

In the news

CATHOLIC HERALD
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COLLEGE PORRIDGE DAY STIRS UP A LOT OF FUN

Princethorpe College

Further fun was on hand in the shape of a William Wallace Welly-Wanging competition. Sixth formers took the porridge they had made to every child who attends school each day. While Princethorpe pupils have enjoyed a terrific community feel to the fund raising there is always a serious message behind these activities which College students have taken to heart.

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Sixth form support for Porridge day; (from left) Louise Sawyer, Daisy Donatson, Bethany Smith, Daphny Head of Sixth Form, Mr Rod Isaacs, Oliver Whitmore and Jamie Miley

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The Anniversary Shield winners, Crackley Hall's Junior 5 at the drama festival competition in Coventry. Picture submitted

Performers take to the stage to win big

PUPILS from Crackley Hall have come out on top after bagging four trophies at Coventry Festival of Speech and Drama. Children took home top prizes in four categories with ten-year-old Mia Barrett winning the Solo Acting Class to win the coveted Founder's Scroll for her performance of 'Bill's Scarf'.

In the Group Verse Speaking category, the Year 6 class delighted judges with their rendition of 'Can You Rap?' by J Ouseby. Year 5 won the Anniversary Shield with their hilarious performance of 'Alecrawan' and in 'The Poems For More Than One' Voice category Connor Parris and Vinney Dufosis performed 'The Dark Avenue'.

The boys won the Drama Davies Trophy achieving a magnificent 87 marks and Distinction.

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Crackley Hall swimmers Harry Wright, Sebastian Dibb, Josh Mitchell and Stanley Brocklebank. Picture submitted

Hall have Crack team

SWIMMING

Nine-year-old Sebastian Dibb was runner-up in both the individual freestyle and breaststroke events, while Josh Mitchell was second in his backstroke event.

The final race saw Stanley Brocklebank and Harry Wright joining the team to claim victory in the freestyle relay. Dibb also qualified to compete for the Midlands in the freestyle relay at the USA National Championships in January.

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Caring kids raise cash for African children

PUPILS at Princethorpe College raised more than £6,000 for charity Mary's Meals.

The pupils have posted a cheque for £6,000 to the charity. The Scotland-based charity, named after the mother of Jesus, will spend the money on providing school lunches for pupils from hard up families at St Williams School and the Lutterdale Secondary School in Malawi in eastern Africa.

The highlight of the school's fundraising event was a 40-mile walk along the Coventry Way.

The driving force behind the event was a group of sixth formers who have made a commitment to charity and community volunteering.

The group is co-ordinated by Rod Isaacs. He said: "We have a great team of young people who are keen to get involved in voluntary work and make a difference to those who are in need."

In 2009, the school raised £2,000 for a kitchen to be built at a school in Malawi.



FEED THE NEEDY: Pupils from Princethorpe College who raised £6,068 for charity Mary's Meals

COVENTRY TELEGRAPH
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By Helen Thomas
NEWS REPORTER

A FORMER soldier paraded while serving in the army has inspired pupils with his bravery.

Phil Parker inspired his school pupils with his bravery in Iraq in 2006 leaving him injured from the waist down.

But he has battled to overcome adversity and after regaining a small amount of feeling in his legs he has raised a total of £1,000 for charity by completing the London Marathon twice.

Phil visited Princethorpe College earlier this week where he walked four miles around the ground as part of his latest challenge to complete a 2.012 miles in 2012.

Phil began the day at Princethorpe by speaking to the whole school in assembly where he told them about the very difficult months after his injury when he was bed-ridden, before being confined to a wheelchair.

He gradually regained some feeling in his legs and less than a year later he had started on the London Marathon.

He has spent this year competing in the country and hopes to finish his Challenge next month.

COVENTRY EVENING TELEGRAPH
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Sisters jig their way to top spot

SISTERS Grace and Molly McGrovy have jugged their way to first prize as Irish dancing contests.

They both won their age categories at the Burke School of Irish Dancing Fests in Manchester this month.

The pair will be travelling to Ireland for more contests later this year.

The girls are both pupils of Crackley Hall School, in Leamington.

Crackley Hall head Robert Duggan said: "We have just introduced Irish dancing as an extra-curricular club which is already proving very popular with Crackley pupils."

"Grace and Molly are leading the way with their splendid success. I'm sure this will inspire other girls to give the next Riverdance stars."



PRIZE GIRLS: Grace (left) and Molly McGrovy

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Princethorpe's Nationals qualifying swimmers: Tom Warne, Mollie Dibb, Max Gardner and Will Dunderdale. Picture submitted

Princethorpe sparkle

SWIMMING

Princethorpe College swimmers earned podium positions in the Midlands Independent Schools Swimming Championships held at Walsall Baths.

Not to be outdone by the boys, 11-year-old Mollie Dibb claimed a convincing win in the individual butterfly event as well as taking first place in the freestyle, qualifying for both at the Nationals.

Tom coach Louise Harrison praised the performances, saying: "The girls came away with four taking first place overall. National Qualifiers is a great achievement for the College."

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Pink-themed day helped raise £1,000 for charity



Princethorpe College Sixth Form students chose the last Friday of half term to turn the place pink whilst raising stacks of cash for breast cancer awareness charities. One hundred and eighty-five students dressed in outrageous pink costumes from Mr Blobby to the Pink Panther. Teachers also dressed themselves into the spirit of the event by shaving their usual suits and taking part in a college version of the popular TV programme 'Big Me Out'.

A pink-themed cake sale topped the day's events with a grand total of over £1,000 being raised. Head of Sixth Form Mrs Margaret Robinson said: "Through assemblies we have raised the profile of breast cancer. With the disease having touched many students' lives it is a fitting charity to raise money for. The day has been a splendid success."

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Competitive Mills takes gold

PRINCETHORPE College sprint ace Patrick Mills emphasised his outstanding potential when winning the gold medal in the 400m hurdles at the National Young Athletes League held at Manchester's Sports City Arena.

The 16-year-old from Rugby left the rest of his field in his wake and he took flight to take the title in a time of 25.53secs.

The delighted teenager (pictured) said: "I really wanted to get the gold. I'm very competitive and just wanted to win. The time wasn't that quick but I was pleased to have come away with the top podium position."

He came 6th earlier in the season in the same event in the English Schools Finals at Gateshead. He juggles his athletics with 16.5X County and Midlands Rugby so in every sense he's a role model to our younger pupils.

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Head's delight after honour

CRACKLEY Hall School has been chosen to be a member of the Independent Association of Preparatory Schools.

The fee-paying Catholic school, in St Joseph's Park, Kenilworth, will be inspected regularly as part of its membership of the association.

Head Robert Duggan said: "This is a natural progression for the school which has built an outstanding reputation for care and teaching and learning."

The association's chief executive David Hanson said: "Crackley Hall is widely regarded as one of the leading preparatory schools in Warwickshire."

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Cuppas raise hundreds for cancer charity



Seah Collins and Lucy Pether from Princethorpe College raised nearly £700.

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Pair make a splash at swimming gala

TWO eight-year-olds enjoyed medal success at Leamington Swimming Club's autumn gala.

Year four pupil at Crackley Hall School, Sebastian Dibb, triumphed in the 25 metre backstroke and secured a personal best time of 22.81 to win his favourite event, the 25 metre butterfly.

The gala, which took place at Newbold Corny Leisure Centre, also saw classmate Sarah Timms enjoy success as she touched in third place for the 25 metre freestyle event.

Headteacher Robert Duggan gave a special mention to both swimmers in a school assembly. He said: "We have a history of very strong swimmers at Crackley Hall and it is great to see our younger children emerging with such talent."

Sebastian Dibb and Sarah Timms enjoy medal success at Leamington Swimming Club's autumn gala. (4)



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College girls hit heights

A TALENTED quartet of Princeshoppe College trampolines won gold in the Warwickshire School Games held in Warwick University on July 4. The 12 team of Ash Elliott, Emily Fletcher, Lucy Donaghey, Emily Smith and Lucy Williams and Lucy Donaghey each performed a set and the Princeshoppe routine consisting of five bounces. After the set and the Princeshoppe Year 7s were lying in second place behind Cranston Court School leading by 0.8 of a mark. But it was once the quarter completed their nerve in the voluntary round that they came into a form of their own eventually winning by a huge margin of 1.4. Lucy Donaghey achieved top marks with all 7's on her side whilst routine finishing in 1st place overall.



Sol Elliott, Emily Fletcher, Lucy Donaghey and Emily Smith Williams.

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PUPILS SOLDIER INTO BATTLE ON PLAYGROUND



Pupils of Crackley Hall Primary School were in for a surprise when Roman soldiers stormed the playground. The group of children from the organisation, Roman, from Year 4 pupils to an interactive history lesson at the school in Coventry Road, Kenilworth. Teacher, Suzanne Jackson says: "It's one thing to read books and discuss the Roman in our history lessons but by having two live actors there to lead an interactive lesson through the playground, it's a whole new experience for all our 2000 year olds in the present day." The soldiers entered in full regalia and dressed the Roman in our history lessons but by having two live actors there to lead an interactive lesson through the playground, it's a whole new experience for all our 2000 year olds in the present day.

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Crackley's Cakes Raise A Mouth-watering £550 for MacMillan Charity

Emma Litterick
Crackley Hall School

PUPILS, PARENTS and Staff at Crackley Hall School raised a mouth-watering £550.00 for MacMillan Cancer Support. The event, led by PTA Chair Mrs Becky Underhill, saw a flurry of fabulous home baked cakes being bought and enjoyed throughout the school.

As an additional fund raising booster pupils were allowed to ditch their uniforms for the day in return for a small donation to sweet the coffees for this worthy cause.

Head Teacher Mr Robert Dugan commented,

The valuable work of Crackley's PTA adds so much to our school and the wider community. This was a fabulous

KENILWORTH WEEKLY NEWS
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Serving up stars of future

YOUNG tennis players at Crackley Hall School in Kenilworth are hoping to follow in the footsteps of British Grand Slam winner Andy Murray.

The eager quartet, all members of Kenilworth Tennis and Squash Club, include sisters Amy and Lucy Gribben.

Eight-year-old prodigy Lucy, has already won the Warwickshire County title and impressed talent scouts enough to be invited to attend the Regional Development Camps at Loughborough University this autumn.

And doubts over Princeshoppe's Robert Dugan, who has also had their potential in the game recognised.

Crackley Hall headteacher Robert Dugan was full of praise for the young athletes' achievements.

"It is wonderful for our pupils to be able to see how hard work and commitment pays off on the sports field."



Sisters Lucy Gribben and Amy Gribben (back, left and right) with Barney Holton (front, left) and Matt Williams. (4)

COVENTRY TELEGRAPH
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HAPPY ENDING FOR CITY'S TOP WRITERS

By Jack Shardlow
NEWS REPORTER

TALENTED young writers have triumphed in a short story competition to show off their creative skills.

Edward Kissella and Mollie Dibb today have their work published in the Telegraph after being declared winners of the Herbert Art Gallery & Museum's creative writing competition.

Children aged between six and 11 were asked to write short tales inspired by exhibitions and artwork at the popular venue and more than 200 submitted stories.

Kenilworth Primary School pupil Edward, aged six, impressed the judges with his piece about a steampunk world. Mollie, aged 11, who goes to Princeshoppe College, drew inspiration from the Inca legend on display.

Both children were invited to be presented with their prizes, which included £25 to spend at the gallery, free tickets to the Herbert's 'Dinosaur' Uncovered Exhibition and free family tickets to the pantomime at the Belgrade.

Panto dame Nancy Knott said there is present in the prizes and will also be reading the two tales about on Touch FM.

Unfortunately Edward, who won the six-to-seven category, was unable to attend because of illness but the judges said his story 'Little And The Dinosaur' was a delight to read from start to finish and showed excellent imagination, a great sense of humour and was very entertaining.

Winner of the eight-11 category, Mollie, said: "I didn't expect to win, there were over 200 entries. I am very happy. When my mum told me that I had won, I was screaming in the car."

The judge said they were captivated by her writing and the way in which she details a glimpse back into Coventry's ribbon-making history around the time of the Industrial Revolution.

Mollie said: "I had a lot of fun. I love to read and write. I would like to be a writer when I am older. I read really scary stories and then got bored, but I went back to this one and finished it off."

James Perry, head of marketing and communications at the Herbert said: "We are delighted that so many children have taken time to let their imaginations run wild by writing and submitting a story. It would like to say big well done to everyone who entered."

"You should all be very proud and I hope you continue to write 'fascinating stories'."

Thirty runners up were also shortlisted and won a free family ticket to the museum's 'Uncovered Exhibition at the Herbert', which runs until January 6.

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On the run to support a sick colleague

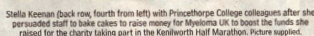
Princeshoppe College language teacher Stella Keenan has raised more than £250 for cancer charity Myeloma UK by taking part in the Kenilworth Half Marathon.

She took part in an effort to support colleague Sarah Stewart who is receiving treatment for myeloma, a cancer arising from plasma cells found in bone marrow.

Not only did Mrs Keenan finish the 13.1 miles in two hours, but she also encouraged staff to bake cakes in order to raise further cash.

She said: "Whilst the race was hard work it has been worth every second to try to do something practical to support Sarah."

"Myeloma is a lesser known cancer so I feel it is very important to raise awareness."



Stella Keenan (back row, fourth from left) with Princeshoppe College colleagues after she persuaded staff to bake cakes to raise money for Myeloma UK to boost the funds she raised for the charity taking part in the Kenilworth Half Marathon. (Photo supplied)

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Grace follows mum to lift Irish Dancing trophy

By Ian Hughes
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GRACE McGary has followed in the humble footsteps of mum Catherine. The pupil at Crackley Hall School in Kenilworth has just claimed the Great Britain Irish Dancing Title at under nine level, after beating 80 competitors from the UK, Ireland and USA.

Grace, who has been dancing since the age of five with the Turley Academy of Irish Dance in Coventry, felt sure that she had come in the top three.

"I thought I had done well, said the nine-year-old. The real, heavy jig and set dance all went to plan but I was very excited when they said that I had won overall."

And Grace got an even bigger surprise when she received her trophy and found her mum's name on it - as she had won the same cup at the same competition back in 1980.

"It was a real shock to see my mum's name there and it made it even more special," added Grace.

Catherine, who was also trained at the same Coventry school of dance was crowned West Irish Dancing Champion in the ages of ten and 17 and described the coincidence as "fantastic".

Grace proudly displayed her trophies to fellow classmates at Crackley. This is a very special achievement, Grace has obviously trained hard to win this prize. She rightly deserves the acclaim and praise she has received. We'd like to wait to see if she qualifies for the World Championships in 2014.



CATHOLIC TODAY
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L-R: Michael Potts-McLaughlin, Olivia Barber, Anthony Conroy, Michael Kelly, Sebastian Ditta and Colm Debra, Anthony Conroy.

Crackley Hall School Pupils Celebrate First Holy Communion

Erna Litterick
Crackley Hall School, Kenilworth

The whole school were in attendance along with friends and family. Princeshoppe College Head teacher Mr Ed Hester and Deputy Head Mrs Sue Millett joined the congregation with parents from Cracley's Sixth Form. Cracley's George Blingworth, the town Mayor and his wife Joanne were also present. This was the Mayor's second visit to a Crackley Hall event following his splendid opening speech at the Ashdon Garden Party.

The hour long Mass was supported with superb singing from Crackley's school group as well as individual readings and solo items from the Ashdon Garden Party.

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Princeshoppe Ellie is star student at sport

PROMISING Princeshoppe College Trackways expert Ellie Lewis has won a title at the British Championships, held at Coventry's Nido arena.

The talented 16 year old spurred continuously in six qualifying rounds proving her mental against others from across the country.

Ellie, who has held her track belt since 2010, applied the heat in the final rounds to clinch victory and the British crown.

Coached by Patrick Carter in Rugby, the Leaver Sixth student is unusually modest about her achievements: "My mum got me into the sport as a means of improving my self-confidence when I was 11". She said.

"I train twice a week but have to fit in this sport with my other commitments which can make it tough."

"I love Trackways though for many reasons. It's brilliant for fitness and excellent for discipline and all the mental bits as well as an amazing all round skill to have."

"I really enjoy the cultural aspect as well. We have lessons in Korean and appreciate the speed of our content. It gives you the worlds in my age category would be a dream come true."



Ellie Lewis

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Gruelling campaign!

SCHOOLCHILDREN SWAP THEIR SCHOOL MEALS FOR PORRIDGE TO RAISE CASH FOR HUNGRY YOUNGSTERS AROUND THE WORLD

PLEASE CAN WE HAVE SOME MORE. Pupils from left, Fernah Jones, Tom Morris, Beth Jones, Jacob Long, Tasha Skeadle and Holly Geehan are served by Debbie Taylor. (Photo: Joe Bailey)

By Sara Simpson
NEWS REPORTER

SCHOOL pupils in Warwickshire have gone porridge mad to raise cash for hungry children around the globe.

Princeshoppe College pupils cooked up a storm in aid of national Porridge Day this week with a range of porridge-related activities which generated a total of £200 for impoverished children worldwide.

Youngsters at the Leamington Road school were invited to swap their usual meal for a bowl of porridge in exchange for a £1 donation.

"All money raised will go to the Argyll-based charity, Mary's Meals which supports children in under-developed countries. The international organisation runs school feeding projects around the world in communities where poverty and hunger stop children getting a proper education."

Further fun was on hand in the shape of a William Wallace Welly Wanging competition. Pupils also brought large plastic blue plugs to boost charity funds.

And sixth formers took the porridge theme to heart as they donated their own 'porridge' to drum up further support.

Princeshoppe College has been supporting Mary's Meals for the past seven years.

"It has a close relationship with the organisation as a school official has travelled with the charity to see how it benefits impoverished children around the globe."

Cash raised during the day added to the thousands of pounds the school has pulled in for the charity over the years.

Rod Isaac, leader of the school's volunteering society, said: "The porridge theme is used to raise awareness of the Likani, Pula maize based porridge that Mary's Meals gives to every child who attends school each day."

"Whilst Princeshoppe pupils have enjoyed a terrific community day to fund raising there is always a serious message behind these activities which college students have taken to heart."

Emma Litterick, English teacher at the school, added: "The whole school was involved and the event fitted in with our ethos of volunteering while helping to raise awareness of issues around the world."



GIVE IT SOME WELLY. Ben Warman tries welly with the porridge. (Photo: Joe Bailey)

COVENTRY TELEGRAPH
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Scarecrow helps pupils learn about the harvest

Year 1 class teacher Pauline Simpson said: "The Harvest in Cracley's school assembly was a success. The children also learned about the harvest and the role of the scarecrow. The school's scarecrow was made by the children and was a great success. The children also learned about the harvest and the role of the scarecrow. The school's scarecrow was made by the children and was a great success. The children also learned about the harvest and the role of the scarecrow. The school's scarecrow was made by the children and was a great success."

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WINNER, Ellie, performing at the school talent show

Ellie wows school talent show

YOUNG performers from Princeshoppe College in Warwickshire have staged their annual talent show.

The variety show featured 22 performances of ballet, gymnastics, poetry and drama, entertaining the pupils.

Ellie took home a £50 voucher and was asked to nominate a charity to which all proceeds from the event would be donated.

Headteacher Ed Hester praised the pupils: "Princeshoppe's house system aims to develop the talents and strengths of all of our pupils."

"This evening has allowed us to be so entertained by some remarkably high quality acts."