

A week for film stars



On Monday, our music department received a visit from the BBC and Mr Arji and a number of our string musicians were involved. The school has purchased some instruments from BBC antiques presenter, Kate Bliss as part of a series for BBC One, which will be screened later this year.

Chloe Evans was filmed playing the 3/4 size German cello that Kate Bliss has had restored by a local expert, and a number of younger violinists were also filmed. There is no guarantee of just how much will make it onto the programme, but it has been an excellent experience for all concerned.

On Wednesday, we also had our own film crew back, filming senior pupils for our next DVD.

Elgar visit

Last Tuesday, Years 5 and 6 visited the Elgar Birthplace Museum at Lower Broadheath near Worcester. We were fascinated to see many original music scores, an invitation to the coronation of King Edward VII (which Elgar declined) and all the items that Elgar used on his desk, including 5-pronged ink pens for drawing staves and a wooden pen holder that he had made himself. Elgar was born

twenty years after Victoria came to the throne and lived until 1934, when he was able to enjoy the innovations and inventions of modern life. He was one of the first composers to be able to conduct his own music for HMV recordings and then listen to it on the gramophone. He flew to Paris in 1933 to make a recording with a very young Yehudi Menuhin. We saw the back page of a Daily Telegraph, where Elgar had not only done the crossword, but doodled on the pictures.

County rugby

Lucton have had five rugby players selected to represent their respective Herefordshire teams. With over fifty trialists in each age-group, the squads were cut down to under thirty concluding the final trial last week. Tom Looms and Matthew

Handley are selected for the U14 squad and Harry Whiteman, James Miles and Frank Kelly made it into the U13 team. Well done boys!



Croft Ambrey Challenge – Sponsored Walk

Sunday 5th October. Free lunch at school from 12.00, followed by the walk. Sponsorship forms available from the office.

The Friends of Lucton School

The Croft Ambrey Challenge Sponsored Walk this Sunday, is the launch event of our next significant appeal. Following the successful £50,000 Friends' Appeal to assist in the building of the swimming pool, our sights are firmly set on the next phase of creating Lucton's own Sports Centre. Phase two will be to turn the activity hall into a fully weatherproofed play area. As before, we are setting ourselves the same ambitious target of £50,000 within three years, and in doing so, we will be making a far more significant contribution to this next part of the project. Before Christmas, we will produce a leaflet outlining the proposal and the ways in which individuals and families may make their contributions, together with details about Gift Aid, which allows the Friends to top up the donations of UK tax payers by another 28%!

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Sunday Service

The Chaplain looks forward to seeing anyone who wishes to join us for the Family Sunday Service this Sunday 5th October at the slighter later time of 11.00am. If you are considering coming to school for the lunch, followed by the sponsored walk, you would be very welcome to come in that hour earlier to join us!

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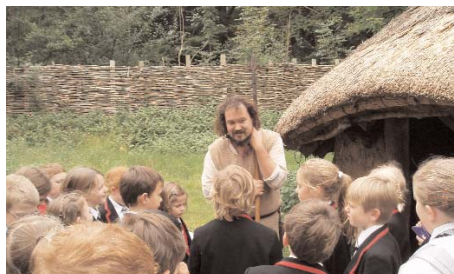
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St Fagans Trip

Last Thursday, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 visited St. Fagans Welsh Folk Museum. Years 3 and 4 visited Ian the Celt in his Celtic village, where he showed them how he lived. It was very smoky in the round house because there was no chimney, but we were all able to appreciate what life was like in the Iron Age.



From the Boarding House

After Friday evening's trip to Morrisons on the new 'Big Bus', there was a karaoke session in the café. Mr Ladds proved once and for all that he is tone deaf!

On Saturday morning, junior boarders went to Croft Castle where they tried out the excellent new play area, walked the fields, climbed trees and had a stroll in the castle gardens followed by ice creams in the café. After lunch, we went to Worcester for shopping and Lucinda, the Gap, almost managed to fill the boot of the bus on her own. On Saturday night, we swam before a movie night.

On Sunday morning, we were in the pool again, followed by a delicious roast lunch. After lunch we went to the Mountain Boarding centre and came back with a few bruises and stories of daring jumps and stunts.



SPORTS REPORT

SENIOR RUGBY - vs Wrekin. In an exciting hard-fought match, the 1st XV narrowly lost 7-12 on Wednesday. The first half was shared evenly, we were only down a converted try at the break and Lucton were still very much in the match. Wrekin scored early on in the second spell and despite making several line breaks, lack of support on the ball carrier prevented us from crossing the tryline a few times before Ed Hopkins picked up a late try. Loose forwards Leonard Chiang and Nick Stronge were outstanding in the pack, and Josh Handley secured good lineout wins, while Owen Morgan tackled well all game and skipper Abdul Godobe made some penetrating runs.



U14 RUGBY (69-0 win) - v Lady Hawkins. In a one-sided affair, Lucton scored a comprehensive 69-0 win. Dominating from the start, we shrugged off some weak defence and strung together many phases where the forwards used the pick-and-go play frequently, and to good effect. The backline, with good service from William Barber-Starkey throughout, ran strongly, but there were times when both the forwards' and backs' handling let them down. It was good to see that the team were not happy about their standards dropping and they tried very hard to rectify this. Scott Parker and James Miles carried the ball well up front for Lucton. Good effort, boys!

U13 RUGBY (42-5 win) - v Wigmore. With some outstanding driving play we completely dominated a much bigger Wigmore side in the Herefordshire Cup last week. James Miles and Frank Kelly were outstanding, however all the team deserve praise for the quality of support play. Well done, boys!

U15/16 NETBALL - v Lady Hawkins. Due to illness, Lady Hawkins had to cancel the U18 match and we had to play a combined U15/16 team. The girls worked hard throughout the match but struggled with the new combination.

U14 & U12 GIRLS HOCKEY - v Moor Park. The U14 girls were unlucky to lose narrowly. Iona Reid had several shots at goal and the team were able to apply pressure by gaining more short corners, but they could not quite convert due to some good goalkeeping. Storm Fowler and Emily Denson played very well. Our relatively new U12 side also visited Moor Park this week, and though we lost, Jade Hellyer and Nicole Owens played particularly well, showing plenty of promise for the future.

U13 FOOTBALL - v Moffatts. Despite losing a number of players to the U14 rugby team, we gave a good account of ourselves. Outstanding saves by the Moffatts keeper prevented a Lucton victory. Frank Kelly led by example and Liam O'Neill demonstrated excellent footballing skills. Result 1 - 3.

NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

- Mon Oct 6th: U13 Rugby v Weobley (H), 4.00pm
U16 Girls Hockey County T/ment, Bridge St, 4pm-6.30pm
U15 Rugby v Weobley (A), 4pm (back to school approx 5.30)
- Wed Oct 8th: U11 Football v Moffatts (H), 2.30pm
U12 & U14/15 Netball v Queen Elizabeth (A), 3.30pm
U14 & U16 Girls 7-a-side Hockey v Bedstone, Bridge St, 2.30pm
U14 Rugby v Queen Elizabeth (A), 3.30pm (back to school approx 5.30pm)
- Thu Oct 9th: U9 6-a-side Football v Bedstone (H), 2.00pm
U11 8-a-side Football v Bedstone (H), 2.00pm



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