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News



Sun shines on Summer Fete



Many thanks to the Friends of Lucton School for a fantastic fete last Friday. The turnout was fantastic and the two bouncy castles saw plenty of action. There were also many school stands and events and between them, well over £2,000 was raised, which will ultimately go towards the Sports Hall Appeal.



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Prep School News

A short week, yes, but, a slack week? Never! First we would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Years 4 & 5 for their excellent assembly, last Friday, on the theme of 'Moving Up'. Superb! Aided and abetted by the technical wizardry of Mrs Hanly and Miss Jay, we were shown memories and reflections of their early days in the Prep School whilst they entertained us with the skills needed to 'Move on Up' to their next years, Year 5 or the Middle School and Year 6. Great fun and let this be your first invitation to Year 4B's Assembly on 9th September!

I would now like you to cast your mind back to the wonderful Nativity of the Pre Prep and the fantastic production, from the Senior School, of The Lord of the Flies, back in December. Then we were amazed by the skills of the Middle School in Toad of Toad Hall in March. This week was the turn of Years 3, 4 & 5 to wow them in the aisles with our version of the story of Robin Hood - 'Hoodwinked'! Monday

was spent in last minute rehearsals - with the usual adjustments and acting flourishes being ignored by our director, Mrs Rogers. Tuesday saw two performances of Hoodwinked with the children rising to each performance. Our thanks go to all of the team (including our excellent Sixthth formers) and I understand that next year's production is already being mulled over!

Meanwhile, the Pre Prep thought a trip to Croft Castle was needed. As the production was in full swing, our intrepid younger ones thought a walk up to the Iron Age Fort was in order - even in the massive downpour! I understand that only hurricanes (or similar weather) would stop them.

Onto Wednesday and the end-of-year trip for Years 3, 4 & 5 to the Safari Park. The wild animals looked intently on the the strange creatures within a 4 wheeled white vehicle. Had they come from out of space? No! Lucton. Eager squeals indicated the next new animal; ducks were mistaken for water buffalo (an easy mistake, I am told, from that distance); white lions (really) ignored us and cheetahs prowled the perimeter. Then off to the rides!

Who could get the wettest? Were we brave enough (and tall enough) for Venom? Could we handle the Twister? Yes to some and no to others. A great day and thank you to Mrs Rees, Mrs Suter, Miss Fitz-Patrick and Mrs Niblett for helping us through the day. The children were superbly behaved and a credit to the school.

So, we come to the end of another school year. I would like to thank everyone in the Prep School for making this a smooth and successful year. We all wish you a restful and relaxing holiday (don't forget to read as much as you can) and look forward to September with our new classes and your bright smiles.



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Prep visit to a Safari Park

Here are some of the animals we saw on our drive through the Safari Park, before heading on for the rides.



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Boarding House News

The last weekend of the school year was action-packed and fun-filled. On Friday, the boarders attended the school fete and, by the beaming grins on their faces, had a great time. After our trip to Morrisons, most of the boarders had an early night in preparation for Saturday's activity.

We woke to fantastic sunshine in the morning, perfect conditions for climbing and abseiling at Oakerwood. All of the boarders did very well, but special mention must be made of Abdul whose unique style of climbing and descending the wall was most impressive. It was really pleasing to see that all of the pupils encouraged each other

to reach the highest point they could. After tea, the pool was opened and many of the pupils took a relaxing dip.

The pace didn't let up on Sunday with cake baking, rounders, swimming and a film on offer for our boarders. Finally, some of the older students took part in a general knowledge quiz hosted by Mr. Price. It was a closely contested affair, with Rob and Nicole eventually running out winners.

The house staff would like to thank everyone for a most enjoyable school year and wish you all well for a happy and relaxing summer break. We look forward to seeing you return safely to School Cottage and Croft House in September.



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Pre Prep visit to Croft Ambrey



All children who were on the end-of-year trip to Croft Ambrey completed a wonderful year of trips, with a walk to the top of the hill fort. Well done all children aged from 5 to 7 years! This was part of a fun day at the local National Trust site.

Running for the Sports Hall

Ollie and Hannah Howl took part in a sponsored run recently and have raised £176 towards the Sports Hall Appeal. Well done!

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Sports Report

SENIOR & MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

One of the sporting highlights of any school's sporting calendar is the summer sports day. This proved to be the case with a well attended and competitive event on Holland field.

All manner of abilities and ages were in competition and there were some notable performances throughout the afternoon. Toby Hamer established a new school record in the 1500 metres for junior boys. It wasn't quite the Bannister sub 4 minute mile performance, but he did break the 6 minute barrier with a time of 5 minutes and 59 seconds.

Matthew Bishop threw 22.77 metres to establish a new intermediate boys discus

record and James Miles smashed the existing shot record of 10.01 metres with a putt of 11.87 metres.

2 new records were set in the javelin with Rebecca McLauchlan and Emily Denson winning the intermediate and senior girls events respectively. Matthew Sanderson broke the existing sports day record of 1 minute and 1 second for the 400 metres with a run of 59.06 seconds.

The Vitrix Ludorum and Victor Ludorum went to the following athletes in their age range:

Junior Girls – Ellie Davies. Junior Boys – Harvey Evans

Inter Girls – Jenny Smith. Inter Boys – Rhys Griffiths

Senior Girls – Emily Denson. Senior Boys – Matt Murtagh

In the overall result, the scores fluctuated throughout with Nelson and Drake



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dominant. Following a hotly contested battle the final scores were Rodney: 87, Collingwood: 97, Nelson: 116 and Drake Champions with 132. This made Mrs. Painter – Black’s day; the weeks of planning and tactical decision making had paid off.

Well done to all who participated and congratulations to Drake house! Thanks go to all the staff who helped with the smooth running of the day but particularly Messrs. Nelson, Northwood and Carrigan. Finally, a thank you goes to Mr. Cowley for his organisation and control of the whole event.

HOUSE CRICKET COMPETITION

Played under a 6-a-side, 8 ball over format, Nelson and Drake played competitive and sensible cricket to reach the final. Drake, well captained throughout by Abdul, posted a useful score of 57, but were overhauled in short order by the aggressive batting of John, Frank and Martin. Particular congratulations to Rasul and Ignacio, who fielded and bowled with credit. Overall, the standard of play was pleasing and the timing good, as the rain began at 5.00 sharp!



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