



THE LAST WEEK



SCHOOL TRIP TO ALTON TOWERS

YEAR 7 Mrs McWilliams organised a trip to Alton Towers. We had a great day. I went on: Spinball Whizzer, Corkscrew, Rita Queen of Speed, The Flume, River Rapids, Oblivion and many more. On the way home we were dripping wet after the water rides. It was the best school trip ever. Thank you. **Melissa Brookfield & Daisy Robinson**

YEAR 8 On Wednesday 17th September the Senior School went for a fun day out to Alton Towers. I thought 'Oblivion' was the best ride. There were lots of places to have lunch. It was a really enjoyable day. **Katherine McCluskey**

YEAR 9 On Wednesday the Senior school were lucky enough to have a trip to Alton Towers. There were a lot of rides and everyone had fun and laughter. We are all very grateful for the enjoyable experience. **Alex Kirk**

YEAR 10 On Wednesday 17th September the majority of Senior school pupils went on a brilliant trip to Alton Towers. On arrival my friends and I headed straight to 'Oblivion', one of the biggest and scariest rides there, you get strapped in then plummet down a vertical drop into a black hole. Next we went on Nemesis, my favourite ride of the day. You thunder round, twist upside down and almost touch the river of 'blood' underneath you, it was great. Everyone's day was filled with excitement, terror and laughter and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. A big thank you to all the teachers who came, and congratulations to those who were brave enough to go on the rides with us. **Jess Bolton**

YEAR 11 A big thank you to all of the teachers who took us to Alton Towers. It was a successful and enjoyable trip, well worth the long bus journey. The rides were very exciting, especially 'Oblivion'. However we didn't manage to get Mr Gouldbourne onto the 'Nutty Squirrel' ride. So that will be a task for next year's trip. **Evie Robinson**



YEAR 7 INDUCTION BALL



September 3rd saw many new faces arrive at the school to start Year 7. We have had to create an extra class in order to accommodate them all. After one week of settling in, the evening they had all been waiting for finally arrived -- Friday 12th September - the Year 7 Induction Ball. The theme of the Ball was 'Full Length and Fabulous' and all those who attended certainly did themselves and us proud. It was hard to believe that they were only 11/12 years of age.



The modes of transport ranged from quad bikes to motorbikes to limousines to a helicopter. Luckily after all the rain we had been having the evening was kind to us with the sun shining, a light drizzle and a magnificent rainbow over the proceedings.



After posing for a series of photographs all pupils walked up the red carpet to be greeted by the Master of Ceremonies, who directed them into the Blue Drawing room for Cocktails and canapes. Following the reception the MC announced, and introduced, each guest to the Principal before they entered the magnificent Great Hall, all decorated in the a Hollywood theme with a colour scheme of red / black/ silver.

After a very enjoyable meal and 'short' speeches the tables were moved to the sides of the Hall to create a dance floor for the fun to begin. The DJ kept all the guests dancing and it wasn't long before the high heel shoes were coming off and the Dinner jackets and bow ties were taken off. All good things must come to an end and as the last dance finished the carriages and

chauffeurs were all waiting to take the guests home, tired but happy and contented. After another week of hard work the group will be participating in an afternoon of team building - so watch out for the next report.

SPORTS NEWS

FOOTBALL On Friday 12th September, three of the Senior boys, Jared Morgan, Alex Morgan & Andonis James travelled to Altringham for the U16 ISA North Football team. Jared and Alex had participated in this team last year and were invited to redeem the qualities of the sport. Donny showed his skills in the school team last year and his name was put forward to the coaches. We had a busy but enjoyable day, Jared and Alex were put on one team and Donny was put on another. We had 20 minutes playing time to show our skill and ability to the coaches. Everyone played in their preferred position and performed really well. After the game we all had a discussion with the coaches who told us that we would all be informed on our selection in the forth coming week. A rounded estimate of 35 boys took part hoping for a place in the team. Last year we sent three boys and all got in the starting 11, hopefully we can carry on that tradition. We would like to thank Mr Wynne for his time and support through days like these. Good luck to all the boys and hopefully we will all be selected. **Alex, Donny and Jared.**

CONGRATULATIONS

HALLÉ JUNIOR CHOIR

Many congratulations to Robert Rhys on his recent acceptance into the Hallé Junior Choir. Robert took part in auditions at the Bridgewater Hall in August and will be attending rehearsals every Wednesday evening at William Hulme's Grammar School in Manchester. This is a really exciting opportunity and Robert is really looking forward to the experience of singing with such a prestigious choir. The choir's first performance will be a Family Concert on December 14th in the Bridgewater Hall. **Mrs McWilliams**

SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

On Saturday 13th September I did a sponsored 35mile bike ride through the Cheshire Lines and along the canal. We started at around 12noon at Formby hall. We went up the Cheshire Lines and cycled through Formby, Thornton, Lydiate and Maghull. We then stopped for a 2 minute break at Copy Lane. After that it was by the canal for 16 miles and it was all grass. Somebody hit a rut and landed in nettles and my dad went in the canal after hitting a rut, but he carried on. This was the hardest part because it was a wind speed of 13mph right at us which made it difficult. We then stopped at the Ship Inn for 5 minutes. Then it was up all the country lanes and then up the Formby by pass. Past RAF Woodvale and up Southport Old Road and back to Formby Hall. There were 50 people who did it and it was 50 kilometers and you had to raise £500 so it was called 50-50-500. Some people raised £4,000, I raised £520. In the evening there was a meal and a raffle and an auction. All together we raised over £40,000 and that will go to Taskers Charity Group which together with the other money we have raised will go to different charities including Zoe's Place, Claire House, Breast Cancer and Ataxia UK. **Oliver Tasker**

'Local Girl Joins Elite Group of Young Divers'

10 year old Natasha Turner, who's father Miles is a PADI Instructor, recently achieved her PADI Junior Open Water Diver qualification in Egypt. Miles said "Tash has been around diving all her life & has always wanted to be involved. She started training at the age of 8 learning diving skills in the safety of a pool, she then wanted to become qualified to be able to dive in the sea, lakes etc. so studied for the PADI Junior Open Water Diver qualification.

At the age of 10, you can qualify for this prestigious qualification. Tash had to undertake training sessions in the pool and to learn the academic knowledge to complement the dive skills. The subjects included the science of diving, how being underwater affects the body, the equipment needed to dive, safety issues etc.

The standards for a 10 year old are the same as those for anyone else, this meant Tash had to work hard over many months, reading and understanding the academic work. Tash qualified 3 days after the minimum age of 1, potentially making her one of the youngest PADI qualified Open Water divers in the world".

Tash said "The best thing is being able to see all the beautiful and colourful fish. We saw a turtle on our second dive. It has been hard work but it's worth it. When I'm 12 I can take more qualifications. I'm looking forward to diving with Dad when we go on holiday".

Dad & Mum, Julie, are proud of Tash's achievement. Julie commented "Tash has worked hard to qualify, she's always been interested. Putting the time and effort in that was necessary has helped her reading skills and her understanding of the science related to diving is amazing".

Tash learnt with Fins, a diving school based in Preston where Miles is an Instructor, "Diving is my hobby and for Tash to share the love of it with me is brilliant, for her now to be able to join in is great".



MISCELLANEOUS

Thank you to everyone who has returned the Health Form, which was sent to you during the holidays. Unfortunately there are still some forms which I have not yet received and I should be grateful if these could be sent in as soon as possible. The following list are those which are still outstanding:

- B.B.** Summer Dobeleates, Maksim Ferguson, Scarlet McDonnell, William McVeigh, Anthony Norman, Savannah Taylor, Nathaniel Woods.
- RP.** Eve Bryon, Finlay McCormack, Bethany Richman.
- Yr 1.** Kachina Larkin, Libby Occleston
- Yr 2.** Henry McDonnell, Benn McIntosh, Jasmine Uppal
- Yr 3.** Joe Bryan, Shaun Williams
- Yr 4.** Ellis Jaeger-Bennett
- Yr 5.** Samuel Bleasdale, Louis Cotton, Charlie Millar, Suhkbir Singh
- Yr 6.** Jacob Bleackley, Milly Bolton, Helena Cham, Millie Hanlon, Bryony Heber, Alex Norman, Rebecca Warner Daniel, Georgina and Joshua Wong.
- SB** Rachelle Booth, Oliver Hanlon, Adam Rydings
- BE** Aaron Headley
- SR** Tarnia Bleasdale, Shara Edgar, Ben Gardner, Chloe McVeigh
- KM** Tahnee Larkin, Ellie Mawdsley-Ball
- HH** Stuart McGowan, Taylor Williams
- SW** Jessica Bolton, Leoni Edgar, Greta Sergeant, Louisa Williams
- HJ** Bethan O'Dowd, Siddharth Pothula, Kurt Robinson
- Yr11** Camilla Gorick, Georgina Hart-Pearce, Joel Glynn, Charlotte Dale, Mitchell Woolley, David Ainscough, Tom Armitage, Aimee Clarke, Haley James-Gannon. **Miss Whitehouse**

ARMY EXHIBITION - ALTCAR - 30TH SEPTEMBER

On Tuesday 30th September students in Years 9 and 10 are attending the above exhibition. This promises to be an enjoyable and worthwhile experience for all attending.
Mrs Sinclair

FRIENDS OF KINGSWOOD

Evening at New China City - A leaflet and booking form has been sent home with all children for this Chinese banquet evening. You can book tickets for as few or as many as you like. This is the first event of this kind please support us by attending. If you are unable to attend but can offer a raffle or auction prize this would be greatly appreciated; please drop into the school office.

Coffee morning - The next Friends of Kingswood coffee morning will be held in the reception room in Pear Tree on Tuesday 7th October all welcome.

Family Ball - As part of the Christmas celebrations Friends of Kingswood are organising a Family Ball on Saturday 6th December 2008. This will be fantastic event for the whole family; further details and a booking form will be sent out at the beginning of October.

If you have any questions about any of the above events please email susan.aylmer@careline.co.uk or telephone Lynda Headley on 07787 501120 or Lynn McVeigh on 07795 816614.