

# LUCTON



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## News

### Pancake Day

Earlier in the day, in Mrs Thorne's assembly at the Prep School, Mr Bicker-Caarten and Mr Warren were given a competition to see who could flip their pancakes the most times. Unfortunately, Mr Bicker-Caarten's pancake was firmly fixed to the frying pan whilst Mr Warren flipped his an amazing 25 times! There is no truth in the rumour that it was all rigged!



Our picture shows the chaotic Middle and Senior School Pancake Race. Liam Evetts was the Middle School winner and Freddie Powell was the Senior winner.

### Maths Challenge

The Senior Challenge is open to all school aged pupils, but is primarily aimed at top Year 11 and Sixth Form mathematicians. It is designed to engage the pupils in challenging mathematical problems. There are 25 questions in 90 minutes and incorrectly answered questions receive negative marks! Our pupils performed very well. Results: Silver Award: Lawrence Thompson (Best in School), Winnie Zhang; Bronze: Laurence Lin, Toby Simpson. Matt Murtagh.



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For ALL PARENTS! - Friends of Lucton School

## 70s DISCO / DINNER DANCE

Saturday 19th March

7.30pm 'til late - Dress Fancy (70s)

Tickets £20 inc. glass of fizz and a meal.

Please book via Claire at the School Office.

# Prep School News



The Prep had daffodils in every nook and cranny last Friday and was looking extremely spick and span for our Open Morning. Our morning started with an assembly by Year 3. Acting as some fearsome witches, they entertained parents and prospective parents with their production of the witches' scene from the Scottish Play; round and round the cauldron indeed!

Open Morning was pleasantly busy and a huge thank you to the Year 8 pupils for showing around prospective parents.

The rest of the week we have been juggling our academic learning with our learning for the Hereford Festival. What with choral performances of poetry, scenes from a popular play, elegies; oh the list grows! Miss Fitzpatrick

and Mrs Rogers have been working non-stop; Miss Fitzpatrick has managed to fit in the Middle School Production around all of this. We are all looking forward to the Festival itself in 10 days time.

With an under 9s football and netball match against Kingsland today, it has certainly been a busy week.

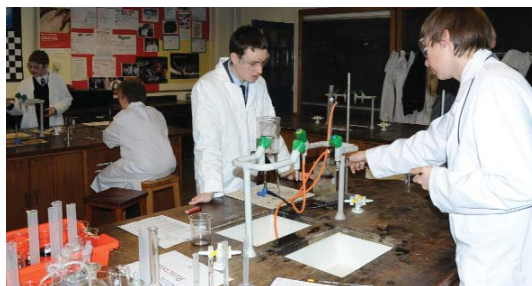
## Forest School

Whittling has been the focus this week. Once a path was finished, another one outlined and signs of Spring ticked off, we practised the art of whittling. Although penknives weren't part of the equipment, the children whittled their first sticks in readiness for melting marshmallows on a fire (very possibly next week). They were fascinated to find that children have been doing this for years; we heard tales of dads whittling sticks when they were children - quite often these tales ended with a cut finger or thumb. Nevertheless, the dads must have been very proud to tell their children. Interestingly, mums didn't feature with penknives; I wonder why?

We are all looking forward to building a fire, roasting marshmallows and boiling water for hot chocolate; fingers crossed the weather is appropriate!

## Open Days

All our visitors praised the courtesy and politeness of our pupils as they toured them around the school and were extremely



impressed with the warmth and friendliness of pupils and staff. Huge thanks to all those who took part in the events of the days! We are very proud indeed of you all!

## FRIENDS OF LUCTON SCHOOL

Thanks to everyone who attended the planning meeting on Wednesday. Many plans were finalised, such as another BBQ in May, the Fete, and mouse racing!

Mr Williams came and spoke to the Friends about the Canada Rugby Tour and about raising funds for the venture. Mr Thorne handed out leaflets provided by Lucton Innovations. All present were most impressed with the success of our Sixth Formers and others so far. If you would like to become more involved in these or any Friends' activities, please contact, Sarah Handley-Edgar on her mobile: 07967362246, or: sez@bromyard43.fsnet.co.uk



## Medals for Megan

Megan Griffiths – who won many medals for swimming at her club in Leominster.

# A busy week ahead:

- **Hobsons' Brewery** trip.  
Tuesday 15th at 7.30pm  
(Cleobury Mortimer DY14 8RD) –  
£10 for a tour, beer and light  
supper – Transport available:  
leaving school at 6.30, going on  
to Leominster, leaving the car  
park behind DiMarco's Chip  
Shop at 6.45, then going via  
Tenbury to Cleobury Mortimer.  
Please call to be picked up.
- Wed & Thu 16th & 17th 7pm –  
**Wind in the Willows.**
- Yr 10 & Sixth Form **Parents'**  
**Evening** Friday 18th.
- **Friends' 70s Disco** –  
Saturday 19th
- **Friends' Clay Pigeon**  
**Shoot** – Sunday 20th.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON  
ANY OF THE ABOVE, PLEASE CALL  
THE OFFICE ON 01568 782000.

## SPORTING FIXTURES

**Week beginning Mon 14th March**

**Tuesday 15th March**

U9 Netball v Heathfield (a) 2.30pm

U14 Football v Weobley (a) 3.30pm

**Wednesday 16th March**

Senior Basketball v Wrekin (a), 2.15

U14 and U16 Netball v Weobley (a) 2.30pm

U16 Football v Bromyard (h) 4.00pm

U15 Football v Bedstone (a) 2.30pm

U13 Football v St Richards (h) 2.30pm

U13 a and b Netball v St. Richards (a) 2.30pm

U11 and U10 Netball v St. Richards (a) 2.30pm

**Friday 18th March**

U10/11 Netball & Football v HCJS(h) 2.45pm

## Science Week starts

There are many exciting activities and events running next week to celebrate National Science Week. For parents/guardians and staff there are a places left on the Hobsons Brewery tour and tasting on Tuesday evening, please ring or email Mrs. Handley if you would like to go (07967362246 or sez@bromyard43.fsnet.co.uk). Students may bring their trebuchet entries in any time next week to the science department. The senior school egg drop challenge will take place by the Teaching Block at 1.30 pm on Thursday, and the Prep School will do theirs on Friday.

## Boarding House News

“Chocolate is a divine, celestial drink. The sweat of the stars, the vital seed, divine nectar, the drink of the gods, panacea and universal medicine.” Antonio Lavedan, Spanish army surgeon, 1796.

Last weekend saw the boarders of Croft House eagerly leaving for a trip to Cadbury World. If they weren't smiling before they left, they were certainly smiling on their return laden with lots of free bars of chocolate. Some boarders, like Liam Evetts, even bought bars of foot-long Dairy Milk from the factory shop! It was a very enjoyable trip,



not just for the delicious chocolate, but for the fascinating history of Bournville, a chance to design and make our very own chocolate and to see the thousands of chocolate bars (agonisingly out of reach) on the factory's conveyor belts.

Sunday was a more relaxed day with our usual swim, film and fabulous Sunday roast. In the evening the boarders attended Sunday Service, led by Mr. Carrigan.

Just one request from the boarding house: Would parents / guardians please confirm boarders' end of term travel arrangements asap? Many thanks for your support in this matter.

# Sports Report

## **U16 RUGBY** v Bredon

Confidence is a wonderful sporting tool that can inspire assured and skilful performances. Over confidence, however, can result in a lack of focus, determination and an ability to do the basics right. The latter was certainly the case as Lucton entertained Bredon.

13 knock-ons in the first half alone, 2 of which led directly to tries, summed up our failings in the opening 30 minutes. Yet, in the second half we saw more of the old Lucton magic as the side eliminated mistakes and played some excellent rugby to score twice. It was only when injuries started to mount that Bredon were able to score two more tries. Lucton learnt some harsh lessons that afternoon, but if we can learn from them, then we will be all the better for it.

## **U13 & U15 NETBALL** v Earl Mortimer.

The U13 team started off well and was ahead by 3 goals to 1 at the end of the first quarter. The low score is an indication of how close this match was. Some inaccurate passing helped Earl Mortimer to gain the lead and they were ahead at half time. We then made some positional changes which paid off handsomely as we won the match by 12 goals to 11. Player of the match was Issie Vowles. Well done, girls!

The U15 team had to make use of three U14 players and they did not have a good start. They did, however, play much better in the second quarter but were still behind by 10 goals at half time. After some positional changes before the last quarter, the girls' play improved. Unfortunately, Earl Mortimer's lead was too big. Player of the match, awarded by the opposition, was Ellie Owens.

## **U14 FOOTBALL** v Bromyard:

The game started at a ferocious pace, with both teams intent on attacking at every opportunity. Bromyard tried to get their pacy wingers on the ball as often as possible, but Simon Lyke and Toby Hamer were on top form and easily repelled their attacks. Lucton's midfield showed determination and slowly began to wrestle the initiative from their opponents. Max Dalziel put through a number of incisive passes for our strikers, Marco and Will Russell. Towards the end of the first half, Bromyard scored with almost their first shot on target. Our boys refused to buckle and



continued to press in the second half. Will Russell had a snap shot which sailed just over, and there were long-range efforts from Jack Bouston and Freddy Powell. Towards the end of the game Bromyard scored their second goal. Overall, Lucton's performance against a strong team was very encouraging indeed.

## **U18 NETBALL** v Bredon School.

The game started at quite a pace with Iona and Serena scoring 8 goals in quick succession, this set us well ahead in the second quarter. Our defence of Johanna, Chloe and Sophie withstood quite a bombardment from the opposition to hold the second quarter 2 goals each. This was Johanna's debut match and proved to be a baptism of fire!

Storm and Molly pushed the Bredon team hard in the remaining quarters of the game showing strong resolve and awareness. The final victory went to Lucton with a great result of 18 goals to 5. Well done to all and here's hoping we can persuade Johanna to offer her services in the future!

**U12 NETBALL.** Herefordshire tournament. The Year 7s made quite an impression on their first county netball tournament. We were drawn in section D. Our attackers, Ellie-Mae, Ellie and Jessica were always alert and scored some excellent goals right from the start. Our opening match against Aylestone School was won 5-0. The centre court players, Charlie and Lucy were always there to back-up the attackers and intercept the opposing defenders. Our second match was lost to eventual finalists, Bishops School.

In our third and most exciting game the defenders, Anna and Megan were excellent at preventing the opposition shooters from scoring any goals and every back-line pass was accurate with the ball passed swiftly from one end of the court to the other without any interceptions from anyone on the opposition. The final score was Lucton 1, Kingstone 0.

We were eventual runners up of the section. Excellent netball; well done, girls!