

## Exciting week at Red Ridge

Last Friday afternoon, the Year 6 pupils returned from Red Ridge, tired but cheerful after a wonderful week of activities in gorgeous weather.

When they arrived there they went kayaking; it was a blissfully hot day, so luckily the people who capsized were dry in no time. They found the zip wire really exhilarating and wished that they could have had many more turns on it. Fortunately, Wednesday was cooler, just the right temperature for the rock climbing and abseiling in the quarry. Caving was in an old Roman copper mine – perhaps some of the Seniors will remember the Nutcracker

with fondness! The highlight of the week was a 6-mile journey in canoes down the River Severn. After hauling the canoes and equipment across the field to the river, it was exciting to start paddling. We were amazed at the amount of dead trees and debris at some of the river bends as a result of storms earlier in the year. No dead sheep, though! We saw a heron, an oyster catcher and a curlew.

Everyone wished they could have stayed longer. Thank you to Mr. Cowley and especially to Mrs. Blyth for organising such a fantastic trip.

## The Friends of Lucton School

Barn Dance ticket sales are under way, so please contact the school offices to obtain however many you need.

Unusually for such an evening event, this is aimed at the whole family, which should include all but the youngest of children. Bar and food bar will be available from 7.00pm and the music will start at 7.30pm. Mrs Shephard is still looking for one or two more volunteers to help man the stalls at the Summer Fete. If you feel you are able to assist, please ask the offices to pass your details onto Mrs Shepherd, or contact Mrs Handley-Edgar on the mobile number at the end of this column. Wednesday 24th June will be a non-uniform day, in exchange for contributions for the bottle stall or bric-a-brac, alternatively, a £2 donation.

If you would like to become more involved in any Friends' activities, please contact, Sarah Handley-Edgar on her mobile: 07967362246, or by e-mail: sez@bromyard43.fsnet.co.uk

## Meet our Russian visitors



Our visitors for the second half of this term are settling in very well and, as reported in last week's issue, their presence has taken up all available space in the boarding house. This week, they are experiencing normal classroom activities in various parts of the school.

## Wet weekend for our cadets

Last weekend, whilst the training was conducted at the school, overnight accommodation was under improvised shelters, in dense woodland next to Shobden airfield. The weather wasn't good to the cadets, who woke up very early to find the rain coming down very hard. The emphasis was on Skill at Arms training, with all senior cadets passing their weapons skills tests. Some advanced field craft work was also



covered. The Year 8 cadets went on a 'Map and Compass' training walk to 'Croft Ambrey' hill fort and as can be seen in the photo, their feet may have got very wet, but the enthusiasm can still be seen on their faces.

## Equestrian event this Saturday

This Saturday, June 13th, we will host our third annual Inter-School Show-jumping competition at the Bromyard Equestrian Centre. There will be over 100 competitors, representing Lucton and twelve other schools. It is always a spectacular event, and everyone is welcome to come and watch and support the competitors.

## BARN DANCE

Friday 26th June, 7.00pm to 11.30pm

A 'Family' event for all ages, but all children will need a responsible adult with them. Bar and food bar available from 7.00pm, Music from 7.30pm.

Tickets: £10 adults and £2.50 for children/pupils.

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## Speech Day

Please be seated by 10.45 at The Priory in Leominster. We return to school, for lunch/picnics, cricket, rounders and swimming. Pupil registration will take place at 1.30pm. Please remember that as usual, no school buses running on Speech Day!

## Nettles & Lunch this Sunday

This Sunday, everyone is welcome to join us for a morning of gardening at the front lawns from 10.00am, followed by the reward of a roast lunch at 1pm, with the boarders in the Dining Hall.

## OLA cricket match cancelled

After rain on Saturday and through the night, Sunday's match was cancelled. It was hoped that we could re-schedule for the 21st of June, but the OLA have not been able to re-assemble the team.

## From the Boarding House

Mountain biking was the activity organised for the last weekend, but we all woke up to torrential rain on Saturday morning and unfortunately, we had to cancel our plans. Most of us then made a quick trip into Hereford for a spot of shopping or to watch 'Terminator Salvation' at the cinema.

We were also joined for the weekend by the new houseparents, Mr and Mrs Murtagh and their children, Stephen, Rachel and Matthew, and Mr and Mrs Howard. It was a good opportunity for them to meet the boarders. On Sunday, again the bad weather intervened, this time causing the OLA cricket match to be cancelled. In the afternoon, once the sun eventually came out, many of the juniors in particular, played Kwik Cricket for about two hours after the usual Sunday swim.

## SPORTS REPORT

**SWIMMING** v Wrekin. The result was in doubt until the penultimate event and we came out narrow victors in a closely fought home contest. An excellent victory with strong swims from Max, Rebecca and Connor and an excellent effort from all relay teams. Thanks to team manager Mrs Dalziel, who despite programme changes, made sure the right swimmers were in the right races!

**U14 CRICKET** – v Weobley. John and Frank Kelly produced a brilliant all-round display against Weobley in the U14 team's 10 wicket win. Bowling first, Lucton restricted Weobley to 83 for 7 with Frank Kelly and Peter Gray capturing two wickets each. Requiring 84 at over five runs an over, both John (36) and Frank (38) started off conservatively, by running quick singles and always putting pressure on the opposition. As the innings progressed, they played more aggressively, comfortably passing the total with 3 overs to spare.

**U11 CRICKET** – v Moor Park. We won the toss and elected to bat first. The opening batsmen made a steady start; the partnership lasted for six overs. After that, batsmen failed to establish themselves and we were only 37 runs after the 20 overs.



With a low target to aim for the Moor Park openers were confident, and after their opening batsman was bowled out for a duck, the number two and three batsmen took the score to 39 to secure a comfortable victory

**U15 & U12 ROUNDERS** – v Weobley. The U15 girls started off slowly in the first innings and made some fielding errors. They, however, came back very strongly in the second innings and won that innings. Unfortunately, they could not make up the deficit from the first. Alex and Amy were the top scorers. The U12 girls ended the first innings just behind at 13 to 11. We weren't able to catch up in the second innings, but special mention goes to Jemima's leadership and bowling and Jade and Nicole's excellent batting with 3 rounders apiece.

**U11 ROUNDERS** – v Moffat's. This was a mixed game and we fielded a young team that improved throughout. Tommy Williams played well, as did Emma Leclizio and Susannah Bleckharn. Well done!

**U11 & U9 ROUNDERS** – v Clunbury. Everyone was able to play in these two mixed matches. The U11 team were caught napping in the first innings, losing quiet heavily; however, we won the second. Final score: Lucton 19 Clunbury 21. The U9 match was also a close game. This time we won both innings coming out on top 16 to 11.5. Well done to all!

### NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

Sat June 13th: Hereford & Worcester County Athletics at Nunnery Wood, 10.00am

Mon Jun 15th: U9 Rounders v Moffats (A), 2.00pm  
U11 Rounders v Kingsland (H), 2.00pm  
U11 Cricket v Kingsland (H), 2.00pm

Wed Jun 17th: U12 Cricket v Bedstone (A), 2.00pm  
U13 Cricket v St Richards (H), 2.00pm  
U15 Cricket v Lady Hawkins (A), 4.00pm  
U13 & U14 Rounders v St Richards (A), 2.30pm  
Year 7 & 8 Minor District Athletics at Hereford Leisure Centre, 1.00pm

Thu Jun 18th: U9 Cricket & Rounders v St Richards (A), 2.30pm

### Staff/Parents v 1st XI Cricket - on Speech Day

If any parents are interested in playing for the Staff/Parents cricket side next weekend after Speech Day & Prize Giving, could you please contact Mrs Bufton or Mr Looms at school.



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