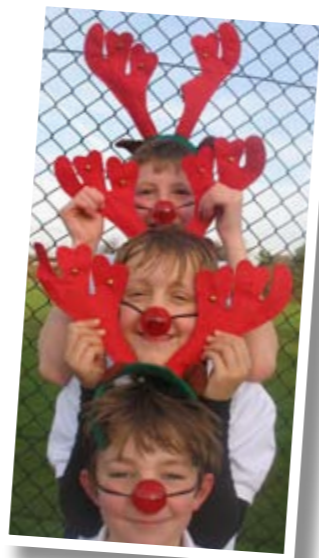


King's Juniors represented the school magnificently at the North West Trampoline Championships. King's had 4 individual winners, two first and two second place winners. U11 Novice Girls', U11 Elite Girls' and Boys' Teams also qualified to represent the school in the Northern Finals in January.

Bringing Christmas cheer



Junior pupils and Year 2 filled party bags for each of the children at Destiny Garden School in Kenya. We sent them stationery, sweets, little games and letters. It was a challenge as the bags could weigh no more than 100g each! In December, the whole school participated in a Reindeer run in aid of the East Cheshire Hospice. We had hurdles and hoops as obstacles on the course. We wore reindeer antlers and red flashing noses and Mr Barker even dressed up in a Santa suit!



Report by Emilia Cole

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From the Principal's pen.

This has been an extremely exciting and productive term. The children have enjoyed a variety of trips and events, all of which have enhanced their learning experience. I hope that you enjoy reading about a few highlights in this, our Divisional magazine. The recent productions and concerts have been of a very high standard and it has been delightful to see both Infant and Junior pupils all performing with such skill and confidence. There has also been some outstanding sporting success during the term and a continued commitment to charitable giving. After such a busy time, I wish everyone in the school community a restful and peaceful holiday and I look forward to seeing again you in 2012.

Caroline Hulme-McKibbin



First Class

'Tis the Season to be Jolly!

All the better to entertain you!



Report by Martha Squire & Amanda Vel

On Thursday 24th November, we gathered excitedly in our classrooms waiting impatiently for the Year 4 pantomime to start. We were overjoyed when Mrs. Lea walked into the Lower Junior building and told us it was time to go to the hall. It was an amazing feeling, performing in front of all the Mums and Dads. The main characters and narrators all remembered their lines and we tried our best to sing loudly and tunefully in all of the songs. Our favourite part was when Knuckler the burglar pretended to stamp on Fingers' foot and all the audience laughed. We had a wonderful time performing and watching the parents join in with 'Turaluralu'. We're all now looking forward to the Year 6 musical in two years time!

Thank you very much



Reception celebrated Thanksgiving Day in style on 24th November. They tried to imagine what the pilgrims would have felt like during the long journey to America. They made pilgrim hats and thought about the food they might like to eat on Thanksgiving Day. They wrote prayers to say thank you for the things that mean the most to them. Their favourite part of the day was making pumpkin pie. Nursery children were invited to come and join the thanksgiving feast. Felix said it was "Yummy!"

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Soldiering on



Report by Thomas Knight

In September Year 4 had a visit from a Roman soldier. He told us a lot of interesting things about soldiers including what they wore under their armour and the type of food they carried with them. After that, we had a go at defending ourselves in groups with plastic shields forming a 'tortoise'. We also had a turn attacking with spears! It was a very interesting and exciting day which improved our knowledge of the Roman army and helped us experience what it was like to be a soldier in the Roman army.

Hallelujah!



As part of our work on 'Belonging', Year 1 have been talking about all the different things we belong to such as our families, our school, tennis, football and swimming clubs. They also thought about belonging to a church and were lucky enough to take a trip to St. Michael's Church in Macclesfield. Mrs Johnston, in her capacity as a member of St. Michael's, not only showed the children around the beautiful building but also enabled them to have a go at bell ringing and singing in the choir. The children looked fantastic as choristers, dressed up in cassocks which were red, with a white ruff. They also heard the beautiful organ being played which they all enjoyed!

Time Travel



Report by Ellie Morton

When I got to Bramall Hall, I was so excited. Outside, we met an old man called Ned. He asked us to sing 'Here we come a-wassailing' which we did! Mistress Prudence taught the girls to curtsy and the boys to give a polite bow. We then met Sir William and put this to good use. Good Wife Kate explained about medicines in the Tudor times and how she used lemon juice to ease toothache. Master Geoffrey showed us some Tudor instruments then we acted out a mummings' play to perform to Sir William. Finally, we were given a delicious ginger bread biscuit to enjoy.

The Magical Harp



Report by Lottie Bailey & Emma Graham

Year 3 enjoyed a visit from harpist, Eleanor Hudson. She brought with her a beautiful harp. It was 189cm tall and made of wood with decorations on it. The harp has forty seven strings and they get shorter and shorter along the harp's soundboard. You pluck and stroke the strings to get different sounds. There are seven pedals on the harp and each makes the notes of the scale go higher or lower. Eleanor played two magical pieces - one was dreamy and the other was funky! We asked lots of questions about the harp and why she chose to play it. She started playing at thirteen but she told us you could start learning when you are seven or eight. We all loved it!

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The Magic of Christmas



The Early Years production of 'Born in a Barn' was a huge success. This version of the story of the first Christmas was from the perspective of the animals in the barn, with the Cockerel taking the leading role. Sebastian said, "The angels looked so beautiful". All the children gave a rousing performance of each song with lively actions and dancing and our Early Years 2 children delivered their lines very clearly. We certainly have some stars in the making! It was a magical performance. Children in Key Stage One delighted their friends and family with the 'The Best Gift'. The children sang and acted beautifully, portraying a magical story set in a toy shop where toys come alive when the shopkeeper is away. The toys argue as to which of them would be the best gift to receive. After hearing the story of the first Christmas, they understand that the best gift of all is love. Ben said, 'I thought that the costumes were funny and Toby's monster roar was really loud.' Dora said, 'I loved it when we were on stage doing our amazing dance.' Jake said 'I liked singing all of the amazing songs.'

Cool to be Kind!

William Cann writes: During the week beginning 14th November we focused on being 'Cool to be Kind'. The theatre company 'Two Boards and a Passion' came to perform a play about verbal bullying. It featured humans and puppets! My favourite part of the play was when Pepper Pig the puppet was being a verbal bully to Norman but then Norman stood up for himself and said, 'I hate verbal bullying.' We all had to suggest ways to help Norman stop this bullying and then some children were able to try being puppeteers. Saffron Milner said, "PCSO Cash and PC Cook came into school during the week and it was really exciting to meet two police officers. They made us aware how bullying can hurt people. They showed a powerpoint about cyber-bullying and I think this is a nasty way to treat people. They also mentioned 'sticks and stones can break my bones but words will never hurt me' - and this is a good saying."

