

## A truly fashionable finish



The Memorial Hall was transformed for the occasion but the most fantastic transformations were taking place on the catwalk, as faces we all know, were seen in some truly fantastic outfits. We could only just fit everyone in and the organisation, by Wysteria Lane and Mrs Dalziel was great. Also, Mrs Handley-Edgar redefined my idea of 'nibbles' as the food on offer was every bit as wonderful as the show.

## Sponsored swim



Well we got to France, didn't like it and nearly got back again! What a fantastic effort by all the staff and helpers! We needed to swim 1400 lengths, and we actually swam 2200, with Mrs Sampson doing 200 on her own! Other strong swimmers were put in by Mrs Tucker 180, Ms Coates 155, Mr Warren 142 and Mrs Ladds 140.

Over 20 swimmers with assorted counters and lifeguards made this a major logistical exercise, with some staff starting at 5.00am! Many thanks to Ms Coates for her superb organisation. Now it is your turn! Please match this

tremendous effort by collecting as much sponsorship as possible and bring it in after the holiday. Remember the causes, the County Air Ambulance and the Sports Hall Appeal!

## Over 20 Festival 1sts



We achieved over twenty firsts and Henry McNab achieved the highest marks of the festival for Poetry Speaking and in doing so, also won the Oonagh Duffield Cup. *continued overleaf.*

## The Friends of Lucton School

As 100 guests will confirm, we finished the term in style at Wednesday night's superb Fashion Show. Many thanks to Mrs Dalziel and her team for putting this together with Wysteria Lane of Shrewsbury. It was a tremendous turn-out for a wonderful evening and we could not have fitted any more in. A big thank you also to the models who were all either students, parents or school staff. They were just stunning, with many looking as if they must have modelled before!

There will be a letter from the Friends included in your end-of-term mailing and I look forward to seeing you at one or more of the events planned for next term.

On the 17th May, we are holding a brand new event for us, a 'Pet Show', but with a difference. It will not be in the Crufts mould and whilst there are many decisions yet to be made, 'fun' will be foremost!

If you would like to become more involved in any Friends' activities, or just have some questions about the Friends, please contact, Sarah Handley-Edgar on her mobile: 07967362246, or by e-mail: sez@bromyard43.fsnet.co.uk and if you leave a message and contact number, Sarah will get back to you.

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## Festival Firsts *continued*

Mrs Rogers is understandably pleased with this year's Speech and Drama results. 41 Classes were entered in total and Lucton won medals in 37 of those classes and 21 (including Henry) were firsts!

Mrs Thorne's Year 7 Choral Speakers and Henry McNab were invited to perform in the festival concert on the Saturday night!

The Music Department is also very proud of the achievements of students at the Herefordshire Festival. The new Symphony Orchestra (supported generously by the Friends) was featured at the Herefordshire Festival as the largest instrumental ensemble of any school. The

Chamber Orchestra played Elgar's beautiful work 'Salut D'Amore', led by Leonard Chiang. The Chamber Choir, featuring soloists Freya McHarg and Chloe Evans, performed some extremely challenging music by Felix Mendelssohn and Charles Wood. The Prep School Choir has grown in numbers as well as musicianship and we are very proud of their achievements. Numerous soloists, both instrumental and vocal, performed to acclaimed judges and many won awards for their excellence. We look forward to the continuing development of music and drama in the school.

## Pre-Prep farm trip

At the end of last week the Pre-Prep department had a wonderful visit to the Rees' farm to watch the lambing and to enjoy an Easter egg hunt. Picture: Oliver Smout pulling a lamb with Mr Rees!



## From the Boarding House

The last weekend of the term was a busy one for all in the Boarding House. The Morrisons' trips were later than usual following the Year 7 Parents' Evening but that did not stop anyone stocking up on sweets and treats.

On Saturday, Mr. Ladds took a group of boarders to Cheltenham for a spot of shopping. On seeing the wide range of expensive clothes shops he was glad that Mrs Ladds had stayed at school! The boarders who did not go shopping had a swim, a water fight, wheelbarrow races and other games on Holland Field.

On Mothering Sunday, the boarders decorated terracotta pots and planted sunflower seeds before a roast beef lunch. After lunch there was an Easter egg hunt, followed by a swim.



## SPORTS REPORT

**CROSS COUNTRY** – We took a team from the Prep School to Ludlow and had a good day. The Year 3 and 4 girls won the team event jointly with Bedstone, with Arianne Tonge coming in 2nd and Alice Walton Prince 3rd. The boys also won their team event. Hattie Jones led the way in Year 5 and 6, winning comfortably, and leading the team again to a joint win with Bedstone. In the Year 5 and 6 boys' section, Toby Hamer was our best. Well done to all!

**U14 NETBALL** – v Tenbury. The U14 team played a very good match and was unfortunate to lose. They had to play without their regular shooter, but Charlotte coped very well and had a good game. Elizabeth also played well in her first game with this squad. A good end to the season. Well done, girls!

**U9 RUGBY** – v Abberley Hall. Lucton fielded two sides at Abberley Hall on Monday and picked up a win and a loss. Tommy Williams scored three tries and Ewan Dalziel the other in a very exciting match. Along with Williams and Dalziel, Henry McNab and Josh Walton-Prince played particularly well.

**U12 RUGBY** – We hosted Wrekin College on Wednesday and produced an almost faultless display of rugby. Led by a courageous forward effort with excellent rucking and mauling, Lucton scored five converted tries. Our backline were keen to run the ball from anywhere on the field and the ball handling by all players along with the aggressive tackling ensured that the team finished the season off well. Prop Alex Vaughan made some strong runs picking up two tries, centre, William Russell, used his pace well to score a double, while Liam O'Neill dotted down the other try. Jack Bouston (3) and O'Neill (2) kicked the conversions. Oscar Morris, Max Dalziel, O'Neill and Martin Reece-Pitt were Lucton's best in a great team effort.

**SENIOR RUGBY** – The senior rugby team finished on a high note having shared in a 6 tries apiece spectacular with Weobley. It was a case of our talented backs against their greater forward power in the scrums and lineout. Charlie, Owen, Abdul, Ed Hopkins, Anthony, Steven Amos and Joe Griffiths were dominant in open play and between them carved open the Weobley defence at regular intervals, ably supported by some excellent rucking from the forwards. However, Weobley were able to maintain contact with us through lineout domination and superiority in the scrum. Overall, an excellent match. Try scorers were: Abdul 3, Anthony, Steven, Nick and Joe 3 conversions. GC

### A reminder to all parents

As we approach the summer term, it is important that pupils wear the correct clothing during games. Boys are expected to wear white shorts or cricket trousers along with white cricket shirts. Girls will be expected to wear white skirts and white polo shirts. All summer sports clothing is available from the school shop.



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