



### Year 6 Shakespeare Drama Production

The summer saw the return of the annual Year 6 Performance 'A History of Shakespeare through the Performing Arts.' Year 6 pupils undertook a historical romp through the Life and Works of the legendary bard and tackled a range of very challenging extracts and soliloquies from

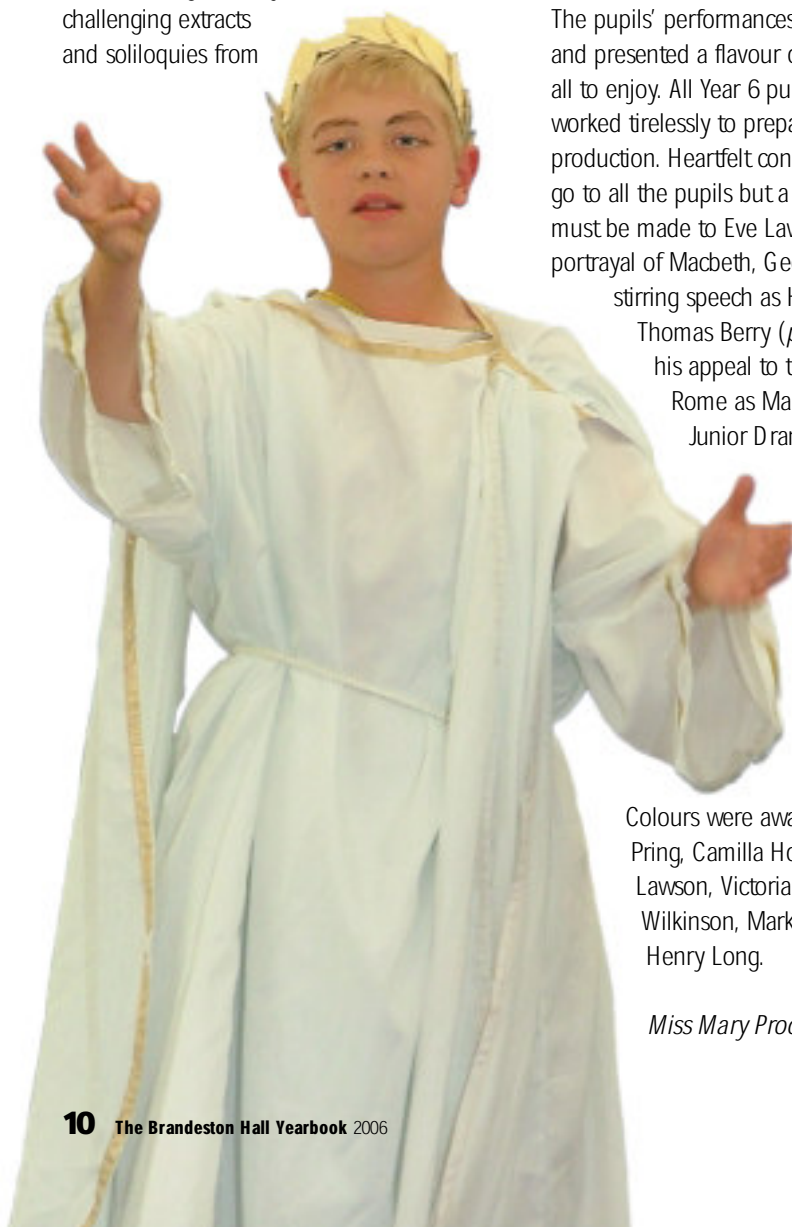
a variety of Shakespeare's most performed plays. The rain just about held off although the wind whipped up a bit of a storm and left our poor picnicking parents somewhat huddled on the lawn in an attempt to keep warm on what can only be described as a truly typical British Midsummer Evening!

The pupils' performances were first rate and presented a flavour of Shakespeare for all to enjoy. All Year 6 pupils took part and worked tirelessly to prepare for the production. Heartfelt congratulations must go to all the pupils but a special mention must be made to Eve Lawson for her portrayal of Macbeth, George Smith for his stirring speech as Henry V and

Thomas Berry (*pictured left*) for his appeal to the people of Rome as Mark Anthony. Full Junior Drama Colours were awarded to Eve Lawson, who was also presented with the Cullum Cup for Junior Drama, George Smith and Thomas Berry and Half

Colours were awarded to Lucy Pring, Camilla Hopkinson, Jasmine Lawson, Victoria Jenkins, Katie Wilkinson, Mark Goodin and Henry Long.

*Miss Mary Proctor*



### Rounders

The 1st 1X won two out of their three matches. Lauren Baller was the star fielder at second post. Full colours and the cup for most valuable player went to Anna de Grave and half colours to the rest of the squad.

The 2nd and 3rd IX teams had a mixed season, but when it was good, it was really good!

The Under 11As were a strong team thanks in part to the partnership between Sarah Legg at Back Stop and Millie Hopkinson at First Post where they managed to get numerous opposition team players out in style. Special mention must be made to Lucy Ashby-Hoare and Tabitha Ives who both have an excellent and far-reaching throw. Batting from Millie Hopkinson was on occasions amazing. The team lost only one of their six matches and scored just over 100 rounders. Full colours: Millie Hopkinson, Sarah Legg, Victoria Jenkins, Jasmine Lawson, Lucy Ashby-Hoare. Half Colours: Lucy Pring, Eve Lawson, Suzie Reid.

The Under 9As were unbeaten in their four matches scoring 64 rounders. There is much promise here for the future!

*Ms Sally Thomson*

### Hockey

The boys' 1st XI possessed two outstanding hockey players in Peter Cole and William Squirrell. The team performed well in the first part of the term with good wins over Norwich School, RHS, Town Close and OBH and finished with a flourish against Culford and Orwell Park.

Andrew Peck and Henry Singleton both scored hat-tricks for the boys' 2nd XI. Captained by William Gibbon, the seconds were a combative bunch playing well as a team. The 3rd XI struggled this season but the 4th XI played very well, completing wins over Felsted, Woodbridge, OBH and Orwell Park.

We fielded very young teams at Under 11 and Under 9 level this season. The highlight of the season for the Colts A Team was reaching the final of the 5th Brandeston Hall Club Invitation Tournament where the boys finished runners-up. At Under 9A level we just lacked the experience in the 'D' at crucial times. Nonetheless there was much to be pleased about during the season.



The girls' hockey teams take the honours this year with excellent performances from all the age groups. The Under 9A and B teams were both unbeaten scoring 22 goals and only conceding 1! The U11A and B teams were also very successful and couldn't stop scoring. I doubt any two teams have ever collectively topped 80 goals in a season before! The A team finished runners-up in the Suffolk U11 county tournament and were unbeaten in the IAPS tournament in Bristol. The girls 1st XI had Laura Tibbenham (Capt) to thank for scoring the bulk of the teams' goals this season, ably supported by the fast and skilful Anna de Grave on the wing. The girls' 2nd and 3rd XI teams were both successful and altogether it was a great season.

*Mr Robin Sampson*

ABOVE AND BELOW: THE 1ST AND 2ND HOCKEY SQUADS AT THE GRESHAMS FESTIVAL



## Athletics

We started the term brightly at the Gresham's 8 Schools Boys Meet with a solid overall third place. George Coulson put in a record breaking sprint in the Under Ten 75 metres and Susannah Reid was a second off Grace Hutson's 800 metre record.

Competing at Under 13 level at Suffolk AAA County Championships at Northgate Sports Centre in Ipswich were Ryan Clark, who won the 100 metres, shot-put and javelin, Karra Shekiluwa who was 1st in the shot and discus, Charlotte Lawson who won the long jump, Tom Boynton silver in the javelin and discus and Will Squirrelle who came 3rd in the Under 15 high jump.

At the Under 10s and 11s East Area Prep Schools Meet at Cambridge University, Sophie Lawson won the Under 10 Girls long jump, a record previously held by her sister Bethany, and Susannah Reid won the 800metres.

In the North Suffolk Championships, the girls, led by Olivia Cowley, retained their North Suffolk title and the boys were placed 3rd. The girls went on to compete in the County Year 7 Championships where we finished in a respectable 3rd place.

At East of England level we recorded two 3rd places with Susannah Reid, racing a year young, breaking the school 1,500 metre record by 28 seconds and by Ryan Clark in the 100 metres. Ryan went on to break the record on sports day. Charlotte Lawson won the long jump and went on to compete at the National Prep Schools Finals at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham and leapt a superb 4 metres 36 to finished sixth.

At the Eastern Area Junior Athletics Championships held at the UEA, Norwich, 1st places were won by Susannah Reid 800m, George Coulson (75m), Florence Elson (High Jump), Sophie Lawson (Long Jump) and Victoria Easey (Rounders Ball).

*Mr Carlos Reynell*

TOP: HARRIET STARLING (BLUE) AT SPORTS DAY. MIDDLE: CHARLOTTE LAWSON AT THE SUFFOLK CHAMPIONSHIPS. BOTTOM: KARRA SHEKILUWA, RYAN CLARKE, CHARLOTTE LAWSON, TOM BOYNTON AND WILL SQUIRRELL



## Tennis

One of the most exciting things to happen was the formation of Framlingham College Tennis Club. With this comes affiliation to the LTA which has opened up many exciting avenues to further tennis at both our junior and senior schools. This is based at Brandeston Hall over the winter period and



ABOVE: THE FRAMLINGHAM COLLEGE TENNIS CLUB WAS FORMED IN MAY

at the College during the summer and included 'Junior and Adult Club Nights,' which proved popular to all standards of players and parents.

Our Under 11 boys, Under 10 orange mixed and Under 10 orange girls' teams performed well in the Suffolk BSTA finals and our Under 8 girls and boys came 3rd and 2nd respectively in their county finals. Special mention must go to our outstanding Under 8 mixed team of Emily Saunders, Kelsey Love, Tom Easey and Charlie Lewis who won the county title. In the Under 11 girls and Under 13 boys' events we competed well but were pipped by the Abbey and Orwell Park respectively to the county finals.

Kelsey Love and Tom Easey both represented Suffolk Under 8 at Mini Tennis Red. Lucy Ashby-Hoare played number 1 for Suffolk Under 10 at both the 8-county Linel Cox Trophy and again in the National Under 10 County Cup. She was joined in this team by her Framlingham College Tennis Club team mates Florence Baldwin and Jemima Jacobs.

*Mr Trevor Wright*

## Netball



ABOVE: THE IAPS TOURNAMENT AT BRANDESTON

The Under 9A team enjoyed the most exceptional season, playing 6 games and two tournaments, winning 5 and losing 1. The girls' most notable performance came during the Brandeston Hall Under 9 Tournament where they played against 5 other teams, won all their matches without conceding a single goal! Special mention must go to Sophie Lawson at centre and Charlotte Long at wing attack. Molly Dmec was presented with the cup for Most Valuable Junior Netball player.

The Under 9B team: The experience of Year 4 helped to channel the enthusiasm of the Year 3 girls. Kelsey Love was awarded the cup for the most improved player.

The Spring term saw the Under 11, Under 12 and Under 13 sections take to the courts. With two wins and a very competitive draw the A team squads were off to a confident start. The Under 11A team had a fantastic season winning their 6 matches, attending the Felsted and Brandeston tournaments and qualifying in the Regional Under 11 IAPS competition for the National finals in Brighton, where they came 7th in their pool. At the Brandeston Under 11 tournament they beat Heathcote in the final 8-5 to win the shield. The whole team were awarded their colours.

The U12A team were also unbeaten, winning all ten of their matches, scoring an impressive 165 goals and only conceding 57. In recognition of their success the whole team were awarded their half colours.

The U13A team were a team who never really gelled as a cohesive unit! This was reflected in their results - won 6, drew 1, lost 3. They played some of their best netball in the Regional Qualifying Tournament for the IAPS competition and here they showed the potential that was always there but could never quite be consistently realised. The team was captained by Anna de Grave who was awarded the trophy for the most valuable player. Full colours were awarded to Anna de Grave, Alice Westrope, Harriet Starling and Bethany Lawson and the rest of squad gained their half colours.

Alice Westrope was selected for the Suffolk U14 England Satellite Training Camp and was subsequently chosen to attend County Team Training.

*Ms Sally Thomson*

## Rugby - The Saint

The 1st XV captain, Will Squirrell, *pictured below*, successfully overcame three Suffolk Talent Spotting Trials and was awarded a place at the Northampton Saints Rugby Academy for a training day.



## Cricket

There were several notable individual performances in the 1st XI that augur well for the future. Joshua Wilkinson, newly arrived from Perth, Western Australia, 57\* and Peter Cole, 77\*, *pictured below*, produced a magnificent unbroken partnership of 168\* against Orwell Park School – in all likelihood the highest recorded in a school match at Brandeston Hall. William Squirrell hit a terrific 66\* including 4 sixes against Taverham Hall in the Brandeston Festival. James Simpson bowled with accuracy and control, but again as in the run stakes, the leading wicket taker was Peter Cole.



In the 2nd, 3rd and 4th XIs all sides recorded victories. The 2nd XI fielded a very young side and special mention must be made of Edward Havers for his 5 wicket haul against Town Close House and to Captain Tom King, who was the first recipient of the B K Dent Spin Bowling award.

At Colts level, the A team were unlucky to lose in the semi-final of the Orwell Park Sixes but won the Plate Competition at the Framlingham College Festival. Oliver Webb and Tom Ridley showed potential with the bat and both Alex Myers-Allen and George Smith should develop into good bowlers.

Our youngest cricketers, the Under 9s, have recorded a good string of results at both A and B team level. The A team were well led by George Coulson in the mould of Freddie Flintoff.

*Mr Carlos Reynell*

The start of a new year brought a truly international flavour to the boarding houses in Brandeston with new boarders from Japan, Pakistan, Singapore, Dubai, the Philippine Islands and Germany to join the Hong Kong children. All these different nationalities add to and, make a splendid mix with the healthy number of United Kingdom resident boarders.

The upgrading in the boarding houses continues and during the course of the year both Alice and Austin Halls received new colour schemes, lighting and general freshening in various areas. As prospective parents are taken around the boarding house, usually without fail, each one comments on how surprised they are at the homely and welcoming

accommodation. Comments such as "It's not how I imagined it to be" always make us proud of what Brandeston has to offer.

I have often likened boarding to an express train hurtling through the terms. However I feel that after this year, the Brandeston Express has seen its day and been replaced by the 21st Century version, rocket powered and turbo charged, Brandeston's equivalent of NASA Space shuttle Challenger or Discovery. At times boarding can be challenging and is definitely about discovery. Each term we try to find new things to do or places to go and this year has been no exception.

Unfortunately there isn't enough space to show pictures of all the trips and events we have undertaken, but I hope these few give you a flavour of what we have done. Whether it was a trip to Pleasurewood Hills, watching the Chelmsford Chieftains,



ABOVE: FLOWER POWER OF BEATLES NIGHT. BELOW: CERAMIC PAINTING IN THE ART ROOM



or competing in the table tennis tournament, I hope you agree that life as a boarder is both diverse and enjoyable. I started this report talking about the people in the house and it seems fitting that that's where I conclude as well. Part of boarding is what we have and what we do, but it is much more about who we are. To me, the children and staff are what make a good boarding house and I would like to thank everyone involved. I hope everyone has had as much fun as I have.

*Bruce Wilson*