



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AWARDS'DAY - Friday 11th July 14:00

The Annual Awards' Day is being held in the marquee on the last day of term - Friday 11th July. Everyone is welcome.



THE GIANT PICNIC - Tuesday 8th July



On Tuesday 8th July we will be supporting the fund raising for MacMillan Nurses by holding our own Giant Picnic. All pupils are asked to donate a minimum of £1 and bring a picnic / travel rug in order for us to make a giant picnic carpet for the whole school to sit on. Pupils may bring their own packed lunches on this day. Those wishing to partake of a school packed lunch should already have booked one.

DANCE FEVER

Dance Fever is upon us and the children are all ready for their performance at the Floral Hall on Tuesday 1st July. Please can I remind all the parents of children involved that the girls will travel to the Floral Hall by coach from school in the afternoon and will **stay there** until the evening performance has finished. They will need to bring a packed tea with them and plenty of drinks for throughout the day.

After the performance all pupils will be escorted back onto the coaches, as the coaches are being used as holding bays where you can pick your child up from. The coaches will only stay outside the theatre for **20** minutes after the curtain has gone down.

We wish the girls good luck for their performance and look forward to an enjoyable evening. **Miss Mapstone**

OLYMPIAD TRANSPORT

ARRANGEMENTS

Please see attached letter to book transport home from Edge Hill on Olympiad Day - Thursday 3rd July. The slip should be completed and returned to me by Monday 30th June at the latest. **Mrs Taylor**

4EO's CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Friday 4th July 4EO will be taking their class assembly. Parents are warmly welcome. Please can you make sure you are seated by 09:30. Thank you. **Mr Oliver & Mrs Ellis**

THE LAST WEEK

YEAR 7 INDUCTION DAY

On Monday 23rd June we had our Year 7 Induction Day. We started the day by meeting all the pupils in the Great Hall most of whom we had seen before at the Entrance Examination. After meeting the pupils we got a sticker telling us which house we were in, either Slytherin or Griffindor. I was in Slytherin. After that we got our cloaks at the cloak ceremony and we had to wear them all day. After that our team went to make hats with the scary Mrs Counce, which in the end didn't turn out to be as bad as we thought. When we had finished that task we went back to the Hall and had some drinks. Later on we did some tricks with Mr Wynne, that was really fun, made boxes for cakes, made the cakes, ate them and did not feel ill. It was a great day, we had loads of fun.

Robert Booth 6M

YEAR 1

On Monday some of our families came to see us. We played the handbells and then we asked the mums, dads, grans, big brother and even little sister to play them! They were good - we only remember one mistake!

Then we gave out the sandwiches, cake and juice which we had made! We are available if you need us Mr Flynn. **1W**

BAG 2 SCHOOL

A big thank you to all those people who returned their blue bags. The van arrived on Tuesday and over 100 bags were loaded. We now look forward to seeing how much we have earned. For those of you who didn't manage to return your bag, do not worry as there is another collection in October. Many thanks. **Lynne McVeigh**

SPORTS NEWS

KINGSWOOD MINI TRIATHLON - Tuesday 17th June 2008

The majority of Infants, a high percentage of the Juniors and a few Senior school pupils participated in the personal challenge of a mini triathlon on Tuesday 17th June. The triathlon consisted of the three events : swimming, cycling and running. The distances varied according to age:

	<u>Swimming</u>	<u>Cycling</u>	<u>Running</u>
Key Stage 1	25m	2km	800m
Years 3 / 4	100m	4km	1600m
Years 5 / 6	200m	6km	2400m
Years 7 / 8	300m	10km	3200m
Years 9 / 10	400m	16km	4000m

The swimming took place at Park Pool in Ormskirk and the cycling and running in our own grounds. Many found the swim to be leisurely start but it was very competitive and several pupils broke their own personal best records. Once back at the school the bikes were all lined up ready for the start. It was a delight to see so many children having fun riding their bikes in a safe environment, but it did become a real speed trial by the time the Juniors and Seniors got going. At the end of the cycling the competitors had to start running straight away. This requires the use of different muscles and is not an easy transition. The grimaces on the children's faces proved that! All the children ran races of their lives, once again many doing their personal best. There were many red faces by the time they finished. The competitive spirit was there but in a friendly way with everyone congratulating each other. It was an occasion when staff saw another side to many children and it certainly showed what they can do when highly motivated.

The results in each age group are:

		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
Key Stage 1	1st	Kieran Bell	Francesca Medicott
	2nd	Zak Aylmer	Daisy Foster
Years 3 / 4	1st	Jack Eggesden	Megan Watson
	2nd	Matthew Eggesden	Victoria Worthington
Years 5 / 6	1st	Aaron Headley	Chloe McVeigh
	2nd	Robert Booth	Jessica Kay
Years 7 / 8	1st	John Holcroft	Tahnee Larkin
	2nd	Myles Janvier	
Years 9 / 10	1st	Jared Morgan	Jessica McBain
	2nd	Thomas McBain	

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Rachele and Robert Booth who are both members of Standish Tae Kwon-Do Club. They both represented their club at the Welsh Championships with great success, both winning trophies and medals.

Dom Cross is doing extremely well in competitive fencing. He is ranked 6th in the National Junior series and 3rd in the North West. He is competing in a National competition in Bude on 28th / 29th June. We will him every success

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Back to school - and oh what a difference to what it was like when the Grandparents were children. The day began with registration and then straight into assembly. The assembly was taken by 3S (7 - 8 year old children) who highlighted the changes which have taken place in teaching and learning over the years. Children today can not do some of the things which their grandparents took for granted when they were young - conkers, marbles etc. all because of Health and Safety rules! Of course children today have many things which grandparents did not have access to - TVs, videos, play stations and the internet. Many children can't imagine what life would be like without Google - but it is only 10 years old.

After a good sing-a-long the grandparents relaxed over coffee and scones before going on a guided tour of the Grade 1 listed Hall or into lessons with their grandchildren. Some struggled with the spelling tests and the speed of the mental arithmetic test. In one class there was fierce competition between the grandparents in the quiz.

Lunch time gave the grandparents time to draw breath and enjoy their fish, chips and peas followed by apple pie and cream. Whilst eating they were entertained by some of the senior school pupils on the piano, guitar and flute.

At 13:30 the grandparents were due back in classes with their grandchildren for another experience of 21st Century teaching and learning.

At the end of each day the pupils have e3 activities which are exciting extensions and enrichment of the normal curriculum. One activity many pupils have been in is Oliver and grandparents watched extracts before the end of their day. The performance the children put on was polished but above all it was clear to see that they were all happy doing what they were doing.

Happiness is of paramount importance and after another cup of tea and cake the grandparents went home happy and contented having learnt what school is like today.

COMMENTS FROM GRANDPARENTS "I just wanted to express my thanks for the enjoyable Grandparents' Day yesterday. It was the first one I have attended and found it both informative and fun. My granddaughter enjoyed having me there. I look forward to future opportunities of visiting the school. My thanks too, to all those involved in catering and serving. We were certainly well fed" **Mrs Fenton**

"Just a note to say thank you to all the staff and pupils involved in Grandparents' Day. I had a most enjoyable day, it was lovely to see the children 'in action' and to be looked after so well. I know a lot of work and thought had gone into making the day so special". **Mrs Hull**

We had a good time learning with Barnaby Bear about safety at the seaside. We showed them on the map where Barnaby has been. The grandmas and grandads heard us read and were very proud. We played the handbells and they had to guess the tunes and Olivia's nana sang the answers for us. Will's nanny joined in with our Phonics game, she was good. The nannies joined in with French, naming parts of the body. Some of us think they cheated. They were sad to leave.

Year 1

On Grandparents' Day our grandparents came to the classroom to see us working. We were having a Science lesson about minibeasts. They looked at our Science books and helped us with our work. Zak's grandad drew an excellent beetle. They were very impressed with our giant blow up 'bugs'. They all thought their fish and chips were fantastic and Jessica's grandad loved his apple pie and cream best.

Year 2

I enjoyed our assembly - it was amazing. I was very scared but I had practised so hard. Afterwards we had a Science quiz. Unfortunately we did not win. **Annabelle Boyle 3S**

In our Science lesson everyone had loads of fun in the quiz and the Eggheads drew with grandad and the kids. We learned what springs were used for in different objects. We catapulted cars and measured the distance. **Joe Harrison 3S**

I enjoyed Year 3's assembly. We sung Beatles songs. In our Science lesson we learned about animals that are born helpless and others that are runners. A turtle is a runner and a robin is helpless. In Literacy we played a game with our grandparents using compound words. We had to find the matching word to our word. **Kiera Lucas 4EO**

My grandad got stuck on the square roots and my grandma was complaining that she didn't have her glasses. I was faster than my Grandma and grandad. They just could not understand what we were doing. **Ben Sephton 5B**

My grandma was pretty hopeless in Maths and tried to copy off me. She was saying "go slower". My grandma said that the 'Oliver' songs were fabulous. **Alex Norman 5B**

On the 18th June we had Grandparents' Day the grandparents were anxious to see us at work and keen to have a go at some of the lessons too. We began the day with an assembly from Year 3 and after their great assembly we sang some of the Beatles' songs like, "When I'm sixty four" etc. After that some of the Grandparents had a guided tour round the school by Mr. Howarth and if they didn't want a tour they could go to the lessons with the children and see how we got on in our lessons. After they went to have dinner in the Great all they had fish chips and mushy peas which we hoped they enjoyed. Later the Grandparents went to watch extracts from Oliver they really enjoyed it. Then they went to go have tea and coffee at the end of the day. We hope they had a great day and that they would come back in the near future. Thanks for coming. **Robert Booth & Aaron Headley 6M**

ROYAL ASCOT LADIES' DAY LUNCH

It may not have been Ladies' Day at Royal Ascot but it was certainly a ladies' day to be remembered.

Once cars and taxis arrived at the entrance to the school the ladies were transported to the event either by horse and carriage or in an open top Royale limousine identical to the one the Queen uses. The driveway was donned with flags of all the nations and horses were grazing on the field. The lunch was held in the marquee which was decorated throughout in a pink and black colour theme – every fine detail had been thought of right down to the colours of the candles and place mats.

The afternoon began with Bucks Fizz and canapés and a colourful performance of Dance Fever by the Junior School girls. Just before everyone sat down for their lunch the Year 1 pupils entertained the ladies with some hand bell ringing.

When the ladies did reach their seats they found a gift awaiting them supplied by Marc Cain of Southport. Throughout the



four course lunch the ladies were looked after by their waiters / waitresses, all Year 9 and 10 pupils – once again dressed in the pink / black colour scheme. The next surprise of the day was a visit from an old boy, Scott Chapman, who sang his heart out for over ½ hour and had all the ladies swinging along with him. He was certainly a hit and a real highlight of the afternoon.

A Dressage event then took place on the field in front of the marquee. Several Prep School girls showed what skills they have on horse back - even bare back riding! It was certainly spectacular.

TV screens had been positioned around the marquee so that everyone could follow each of the races and have a little flutter.

After a little more to eat and drink everyone was ready for the next event – this time a Fashion Show put on by Year 9 / 10 girls and sponsored by Tatters of Longton. The girls had spent the morning at the hairdressers by courtesy of Neil Josephs' of Ormskirk and once they put on their make up and designer label clothes it was hard to believe that they were only 14 / 15 years of age. They walked along the catwalk in a very professional manner putting on a show they had choreographed themselves.

Once the next race was over the cast of Oliver arrived to give the guests a taste of what is to come in their full production on 25th / 26th June. Several of the work house boys brought tears to ladies' eyes when they presented them all with red roses whilst Oliver was singing 'Where is love?' Another moment of excitement for several ladies was when boys sat on their knees during 'Umpah pah'. Oh what a show it was!

Many local businesses had donated prizes for the main raffle but an additional and different raffle was for a designer label dress. After an exciting game of



Heads and Tails the last few ladies paraded along the cat walk before the final toss of the coin declared a winner. After all the excitement a period of calm allowed the ladies to relax over strawberries and cream and champagne. At the end of the day several taxis drew up to take the ladies home or, as in the case of many, to their next party.