

# In the news

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## Silver medals for Crackley

KENILWORTH'S Crackley Hall School enjoyed sterling success in the Independent Schools' Association's National Championships.

The Under-11 Mixed Hockey and Rugby teams picked up two silver medals in the competition, which saw some Year 6 players double up across both sports.

First up was the ISA National Mixed Hockey played at Cannock which

involved six games, each lasting 14 minutes.

Crackley Hall won two games and drew two, winning their pool.

In the semi-finals a convincing attack against St Wytan's saw the tiring Crackley squad pull out all the stops to triumph 1-0. Coming up against Stafford Prep in the final, however, proved just too much with energy levels flagging, where they lost 1-0.

Just two days later the ISA U11 Rugby Championships saw the boys head off to Bedford Swits RUFC to take on five schools.

Crackley dominated the competition, accruing a total of 82 points and only conceding one try during the rounds. The final against Littlegarth School ended in a 7-7 draw going to golden tries. Littlegarth's organisation and experience got the

better of Crackley as they scored first. Rugby coach James Ferris said: "They were outstanding from the first to the last game. Our defence was excellent which is shown by the fact that we only conceded two tries throughout the tournament. Littlegarth upped their game in the final. It was tough and go but unfortunately it wasn't our day, however Crackley has taken a lot away from this experience."

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ART COMPETITION



## Commendation for Harry's prize artwork

A budding artist is celebrating top work after his painting was picked out by judges in a national competition. Harry Wright's 'Watery Skyline' shows a suburban skyline being partially protected from grey clouds by a striking blue umbrella. The Year 6 pupil at Crackley Hall School was given a highly commended award by judges in the ISA Midlands competition.

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## Lesson goes with bang at Crackley Hall



A CHEMISTRY Alive demonstration went with a bang at Crackley Hall School in Kenilworth.

Warwick University's Nick Barker and his assistant Becky Kaner transformed the school hall into a working laboratory complete with igniting balloons, frozen bananas and shuddering bangs.

The exciting demonstration, part of the university's Educational Outreach Programme, captured the attention of Key Stage Two pupils.

A succession of practical experiments taught young scientists about combustion, states of matter and gases with Nick reminding everyone: "You are the future of science. You are the future of unknown great discoveries."

"Chemistry is all around us in everyday life and without it so much of what we take for granted,



from the hair gel we use in the morning to the cup of tea we enjoy in the afternoon, couldn't happen safely."

Crackley Hall deputy headteacher Duncan Cotterill, who organised the visit, said: "This will be

a hard act for anyone to follow. The children have absolutely loved listening, learning and watching Nick and Becky."

Their passion for Science has definitely been re-ignited having spent an hour in his company."

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## Pink, Pink – To Make College Pupils Think...

Emma Litterick

Princethorpe College

PRINCETHORPE COLLEGE'S annual Pink Day in support of Breast Cancer UK has become the stuff of costume legend with boys dressing as crayon morphs and girls as flamingos. You could see it as just a bit of end of half term fun but beneath lies the horrible truth that many pupils have had their lives touched by this terrible illness. A sea of pink saw staff and pupils joined together sporting costumes of the spectacular and the downright bizarre. Inflatable wrestlers lined up with giant whoopee cushions purchasing lattes in the Sixth Form refectory

whilst, rather surreally, a tall boy in a luminous crop top could be seen in the new Resource Centre silently staring at a computer screen.

For the rest of the College Friday October 17 was non-uniform day. A relaxing end to a busy term with pupils donating a small amount of cash to both Mary's Meals and Breast Cancer Care UK. The hope was that over £1500 would be raised to support both charities.

Head of Sixth Form Mrs Margaret Robinson added, "Today has become one of tradition and celebration. Our Sixth Form body led the way



organising cake sales and laying on pay-as-you-go entertainment in the Sixth Form Atrium during the lunch hour. Pupils were informed through assemblies and tutor periods of the effects of breast cancer and the need to fund further research. As always the events today have shown our students' generous spirit in action."



Images show Sixth Form Students enjoying their annual Pink Friday

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## Students visit centre for nuclear research

Sixth form physicists at Princethorpe College discovered there is no substitute for first hand experience when they zipped off to Geneva to visit CERN - Europe's leading organisation for nuclear research. They spent a jam-packed weekend in Switzerland pursuing their love of all things particle related. Upper sixth physics student Maja Naumczyk said: "To be in the same laboratory as the world's leading scientists who are constantly fielding new discoveries was exciting."

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RUGBY UNION

## Greenwood looks to inspire Princethorpe youngsters



Will Greenwood on the training pitch with Princethorpe College rugby players.

England World Cup winner Will Greenwood was at Princethorpe College to put 40 players through their paces at a mid-season training session.

The former Leicester Tigers and Harlequins centre gave the first XV and under-15 squads a motivational talk before overseeing drills out on the pitch.

Princethorpe College director of rugby Jon Fitt said Greenwood's appearance was a massive coup for the school.

"Will is a legend in the world of rugby," said Fitt. "We are so privileged to have had him with us."

"Not only is he a force out on the field but he talked complete sense to the boys, making them see the connection between application, sharp tactical thinking and graft."

"He has been superb in every respect."

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## Princethorpe swimmers make it through to London

SWIMMING

Six Princethorpe College swimmers shone in the ISA Midlands Area Championships held at Walsall Gala Baths.

Fourteen schools took part, with qualification for January's National Championships at the London Olympic Aquatics Centre at stake.

Emily Smith-Williams (Year 10) dominated the individual medley and two-length breaststroke events while Mollie Dibb (Year 10) took gold in the butterfly and freestyle.

The girls were joined by Imogen Butler and Grace Webber for victory in both the medley and freestyle relay, earning Princethorpe's Year 9/10 girls the overall trophy.

Year 8's Caitlin Newport took gold in the breaststroke to earn automatic qualification while newcomer Toby Rigg (Year 7) made a bold start to his Princethorpe career by winning the individual butterfly by a second-and-a-half in 26.94sec.

A familiar face to this level of competition, Will Dunderdale won his Year 10 breaststroke event and finished second in the freestyle to almost certainly gain a relay berth as a fastest loser.

Grace Webber's two-length freestyle time of 47.57 also earned her national relay qualification.



Princethorpe College swimmers celebrate their success at the ISA Midlands Area Championships. Picture submitted

 Crackley Hall School

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**PRINCETHORPE'S U16 Boys' Hockey** team have been crowned County Indoor Champions for the first time in the college's history.

The battle for the title took place at Warwick School with a squad of ten giving coach Colin Dexter plenty of opportunity for rotating players in the five player team.

Just two Year 11 players - Sam Doherty and Jack Hobbs - headed up the team, with the majority of the Princethorpe side reliant upon younger talent from Years 9 and 10.

The first game saw the team beat Bablake in a thrilling 1-0 victory. Against Warwick School the stakes were much higher with points meaning everything. Warwick played tactically by pulling out their goalie and replacing him with a fifth player on the field. The risk played into Princethorpe's hands with captain Luke Armstrong putting away a penalty corner to clinch a 4-3 win. Princethorpe will now take part in the regional Finals in Wolverhampton on November 30.

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## England call-up would be 'the best thing ever,' says Princethorpe College star

Princethorpe College's Ella Bromley is one step away from National Age Group selection having competed in the England Hockey Futures Cup Tournament.

The four-day residential championships saw the top 72 under-16 girls from across the country compete in three matches. Bromley played inside-forward as Mercia Lynx won all three of their games and the 15-year-old is now waiting to see if she has impressed the selectors enough to earn a place in the National Age Group squad.



Ella Bromley

"It would just be the best thing ever," said the Year 11 student. "There is a lot of pressure on me but it would be a dream come true if I could represent England."

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# Pupils splashing out



MORE than 30 swimmers from Crackley Hall School competed in the Independent Schools' Association's Midlands Swimming Championships.

Swimmers from Years 4-6 at the Kenilworth school took part in individual events as well as exciting freestyle relays at Walsall Gala Baths.

Boasting 31 swimmers - the largest team of the day - Crackley pupils relished the competition from the first whistle.

For some it was their very first experience of competitive galas, yet for others it was all about times and top positions. With the promise of competing in the ISA Nationals in January 2015 at the London Olympic Aquatics Centre a lot was at stake as they took to the blocks.

Junior 6 competitors Joshua Mitchell and Lucia McKosker-New shone in the backstroke and freestyle, winning both events respectively, with Lucia recording a new Midlands' record of 21.6 secs in the 33-metre pool.

The boys and girls Junior 6 freestyle relay teams went on to take convincing golds with Stanley Brocklebank in the mix for national qualification with his ripping time of 22.28. Crackley Hall PE teacher Kat Vaughan said: "It was a phenomenal atmosphere poolside with the whole team supporting each other. At the top end of the school we saw some excellent swims."

"Tight finishes for Sarah Timms (16) in the backstroke, third, and Sebastian Dibb (16) in the breast, second, meant they just missed out on national qualification, however the quality of swimming at Crackley moves from strength to strength."

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## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



## Pupils brew up big for cancer care charity

Pupils brewed up gallons of tea and set up a 'drive-thru' cafe to bring in big bucks with a Macmillan coffee morning. Classes from Princethorpe Foundation raised £1,132 for the cancer care charity after holding tea and cake events at the college and Crackley School. Chris McCullough and PTA chair, Becky Underhill praised the team for an excellent effort.

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TWO Princethorpe College students toughed it out to complete an extreme obstacle course.

Upper Sixth Formers Richard Hill and Charlie Duncan took part in the Stanford Hall Leicestershire Winter Wolf Run on November 2. The race involved crawling through waist high mud, scrambling over slippery obstacles and swimming across freezing lakes.

Accompanied by a braying pack of 3,000 competitors Richard and Charlie stuck together crossing the line after an hour and

a half's tough slog. "It was amazing," confessed Richard who had celebrated his 18th birthday just a day previously. "I'd definitely do it again. The atmosphere at the start was incredible and also at the finish line - it was all just great."

Charlie, who was talked into doing the race by Richard knew what he was heading for having completed a similar XRunner event before. "I suppose the bit when we were up to our waists in mud wasn't pleasant nor was the swim, it was so cold, but all in all it was a brilliant day."



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## Remembrance

# Assemblies gather to pay respects to the war dead

GIRLS at Kingsley School joined thousands across the country for assemblies of Remembrance.

A live broadcast from the Tower of London on Monday (November 10) was watched by the school as they remembered those who lost their lives in conflict.

On Remembrance Sunday, Head Girls Tilly Worlidge and Cecilia Goldwin laid a wreath on behalf of the school during the annual Service of Remembrance organised by the town council.

\*AND pupils at Crackley Hall also held a remembrance service on November 11.

Head Teacher Rob Duggan led a service for pupils and staff with poems and prayers, uniting the school in thought as they observed the two-minute silence.

Pupils proudly wore poppies on their lapels in memory.



Above - Year 4 pupil Poppy Clark dressed for the remembrance service. (s)

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Mollie Dibb, Grace Webber, Imo Butler, Will Dunderdale, Emily Smith-Williams, Caitlin Newport

PRINCETHORPE College swimmers shone in the ISA Midlands Area Championships.

The popular sporting event, held at Walsall Gala Baths, saw 14 regional schools vying for qualification places at the National Championships to be held in January 2015 at the London Olympic Aquatics Centre.

Emily Smith-Williams (Year 10) dominated the Individual Medley and

two lengths breast stroke events, while Mollie Dibb (Year 9) took gold in the fly and freestyle.

Both girls were joined by team mates Imogen Butler and Grace Webber who together formed an invincible relay quartet, smashing the medley and free relay competition to win the Princethorpe Year 9/10 Girls' overall trophy.

Year 8's Caitlin Newport took gold in the breast stroke event, earning her

automatic qualification while newcomer Toby Rigg in Year 7 won the individual fly by a good second and a half in 26.94secs.

Will Dunderdale won his Year 10 breast stroke event and came second in the free with an almost certain relay qualification for him as fastest loser. Grace Webber's two lengths free time of 47.57 also earned her national relay qualification.

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## Pupils Turn Porridge to Cash

Emma Litterick

Princethorpe College

FOR SOME, porridge is simply a warm, comforting breakfast of choice, but for children in sixteen of the poorest countries in the world a mug of maize based likuni phala is an incentive to go to school and escape a life time of poverty. Princethorpe College pupils have once again supported World Porridge Day to raise money for the charity Mary's Meals whose aim is to provide a daily meal in a place of education to chronically impoverished children.

Porridge was on sale in the College refectory for a small donation with many opting for the deluxe extra toppings choice. The highland theme continued out on the fields where the third William Wallace Welly Wanging Competition saw pupils and staff paying for the privilege of attempting to break the College record. Getting into the spirit of the charity initiative were students



Mitchell Boe who surprised many dressed as a Wild Highland Man and whose Goldilocks outfit certainly encouraged many to dig deep and donate more.

Princethorpe College Assistant Head of Sixth Form Mr Rod Isaacs, whose tireless efforts have championed the charity Mary's Meals for the past eight years, added,

"The spread of the ebola virus in Liberia has meant that for many children their schools have had to be closed. It has become even more critical that funds



are raised to ensure that these children are kept fed and healthy. Our day here at Princethorpe has involved much fun and laughter yet beneath this we know that we are contributing towards changing people's lives for the better."

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## Ballet scholar

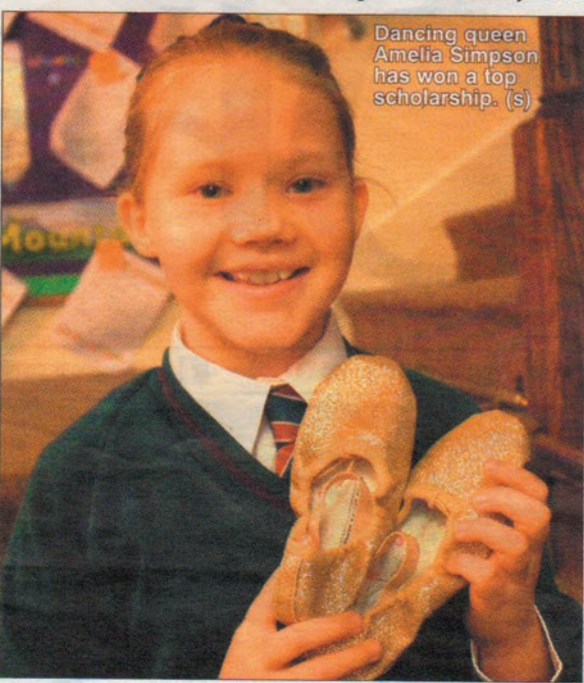
DANCING queen Amelia Simpson has a spring in her step.

The young ballet dancer, a pupil at Crackley Hall School in Kenilworth, has won a prestigious British Ballet Organisation Scholarship.

In front of two adjudicators scrutinising her every move, ten year-old endured a gruelling 90 minute audition in London - but it was all worth it when she received the news she had been awarded the scholarship.

Amelia will travel to London once a month to receive first class tuition in preparatory pointe work and classical repertoire.

Further opportunities will also be provided through the renowned Eimhurst School for Dance in Birmingham where specialised Dance Days will be taught.



Dancing queen Amelia Simpson has won a top scholarship. (s)

