

Great finish with our Canadian rugby visitors

On the last afternoon of the term, we hosted a visit from Henry Wise Wood School from Calgary, who are touring the UK with their U16 side.

Our U16s have had a great season, as County 7s Champions and 15-a-side Runners-up, as well as finishing third in the ISA National Championships. This was a terrific way to finish a tremendous season. Mr Williams was full of praise for their performance.

Lucton's backs put in some tremendous runs against a much heavier and older team and whilst the teams were fairly well matched, we were unfortunate to lose 21-10, not least after having two tries disallowed. The match was played at a really fast pace and was highly entertaining. Mr Williams thanked the visitors at the dinner following the match and the teams exchanged mementoes. It was a great end to the season!



Good luck to Mr Warren!

As he sets off on his Lands End to John O'Groats cycle ride straight after we break up, we wish him well and hope that every family will find some sponsorship for his epic journey, raising funds for the Sports Hall.



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Prep School News

In the last week of term we are still as busy as ever. Baking seemed to be the theme this week with Reception and Year 2 busy making éclairs, whilst Year 1 worked on making dough ready for baking. Meanwhile, upstairs Year 5 have been baking biscuits. This only leaves 3 & 4; better luck next term! I am sure Mr Bicker-Caarten and Miss Jay won't get any peace until their forms bake as well.

So, in the last week; house points have been counted and the winning house is... to be announced later! Who had the most house points in Prep? That too will be announced in the last assembly.

A lizard has been seen in the Prep Hall. It is creeping up the wall and is ready to pounce on a tasty fly or spider. Perhaps you can come along and spot Stripes (he has been given a nickname). We understand that Mrs Hanly, Reception and Year 1 have something to do with him. He is absolutely beautiful (or is he a she?) and mustn't be missed. Please do come along and spot

him (or her).

After our excellent showing at the Hereford Festival we have our production to look forward to - look out for some arrows, the odd jaunty hat and quite a lot of fol-de-rols and fiddle-dee-dees. Then there is the swimming gala, sports day... I think we'll wait for the calendar to come out. Thank you, parents, for your support; please come and join the Friends for a spot of bingo. Have a lovely holiday, get some rest, ready for the summer term.

Forest School

We finished with our last fire, marshmallows and hot chocolate. The children made some model dens in a triangular style and noticed that there was a lot of floor covering. "It's all green!" was a common refrain and we were really lucky to hear a woodpecker on Tuesday. Next term is the turn of Years 2 & 3. What different activities will we be able to do in the full flood of spring and early summer? The local lambs will certainly be bigger and there won't be any daffodils. Summer in the wood will be new to us all. See you next term!



Mrs Griffiths with two of her gymnasts, Alice Walton-Prince and Lizzie Williams.

Fire Brigade stage rescue at school

Last week, we had the crews from two fire stations visit us for exercises on the school premises. Large parts of the Victorian building's cellars were filled with smoke and many

dummies were placed inside. Using the latest breathing equipment and radio communications many of the firemen took it in turns to recover the dummies from the smoke-filled cellars and changing rooms. It was fantastic to see and exercises like this are also very useful in ensuring that the local fire brigades are very familiar with our school.



CCF Annual Camp

The CCF Annual Camp is to be held at Longmoor Camp, Hants this year. The cadets will leave from the school on Saturday, 9th July returning on Saturday, 16th July. The camp is the highlight of the training year with numerous exciting activities being organised by the regular army cadet training teams. The total cost of the week-long camp is only £45 for the whole week, inclusive of transport, staffing and meals. We only have a limited number of places. To secure a place for your child please forward a cheque payable to 'Lucton School CCF' as soon as possible.

If the camp is over subscribed, then senior cadets will have to get priority.

Ski Course 2011

Good luck to everyone for next week! The course departs at 14.00 on Saturday 2nd April and returns at 13.00 on Sunday 10th April.

Intermediate Maths Challenge 2011

We enter our best candidates for the Maths Challenge every year. It is set by the Mathematics group at Leeds University to challenge the best pupils in years 9, 10 and 11 across the country. About 20% of the pupils receive a bronze certificate, 10% a silver and 5% a gold. It is a demanding test. This year the following pupils were awarded: Bronze: George Layton, Taylor Wood, Rasul Kireev and Clarissa Simpson. Silver: Houhin Tsang and Matthew Sanderson. Gold: Matthew Murtagh. In addition, a number of pupils have improved their performance each year and we hope some of them will attain the marks to gain a certificate in the future.



Family event just after Easter

Family **BINGO** Fun evening

on Thursday 5th May
at Lucton Prep School
at 5.00 pm (till 6.30 pm)

Hot dogs and other refreshments



Easter Egg
Prizes and cash

COME AND HAVE SOME FUN

In the second week of the summer term, we are holding a Family Bingo Fun Evening. This is an event for all the family, children and parents and will take place in the Prep School Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

At the same time, why not ask at the office for more information on The 100 Club.

FRIENDS OF LUCTON SCHOOL

Visit from our MP



Year 12 enjoyed an interesting and lively discussion with Bill Wiggin MP who visited the school on Friday afternoon. Mr Wiggin talked about the role of an MP and his responsibilities as a Conservative Party Whip in the Coalition Government. The Sixth Form questioned him on a variety of issues including the situation in Libya, the NHS, electoral reform, economic policy and student fees and finance. The session ended with an impassioned plea by Mr Wiggin on the importance of voting and participating in the democratic process.

Old Luctonians' Reunion

The OLA is organising a reunion for 'younger' Old Luctonians. This is in the form of Live Music and Disco to be held at the Luctonians

RFC Kingsland on Saturday May 14th. Ticket price £10.

Jon Miles is the co-ordinator and has set about promoting this function on Facebook. Old Luctonians may also contact the school office for more details.

Boarding House News

On the final weekend of term, the Croft House occupants headed to Warwick Castle for a fun-filled day out. Monga Poni was particularly excited to see the site of one of England's finest castles on the banks of the river Avon and one time home of Richard Neville, Earl of Warwick, known as the "Kingmaker" for his role in the Wars of the Roses. On arriving at Warwick, the group split up with pupils enjoying the ramparts, dungeons and state rooms.

The banquet hall was particularly impressive with its collection of armour and medieval weaponry. Aaron Evetts thought it was "well cool"! Unfortunately, a fellow member of the public took the damsel in distress theme of medieval England a little too literally and fell down some of the steep castle steps. Rather than get rescued by a dashing knight the Warwickshire emergency services did a sterling job which created a little more excitement to our trip.



On our return, we headed to the Mortimer's Cross Inn for a supper of Noodles, burgers chips and ice cream. It was a welcome opportunity for the house to get together in convivial surroundings and enjoy each other's company. The Sixth form was allowed to stay a little longer. Eventually all the house retired to bed in good spirits.

The arrival of British summer time heralded some fine weather, but unfortunately meant the loss of an hour's lie in!

Following brunch, some of the house took the opportunity to take in fresh air on the field with some games of football, while many of the overseas pupils packed for their return home. The boarding parents would like to thank Lulu, Debbie and Denise, and of course the gaps, for all the sterling work and effort that they have put into the house this term. Of course, a big thank you goes to all our boarders, from both near and far, for their good behaviour and good nature during this busy term. Enjoy your break!

Hereford Festival Speech & Drama Prize Winners, 2011



POETRY –

6 years of age

1st Natasha Dalziel (CUP)

2nd Alisha Worthy

Group Animated Poetry – 6 years

1st Year 2

7 years of age

1st Caitlin Williams (CUP)

2nd Zoe Whittall

3rd Ellie Runacus

8 years of age

1st Ella Pillidge

9 years of age

3rd Alice Walton-Prince

Choral Speaking

1st Year 3 (CUP)

12 & 13 years of age

3rd Libery Perry

Intermediate Poetry

3rd Martin Reece-Pitt

Advanced Poetry

3rd Freya McHarg

ACTING –

Junior Play Reading

1st Megan Ferriday, Aaron

Powell, Louis Mayglothling,

Jack Williams & Harriet

Suter

Group Acted Scene

1st Year 4 & 5 (CUP)

Elementary Solo Acting

2nd Harriet Brick

3rd Grace Ralph

Intermediate Solo Acting

1st Martin Reece-Pitt
(CUP)

2nd Sophie Ball

Advanced Solo Acting

1st George Goring (CUP)

Elementary Duologues

1st Henry McNab & Joshua

Walton Prince (CUP)

2nd Zoe Whittall & Caitlin

Williams

SOLO MIME AND IMPROVISATION –

Solo Mime 9 – 12 years

1st Megan Griffiths

Solo Mime 13 – 16 years

2nd Martin Reece-Pitt

Solo Improvisation

1st Martin Reece-Pitt

SIGHT READING -

Elementary Sight Reading

1st Caitlin Williams

3rd Ellie Runacus

3rd Megan Williams

Primary Sight Reading

2nd Harriet Brick

Intermediate Sight Reading

2nd Martin Reece-Pitt

PROSE READING –

Prose Reading 12 – 14

years

3rd Martin Reece-Pitt

BIBLE READING -

1st Martin Reece-Pitt

2nd Ellie Davies, Simon

Lyke & William Russell

PUBLIC SPEAKING –

Intermediate Public

Speaking

1st Martin Reece-Pitt

Senior Public Speaking

1st Beth Sherwood

INTERVIEW –

1st William Russell

This was another great year for Lucton School at the Hereford Festival and the successes were not just limited to Speech and Drama. Amongst other singers and instrumentalists, Chloe Evans achieved a notable 1st place in her Cello class, but the extent and depth of our success with the spoken word speaks volumes for the way Speech and Drama is delivered here at Lucton. Many thanks to Mrs Rogers and Miss Fitzpatrick for all their work with individuals and to Miss Francis, for delivery of the curriculum drama and school productions.

Sports Report

U13 COUNTY NETBALL CHAMPIONS

The Year 7 and 8 girls played outstandingly at the recent 'B' tournament at Earl Mortimer School to become County Champions. The matches against Bishops, St Mary's and Earl Mortimer gave us a huge lead on goal difference which took us into our fourth game against Hereford Cathedral school which we drew 3-3. Our final game against Kingstone was the icing on the cake when we won 10-0, with outstanding shooting from Ellie and Susannah. No other school had anywhere near the goal average we had, so we became the resounding victors! Well done girls and County Champions to boot!

ROSSLYN PARK RUGBY 7S, COLTS TOURNAMENT

Our U16 sevens squad took a trip into the unknown with Lucton's first trip to the national 7s for a considerable amount of time. Over 155 teams from the UK, and beyond, entered this year's competition to make it the world's largest rugby tournament in terms of participation. Our 6.30am departure was a little early for some although a bit of Classic FM on the radio soon sent the boys to sleep. (It was either that or Mr. Cowley's stories of when he played in the tournament as a lad in the fifties.)

Our first game was against respectable opponents Bedford Modern School. A competitive first half was good but we simply couldn't match their raw power at the breakdown in the second half. From being two tries down at the break we folded to lose by 6 scores to nil. Next up were Ryde school who were no better than us but squally weather meant a wet ball – disappointingly it seemed to affect us more than them and two knock ons by Lucton led to 2 easy scores for them. Tries by Frank Kelly and Peter Gray got us back into the game but one more break away by Ryde saw them win out.

Our final game was against Lycee Francais. Pride meant that Lucton was determined not to finish such a great 7s season on a loss. A competitive game saw the French take an early



lead, but when Frank Kelly again opened our account, nerves began to settle. Scott Parker crossed next but a converted try by the opposition saw them squeeze ahead. Jordan Hellyer saved the day with a scampering run up the touchline for the winning score. It was a pleasing end to a good day. Many lessons can

be taken from the day in terms of where we want Lucton Rugby to go. It was nice for a small boarding school from Herefordshire to be seen in the same exalted company of the likes of Millfield, Eton, and Wellington College to name but three.

HOUSE NETBALL

We finished the netball season on a high note with an afternoon of excellent netball played by the four houses. The house captains, Chloe, Alex, Kitty and Jodie did a very good job in organising and encouraging their teams and netball of a very high standard was played throughout. The winner of this year's house competition was Drake with Nelson in second place and Collingwood in third place.

HOUSE FOOTBALL

This proved to be a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon of sport. The format of the matches with five players for each team played over 8 minutes each half ensured that the games were fast and furious. In the Middle School competition Collingwood dominated from the beginning, with George Bouston and Athan dictating play throughout the competition. They easily won their first match against Rodney and continued in much the same way with convincing victories over both Nelson and Drake. The top two teams in the mini-league then took part in a play-off final with Collingwood again running out victors.

In the Senior School Drake were the outstanding team. They beat Nelson 4-1 in their opening match, and were never in any danger of slipping up against either Rodney or Collingwood. There were a number of star performers with Michael Mak and Abdul consistently showing their experience, guiding their team to victory. The games were played in the right spirit; well done to all the boys who took part!

Lands End to John O'Groats

Sponsored cycle ride for the Sports Hall Appeal

Fancy travelling from Lands End to John O'Groats approx 900- 950 miles ... by bike, starting 1st April from Lands End and completing within 10 days.

One teacher in the Prep School is celebrating reaching a big birthday by doing just that!

Using an estimated 6000 calories a day, Mr Warren will cycle 90-100 miles a day as an average on the bike, to raise money for The Acky. A confirmed enthusiast for all sports, Mr Warren has run across Hadrian's Wall in his younger years, represented Great Britain in his (middle age) group in the Triathlon World (2005) and European Championships (2010) and teaches swimming to all children in the Prep School.

His route will take in his current home town of Ludlow and will head up west of the country before heading north through Edinburgh and onto Inverness and John O'Groats. He is taking tips from Mr Cowley who has 3 such trips under his belt!



So give your teacher your support and help the Acky get one step closer to being a super facility for sports and recreation.

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