

KINGSWOOD COLLEGE TRUST



NEWSLETTER 25

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

RECIPE FOR SUCCESS!

You take a visionary, capital support and a great location!

Together as one

Since the start of 2009 the headlines have been dominated by gloomy news on the economy. It was thus refreshing to hear the good news that, as a result of the commitment of the Headley family, the school and the building are, once again, reunited. Even though we are all well aware of the issues regarding the state of this building, we all shared the secret desire to stay in this magnificent Grade 1 listed mansion and be able to take advantage of its setting.

It has been clear to me, particularly during the last two years since the formation of the Trust, that many people feel as passionate about the school as I do, but non more so than the Headley family. Our shared vision for the school and investment in the building, facilities and resources provide quite a list of ingredients that altogether make the recipe for success!

I hope that you were as pleased to hear the news as we all were at school. I could say that after the staff heard the news on Monday, it was business as usual on Tuesday but the atmosphere was certainly different as every one knew that any uncertainties regarding the long term security of the school at Scarisbrick Hall had disappeared and we were no longer tenants in someone else's property. There was certainly a spring in everyone's step and smiling faces all round.

We look forward to all parties: owners, staff, parents and pupils playing a part in our vision for a vibrant, prosperous school in a beautiful building.

PHOTOS FROM GREASE



THE LAST WEEK



STOCKPORT AIR RAID SHELTERS

This week Y6 went back in time and got to experience what it was like to be an evacuee. When we arrived at Stockport Air Raid Shelter we met Mrs Hodgson who worked for the WVS. She showed us how to do things that would be helpful to our host families when we were evacuated. We had to clean with the Ubank, wash the clothes by hand and learn to mend things. We also got to try sugar butties which were surprisingly nice!

In the afternoon she showed us around the air raid shelter. The air raid shelters were quite a luxury because they had electric lights and indoor toilets. Mrs Hodgson showed us what it would have been like in the blackout, it was pitch

black and we couldn't even see our hands in front of our faces. We sung lots of WW2 songs to lighten the mood! It was a really good trip and I can say everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you to Miss Mapstone and Mrs Aylmer for taking us. **Milly Bolton 6M**

On Thursday 23rd April Y6 visited Stockport Air Raid Shelters. First we went with Mrs Hodgson to learn about rationing and the British Restaurant. At the British restaurant you could buy tripe and onion for 6 pence or rabbit pie and perhaps rice pudding for dessert. Then we learnt some skills an evacuee would need like washing clothes.



After our WW2 lunch we went to the air raid shelter where we saw the nursing room, the bunk beds and the lock up for all the people who didn't behave themselves! We even learnt a new dance called the 'Lambeth Walk'. It was a great day out and I would really like to go again sometime. **Emily Marsh 6M**

MISCELLANEOUS

Xercise4U

These days, 'modern life' can mean that we're a lot less active. With so many opportunities to watch TV or play computer games, and with so much convenience and fast food available, we don't move about as much, or eat as well as we used to, which means that 9 out of 10 children today could grow up with dangerous amounts of fat in their bodies. This can cause life-threatening diseases like cancer, type 2 diabetes and heart disease - so it's really important that we do something about it. So as the sun begins to shine the Prep school children are going to be making the very most of the fine weather. Come and join us each morning on the playground for fun, games and fitness sessions as we learn all about how to get fit and stay healthy this term. **Miss Mapstone**

SPORTS NEWS

HIGH 5

Congratulations to the Junior High 5 Team who recently won the ODPSSA High 5 tournament. The children played each match with such determination to win and all their hard work paid off. They will now go on to compete for a place in the County finals. The heats for this round will be hosted here at Kingswood. Look out for further dates!
Miss Mapstone

TENNIS

Tennis coaching will begin next Thursday 30th April for Years 5, 6 & 7 with Mark Doyle (tennis coach) 15:30 to 16:30. **Mrs Makin**

ROUNDERS

Rounders practice starts next Tuesday 15:00 to 15:45. Matches will commence in a few weeks. **Miss Makin**