

# Pupils pull together



**By Shirley Winters**

EVERY year children in Year 6 have the opportunity to visit a Residential Centre. Kingswood Outdoor Centre in Cumbria was the venue for the 2006 visit. Whilst there, the children had the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities which included a river study, ICT project, climbing wall, adventure trail and activities which developed team work skills. The children always thoroughly enjoy the experience and challenges they face during the week.

**TEAMWORK:** Year 6 pupils enjoy the outdoor life

# The Manageress

**By Lisa Portas**

PRESTON Primary School has had some excellent sporting results over the years. In 1989 the success of the school football team reached the pages of both the local and the national press. The team - all under 12 - had a string of successes. The 11-a-side team won the League and the County Shield. The 5-a-side team's highlight was winning the Northern Police Competition - with the final being played in Sunderland. Ian Taylor won Goalkeeper of the Tournament and John Coverdale was the team's top scorer.

What was the key behind this success? None other than Preston Primary School's own Football Manageress - Jean Coulthard, Deputy Head. Tactics included asking her teenage sons for training tips and inviting professional football players to take training sessions.

The success continued and in 1993 the football team were again in the local press. This time Boro boss Lennie Lawrence presented the lads with their medals after they won both the C League Championship and the County Shield.

One pupil's memory of the 1993 final is that it was pouring with rain and freezing cold. Everybody was there, including Mr Bullock, the head teacher and Miss Galloway, Chairman of the school governors - who was sporting a pair of very smart red wellies!



**CHAMPIONS:** Jean Coulthard with her winning football team 1989

## News Flash.....News Flash.....News Flash

**By Lisa Portas**

JUST a few weeks ago, four of the current pupils entered a local primary schools cross country race. Kieran Coates was the overall winner and Daniel Wilson finished 4th. They will both now run in the regional final. Well Done!

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## Roll of honour

**By Rachel Darley**

MANY former pupils of Preston Primary School are currently playing sport at a higher level.

Patrick Atkinson, Matthew Darley, Simon Broadway and Nick Harrison all play hockey for both County Durham and the North East England team.

Simon also played County Rugby and trained with the Newcastle Falcons. Kate Darley, Sarah Darley, Laura Harrison and Kate Welford all play hockey for Stockton district and County Cleveland teams.

Nicole Fields plays netball for County Cleveland.

Jonathan Harris will be starting a 2 year scholarship with Middlesbrough FC in the autumn.

## It's curtains for the new kit!

**By A former pupil**

WHEN the Preston Primary School football team were involved in the first post war inter school matches, they were struggling to find suitable kit for the team. Short of money, short of clothing coupons, somebody came up with the brilliant idea of using the now unnecessary blackout curtains. The girls in the needlework classes were given the task of making the shorts. Worn with white shirts they looked very smart. Skirts were also made for the netball team.

## Something new after school?



**HOCKEY:**Playing after school

**By Lisa Portas**

A WIDE range of experiences are offered to pupils of Preston Primary School in the form of After School Activities. Some are permanent clubs and some are run as a taster session. This allows the school and the PTA to offer the children some unique activities that they might otherwise be unable to access.

In the last few years the activities offered have covered a broad range of interests including arts and crafts, athletics, basketball, chess, ceramics, dance, disco, drama, drumming, french, football, golf, hockey, science, tennis and wildlife.

Memorable events include

- \* launching rockets at the science club
- \* marching round the playground whilst drumming - and attracting some local attention!
- \* searching for different coloured 'worms' at the wildlife club
- \* a torrential thunderstorm during football club!
- \* acting as rats in drama and sliding up in a menacing way behind chairs.