

KING' S SCHOOL, SHERBORNE PARK

EASTER 1957GEOGRAPHY:

(A) – Physical – (and mental!)

... Is one of those subjects in which it is as well to know where you are. People usually find this out by going somewhere else; this is known as exploration.

Like many other things, exploration seems to have slipped out of Old Greece and one of the first explorers was a man named Jason who took a lot of men (Arguments,) to search for the Golden Fleas. With a certain amount of latitude, the same sort of thing has continued to this day but, for hundreds of years, men have gone by SEA – now they often go by BEA. Modern Greeks are more refined than their ancestors and concentrate on oil rather than Greece; they bring it through the Sewage Canal (when they can – UNO.)

The Romans, on the other hand, set out on foot. Their great feat was to discover France, though it was only an alp or two away, They did not like the place much and called it Gaul, the ancient name for vinegar. They were rather a sour Race. They were a also great builders; they left ruins everywhere.

After the Greeks and Romans people tended to stay where they were. They did this for a thousand years, which were known as the Dark Ages because there was no television.

Then a man named Marco set off from Venice, where they made glass, to find China. He introduced the Break-ages. He was also known as a Merchant of Venice. He was so dazzled by everything he saw that he said that it was enough to make a Venetian blind. The people he discovered were wonderful horsemen; they even played hockey on horseback. Marco introduced the game into Europe and has been known ever since as Marco Polo.

At about the same time another man set off in the opposite direction by sea; he had to do it this way because there was no land. His name was Columbus; he discovered America. Many people think this was a mistake and that he went too far. As a matter of fact, when he discovered America he was looking for India -- which does show what can be done with Geography if you really try.

This stirred the British into exploring in all directions. There were two reasons for this; one was Queen Elizabeth; the other was the undeniable fact that Britain has a temporary climate. They took to the sea like Drakes. They went North and discovered the Esquimaux, God's frozen people; they went East and came across Moscow with its population of mosquitoes; they went South and discovered South Africa just where you might expect to find it. Many people now think the British are going west.

Be that as it may, it was the British who put the world on the map and thus discovered the British Empire; obviously no other race could have done that. It used to be said that the sun never set on the British Empire. This was correct because of Australia, which lies in the east as well as underneath, making things very difficult for the sun. Australia is remarkable in other ways; -- it is all coast with a great deal of nothing in the middle so that its ports are near the sea and it has no imports. It is likely to become even more popular in the future because the population of London is, really, a bit thick and it is only to be expected that they will wish to get as far away from themselves as they possibly can. . . .

But, by the end of term, we all feel rather like that, don't we?

Congratulations to following boys who gained passes
in the G. C. E. in July 1956.

Alexander	Ingram
Arias	Khonsari
Bowen	Matthews
Bunting	Moore
Eskenazi	Pulford
Hawkey	Ragueneau
Howe	

And to the following boys who added subjects to their G. C. E.
in December.

Hawkey
Howe
Kuntsi

Sports Week-end 1956

Unlike the previous year, the weather was not kind to us; the skies were covered with thick grey clouds and the rain fell steadily; but still the preparations for Exhibition Week-end continued. The last-minute touches to the Grounds were made and the arrangements to receive our many guests.

Soon after lunch the cars of Parents began to enter Grounds. The whole School was excited. Then the day's events began with the Athletic Sports in which a number of records were broken. Towards the end of the Sports there was a drizzling rain, which caused one of the competitors to fall in the Old Boys' Race.

After tea, which was served in the Great Hall, the rain was falling very heavily and so visitors were shown films which Mr. Mosey had taken. The remainder of the evening passed quietly.

On Sunday morning, the Parents were taken for a tour of the Exhibition. It was again a dull sky, but it brightened up for the Tennis Tournament and the swimming Sports in the afternoon. Here a number of records were broken and we must thank the Parents who, despite a colder day than last year, so sportingly took part in Parents' Race.

After tea on the South Lawn the cups were distributed plus two surprises: these were an engraved cricket ball for Lishman, who had achieved two hat-tricks in successive years, and a bat for Bunting for his batting performance.

In the Fathers v. Boys Cricket Match later in the evening, the Boys showed their superiority by winning the game by eight wickets!

By now it was beginning to grow dusk and our visitors were dispersing steadily. An almost continuous line of vehicles was leaving by the West Lodge: Exhibition Week-end for 1956 was ended

H. Khonsari. Va.

Science Exhibition

The Science Exhibition was designed to show a few of the applications of science to industry.

A very impressive collection of superb photographs was lent by Ilford Ltd. to illustrate the practical value of photography by X-rays and infra-red rays. The uses of photography at very high speeds was also shown.

The use of ultra-violet radiation in testing, analysis and research work was shown by means of equipment lent by Hanovia Ltd. This apparatus was skilfully handled by Russell, Vb, who had a very busy time.

In the laboratory the industrial process of manufacturing azo dyes from aniline and B naphthol was shown on a small scale by Ades, Va.

Experimental investigation of some physical properties of various soils was demonstrated by R. Beach and Lush, Vb.

The industrial process of bleaching by means of charcoal was illustrated on laboratory scale by Baugh, IVb.

A model to scale of a factory to produce common salt by the evaporation of brine was on view. It had been made exceedingly well by Gay 1, Vb.

Other Exhibitions were: -

Apparatus to show and explain the blue appearance of the sky and redness of the sunset. This was operated by Ingram, Va, who had carried out much work to produce the correct particle size to give the best result.

Apparatus manipulate by Hawkey, Va, to illustrate diffusion in liquids and gases.

A collection of crystals of chemical substances had been prepared by Benson, IVb, and provided a pleasing touch of colour. The collection included remarkable crystals of iodine prepared by the action of nitric acid.

A series of anatomical drawings extremely well done by Coville, Vb, was shown; and a geographical map of the district prepared by Tutnar, Vb, formed an impressive background to a collection of geographical specimens lent by number of boys.

A small aquarium excellently prepared and stocked by Langham, Martin and Viner was also shown.

R. A. S.

I promised Va a "specimen essay" and have tried to make it amusing for Parents also: -

FUNNY FABLES

1. The Foal

A foal was born in a field.

It was early spring and the weather was exceptionally kind. The grass had that exquisite flavour it has only at that time of the year. The mare considered everything and was well content. Her son was most handsome and gave promise of great strength. She looked him over carefully and believed he was the most wonderful foal that had ever been born in that part of the world; not without reason, because he was her first-born.

Spring trotted easily into summer and the foal put his best legs foremost to meet each delightful day. In the harder weather he could always find shelter, with his mother, in a copse or even in a tumble-down hut someone had built and, long ago, forgotten. Time passed very happily.

One day a man came into the field. The foal saw him and laughed. "What a fool that creature is to walk so awkwardly on two legs whilst I can gallop so swiftly on four."

His mother sighed. "The difference between 'foal' and 'fool' is only of one letter," she said.

The foal realised that this was the first serious remark his mother had ever made, so he decided to remember it; but he did not understand it because, though he had grown greatly in strength, he had learned nothing of the alphabet.

As time passed strange things happened. The foal, on reflection, did his best to forget them along with the passage of time. In other words he grew older and wiser.

The creature that provoked his mirth now compelled his obedience. He always felt a foal at heart but the happy days of his childhood were memories only and seemed the more wonderful and the more carefree with every year that passed. His mouth was galled by a bit and he could no longer laugh; his high spirits were bridled and he trotted or galloped at the creature's wish, not his own; his smooth flanks were

whipped and spurred, not caressed by the cool grass; he was set ever greater labours, and none to his own profit.

From time to time, when he had the time, he wondered how he had ever come to lose his freedom. He never understood; it was there when he did not value it, it was gone when he did. He knew that all this thinking should have made him wiser but it seemed that he only grew older and, each year, a little more tired of it all.

One night a strange thing happened. The creature with two legs had increasingly made habit of coming into the stable and looking him over with what seemed a sad and envious expression; this time he spoke.

"You fortunate animal," he said, sighing deeply. "I keep you usefully employed; I build a house for you against the rain and the cold; I provide you with food through the long winters; I nurse you if you are ill. Yours is a state of welfare; you cannot have a care in the world."

The horse – though he had not completely forgotten the free pastures, the gay sunshine, the inspiring sparkle of the frosty wind and was still only a foal at heart – turned his head on the creature and regarded him with large wondering eyes. He waited to learn more; he had been taught patience under a rigorous and unremitting discipline.

"Whilst I," the creature continued, almost writhing as he sat on a bale of dryly crackling straw, "have now only vague memories of happiness. I wanted to grow up quickly so that I could become a man and live like one; but the older I grow the harder I work and the more and the less time I have to enjoy myself. The harder I work and the more money I earn, the more I have to pay in rates and taxes. The more I hand over to these robbers who defraud me in the name of a freedom I have thrown away, the more secure I make them in office and in power. I do not know how to change things but I do know I am a fool."

The horse stirred noisily and memory swept away the bitter years for a moment. "Between 'fool' and 'foal' there is only the difference of one letter," he laughed.

"Ah! You can neigh," snorted the man angrily, and struggled with the bolt of the stable door.

They thought the same thoughts but shared no wisdom because neither had taken the trouble to learn the other's language.

YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB NOTES

Since its re-foundation in the Autumn Term, the Y.F.C. has gone from strength to strength.

Miss Curtis, the County Organiser, attended our Meeting in October, and said that the Club would be put on probation for a period before gaining full status. The Club Officers were elected at that Meeting: -

J. Beach	Chairman
J. Kidder	Vice-Chairman
D. Mossman	Treasurer
G. Blake	Secretary

Committee

D. Wilcox	R. Gay
C. Edwards	A. Hanks

Mr. Guilford kindly accepted the Presidency of the Club, and Mr. Henbest a place on the Advisory Committee.

During the Autumn Term Members of the Club went on two Farm Walks; firstly to Mr. Wilcox of Wall Farm, Aldsworth, and secondly to an equally enjoyable afternoon at Brookthorpe Court, the farm of Mr. Whittaker. A small group attended the County Federation Meeting in Gloucester on November 7th.

Several speakers have visited the Club including Mr. Kilby of Potash Ltd., Cheltenham, and, most recently, Miss Gregory of Dunthorp, Chipping Norton, Oxon.

We have had several films on loan from Messrs. Ferguson Ltd., which have been shown on the School 16 m.m. projector.

Our most recent triumph has been that the Club has completed its probationary period and has now become affiliated to the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs.

B. D. S. – Club Leader.

TWO SCHOOLS

Starkly rectangular, asphalted and clean,
 The Playground stretches; bare brick walls between
 It and the populous street. The classrooms rise
 Row upon row, with staring, regular eyes
 Hygienically bright; the sun that shines
 Casts shadows of uncompromising lines.

Eschewing this, and the enormity
 Of Vulgar crowds and uniformity,
 We find our sanctuary where mellowed walls
 Speak of more gracious days, and blackbird calls
 Come from the furrowed field or woodland green,
 While pheasants strut the shaven lawn between.

W. A. G.

A Day on the River

(with a Scientific Flavour)

One bright morning I put on my spikey boots, took the job in hand and went down to boat for a day's fishing.

On starting the engine, I found to my dismay that fumes as black as your hat were billowing from the exhaust. Taking a squint down the how-do-you-do I found that it was just not cricket. So I stood on my head, counted ten and exclaimed that this was just tosh, piffle and tosh.

Then I took my fishing-rod, and took the bait, which was a common-or-garden, everyday worm. Just after I had cast, I found an immediate tug which was absolute twaddle – I had got a cow on the line.

I'd had enough. Taking the fuel I mixed the drinks, shook it up good and hearty, emptied it down the how-do-you- and staggered off home.

C. Roe Va.

HOCKEY XI

The team as a whole has played extremely well throughout the season. At the beginning of last term, we had any difficulties in placing each player in the position where he could play best. But, by experimenting, we managed to sort out this problem in a short time and the team became as good as we have had in the past, and in some ways better.

Against the Ladies we had many very easy victories, but this gave us the opportunity of trying out new players each time. Last term we only lost two matches out of the nine, and one was drawn. We had a very good game against the Old Boys; that was about the best game we played last term. The game was won by 3 – 1. Another 4 – 1 victory over the Crypt School made King's School more outstanding in Hockey. The only real defeat we received was from the R.A.C., Cirencester, by 5 – 0.

This term began with a little disappointment against the R.A.C., Cirencester, but, considering it was the first match of the term, we managed to do well, although we were beaten 4 – 2. But, with plenty of practice, the team showed well in the next match against the R.A.F., Little Rissington; with a victory of 7 – 1. After this we had a game with Ragley Ladies. This was an easy win by 9 – 0. The last match we played was against the R.A.F., Little Rissington; this time the game was played well by both sides, and the result was a win for King's School by 8 – 2.

We are hoping to fix a match with the Old Boys at the end of this term, which should be interesting. The team is to be: -

G. Blake

A. Hanks

I. Hassam

J. Ades/I. Shafiq
(1/2-time each)

W. Bailey

G. Dassu

A. Latif

J. Beach

G. Solanki
(Captain)

R. Solanki

A. K. Yakub

Reserves: D. Hawkey, C. Merrett.

Results:	P	W	D	L	GF	GA
	13	9	1	3	59	22

1ST XI SOCCER

The Soccer Team has had one of its poorest seasons and the side has had to work very hard to build itself up.

Most of the team members are very young, but I feel sure that next season's team will profit from the experience gained now.

From the results you may wonder what sort of a side it is; the goal-keeper has played a sound game and rapidly gained experience. The rest of the team have steadily improved throughout the season.

The half-back line is specially worthy of mention and Edwards in particular. This section of the team has had many changes but has now settled down and is playing quite smoothly. The numerous changes in the forward line and little practice together have been the real cause of our heavy defeats. Many times, the ball reached the forwards, but they could do nothing with it. Individually they are good players but, through lack of co-operation, they have been unable to combine their skill and score.

Two players are worthy of special commendation –
Edwards: who has played consistently well throughout and deserves the highest praise;
Mossman: who, despite lack of experience, has played well and I hope he will continue to do so next season.

This has been our team: -

D. Mossman

J. Rowe

A. Hanks

J. Morley

C. Edwards

J. Revers

M. Lowe

J. Beach

I. Shafiq

J. Haymes

M. Moss

Reserves: R. McNabb, J. Dickinson, R. Gay,
 R. Penrice.

Results:	P	W	D	L	GF	GA
	15	1	1	13	25	97

MODELLING CLUB

About halfway through the last Autumn Term, the Modelling Club was re-formed, owing to the enthusiasm of some middle school boys. With the help of Mr. White, the Club has been running smoothly. The Club meets on Wednesday evening and Sunday evening each week.

The main interests in the Club are control-line and glider model aircraft. Although there has not been much flying of models this term the club hopes to organise competitions in the Summer Term to make its Members more keen to fly, and build, model aircraft from a more scientific angle than at present.

Not only model aircraft are built but some of the Club Members wish to carve wood, or perhaps work in stone. During the past term some articles have been modelled in clay. Whatever its Members choose to do, it will probably make model-making more interesting.

M. Abbott, IVa.

Secretary
King's School Modelling Club.

HOWLERS: TAILPIECE

In the act of breathing, the muscles pull the lungs from top to bottom, from right to left, and from back to front.

H. Read, Vb.

A junction is a place where you keep junk.

R. Sumner, IVc.

A spectator is a person who wears spectacles.

D. Burrough, IVc.

I have found out for myself that copying gives you credit and, at the same time, when the examination comes, it leaves you crippled behind.

I. Mahomed, Vb.