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BAFTA AWARDS OL

Toby Castle OL94 was part of the award winning ITV News team at the BAFTA Television Awards on Sunday 22 May 2011. ITV News at Ten won the prestigious News Coverage Award at the TV BAFTAs for its programme broadcast on the night of the Cumbria Murders. As Head of Home News, Toby was running the operation in London when the programme was anchored live from Whitehaven on the night of the Derrick Bird shootings in June 2010. Hugely proud that this year home news won the news coverage BAFTA, the award win means that News at Ten has scooped the coveted news BAFTA for the third successive year.

After leaving LGS, Toby did a gap year commission in the Royal Artillery posted to the United States and Canada. He graduated from Dundee University in 1999 and later

that year joined the staff of Tyne Tees Television in Middlesbrough. In 2000 Toby moved to London and a role at ITN, and has since worked at home and abroad covering conflicts in Iraq, Lebanon and Afghanistan. He has broken stories such as the shuttle Columbia disaster and the death of Michael Jackson as well as news editing ITV's coverage of the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Toby also served as Westminster Editor from 2007 travelling with Tony Blair and Gordon Brown including visits to Washington to meet Presidents Bush and Obama. In 2009 he was appointed ITV's Head of Home News. Perhaps surprisingly, despite avoiding all games at LGS, he managed to complete his first marathon in 2002. Since then he's completed 10 marathons including London, Dublin and Berlin with a personal best time of 3hrs 19mins.



Pictured: Toby with the ITV News team including anchor Mark Austin and Correspondent Bill Neely.

Development Office News

Welcome to the latest edition of the OL Review

Please make sure you reply to the Leeds Flower Show invite by Friday 22 July as places are limited. The event should be great fun and back by popular demand is local celebrity gardener, Joe Maiden to give an illuminating talk.

As ever we would like to thank those who contribute to the magazine and if you would like to submit an article or news for the next edition, due out in January 2012, please do so no later than Friday 18 November 2011. Please send pictures and copy to bronwen.ashton@gsal.org.uk

This year we have been delighted to welcome Tristram Hope and Robert Whatmuff onto the OLA Council and we want to thank all OLA Council members for giving their time and support to help ensure the OLA continues.

Best wishes and hope you have a great summer!

Bronwen Ashton

OL COMMISSIONS OSCAR WINNER



Richard Price, OL50 has been celebrating this year as he commissioned the development of the script for 'The King's Speech', which earlier this year went on to become one of the most successful films in British film history, achieving four Oscars and seven BAFTAs.

Richard runs his own company, Richard Price Television Associates (RPTA), which is a film and television production company specialising in stage-to-screen productions. The company has been behind the financing of stage plays and scripts that have gone on to be worldwide hits – including "Mamma Mia". He also produced the stage to screen production of the National Theatre's Oklahoma! which won the International Emmy.

With more than 40 years' experience in film and television, ex BAFTA Chairman and Royal Television Society fellow Richard was awarded the MBE for services to television in 2000. He is currently working on several other projects including one about Lady Hester Stanhope, Britain's first female explorer and is set in the early 1800s. He also has a WW2 true double agent story in preparation.



Message from David Bell President of the OLA

Once again we had a very successful and enjoyable AGM at the Savile Club in London in February. We welcomed the School Principal, Mike Gibbons, whose entertaining speech was well received by all and we look forward to seeing him again at some of our future events. Following the AGM a presentation was made to Laurence Fumagalli, our London Chairman, as a mark of our appreciation and thanks for running the London Group and the Annual London Dinner so successfully over the past 10 years. We also welcome our new London chairman, Richard Turney, who I am sure will take over from Laurence most admirably.

We have had a very successful year and my grateful thanks to Bronwen, Mary-Ellen and the OLA Council for all the help and support they have given me, and a warm welcome to our two new council members, Tristram Hope and Robert Whatmuff. On a note of sadness, we reluctantly had to cancel our OLA Ball planned for April this year due to lack of numbers. Hopefully, as the economy continues to grow we will be able to organise another one.

To those of you who are about to leave the school at the end of this summer term, may I take the opportunity of wishing you all the very best for your future life and career, and I look forward to meeting you at one of our future OLA events. Before I sign off may I point out to the new OLs that we always sing the school song at our AGM, ably led by Chris Templeman and so to you and those who may have forgotten the words, here they are:-

Voce clara gaudeant
Leodenses cuncti!
Strenui per omnia,
nunquam non conjuncti,
Sive labor nos vacat,
Fortes laboremus;
sive ludus placuit,
impigri certemus.

Floreat per saecula
schola Leodensis;
salus sit fidelibus,
malae res intensis.



David Bell

Keep cheerful, keep singing!

Questionnaire Prize Draw winners

A big thank you to all OLs who completed and returned our questionnaire, we had hundreds of replies. The prize draw winners are Sanjai Sood OL86 who won first prize of the LINKS 2012 cufflinks, and David Hoy OL62 who won a presentation box of wine from Terroir Languedoc.

The Future is Medieval...

The Kaiser Chiefs are celebrating following the success of their surprise release fourth album titled 'The Future is Medieval', allowing fans to choose their own tracklisting from a selection of 20 songs. Using this technique, fans are able to choose 10 out of 20 songs to create "their album" for £7.50. After the creation of some albums by early customers, later customers were able to select an already created album if they desired, with the original creator being reimbursed £1 for each copy of their album downloaded/sold. Many celebrities including frontman and OL Ricky Wilson, created their own version of the album, donating the £1 reimbursement for each copy sold to the Alzheimer's Society. Such was the success of the album that the band has now released an official CD for the album, which features 12 of the available tracks including the previously unheard 'Kinda Girl You Are'.



W. Derek Corner OL41

Derek retired from Durham University in 1988 as Reader Emeritus. Since then he has been involved along with his wife Molly, whom he met whilst at Hartlington Hall, with various local and national charity projects. These have included the National Trust and the Children's Society. They celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary in 2009, and in the same year the University arranged a symposium of the Magnetism Research Group in the physics department, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the establishment. Derek gave an introductory talk at the event and the group is still very active. Derek has scaled back his activities of late but still remains involved with his local church and cares for a large and productive garden in Durham City.

Giles Croot OL89

Giles studied chemistry at Durham University and is now Director, Group Media Relations for Barclays Bank. In his spare time he enjoys playing cricket, gardening and spending time with his wife and three children.

Stewart Golton OL89



Giles Croot

Stewart studied politics at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne and is now the Liberal Democratic Councillor for the Rothwell ward of Leeds City Council, with a particular interest in promoting Corporate Social Responsibility. He is also the leader of the Liberal Democrat Group on Leeds City Council. In his spare time, Stewart is a keen allotmentee and is Vice President of the Leeds and District Gardeners Federation. He also enjoys learning about the Spanish language and culture.



Stewart Golton

Harris Lorie OL04

Harris took a gap year after leaving Leeds Grammar School and then went to Jesus College, Cambridge to study Theology and Religious Studies, together with Management Studies. He has worked as a management trainee at the London Borough of Barnet for two years, but is now making a much thought about transition into secondary school teaching. Harris is married to Miriam, and enjoys travelling, playing club table tennis and playing the piano.

Jonathan Mortimer OL87

Lawyer, Jonathan Mortimer has moved to Raworths LLP in Harrogate to head its dispute resolution team. Jonathan was a partner and head of commercial dispute resolution at York firm Langleys. He studied law at the University of

Westminster and York College of Law.

Sanjai Sood OL86 Prize Draw winner

Sanjai studied medicine on leaving Leeds Grammar School and is currently a consultant surgeon at Bradford Teaching Hospital. He is also editor in chief of Medical Journal and in his spare time enjoys skiing, squash and travelling.

Peter Turner OBE OL57

Following Leeds Grammar School, where he was captain of the gymnastics, basketball and shooting teams, Peter went to Loughborough University to study engineering. He is Chairman and Managing Director of his own company, Highgrounds Paintshops. Currently Peter is cruising the world on a new super yacht. He was recently in New Zealand, having arrived safely following three pirate attacks. His new yacht apparently already has three holes in it from gunshot wounds! We wish Peter a safe journey home.

Robert Whatmuff OL96

Robert is based in Leeds as an associate director at Lambert Smith Hampton, a commercial property consultancy. In his spare time he enjoys rugby and travelling. He is also an active member on the OLA Council.



Robert Whatmuff

Louis Tinker OL47 remembers... memories

My memories of the School go back to starting in September 1937 in J1 at Clarendon Road under Miss H. M. Jones. I was still seven years old, not eight until the end of the month and one of the youngest in the class. In J2, the following year in 1938, we were under Miss Christy. One day we were issued with gas masks and instructed how to put them on and even spent a part of a lesson wearing them. As the situation politically was deteriorating in Europe we were given notes to take home asking our parents what arrangements they wished to be made in case war broke out. Even though I lived in the centre of the city at that time, my parents felt moving me to my grandparents in Armley should be safe enough. With no school to go to and living an extended summer holiday with grandparents and 'running wild' was the phrase used in the family, it was now quite understandable why, by the second week in October, I was taken to join the rest of J3 at Fairbourne.



The Hostel at Fairbourne

I remember that October in 1939 was warm and sunny. We had lessons in the mornings and in the afternoons we had games on the beach if the tide was right, three afternoons a week. Otherwise we had organised walks in the hills and sometimes on the roads. If it was too wet we had singing in the village hall. We had almost complete freedom on the other afternoons and weekends. The junior school house names were also changed to Hurricane and Spiffire.

One of the favourite walks was to the Blue Lake. It was a lake formed in the nearby slate quarry approached via a low roofed tunnel. Once on a walk in the hills we saw a Spitfire in difficulties in the sky and it then nose dived into the sea. Two days later some of us, up early, found the pilot's body washed up on the beach and rushed to tell Mr Powell the ARP Warden at the provisions shop. On another occasion we were playing games on the beach when a fighter plane in difficulties landed on the beach and the pilot managed to get the plane up the shingle bank above high tide level before the engine stopped.

We were at Fairbourne for three years. Miss Jones and Miss Christy were there all the time and Mr Ince (Inky) was in charge the first year, Mr Wells the second and Mr Thomas in the third. I have fond memories of Miss Christy reading to us from Denis Wheatley books on dark nights in the winter by the fire in the Main Hall with most of the lights out. Even though we were 'evacuated' we came home for shortened school holidays and I can still remember being in the centre of Leeds during air raids and hearing bombs exploding and anti-aircraft fire.

We were kept in touch with the war and I remember following the reports in December 1939 of the Battle of the River Plate and our cheers when the Graf Spee was scuttled and sunk. Also our horror when in May 1941 HMS Hood and most of the crew went down followed a few days later with cheering when Bismark and most of her crew went down.

In July 1942 Fairbourne closed and many returned to Leeds. The Leeds Grammar School had in fact reopened in January 1940 but by mid 1942 my father was in the army and my mother was running his business so I with several others moved on to Buckden House in Upper Wharfedale. It was a bleak place run by Mr Harvey and his sister. Miss Christy was also there and brought her ancient bicycle. We were joined by Mr Finch.



Hartlington Hall

After two terms there our group, Third Form were transferred to Hartlington Hall at Burnsall. We arrived there after the Easter holiday and I remember standing in the magnificent wood panelled Hall with the great staircase. Major Ward and 'Carp' Whitmore soon read out the riot act. It was soon evident that we had been moved from Buckden as some felt we needed more discipline. We were incorporated into the Junior Training Corps and seemed to do nothing but parade ground drill for about six weeks. We were immediately brought into the self sufficient world as we had five dormitories, each responsible for one day

of the week, as well as rotating Saturdays and Sundays. Some lessons were in rooms at the Hall, others in the Village Hall, the Red Lion tea rooms and the old Chapel (now a cottage) was used as a Chemistry Lab. On Saturdays there was JCT in the morning and on Sunday there was church in the morning. In the afternoons we were free to roam the countryside. We had complete freedom to walk anywhere and to cycle to Grassington, Barden Towers, Bolton Abbey (where Leeds Girls High School were) and even on to Ilkley and occasionally Skipton.

In Sept 1944 the Sixth Form went back to the Leeds Grammar School together with Mr Whitmore, Mr Chippindale and Mr Ashworth and the JCT at Hartlington ceased. Mr Finch joined us to teach History and Geography, Mr Everett taught English, Major Ward continued to teach Maths and French and Mr Williams, then Mr Crossfield came out from Leeds each week to teach us Physics and Chemistry. We did do some school work at times but also went potato picking in the autumn and hay making in June/July. One winter several of us had to take sledges on foot to Grassington when the roads were blocked with snow to fetch provisions. In May 1945 with the war in Europe almost at an end we were able to go home for a few days when VE day was announced.

I narrowly missed getting good enough grades in the right subjects to get the School Certificate in the summer of 1945 and had to resit it after a second year in the Fifth Form in the summer of 1946. Fortunately I then did some work and got Matriculation Standard which in those days was equivalent to University Entrance level for many Colleges. After returning to the School in Sept 1946 for a year in LSc.VI. I left and was called up for National Service on 1st Jan 1948 with a place offered at Leeds College of Art after demob. After army service I went to Leeds School of Architecture for five years until 1955 when I qualified as an Architect and then joined Leeds Architects, Braithwaite and Jackman. I became a Partner in the firm in 1967 and remained in the Partnership until retirement from Architecture in 1995.



Leeds Grammar School J1 1938

OLA London Dinner Friday 25 February 2011

Another excellent London dinner was held at the Savile Club on 25 February this year. The 95 OLS in attendance were treated to a superb meal and the good hospitality of the club, for which thanks go once again to Richard Price (OL50). As usual, the evening commenced with a stirring rendition of the school song, led by Chris Templeman, and the AGM presided over by David Bell.

This year's guest speaker was Laurence Fumagalli (OL90), who for the past 10 years has dedicated much time and effort to ensuring the annual success of the London gathering. The OLA showed its sincere thanks by presenting Laurence with a painting to mark his contribution as he hands over responsibility.

The evening was the first opportunity for many OLS to meet the new School Principal & CEO, Mike Gibbons, whose address was warmly received. Once again, the London Dinner was a chance for OLS across the generations to enjoy an evening catching up with old friends and meeting new ones who share the school in common. It is a measure of the success of the event that each year the club bar remains full at last orders, and that many OLS get together again the following day at Twickenham. Long may the tradition continue: details of next year's London Dinner will be published in the Autumn.

Richard Turney OL00, London Chairman



OLA Luncheon Club Saturday 26 March 2011

Those of you who did not manage to attend our first Luncheon Club on Saturday 26 March missed a real treat. We had an excellent lunch prepared by the school catering staff, and then were privileged to hear a most interesting and informative talk by Dr Simon Lindley FRCO,IAO,LRAM, Master of the Music and Organist of Leeds Parish Church. This was followed by a memorable organ recital by Simon in the school assembly hall. Simon enjoys the distinction of also having played the new school organ at its inauguration. Another distinction is that he has composed more Easter Carol arrangements than any other living British composer, amongst them being "The Bell Man's Song". Thank goodness he didn't ask me to sing this with him!

I do hope you will be able to join us at the next luncheon club event, which we will be organising in the autumn. More details will be in the next mailing.

David Bell OL49, OLA President



OLA CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011

August 2011

Saturday 6 August 2011

Leeds Flower Show

Alumni lunch and talk with Joe Maiden

Venue: GSAL

Time: 11.45am for 12 noon: buffet lunch

1pm: talk with Joe Maiden

Cost: £10 per person, all welcome



November 2011

Friday 25 November 2011

OLA Leeds Lunch

Venue: Aspire

Time: 12.15pm for 12.30pm

Cost: £25 per head

Please contact Richard Tovey for further details via email: richard.tovey@yahoo.co.uk

If any of you are organising an event and would like it publicising in this newsletter, or would like help organising a reunion, please contact Bronwen Ashton in the Development Office.

GSAL Launches Business Networking Group

The GSAL Business Networking Group has been successfully launched as a platform for parents and alumni to meet at the school, make contacts and exchange ideas.

The inaugural event was attended by around 70 people who heard speaker Dinah Bennett OBE talk about the benefits of networking and how to enjoy it! Dinah has researched and taught internationally on marketing related issues and the concept of networking and relationship management and how this impacts on successful business development. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive and highlighted a number of themes of interest for the future. Comments

included "great, useful evening", "very good speaker", "met some interesting people", "numbers were brilliant, speaker was superb", and "great first meeting, hope it becomes a regular event".

The GSAL Business Networking Group will meet once a term and will feature a guest speaker to share the latest thinking on topics like effective leadership, influencing and persuasion skills, generating business leads, saving tax, and optimising social media. We will have further details of the next event in the September mailing and look forward to seeing you there.



In Memoriam

Keith Harrison OL57

Keith died following a car crash on 24 January 2011. He was 73 and had been a teacher at Aireborough Grammar School for many years, as well as being an active member of the church. Keith had studied Classics at Durham University and was a talented musician who played the piano and organ. He leaves his widow, two sons and daughter.

Professor Rodney Hill OL39

Professor Rodney Hill died on 2 February 2011 aged 89. Rodney won a scholarship to Leeds Grammar School, where he showed all round ability. He then won a scholarship to read maths at Pembroke College, Cambridge. He had a formative influence on the development of the science of the mechanics of solids, especially, though not exclusively in the theory and applications of plasticity in metals. His book, 'Mathematical Theory of Plasticity' was published in 1950, when he was only 29, and remains in print as an indispensable work of reference. He continued to work successfully in this field and in 2008, the scientific publishers, Elsevier, in collaboration with the International Union of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, established the Rodney Hill Prize in his honour. He is survived by his daughter.

David Lupton OL56

David died on 18 July 2009. As well as farming for a living in East Keswick, David had played cricket for the Old Leos and also enjoyed the OL London Dinners and rugby at Twickenham. More recently he had taken part in the OL Golf Tournament. He was happy to see his granddaughter and grandson go to GSAL, who were the third generation of the family to attend the school.

The Right Reverend Peter Walker OL38

The Right Reverend Peter Walker died on 28 December 2010, aged 91. Bishop of Ely from 1977 to 1989, he was previously Suffragan Bishop of Dorchester and before that Principal of Westcott House, Cambridge. Peter had many friends and admirers, including W H Auden who once commented: "Friendship with Peter Walker was one of the best things about coming to England." Peter left Leeds Grammar School to read Classical Moderations at Queen's College, Oxford. He served in the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve (RNVR) during the Second World War. Following teaching posts at The King's School, Peterborough and Merchant Taylor's School in London, Peter was made Deacon in 1953 and ordained priest the following year. After undertaking a curacy at Hemel Hempstead, he became Fellow, Dean and Lecturer at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. The Archdeacon of Cambridge, John Beer said: "Bishop Peter was an outstanding priest, scholar, Principal of Westcott House, Cambridge and Bishop... He will be greatly missed."

Andrew Whitehead OL71

Andrew lived his early years in Armley and joined Leeds Grammar School junior school almost 50 years ago in 1961. He developed very strong friendships in those early years and a number of those from his first class were with him at his funeral in Sutton Benger, Wiltshire on the 6th May 2011.

Andrew was in Neville House and a very keen cricketer (playing for a number of school teams as a swing bowler), also avidly supporting Yorkshire CCC. In 1969 he went on a Geography field trip (ground breaking at the time) to the volcanic island of Stromboli and a number from that trip were together at Andrew's funeral as well.

After Leeds Grammar School, Andrew went to Nottingham University to read economics. He then returned to Leeds where he was very involved with the Old Leodiensian Cricket Club from 1974 to 1992, undertaking the roles of Club Chairman, Club Treasurer and Second XI captain at varying times. He qualified as a chartered accountant, first working in practice and then moving into industry which led him to eventually move south to Wiltshire where he lived for the last 20 years.

Throughout his life Andrew's great interest in sport never wavered, supporting Leeds United, Bath Rugby Club and England's football, cricket and rugby teams. He was a great family man and was able to continue his sporting interests with his children, Kate, James, Lauren and Thomas of whom he was very proud and they of him.

GSAL Scores 100 Per Cent in Inspection Report

We are delighted to confirm GSAL has been awarded full marks for excellence in a recent inspection report by the Independent Schools Inspectorate, and we have achieved the highest possible rating in every category from academic standards through to music, sport, extra-curricular activity and pastoral care. In addition, the Inspectors used the Ofsted framework to rate the Early Years Foundation Stage at Rose Court as "Outstanding" in every category.

The junior and senior school was assessed on eight main areas of its provision - including quality of education, welfare and development of pupils, the standard of its teaching and governance. Rose Court nursery and pre-prep school was assessed on four main areas of its early years foundation stage teaching - provision of the programme; the effectiveness of its leadership and management of the programme; the quality of the provision; and outcomes for the children.

The report particularly draws attention to the high levels of confidence among pupils who

are described as articulate, well-behaved and possessing a healthy competitive spirit, encouraged by the house system which promotes self-motivation. The inspectors also made reference to the high levels of cultural awareness within the school and quality of the pastoral care.

Principal Mike Gibbons said: *"We are absolutely thrilled with the outcome of this inspection. It is hugely rewarding and wholly justifies our belief that we have created a great school with an exciting future."*

The Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) is the body approved by the government to inspect schools belonging to the Independent Schools Council. It is also approved to inspect the Early Years Foundations Stage (EYFS) which was introduced in September 2008 and applies to all children in England from birth to August 31 following their fifth birthday. A full transcript of the inspection report is available on www.gsal.org.uk.



Rose Court pupils celebrating the school's outstanding report.



Mike Gibbons, David Gravells, pupils, Governors and members of the Senior Leadership Team

GSAL Students Scoop Business Awards

Enterprising GSAL students have scooped 10 prizes at the Leeds Enterprise Advisory Programme (LEAP) award ceremony...with one company bagging an impressive six.

In total, 17 honours were up for grabs and the school's lower sixth students took 10 first places, three second places, two third places and two highly commended special awards at this year's finals.

The overall winning company was *Treat Me Sweet*, whose profits are going to aid youngsters in Malawi. They won the Weston Network Award for the Best LEAP Company 2011, as well as awards for the best presentation at the finals, the best company report, best presentation 2011, best marketing at all trade fairs 2010/11, and best trade stand at the Merrion Centre for St Valentine's Day.

Other winning teams from GSAL were Impulse, who won the Spirit of Enterprise Award, as well as best trade stand at the LEAP finals; Vendetta, who won the Innovation Award; and Serenity, who won the Media Awareness Award.

Treat Me Sweet is headed up by managing director Francesca Whalen, with other roles filled by Callum Kenny, marketing director; Jordan Bickerdyke, finance director; Sophia McDougall, sales; Sophie Stone, company secretary; Emma Anderson, marketing; Isabella Buono, production director; and Lizzie Tomkins, sales.

The company sold a range of bath products to raise £1500 for two Malawian projects - the Open Arms Orphanage and Mary's Meals, a charity which provides a free lunch to all children attending school. Six of the eight students who set up the company will take the proceeds to Malawi when they visit the country with school for three weeks in the summer.



Winning team *Treat Me Sweet* show off their awards. They are (L-R) Sophia McDougall, Sophie Stone, Francesca Whalen, Callum Kenny, Isabella Buono and Emma Anderson. (Not pictured Jordan Bickerdyke and Lizzie Tomkins.)

New Head Boy and Girl Team Appointed



The new team are (L-R) Callum Kenny, Abbie Hopkins, Chessy Whalen and Will Boardman.

Congratulations to William Boardman, Callum Kenny, Abbie Hopkins and Chessy Whalen who will take up their new roles as head boy and girl team for 2011-12 in September. The team will represent the school on public occasions and open days, speak at speech days and house assemblies. They will also be responsible for organising the sixth form leavers' ball and producing a commemorative year book.

Musicians Continue to Impress At GSAL

Throughout the year talented musicians at GSAL have performed at no fewer than 40 events.

These have ranged from parents' presentation evenings to major school concerts with hundreds of pupils involved.

The number of pupils learning instruments continues to increase, as does the number taking part in the many ensembles, orchestras and choirs.



Photographed at the summer concert are (L-R): Will Lilley, Quentin Scobie, Sam Bodansky, Tom Emerton, and Bhanhee Kim (background).

National Commendation For Junior Scientists

Junior School pupils Ananya Golash and Thomas Coates have been highly commended in a nationwide poster competition to mark National Science and Engineering Week (NSEW).

The two youngsters had their work chosen from 27,500 entries from more than 470 schools. In the competition, launched this year by the British Science Association, with support from BlackBerry®, children were asked to help solve some of life's problems, both small and large. 'How do you solve a problem like...?' asked pupils to investigate the problems and challenges we face and to invent their own innovative solutions. Their success came hard on the heels of Junior School being named runner-up in the NSEW national competition for primary schools.

Tennis Success For Arun

Y5 pupil Arun Bahia has won a silver medal from the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) as runner up in the leader board for the Yorkshire Winter County Tour for U9 boys. The up and coming young tennis player had accumulated points through the winter season for performances at county tournaments.



Arun is presented with his silver medal by his tennis coach

Leeds Schools' Nine-a-Side Rugby League Champions

A team of Y9 boys has won the Leeds Schools' Nine-A-Side Rugby League tournament beating Temple Moor School in the final 16-8. The scorers were Max Kay six tries; Jack London, Will Newett and Will Shepherd who scored two each and Tom Megson, Harry Mawer and Dom Marsh scored one try apiece.



Photographed (L-R) are: back row: Ben Townsend, Simon Phillips, Will Newett, Sam Ward, Max Kay, Harry Francis, Harry Mawer, Luke Powderly, Dom Marsh, Jack London and coach and P.E. teacher Phil Holmes; front Harry Bolser, Will Shepherd, Chris Bridge, Tom Megson and Jonny Haslem.

Well Done, Yona!



Yona Knight Wisdom put on a good show at the G-Star diving championship 2011 at the John Charles Centre for Sports, in Leeds. Yona won a silver medal on the 1m springboard and a bronze medal on Platform.

Schoolboys Selected for West Yorkshire Hockey



Tom Burton (left) and Robbie Studholme

Two GSAL students, Robert Studholme and Thomas Burton, have been selected to play hockey for West Yorkshire. Y9 student Robbie, who plays in right wing position, also plays for the GSAL newly formed U14 boys' hockey team, as well as Adel's U14 and U16 teams. Tom, who is in Y8, plays on the left wing for the Ben Rhydding boys' team, as well as the GSAL U14 team.

Medals for Gordon in European and British Elite Duathlon Championships

Gordon Benson achieved a silver medal when he represented Great Britain in the European Duathlon Championships, in Limerick, Ireland. This event involves a 5k run, a 20k bike ride and a 2.5k run. The L6 student also recently won a gold medal in his first ever duathlon, which was the British Elite Duathlon Championships. He competed in a race with the seniors and said it was the hardest thing he has ever done!

Megafinals Win For Chess Champ Sai

Congratulations to Sai Tangirala who has won the U8 Supremo trophy at this year's British Land UK Chess Challenge Megafinals held at York. Sai, who is in Y3, won six out of six rounds to take the title.



Published Author

Congratulations to young author Matthew Walker of Y9 whose 54,500 words book The Schools Assassins has been published on Amazon Kindle.



James Wins Tebb Piano Competition



James Micklethwaite

Y9 student James Micklethwaite is this year's winner of the Tebb piano competition, beating off strong competition to secure the trophy and a cheque for £250. James, who has just taken his Grade 7 piano exam, played *Andante Moderato* by Faure and Joanna McGregor's *Lowside Blues*. Second place went to Rachel Kempner, Y7, with Wing Yee Lo, Y11, in third place. The competition was open to the whole school and was adjudicated by the eminent pianist Benjamin Frith.

Five Run For Jane Tomlinson Appeal

Five Y9 boys competed in this year's junior Jane Tomlinson run...with three of them finishing first, second and third!

Jack Allison finished in first place, with James Micklethwaite second and Dominic Owens third. Pascal Price and Sam Allison also ran well to finish 10th and 43rd respectively. In all, 1500 runners took part in the race which takes place just after the start of the Leeds half marathon. All proceeds go to the Jane Tomlinson Appeal and Pascal raised more than £168 for the charity.



Sam Allison, Pascal Price, Jack Allison, James Micklethwaite and Dominic Owens.

Philip Takes His Place On Podium

Y7 student Philip Craven stepped onto the podium after coming a close second in the Yorkshire MSA karting championship in the Minimax class. After a successful three heats of qualifying in the first round of the championship, the youngster went into the final in third place. However, in a really close race he climbed into second place and was eventually just one second behind the winner. Well done to Philip for his first podium in this class. He will now compete in the remaining eight rounds of the Yorkshire championship throughout the summer.



Philip is photographed during and after the race.

U14 COUNTY CHAMPIONS, RUGBY UNION



The U14 rugby squad has been crowned Yorkshire Champions after an emphatic win against South Hunsley.

The team has been outstanding this season and ensured the perfect finish to the perfect season, by winning the last game in style to finish the season unbeaten. South Hunsley was behind within 10 minutes and never recovered.

Team are back row: Coach Owen Edwards; Dom Hardman, Ben Townsend, Max Kay, Capt. Simon Phillips, Harry Francis and Will Shepherd; middle row: Harry Bolser, Jonathan Webster, Jack Allison, Jonathan Haslem, Tom Megson, Jeremy Huitson, man of the match and Jack London; front row: Chris Bridge, Harrison Brown-Raw, Harry Mawer, Ed Collins, Gerard Ellis, Tom Gorman, Will Newett and Sam Ward.

Science Poster Competition

During Science Week, Junior School pupils were invited to design a poster showing their 'mind-boggling' inventions. The winners in each year group were: Elie Glaser (Y3), Nikita Bharath (Y4), Amy Gratton (Y5) and Harry Gearty (Y6).



A display of the winning science posters designed by Junior School pupils

Adam Returns To GSAL To Talk On WaterAid

One of last year's U6 students Adam Memon, who is now one of WaterAid's student Ambassadors, gave an insightful and inspiring presentation on the work of WaterAid to the current sixth form in their assembly.



Adam Memon

Musicians Raise £1400 For 'Get a Life' Charity

A group of 30 musicians from GSAL performed at the University of Leeds' Clothworkers' Hall in aid of the 'Get a Life' charity. The concert was organised by the Headingley Rotary Club in aid of the charity, which was set up 17 years ago by OL Jeremy Spratt to support the work of the teenage cancer wards at the LGI. Jeremy subsequently died of cancer at the age of 23. The GSAL musicians provided instrumental and vocal solos and trios, together with some fine singing from the A Cappella and Barbershop Ensembles. OL, Mr Robert Tebb, who hosted the concert, expressed his gratitude to the musicians, saying it featured some of the finest playing he had heard in all of his 85 years.



Barbershop Singers Entertain Rose Court

Rose Court pupils had a real treat when the Barbershop singers visited them from Senior School.

The singers entertained the whole school at assembly which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Some of the Rose Court pupils are photographed with the Barbershop singers. They are back (L-R): Sam Levi, David Levine, Jack Spencer, Anil Bhuhi, Will Lilley, Desmond Lau, Rob Pellow, Ben Waller and Callum Kenny. Middle (L-R): Varun Sharma and Sam Myerson. Front (L-R): Henry Dalton, Luca Christon, Riley Scott-Ellis, Anushree Joshi, Harriet Condon, Emily Sproule, Patrick Morgan and Jonathan Pipe.



Joseph Is Award-Winning Young Pianist

Congratulations to talented young pianist Joseph Sun who has been collecting trophies and awards recently!

At the Horsforth Festival of Music, Drama and Dance, the Y3 pupil won first prize in the piano solo for 8 years and under category, as well as the 10 years and under category. He was also the overall winner of music and was presented with the Richard Thompson Trophy and award money.

At the Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts, Joseph took first place in the piano solo for 9 years and under, and finished second in the 10 years and

under competition. He was also the winner of the intermediate level of the EPTA (European Piano Teachers' Association) competition, held in Leeds, and finished third in the EPTA national final in Manchester.



Joseph Sun with some of his collection of trophies and awards.

Summer Dream Mile for Malawi

Summer clad students ran a mile and raised more than £240 in aid of educational and medical charities in Malawi.

Students turned up for the summer themed event in outfits such as wetsuits, shorts, Bay Watch outfits and grass skirts. Some students took the run very seriously and raced around; others took a more leisurely approach and even strolled round the course, singing to the accompaniment of a guitar! This summer, teacher Barry Brindley will lead a party of sixth formers and staff to Malawi to visit orphanages, schools and hospitals where they will decorate classrooms and hospital wards.



All that's missing is the sun as these runners gather before the event in their summer costumes.



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