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yearbook 2011



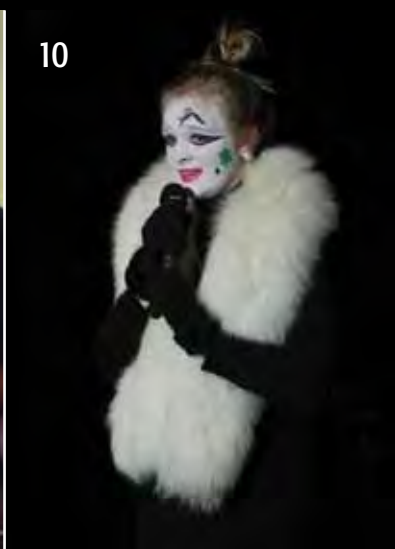
INCORPORATING BRANDESTON HALL AND THE SOCIETY OF OLD FRAMLINGHAMIANS



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THE HEADMASTER'S INTRODUCTION

This has been a very busy year at Brandeston Hall, a year that saw numbers in the Nursery rise to 23 and numbers throughout the rest of the school rise to 250, in challenging economic times. These times are set to continue but the school remains committed to providing a high quality education and excellent value for money, factors which are key to our continued success. This year we were proud of an extremely favourable inspection report by ISI and an 'outstanding' Ofsted report, which goes a long way to reinforcing the school's enviable reputation.

On the academic front the Common Entrance results were marvellous with four pupils achieving straight As and A*s. The pupils are motivated and engaged throughout the school which is due to the excellent quality of teaching and learning. We enjoyed 'Science Week' and 'Book Week' and also our well-attended Poetry by Heart, general knowledge, creative writing, handwriting and Mastermind competitions. In addition we saw successes at national mathematics, regional general knowledge and art competitions.

Special mention must go to Mrs Gibbons who, after many years of success as a Head of Department, has handed over the reins of supporting the gifted and talented to Mrs Vass and those that need learning support to Mrs Harding. Mrs Russell has taken command of the Mathematics Department and Mr Tony Lawrence takes over as Head of Drama. Special mention must also go to the very talented Mr Strauss, one of our many peripatetic music teachers, who has completed 100 terms at Brandeston Hall.

There are exciting times ahead and we were privileged to enjoy a high standard of drama this year including productions of *'The Nose'*, *'Alice and her Adventures in Wonderland'* and our Year Six Shakespeare evening. In music we have enjoyed 275 individual performances this year and four of our children are now at grade six and above. Ninety children sing in one of our three choirs and who can forget the packed Autumn, Spring and Summer concerts or the 'Drummers' Bash'.

On the sports field three school teams were unbeaten this year and eighteen children were selected at county level. We have swimmers who compete for Ipswich and Stowmarket and a captain of the Prep-Schools' Barbarians. Six records fell on sports day; four children qualified for the National Athletics Finals and two were crowned County Champions. The U11 Girls' hockey team was crowned County Champions as were four of our tennis teams. The U11 Boys' hockey team won the IAPS East of England Championships and were runners up in the National Plate. Our boys and girls cross-country teams were crowned North/South Champions again.

It is important to note that children at Brandeston always get 'stuck in' to the plethora of opportunities on offer to develop their existing talents and, most importantly, to discover new ones such as the sailing activity, a recent addition to our varied list. We are proud of every single pupil.

Martin Myers-Allen, Headmaster

ACADEMIC JOURNEY

Pre-Prep

Nursery Report

At the Little Bears Nursery we encourage the children to engage in as much learning as possible in the outside environment. For young children every day offers new opportunities to find out about the world around them.

By harnessing their natural curiosity we, as teachers, can ensure children make good progress in all the areas of their learning.

An example of this occurred early in spring. One very windy day the Nursery children were exploring the power of the wind by trying to fly kites that they had designed. We started by talking about how the wind can lift things up and help them to fly. We decided to see how strong the wind was by tying Edward Bear to a parachute and allowing the chute to fill with wind. Every child enjoyed holding on to Teddy before take off and running to pick him up on landing.

We all discovered how strong the wind can be and that the force of the wind can be very exciting. The excitement created by feeling the force of the wind led on to other work such as blowing table tennis balls in the water and creating blow pictures, to creating our own poem about the wind. One very exciting activity enabled learning to take place across all areas of the curriculum.

Mrs Ruth Steggle, Head of Pre-Prep

Reception Report

The children in Reception have enjoyed many different and exciting activities throughout the year. For example they have learned about special festivals held around the world such as; Diwali - the Hindu festival of light; Sukkot - an eight day Jewish harvest festival and Chinese New Year.

The children extended their learning beyond the classroom on outings to local places of interest, such as the village church, Woodbridge library and Foxburrow Farm. This also gave opportunities for them to ask questions to develop their understanding of our



RECEPTION CLASS FLYING OFF TO FIND CATERPILLARS

surrounding environment.

Swimming has proved successful this year and, with continual effort and commitment, everybody was able to swim at least a few strokes independently by the end of the year.

Mrs Rebecca Lemke, Reception Teacher

Year 1 Report

We have enjoyed a varied and exciting year with lots of interesting activities to form our learning.

We began this school year with finding out more about ourselves and how our bodies work. One of our favourites was closely observing old toys for signs of ageing and comparing them to our own modern toys.

After a cold lead up to Christmas, with fun in the snow, we enjoyed designing and making homes for a toy in design technology. After a trip to Hollytrees Museum, we learnt about the customs around the Easter period.

The summer term was full of fun activities involving work with symmetry, printing, sound and electricity.

Mrs Mary Barlow, Year 1 Teacher

Year 2 Report

What a year we had together! There was some fantastic learning.

The most important aspects of life as a Year Two child are working and playing together happily.

This final year in Pre-Prep is a time for the children to become more open and begin to empathise and consider the feelings of others in a genuine way, rather than just 'saying the words'. Building on what the children have been taught throughout the earlier years in Pre-Prep, they are encouraged to negotiate thoughtfully, to support each other in decision making, and to consider the impact of their thoughts and actions, all skills to serve them well as they move through school and on into adulthood. Here you can see the delight in a town well-built together.

Mrs Margaret Graystone, Year 2 Teacher



FROM THE TOP: NURSERY – HOW FAR WILL TEDDY GO? YEAR 1 – IONA MAYDON PAINTING HER HOUSE. RECEPTION – OLIVIA WHYTE MAKING A CHINESE BANNER. YEAR 2 – LAURENCE, TADHG, FLINN AND JACOBI.

ACADEMIC MATTERS

We are very fortunate to have a high quality and committed staff at Brandeston but changes of personnel are inevitable.

Mrs Brook left us at the end of the autumn term after a period of time having significantly raised the profile of Drama at Brandeston Hall. 'The Nose' was performed by the senior pupils in the Headmaster Porter Theatre at the College in November and she returned briefly in the summer term to direct the hugely successful Year 6 Shakespeare production, which was once again presented on the terrace on a balmy summer's evening.

Miss Bugg who teaches in Pre-Prep also left us to go on maternity leave. She has since had baby Henry and both are doing very well.

Staff departures and unfortunate illnesses have required great flexibility from our existing staff and understanding from our parents. We have therefore been very fortunate to be able to call upon three experienced and highly professional teachers in Mrs Sanders, Mrs Baker and Mrs Kendall. All stepped into the breach with great aplomb to ensure the learning experience for the pupils remained of the highest quality.

Head of Pre Prep, Mrs Graystone, handed over the reins to Mrs Ruth Steggle this year. Mrs Graystone continues to be a Year 2 teacher and we wish to thank her for all her efforts in making this vital part of the school so successful.

Mr Reynell added the Head of RE to his list of responsibilities and initiated a number of subject based trips to extend the learning experiences for the pupils.

On the theme of residential trips, it was good to see so many pupils seize the opportunity to spend time away from home with their friends in various parts of this country and abroad. Destinations include: Morocco, France, Derbyshire, Bath, Norfolk and North Devon. Year Three had a 'Night at the Hall' and Year Four camped in the school grounds.

The school continued to develop its classroom facilities and a major overhaul of the Science laboratory in Room 4 took place at the end of the spring term. A state of the art interactive whiteboard was installed along with a new layout for the pupil workstations. Along with this we purchased a number of new interactive whiteboards for other classrooms and continued to replace our older computers to make our teaching and learning as modern and exciting as



MR MYERS-ALLEN WITH THE 13+ SCHOLARS

possible. The Pre-Prep classrooms are having a major overhaul in the summer holidays and plans are afoot to develop the Music and Drama facilities at the school in the near future. These are exciting developments that continue to put academia at the forefront of our thinking.

The 13+ Common Entrance results in the summer were pleasing once again with all the pupils successfully moving on to their first choice schools. The average A* to C rate across all subjects this year was a pleasing 78% and an average A* to B rate across all subjects of 54%.

On the scholarship front, Brandeston pupils excelled once again with Framlingham College awarding 11+ and 13+ scholarships and exhibitions to a number of our pupils.

11+ Scholarships:

Emily Lewis – Academic and Albert Memorial
Jolyon Summers – Academic and Sport
Rupert Dean – Academic
Ellie Mayall – Academic
Hugo Fairbanks-Weston – Sport
Oliver Tomlinson-Roe – Sport
Thomas Watson – Sports Exhibition
Archie Winter – Sports Exhibition

13+ Scholarships: (Photographed)

Charles Lewis – Academic (Continuation) and Albert Memorial
Elizabeth Gaylard – Academic and Art
Charlotte Weston – Academic (Continuation)
Georgina Weston – Academic (Continuation)
Thomas Easey – Albert Memorial
Jack Gawthrop – Albert Memorial
George Goodin – Albert Memorial
Taylor Ball – Music (Continuation)
Kelsey Love – Music Exhibition (Continuation)
Guy Lindley – Drama
Thomas Saville – Drama
Charles Warren – Sport (Continuation)
Toby Trinder – Sport

Mr Robin Sampson, Deputy Head

DEVELOPING AN ACADEMIC PASSPORT

English

This has been a busy year within the English department. We began with the Poetry by Heart competition, ably organised by Mrs Vass. Congratulations to all who won through to the final and particular congratulations to George Goodin and Ruby Edmonds who won the senior and junior competitions respectively. Also congratulations to Beatriz Losada, a Spanish pupil, who was presented with a special prize for reciting English poetry after being in the school for only six weeks.

The following half term we were fortunate enough to receive a new trophy, donated by our two Australian gap students Hannah and Casey, a handwriting trophy. Pupils were asked to copy out, in their best handwriting, the poem 'Waltzing Matilda' and the gap students chose the winner. Congratulations to Henry Russell for being the first recipient.

The creative writing competition, Book Week on the theme of Black and White and the reading prizes awarded to Fynn Maydon and Eleanor Gemmill and the English prize to Sophie Coates rounded off the year.

...CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YEAR EIGHT FOR THEIR FANTASTIC COMMON ENTRANCE RESULTS...

Congratulations to all of Year Eight for their fantastic Common Entrance results and best of luck wherever you continue your English careers.

Mrs Jan Norton, Head of English



GEORGE GOODIN AND RUBY EDMONDS WERE WORTHY WINNERS OF THE POETRY COMPETITION

Geography

Once again it is appropriate to start this report with the Common Entrance results and the effort Year Eight have put into achieving very pleasing grades. Congratulations to them all! Whilst this is the pinnacle of prep school life, it is just as important to foster the right attitudes towards learning and our environment.

As I have stated before, we are extremely lucky here at Brandeston as we can study a wide range of geographical themes on our doorstep. We continue to use our school to study climate, weathering and rivers. It is important, however, to look beyond our boundaries. As one of the main changes in 2010 we have introduced new topics to support school trips; such as Year Five going to Bath and Bristol, and Year Six travelling to the Peak District.

Mr. Richard Daykin, Head of Geography



YEAR 6 ADMIRE THE STUNNING VIEWS IN DERBYSHIRE

Maths

ICT has really come alive in the Mathematics department this year! As well as the popular Education City ICT activities and maths workouts, we have been trialling another website 'Mathletics' with Year Four and Seven classes in the spring term. This proved so popular with them all that the department decided to invest in the school licence for the next two years. Now all pupils in Years Three to Seven have their own passwords to access Mathletics both at school and home twenty four hours a day. Many pupils voluntarily played on this site during their holidays and many have achieved both bronze and silver certificates. This has led to preps being set on this site and pupils being able to 'play live; answering mental arithmetic questions against other pupils around the world!

In both the primary and junior Mathematical Challenges this year (organised by the UKMT at Leeds University), Brandeston Hall entered some exceptionally able pupils in Year Five and top sets in Years Six, Seven and Eight. Overall, pupils were awarded a total of four gold, five silver and eleven bronze awards.

Six of our top Year Eight mathematicians also represented Brandeston and Framlingham College in the East Anglia Regional heat of the UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Team Challenge. They competed against other schools (in combined teams of two Year Eight and two Year Nine pupils) and our top team finished a creditable 8th out of 22 teams

In the summer term Year Eight sat the Common Entrance Examination and a three tiered system was used (level 1, 2 and 3), enabling all pupils to access the Common Entrance syllabus at their own level, proving to

be very successful. 20% of the year group were entered for the highest tiered level 3 papers, 67% were entered for the middle tiered level 2 papers and 13% were entered for the lower tiered level 1 paper.

After the Common Entrance examinations, some of the Year Eight pupils were invited in to the Pre-Prep department to play some maths games with Reception pupils and then spent time designing their own maths games for Reception pupils.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Georgia Weston for achieving the Year Eight prize for excellence in mathematics.

Mrs Natalie Harding, Head of Mathematics



JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE WINNERS - CHARLIE WARREN AND LIZZIE GAYLARD

Religious Studies

It has been an exciting year for religious education at Brandeston. We have embarked on a new curriculum and the pupils have travelled far and wide to gain a greater understanding of religions.

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Year Three have visited Ely Cathedral and learnt about the life of a monk and about stained glass windows.

Year Four visited the cathedral in Bury St.Edmund's and learnt about the symbolism at Brandeston All Saints.

Year Five visited the synagogue in Colchester, Year Six had a wonderful time at the gurdwara and the mosque in Ipswich and Year Seven visited Walsingham to enhance their understanding of pilgrimages.

There was no trip for Year Eight this year, but they produced some fabulous summer term projects on people of faith and plans are afoot for something next year.

*Mr Carlos Reynell,
Head of Religious Education*

DEVELOPING AN ACADEMIC PASSPORT

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YEAR 5 PUPILS WITH THE FRUITS OF THEIR ENDEAVOURS IN THE SCHOOL'S GARDENING AREA

Science

There have been many exciting and notable events this year for the Science Department and here are just a few of them. The Science Common Entrance results were once again very pleasing with 66% of pupils in Year 8 achieving A*, A and B grades.

There were three very important and very memorable times for me this academic year. Firstly was the completion of the school's gardening area complete with greenhouse and raised beds. Year 5 took charge of this and produced an amazing array of fruit, vegetables and flowers.

Secondly there was the Year Three and Four trip to the Suffolk Schools Farm Fair held at the Suffolk showground, and lastly there was Science week.

The timetable was once again full of activities and included trips to visit Kew Gardens, Jimmy's Farm, and Colchester Zoo, as well as the Science and Natural History Museum. At school we had visits from Shell from the Inspire Science Discovery Centre in Norwich who truly inspired all pupils from Nursery through to Year Seven with her exciting and informative shows. The 'Totally Gross' show did exactly what it said it would and many of us were truly put off our lunch!

There were also river studies, volcanoes, King Kong's hands and cola bottles exploding. Marble runs and spaghetti, marshmallow and

straw tower challenges were battled out. Kaleidoscopes, periscopes and planes were constructed and nature art and multi-coloured slime made.

The 'Material World' show at the Science Museum, the 'Animal Vision' show at the Natural History Museum, the awe inspiring plants at Kew Gardens and of course the infamous 'Bugman', Martin Rapley, who this year had added a quite phenomenal pygmy hedgehog to his already quite substantial menagerie, were just a few highlights enjoyed by all the pupils during Science Week.

Year Six had a fantastic morning at the College hosted by members of the College's science department where various group competitions were battled out from floating paperclips, to firing rockets and building bridges.

Thanks go to the staff and lab technicians in the Science department both here at Brandeston and at the College and the parents who so kindly donated their time and equipment. Without their help we would not have been able to achieve such a successful week.

*Mrs Sonja Moon,
Head of Science*



LEFT: LEAH KEANE WITH HER KING KONG'S HAND

Languages

We started the academic year with a very successful trip to Paris. Forty-two pupils from Years Seven and Eight spent a week exploring the capital city and its cultural and art treasures. Light relief was also provided in the form of a market visit, swimming and bread making on site and a visit to Eurodisney. Much fun was had by all.

On September 26th we celebrated the European Day of Languages and our three Cantonese pupils taught their peers how to hold a short conversation and write key words in Cantonese.

Another highlight of the year was the Café de la Tour Eiffel at the school fête, where Year Seven pupils waited on parents, staff and peers in fluent French.

The academic year was also very busy and our Year Eight pupils can be pleased with their Common Entrance results.

French is taught throughout the school and Years Three and Four enjoyed the new interactive whiteboard programme Petit Pont. Throughout the year we were also lucky to have a number of French speaking visitors to the classroom and they were willing volunteers for the pupils to practise their French on in a real situation.

Latin continues to prosper and gain in popularity with our Year Eight pupils taking the final Cambridge Latin Course certificate and a substantial cohort choosing to continue with Latin in Year Seven. A junior Latin club using the popular Minimus books was also offered as an after-school activity.

Other languages were also on offer after school, including a very popular Italian club run by Mrs Norton.

*Mrs Catherine Gassmann,
Head of Languages*



YEAR 7 AND 8 AT THE EIFFEL TOWER

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Art

This has been a good year for competitions. We entered 'Young Art East Anglia' as usual and we were delighted to find among our entrants, for the first time, a prize winner. We've always been good at getting pictures into the exhibition but, prior to Sophie Gibbon's success, we hadn't been awarded any prizes. Congratulations to Sophie and to Jolyon Summers (Highly Commended), Hugh Alabaster, Lucy Carter, Rupert Dean and Arthur Getting, whose work was also selected.

We performed in even more spectacular fashion in May, at Crow's Hall Country Fair. Brandeston pupils took first, second and third prizes in two categories: Self Portrait and My Favourite Animal. Well done to Josephine Gleeson, Samuel Tournay-Godfrey and Coral Langridge (Portraits) and to Max Russell, Jonty Haddon and Robert Monaghan (Animals).

...OUR WORK HAS FEATURED IN THE FRAMLINGHAM WALKING ART GALLERY...

Our work has also featured in the Framlingham 'Walking Art Gallery', in which paintings from local schools are displayed in windows throughout the town.

Our own Inter-House Art Competition was won by Yellow House. The subject was a huge totem pole, kindly loaned by Mr Donsworth. Some of the finest entries are still on display in the Hobbies' Room.

Elizabeth Gaylard became this year's successful Art Scholar. Her work has been much admired, not only for its high technical standards, but also for its breadth and variety. Her drawing of a tiger became a favourite resident in the White and Black hall; now it graces the back of the autumn term calendar.

Outside the competitions and exhibitions it has been business as usual in the art room, with a wide variety of projects being undertaken by pupils in all year groups – still life painting to shoe sculptures, clay eyes to cardboard sandwiches.

Mr Chris Lenton, Head of Art



- 1 YEAR 6 SANDWICH SCULPTURES
- 2 ELIZABETH GAYLARD'S PAINTING
- 3 YEAR 6 SHOE SCULPTURES
- 4 YEAR 8 EYE MURAL

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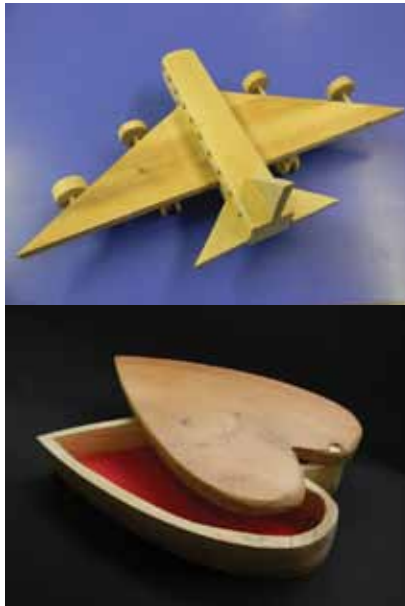
Design and Technology

Another busy year in the department with the Year Eight pupils particularly active, working very hard to complete a record number of excellent personal projects. The Year Eight Design Prize was awarded to Elizabeth Gaylard for her exceptional design work and graphics. Oliver Yeatts made a beautiful heart-shaped yew box and was the worthy recipient of the Tony Martin Prize for Care and Perseverance in Handcrafted Work. Further special mention should go to Beatriz Losada for her oak chair and to Guy Lindley for his skateboard.

Other Year Eight pupils making it on to the Celebration Board for their project work were: Charles Warren (oak photo frame), Charles Lewis (chessboard), Edward Higgins (Caropoly board game), Grace Hicks (mahogany box), Grace Trembath (wooden calendar), Kelsey Love (folding triple mahogany photo frame), Madeleine Appleton (decorated storage box) and Thomas Dalton (garden bench).

Another pupil needs a mention; Adam Bacon in Year Six made it on to the board twice – once for a stunning wooden model plane and once for an artstraw model of an ancient rowing boat. Plenty here to set the bar high for next year's pupils.

*Mr Simon Cullum,
Head of Design and Technology*



TOP: ADAM BACON'S TOY PLANE
ABOVE: OLIVER YEATTS' WOODEN HEART

**...PLENTY HERE
TO SET THE BAR
HIGH FOR NEXT
YEAR'S PUPILS...**



TOM DALTON PROUDLY DISPLAYS HIS GARDEN BENCH

ICT Report

The provision of ICT continues to grow at Brandeston. All year groups in Pre and Junior Prep now have interactive whiteboards and all Senior Prep classrooms have whiteboards or data projectors. This allows all subjects to provide teaching and learning through this valuable media. Several subjects now have highly specific software to work with as well. With regard to discrete ICT teaching, I am constantly surprised at the standards produced. Pre-Prep continue to blend keyboard and mouse skills with simple programs, the Junior Prep build on this with more attention to the types of programs and a delve into animation and control. Whilst the Senior Prep turn their attentions to more complex ideas such as image manipulation and website creation. I look forward to even more success next year.

Mr Bruce Wilson, Head of ICT



TOP: HARRY EASEY AND JOSHUA BUTLER AT LEGOLAND. MIDDLE: MR MARTIN MYERS-ALLEN WITH SOPHIE GIBBON AND INDIA LAWSON. BOTTOM: THE RECEPTION CLASS WORK ON THE INTERACTIVE WHITE BOARD



THE COMBINED VOCAL GROUPS, ACCOMPANIED BY 'THE WILD BUNCH', PERFORM AT THE SUMMER CONCERT

Music

This has been another great year for music at Brandeston with the standard of playing and performing reaching a peak. There were eleven recitals and 275 individual performances and as usual these have been most satisfying with many excellent deliveries. We have had Pre-Prep with Year 3 recitals, as well as other 'themed' evenings, but generally anyone who was ready performed. Highlights included performances on cello and piano by Alexandra Moorhouse, on piano and saxophone by Bertram Southworth and very good singing by Francesca Aitchison and Lily Cartmell. Many other excellent deliveries were given by children with many good young musicians emerging. The Drummers' Bash also went ahead as usual with some splendid performances from many of our drummers but this time in the Rowley Hall in front of an enthusiastic audience.

The Spring and Summer concerts' audiences proved to be as enthusiastic as ever with all the main school groups playing well. The Orchestra had a rather 'classical' year playing Farandole, Rondo Aragonaisa and The Russian Dance with a little light relief with 'Sway'. The vocal groups

were changed a little this year and Brandeston saw its first ever Boys' Vocals – singing with lots of energy in both concerts and joining Girls' Vocals for 'Don't Stop Believing' and 'Grenade' and then ALL the vocal groups, Junior, Girls and Boys, about 90 performers, singing 'Wonderwall' and 'Count On Me': a great sound and a pleasure to put together.

Funky Monkeys gets bigger and bigger and this year they tackled some quite tricky music in the form of 'Mission Impossible' and the 'Peter Gunn' theme. The ukulele group is thriving too and they played part of Vivaldi's 'Four Seasons' and the 'Bare Necessities'. The 'Wild Bunch' have provided so much pleasure with their backing of both 'The Nose' and 'Alice, the Musical' as well as learning some other funky music to play when there wasn't a show going on.

All in all there was lots of musical activity and many excellent hours of effort leading to our usual busy schedule of recitals, concerts and musicals. Well done to all involved and an especial welcome to Boys' Vocals who have shown that they can do as well as anyone else.

Mr Robert Rogers, Director of Music



CORAL LANGRIDGE AND CAITLIN OWLES PLAY THE FRENCH HORN AS PART OF THE FUNKY MONKEYS DURING THE SPRING/SUMMER CONCERTS



FROM THE TOP: THE ALICE BAND, KELSEY LOVE PLAYING THE FLUTE AND PART OF THE JUNIOR VOCALS GROUP

The Nose - Senior Production

For the second year running Brandeston's senior production took place in the Headmaster Porter Theatre at the College. Performing in a purpose-built venue was a wonderful opportunity for the fifty children who took part in the production, including a hot jazz-rocking band of Year Sevens and Eights.

This year we did a musical adaptation of *The Nose* by Nikolai Gogol. Robin Brooks wrote the script, and Rob Rogers wrote the score. This is their third collaboration with Brandeston, after *Dracula, the Musical* and *Androcles and the Lion*.

This story of a man who loses his nose, later found in a bread roll, and then seeing the nose walking around in the civil-service uniform of a higher status than his own, is bizarre to say the least, but the children rose to it and played the comedy admirably. There were some wonderful performances from all but especially from Thomas Saville as Kovalyov, Jonathan Hulley as the Nose, Eleanor Gemmill as the lovestruck fiancée and Guy Lindley as liftboy, doctor and Fyodor.



ABOVE: THE CAST OF *THE NOSE*. BELOW: THOMAS SAVILLE AS KOVALYOV

...WHICH SUITED KOVALYOV'S PARANOIA AND THE NIGHTMARE OF AUTHORITARIAN BUREAUCRACY...

The original story of *The Nose* was written in 1836 and set in the Tsar's Palace in St Petersburg, but we decided to set ours in Stalin's Russia in the mid-twentieth century, which suited Kovalyov's paranoia and the nightmare of authoritarian bureaucracy he falls into. A stark black minimalist set and black-themed costumes, made a sharp contrast with their white face make-up and black painted eyes and eyebrows, with long-coats and leather jackets, fur and hats, to give the feel of Soviet Russia in the early 60s.

Argumentative doctors, secret policemen, officious clerks, bizarre liftboys and clumsy barbers all supported by a hard-working ensemble, created a highly entertaining, professional and memorable production. A key element of the work was physical theatre, with children acting swing doors, ovens, hat-stands, bridges, lamps and revolving doors. Our only prop in the entire production was a small rubber 'nose'.

Mrs Fiona Brooks, Head of Drama



Alice - Junior Production

Based loosely on the original, a talented cast of over seventy Year 3 to 5 pupils vividly brought Lewis Carroll's surreal world of *Wonderland* to life and produced a thoroughly entertaining show full of laughter and enjoyment. There were many mature acting performances from the cast which were more than ably supported by a rock band comprising some of the best musicians in Years 6 to 8. An eclectic choice of musical numbers by Rob Rogers, well-known to cast and audience alike, together with projected special effects, not least the Cheshire Cat, added to the bizarre story being enacted.

Great hilarity ensued for both cast and audience with the use of four Alices and three Mad Hatters. Alice's journey to find the beautiful garden led to encounters with the White Rabbit, Tweedledee and Tweedledum, a blue caterpillar, the Queen of Hearts and her entourage and a frightening Jabberwocky, voiced by Mr Myers-Allen. The addition of a news desk and weathergirl who commented on the action throughout added a further eccentric element to the show.

This colourful extravaganza was produced with a hard working crew behind the scenes and special mention must be made of Sonja Moon's wonderful scenery, Bruce Wilson's lighting and projected special effects, alongside some highly imaginative character makeup by Ros Wilson and her team.

Mr Adrian Schoeberl

Year 6 - Shakespeare

In the summer Year 6 were able to present the traditional Shakespeare evening in the grounds of Brandeston Hall. This year we had a selection of scenes from *Romeo and Juliet*, *Macbeth*, *The Taming of the Shrew*, *Julius Caesar*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and *The Tempest*. The children worked hard to learn the lines and moves and stage-fights and had to contend with rainclouds overhead, wind whistling through and then a couple of Apache helicopters apparently fascinated by the proceedings. Not only did they learn their lines, they got to grips with the meaning of Shakespearean English, spoke their parts well and coherently and gave us some entertaining and moving moments, against the beautiful background of the house and garden. This was an impressive achievement and we are justly proud of them.

Mr Myers-Allen and Mr Schoeberl gave us their Trinculo and Stephano. For crimes against art and taste they have both been sentenced to long spells of Community Service.

Mrs Fiona Brooks, Head of Drama



TOP: A PACK OF CARDS. MIDDLE: THE ALICE'S: ELLA SUNDERLAND, LUCY WESTMACOTT, CAITLIN OWLES AND TIFFANY FERGUSON. ABOVE: THEO WALKER, OLIVER RUDDOCK AND DAISY MAILE AT THE MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY



CHARLES WHYTE STRETCHES FOR THE LINE

Rugby

For our senior teams, it was a mixed season. The first XV performed well throughout. An abrasive pack was never bettered and the backs produced some effective rugby at times. We suffered from slow starts, which cost the team three defeats that perhaps should have been avoided, particularly against Woodbridge and Gresham's. First up tackling has to be better. The second XV and third team had a tough season. They were young sides, with plenty of Year Seven boys playing and the experience should lead to a more competitive season in 2011.

The Colts have shown promise, recording some good results and have played some attractive rugby along the way. The Under 9s, who played after Christmas showed some promise.

An enthusiastic group of players have worked hard on the training ground and have been competitive throughout the season.

A number of boys have been rewarded for

their efforts – Toby Trinder and Charles Warren train with Northampton's academy.

Jolyon Summers, Jack Hobbs and William Donsworth were involved in the Prep. Schools' Barbarians.

Mr Richard Daykin, Master i/C Rugby

Netball

The U13A squad continued to make progress throughout the season. The results from inter-school matches indicate that despite a disappointing start in the first match the girls went on to play some exciting netball, only losing two further matches with narrow margins. Credit must go to the super shooting combination of Kelsey Love and Emily Saunders, who were fed very well by Lucy Baker and Taylor Ball. At times the defensive end of the court was

quite magnificent, moving the ball from defence to attack.

However, we were sometimes caught out on the fast break by opposition. The most valuable player trophy was awarded to Lucy Baker. Full senior colours: Kelsey Love, Emily Saunders, Grace Trembath, Taylor Ball and Lucy Baker. Half senior colours: Grace Hicks, Madeleine Appleton, Eleanor Gemmill, Lucy Rowell, Florence McCausland. The most improved senior netball trophy was awarded to Beatriz Losada.

All girls in Years Seven and Eight had the opportunity to represent a school team and their determined efforts brought about improving performances and some encouraging play.

This has been a vintage year for U11 netball. Both the U11A and U10A enjoyed very convincing unbeaten seasons building on the potential they had shown in the previous two years. This is going to be an exciting group of girls to watch in the future. The most valuable player cup was shared by Emily Lewis and Millie Gibbons and the most improved player cup went to Eleanor Cogdell and Holly Howell. All girls represented the school and their skills improved as they worked with enthusiasm in matches and training.

All girls in Years Three and Four represented the U9 team and it was a pleasure to watch the standard of their netball increase as the season went on – they have laid a good foundation for the future.

The most valuable U9 player trophy was awarded to Isabella Prince and the most improved U9 player trophy was won jointly by Freya Huxley and Megan Jackson.

Miss Sally Thomson and Mrs Keely Ball, Netball coaches



LEFT: ISABELLA PRINCE SHOOTS FOR THE HOOP

Rugby	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	Netball	P	W	D	L	GF	GA
1st	12	6	0	6	221	229	U13 A	10	7	0	3	142	121
2nd	9	0	0	9	34	335	U12A	10	3	0	7	124	140
3rd	3	0	0	3	12	156	U13B	9	3	0	6	63	90
Colts A	14	7	1	6	243	200	U13C	8	0	0	8	70	134
Colts B	8	2	0	6	146	252	U11A	6	6	0	0	76	26
Colts C	2	1	0	1	31	71	U10A	6	6	0	0	95	35
Under 9A	5	2	1	2	-	-	U11B	5	2	0	3	42	26
Under 9B	1	0	0	1	-	-	U11C	4	0	1	3	6	39
							U9A	8	5	0	3	86	41

Girls' Hockey

The U11 A team had another outstanding season winning six of their eight fixtures. Several members of the team scored hat-tricks reflecting the exciting attacking open style of play by the team. The U11As finishing fourth overall in the regional finals, ninth overall in IAPS national competition and also won the Brandeston schools' tournament held at the College. This group of girls promise much for the future.

The 1st XI had a satisfactory season overall winning seven of their matches. Good wins were recorded against Culford, RHS, South Lee and Holmwood House. Taylor Ball captained the team and along with Emily Saunders and Grace Trembath formed the backbone of the side.

Lucy Baker was converted to centre forward late in the term and scored an excellent hat-trick against Orwell Park.

Five wins out of nine represents quite a promising season for the U9 girls. The highlight of the season was winning the U9 tournament on penalties against Culford.

The U11 VII and 1st VII girls completed a successful tour to North Norfolk and Lincolnshire where they played fixtures against Beeston Hall and Witham Hall. The girls went swimming and bowling in the evenings and were a great credit to the school.

County Honours: U13 – Madelaine Baker and Florence McCausland.

Mr Robin Sampson



JOLYON SUMMERS KEEPS POSSESSION AT THE IAPS NATIONAL PLATE FINAL

Boys' Hockey

This season the senior teams recorded some impressive victories but struggled to maintain consistency throughout. However it was clear the first eleven started to improve as the season reached its climax. Both the 1st and 2nd elevens were made up of a high number of Year Seven boys, which will guarantee an excellent level of experience for next season.

The highlight of the season goes to the Colts A, who reached the IAPS National Plate Final, at Clifton College. Collectively they played some superb hockey throughout the tournament, but lost a very close game to county neighbours, Beeston Hall.

It is hoped the combination of the introduction of indoor hockey at Brandeston and the second Astroturf at the College, will aid the development of the Brandeston Hall hockey players across all year groups.

Next year has the potential to be highly successful, given the blend of talent and experience in both Years 7 and 8, whilst the juniors will be looking to emulate last year's successes.

With county honours at U13 for William Hall, Jack Gawthrop and Jack Stewart, exciting times lay ahead.

Mr Tom Gregory, Head of Boys' Hockey



U13 CAPTAIN TAYLOR BALL IN ACTION AGAINST BEESTON HALL SCHOOL

Boys	P	W	D	L	GF	GA
1st XI	10	4	1	5	23	26
2nd XI	10	2	1	7	5	19
3rd XI	9	1	0	8	4	21
Colts A	10	8	1	1	42	16
Colts B	10	3	1	6	12	19
Colts C	7	2	1	4	11	16
U9A	9	6	1	2	16	5
U9B	6	3	1	1	11	8
U9C	1	0	1	0	1	1

Girls	P	W	D	L	GF	GA
1st VII, XI	17	7	0	10	33	38
2nd VII, XI	11	3	0	8	9	27
3rd VII, XI	12	2	0	10	10	29
4th VII	10	3	0	7	11	27
U11A	8	6	0	2	37	12
U11B	8	5	2	1	23	4
U11C	9	2	0	6	7	20
U11 D	6	2	2	2	6	8
U9A	9	5	0	4	15	9

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RALPH TAYLOR PREPARES TO GUIDE THE BALL THROUGH POINT ON 'THE BACK' AT FRAMLINGHAM COLLEGE, A GROUND WHERE HE DISPLAYED FINE PERFORMANCES LATER FOR THE QUILIBETS

Cricket

The 1st XI lead by example and the captain of both Brandeston Hall and Kent Under 12s, Ralph Taylor, showed great composure recording a score of 66 in our first fixture, on his way to scoring 345 runs at 49.3 during the summer.

The 1st XI remained unbeaten this summer recording notable victories against Ipswich School, in a nail biting finish, by three runs and a most convincing eight wicket victory over Gresham's, where Oliver Yeatts scored a quite brutal 75. Both Ralph and Oliver were ably supported throughout the season in particular by Thomas Easey. With the ball, the seam department shouldered the majority of the workload, Toby Warner, Ralph Taylor and Charles Lewis all proved their worth with accurate and aggressive bowling.

In the 2nd XI Hugo Field was the man who came closest to scoring a ton, with a magnificent 94 versus Gresham's. Hugo was well supported by Jack Stewart, Jack Gawthrop and Thomas Monaghan. Ashley Rooke and Brandon Langridge shared the honours with the ball. The 3rds and 4ths both played with great enthusiasm with a number of boys earning elevation the 2nds after great performances.

Both the Colts B and C and Under 9A, B and Cs recorded reasonable seasons and with a little more luck, a very young Colts A side, who were involved in several very exciting finishes, could have found themselves unbeaten

throughout. Theo Underwood showed promise with the ball and both Jack Hobbs and Oliver Scovell scored runs.

The future for cricket at Brandeston looks bright. Roll on next summer.

Mr Carlos Reynell, Director of Sport

Cricket	P	W	D	L
1st XI	11	5	5	0
2nd XI	9	2	4	3
3rd XI	7	3	0	4
4th XI	5	1	1	2
Colts A	6	3	1	2
Colts B	7	1	6	0
Colts C	5	2	2	0
U9A	6	2	0	4
U9B	3	2	0	1
U9C	1	0	0	1

** Each team had 1 match abandoned and the U9C's had two matches abandoned.*

Cross Country

Brandeston Hall started the cross-country season in fine form by winning the North/South Suffolk Cross Country Championships' Minor Boys and Minor Girls titles at Framlingham College.

Brandeston, who are reigning Minor Boys champions, led by National 1,500m runner

Alexander Lawrence (2nd) came home in style with four boys in the top ten (Alexander Emsden, Harry Dorber and Brandon Langridge) out of a field of a hundred.

In the Minor Girls' race Charlotte Summers claimed the gold medal, with good runs by team mates Liberty Salsby, India Lawson and India Ball.

Following excellent runs at the Suffolk Series B race at the Royal Hospital School in Holbrook, Jolyon Summers, Alexander Lawrence, Charlotte Summers and Liberty Salsby and Alexander Emsden were selected to run for Suffolk at the Anglian Cross-Country at Rockingham near Northampton.

Harry Dorber and Ashley Rooke came within a whisker of being selected for the Suffolk team, following superb runs at Ixworth House.

To cap a superb year's running our 32 strong boys and girls Under 10 to Under 13 cross-country teams won the 33rd Anglian Prep Schools Cross-Country Championships at Framlingham College.

Alexander Lawrence and Charlotte Summers become East Anglian Prep Schools Champions in the Under 12 Boys and Under 10 Girls races and fellow Suffolk County runners Liberty Salsby, Jolyon Summers and Ashley Rooke performed superbly.

This year was about tremendous team effort and for Brandeston to have won the overall trophy is a wonderful reflection on the effort, determination, character and spirit shown by each and every one of our runners.

Mr Carlos Reynell, Director of Sport



CHARLOTTE SUMMERS ON HER WAY TO A GOLD MEDAL AT FRAMLINGHAM



JACK HOBBS SMASHED THE SCHOOL JAVELIN RECORD BY OVER 2 METRES

Athletics

This has probably been the most successful year for athletics since I arrived at Brandeston Hall. With several triumphs coming in the early County Athletic Championships and then solid results by the girls at RHS Holbrook and the boys at Gresham's I should have braced myself for what lay ahead.

It was at Bedford and the East Region IAPS finals where things begin. Virtually all the athletes that attended returned with personal bests, proving what a vital experience the superb facilities and high level of competition can provide. However the day was capped by Brandeston securing four places at the National finals: Jack Hobbs threw the javelin 29.91m, smashing the school record by over two metres, India Lawson jumped 1.30m in the high jump equalling the school record, Jolyon Summers came second in the 800m and his sister, Charlotte, won the girls' 800m. She too set a new school record.

Not to be outdone by their older teammates the junior athletes stepped up to the plate at the East of England Junior Championships at UEA in Norwich: India Ball won the Under 11 rounders' ball and Charlotte Fairs came second in the Under 11 high jump, Liberty Salsby came second in the 800m and then followed that up with an impressive third in the 200m final, Charlotte Summers improved even further than her feats at Bedford by taking a further two seconds off her own school record and smashing the East Area record by nine seconds.

Sports Day proved that athletics is not all about the elite athletes, with every member of

each house competing in at least three events over the two days. Unfortunately space does not allow me to list all the heroic achievements but just to congratulate Green House on their win. The winners of individual Victor and Victrix Ludorums are listed below.

The pinnacle of the season came three days after term had finished when the four athletes travelled up to Birmingham. The Alexander Stadium has always been an impressive place but now with giant stands on four sides in readiness for next year's Olympics, it was a truly inspiring vision that met the young competitors. India Lawson gave of her best and secured a highly commendable fifth place. Charlotte Summer astonishingly broke the school record for a fourth time this season and came fourth overall, particularly impressive as she is running a year above her age. Jolyon Summers set his own personal best and received a bronze medal for third place. Finally Jack Hobbs literally stretched things further by throwing his javelin 30.19m, a feat that earned him a gold medal and the title of National Prep School U12 Champion.

I am truly proud of all the athletes that have taken part this year in whatever shape or form. We will do well to better this year's achievements, but we will try.

Sports Day Victrix and Victor Ludorums:
 Senior Boys – Charles Lewis
 Senior Girls – Kelsey Love
 Intermediate Boys – Jolyon Summers
 Intermediate Girls – Charlotte Summers
 Junior Boys – Max Russell
 Junior Girls – Helena Hines

Mr Bruce Wilson, Head of Athletics

Rounders

It was a mixed season for the 1st XI team in that they either played extremely well or rather poorly! Taylor Ball and Emily Saunders formed an excellent backstop – 1st post combination accounting for many dismissals of the opposition. Lucy Baker developed an accurate and varied bowling technique and the fielders improved in their speed of retrieval, accuracy of throw in and decision making over the season. Batting was rather erratic and there was an over reliance on the top few batsmen to score rather than a consistent contribution from everyone. Emily Saunders, the captain, was the top batswoman and she was also awarded the most valuable player trophy for her excellent fielding, batting and leadership. Grace Hicks took the most catches in the team.

Full colours were awarded to Emily Saunders, Taylor Ball and Lucy Baker

Half colours were awarded to: Amy Bradford, Harriet Owles, Grace Hicks, Grace Trembath, Eleanor Gemmill, Kelsey Love and Florence McCausland.

Despite the match results and statistics the 2nd XI are to be commended for their efforts as many of the matches were only lost by one or two rounders. Beatrice Heaton was awarded the best batter trophy and Joanna Maberly the best catcher.

All remaining girls in Years Seven and Eight represented the 3rd IX team and enjoyed the opportunity.

This has been a pleasing season for our U11 teams as they have worked hard to improve their skills and increase their confidence. All girls have represented the school and enjoyed the experience. India Ball was awarded the U11 player of the season trophy.

Our U9 team worked hard to learn and improve the necessary skills for the game of rounders and were enthusiastic participants in a number of matches.

Megan Jackson was awarded the most improved Under 9 rounders' player trophy.

*Miss Sally Thomson and
 Mrs Keely Ball, Rounders' Coaches*

Rounders	P	W	D	L	RF	RA
1st IX	5	3	0	2	84.5	67.5
2nd IX	5	1	0	4	86	95
3rd IX	4	0	0	4	45	68
U11 A	6	3	1	2	86	81.5
U11 B	6	3	0	3	64.5	68
U11 C	3	1	0	2	34	57.5

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FLORENCE MCCAUSLAND WAS A KEY MEMBER OF THE TENNIS TEAM THIS YEAR

❖ Tennis

It has been an exceptional year for our tennis teams this year.

Across the board, which incorporates Senior School, Preparatory School and Club, we have competed in no fewer than 45 different live team events this year, with 116 different players representing one or more of these teams.

We were County Champions in nine team competitions, (Suffolk Schools - U18 A Girls' Doubles, U18 B Girls' Doubles, U15 B Girls, U10 Boys Orange, U10 Girls Orange, U10 Mixed Orange, U8 Mixed Red, Aegon Team Tennis (Club) U16 Girls, U8 B Red) and runners up in a further twelve.

We again held our annual club singles U14 championships for boys and girls on May 28th, with the winners of the Bidwells' shields being James Walker and Taylor Ball. Taylor then went on to win the county title which meant she qualified for the National finals at Wimbledon in August.

The Brandeston Hall closed singles championships for both boys and girls were also held; Florence McCausland and Ralph Taylor the eventual champions.

At the IAPS tennis tournament at Queenswood School, Hertfordshire, in July, Kit McCausland and Charles Kilham played outstanding tennis to reach the National final of the U12 boys' doubles, Florence McCausland and Taylor Ball also played really well to reach the semi-finals of the U14 girls' doubles.

In the past year the following have represented their county at tennis:
Kari Sherington - Senior Suffolk Ladies
Lydia Green and Robert Camplin - Suffolk U18 girls and boys respectively, (Robert was also Suffolk singles champion in the Boys' U18 Suffolk closed championships.)

Florence McCausland - Suffolk U12 Girls
India Ball - Suffolk Girls U10
Jacobi Bishopp and Georgina Gardens - Suffolk U8 boys and girls respectively

Trevor Wright, Senior Tennis Professional

RESIDENTIAL ADVENTURES

Year 5 Bath Trip

The reintroduction of the Bath Trip was a welcome addition to the residential trips. It had changed very little to the format of several years ago. However this time it was the turn of Year Five to attend. On Saturday 16th October 29 children, Mr and Mrs Wilson, Julie Tye, Joyce Jennings and Michelle Wright headed across country, destination Bath. The following four days were packed full of activities. We visited The Abbey and Roman Baths in Bath, the 'At Bristol' science museum and SS Great Britain in Bristol, Cheddar Gorge and The Cotswold Wildlife Park.

The trip was made all the more enjoyable by the hospitality shown to us by the staff at Bathwick Hill YHA where we stayed for all three nights. The children came home on the Tuesday evening exhausted but full of fabulous accounts of what they had experienced. It was a great trip that future Year Fives should add to their calendars straight away.

Mr Bruce Wilson, Trip Organiser



TOP: DAISY MAILE AT THE SCIENCE MUSEUM
ABOVE: THE GROUP OUTSIDE BATH ABBEY



THE SKERN GROUP ABOUT TO DEPART

Year 8 Skern report

Forty seven Year Eights and five staff set out to enjoy the pleasures of Skern Lodge and were rewarded by excellent weather at the beginning of the week but a rather damp end. The weather was so good the night of the bivi at Hartland that the majority of us slept out under the stars which was a beautiful experience despite the rustling of the bivi bags!

The staff at the centre made the week as enjoyable and exciting as usual and a huge thank you goes to them, and in particular Simon, our course director. Thanks also to Mr Cullum for his continued support and to Mr Legg, Miss Bonney and Miss Simpson for their enthusiasm.



THE 2011 SKERN HOODIE

Our hoodies this year, with their vibrant colours, certainly enhanced the look of the group as we travelled to the centre and carried out our activities.

Mrs Janet Norton

Year 4 Residential Trip to North Norfolk

At the beginning of the summer holidays, an excited group of Year Four children set out on their first residential trip as Brandeston pupils. For the next three days our base would be the Youth Hostel at Sheringham.

On arrival, we found ourselves in the middle of a local festival, complete with twelve Morris sides dancing around the packed streets of the town. The weather throughout our visit was exceptional with blue skies and hot sunshine every day. The children enjoyed a packed programme which included beach exploration and kite flying, swimming at the local leisure centre, a train ride on the Poppy Railway, a boat trip to see the seals at Blakeney Point, ten pin bowling, a visit to the local cinema and a most enjoyable morning at the Sticky Earth Café in Cromer where souvenir tiles were painted.

All in all, a most enjoyable and fun-packed visit, eagerly enjoyed by pupils and staff alike.

Mr Adrian Schoeberl



Year 6 to the Peak District

Twelve members of Year Six plus Mr Reynell and Mr and Mrs Baker had a splendid week in the Peak District.

From our base in Eyam, we combined a wide variety of activities: visiting Matlock Mining Museum, seeing how miners lived and worked and prospecting for Fool's Gold, cycling around Derwent and Howden reservoirs where Barnes-Wallace first trialled his Dambusters bouncing bombs, journeying across the Peaks on a steam train, travelling on a boat to the depths of Speedwell Cavern, seeing the beauty of the Blue John Cavern and almost reaching the top of Mam Tor.

We also saw a wonderful production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' in Buxton, learnt to canoe (and how not to fall in), celebrated Ruby Edmond's birthday (thanks Mr and Mrs Baker) and stopped off on the way home to visit Edwinstowe and learnt about the legends of Robin Hood and Sherwood Forest.

It was a wonderful week. The children were tremendous ambassadors for the school and this was commented on by everyone we met. We all agreed it was fabulous fun and look forward to our next exciting trip away.

Mr Carlos Reynell, Trip Organiser



FROM THE TOP: YEAR 6 PAN FOR GOLD, ANA CABEDO AND HELENA HINES CRABBING AT SHERINGHAM AND TRAINSPOTTING IN THE PEAK DISTRICT

BOARDING

This year's boarding calendar was full of many of our usual trips and occasions. From ice skating and bowling, craft fairs and craftworks, through to onsite sports and powerboat rides there was definitely something for everyone in our Sunday activities. The turn of the calendar year saw the departure and then arrival of our gap year students. We wished Hannah and Casey all the best for the university courses they were about to undertake and were delighted to welcome Claire Bonney and Molly Simpson; both of whom settled quickly into their roles.

However for me there are two events that really stand out in the year. The first was way back in February when we travelled down to London to celebrate the Chinese New Year. It was quite a daunting affair as the centre of London was heaving with others doing the same. Having had a picnic lunch in St James' Park, we walked through Admiralty Arch into Trafalgar Square. The noise that welcomed us was amazing.

The square was filled with the sound from the huge dragon dance going on in the centre. Although seeing it was difficult due to the sheer numbers present, the brief glimpses and views on the big screens showed us what a spectacle it was. We moved from the square up into Soho were, if it were possible, there seemed to be even more people. Here we saw street entertainers and were teased by the delicious smells emanating from the restaurants. The day ended with some typical 'touristy' shots of the boarders in front of the Household Cavalry at Whitehall and in Parliament Square under the shadow of Big Ben!

The other event really follows on from the Chinese theme as this year's fancy dress dinner was entitled 'Around the World'. As you can see from the photo below, the boarders pulled out all the stops in their efforts to find suitable clothes. It was a superb evening, made by lovely food, wonderful surroundings and marvellous company.

The style of boarding may be changing at Brandeston Hall, but the heart and soul of it will always remain.

Mr Bruce Wilson, Head of Boarding



YEAR 6 SATURDAY CLUB



The first Saturday of the autumn term saw another group of excited pupils embarking on an exciting year's activities as part of the school's very successful Saturday club programme.

Mr Lenton and I ran a dynamic and thrilling series of activities including ceramic art, T-shirt design, glass art, woodcraft, pom-pom animals, marbling madness, scratch art, musical Christmas cards, and key ring design all based at Brandeston. We also ventured further afield with trips to Easton Farm Park, Jimmy's Farm, Orford Castle, 'Swim Fun' at the Deben pool and the Robin Hood Country Fair.

The highlights for both Mr Lenton and I were making and eating pizza with Jimmy's chef at Jimmy's farm, the Coastal Voyager experience at Southwold and the 'Why Knot' experience at the Wherstead ski centre, where we were looked after extremely well by Mrs Trinder, whose hot chocolate really is something quite special.

The uptake for all of the activities was fantastic, including both boarders and day pupils, and both Mr Lenton and I are really looking forward to the activities we have planned for next year.

*Mrs Sonja Moon,
Saturday Club Co-ordinator*



TOP: THE SATURDAY CREW
ABOVE: IMOGEN THOMAS AT THE POOL

SUPPORTING CHARITIES



RUBY EDMONDS, EMILY LEWIS AND IMOGEN THOMAS DRESSED AS 'BANANAS IN PYJAMAS' FOR THE FUN RUN

Once again the pupils of Brandeston Hall have supported a number of local and national charities through a variety of events and activities.

In the Autumn term we raised £461 for the annual BBC Children in Need appeal with a non-uniform day that involved wearing something spotty!

There were a number of cake stalls held throughout the year to support charities - these events are always very popular with the pupils!

Red Nose Day was generously supported and we raised £1143 by holding an inter-house competition to see which house could build the biggest nose out of coins. It was great fun but took us days to count all the money as it was mostly small denomination coins and Miss Thomson was in the bank for nearly two hours paying it all in!

Wearing black and white raised £172 for Book Aid International, on World Book Day.

As we broke up for the May half term week we held our second fancy dress sponsored walk/run - as the previous year's event was so successful and popular we have decided to make this an annual event. This time we were raising money for two causes that had special significance for us. After suffering a heart

attack, Mr Cullum was fortunately treated by both the Framlingham First Responders and the paramedics aboard the East Anglian Air Ambulance and their efforts were paramount in saving his life. We wanted to show our appreciation so it was fantastic to see pupils from Reception to Year Eight dressed in a variety of costumes running or walking around the school grounds and having great fun while they were doing it. The Friends of Brandeston once again held a cake and coffee stall (which was much appreciated as the heavens opened just as we started) and when all the sponsor money came in we were able to send a cheque for £1860 to the East Anglian Air Ambulance and give Framlingham First Responders £811 to buy three pieces of vital training equipment - a magnificent effort by everyone and a great way to say a big thank you!

The school continues to support Rogbonko village school in Sierra Leone and another £1084 was raised by Year 8 at their fete, which continues to be eagerly anticipated and enjoyed by the whole school. From the money raised at the fete we also made a donation of £400 to Brandeston Church to help with their new roof appeal.

Miss Sally Thomson, Head of Pastoral Care

HEADS OF SCHOOL AND PREFECTS

The Heads of School for 2010 – 2011 were Taylor Ball and Charles Lewis. They contributed greatly to many areas of school life and we were grateful for their support. They were admirably supported by their team of eight prefects, headed up by Thomas Easey as Senior Prefect, and they all enjoyed their weekly meetings, with cookies, and the end of year Prefects' Dinner held in the Sixth Form Centre at Framlingham College.

As always Charles' and Taylor's final task was to make their speech at Prize Giving in which they showed their appreciation for all the people that make Brandeston Hall such a special place and wonderful experience. Their memories included recent ones: from Skern Lodge but also ones from Year One, with them both admitting that their teddies were still wearing the felt coats they had sewn with Mrs Barlow!

Miss Sally Thomson, Head of Pastoral Care

BACK ROW L-R: MADELEINE APPLETON, JACK GAWTHROP, TOBY WARNER, GRACE TREMBATH. **MIDDLE L-R:** AMY BRADFORD, THOMAS EASEY, TAYLOR BALL, CHARLES LEWIS, GEORGIA WESTON. **FRONT:** KELSEY LOVE



YEAR 8 LEAVERS 2011

Name	Dates	Destination on leaving BH	Name	Dates	Destination on leaving BH
Appleton Madeleine	2005 to 2011	Framlingham College	Hutson Madeleine	2006 to 2011	Framlingham College
Baker Lucy	2009 to 2011	Framlingham College	Ives George	2002 to 2011	Framlingham College
Ball Taylor	2002 to 2011	Framlingham College	Latter Nicholas	2009 to 2011	Framlingham College
Bradford Amy	2008 to 2011	Framlingham College	Lau Harry	2009 to 2011	Framlingham College
Bryant Alex	2008 to 2011	Debenham High School	Lewis Charles	2002 to 2011	Framlingham College
Cabedo Elena	2009 to 2011	Framlingham College	Lindley Guy	2008 to 2011	Framlingham College
Castro Martinez-Antuñña Carlos	2011 to 2011	Returned to Spain	Losada Beatriz	2010 to 2011	Framlingham College
Coates Sophie	2007 to 2011	Framlingham College	Love Kelsey	2002 to 2011	Framlingham College
Conty Lafita Emma	2009 to 2011	Returned to Spain	Mutimer Alice	2010 to 2011	Framlingham College
Dalton Thomas	2004 to 2011	Framlingham College	Ovejero Carlotta	2009 to 2011	Returned to Spain
Dean Edmund	2008 to 2011	Framlingham College	Owles Harriet	2009 to 2011	Framlingham College
Easey Thomas	2003 to 2011	Framlingham College	Rooke Ashley	2007 to 2011	Framlingham College
Field Hugo	2010 to 2011	Framlingham College	Rowell Lucy	2006 to 2011	Framlingham College
Garcia Elena	2010 to 2011	Returned to Spain	Saunders Emily	2002 to 2011	Framlingham College
Gawthrop Jack	2008 to 2011	Framlingham College	Saville Thomas	2004 to 2011	Framlingham College
Gaylard Elizabeth	2009 to 2011	Framlingham College	Tor Harry	2007 to 2011	Framlingham College
Gemmill Eleanor	2006 to 2011	Framlingham College	Trinder Toby	2010 to 2011	Framlingham College
Goodin George	2002 to 2011	Framlingham College	Urruticochea Carla	2010 to 2011	Framlingham College
Hensby Marc	2009 to 2011	Framlingham College	Warner Toby	2003 to 2011	Framlingham College
Hicks Grace	2009 to 2011	Framlingham College	Warren Charles	2009 to 2011	Framlingham College
Higgins Edward	2002 to 2011	Framlingham College	Weston Charlotte	2009 to 2011	Framlingham College
Howarth Frederick	2004 to 2011	Framlingham College	Weston Georgia	2009 to 2011	Framlingham College
Hulley Jonathan	2009 to 2011	Framlingham College	Yeatts Oliver	2002 to 2011	Framlingham College