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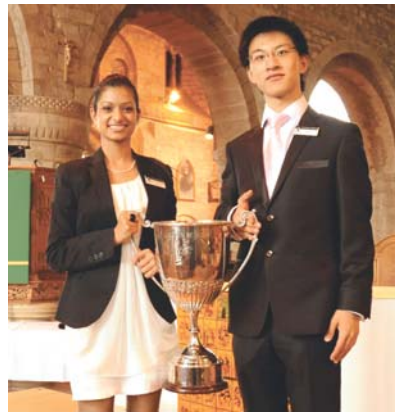
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News

Speech Day at Lucton



The speeches and prize-giving at the Priory in the morning went extremely well and we are grateful to our guest of honour, former rugby coach and CEO of the British Paralympic Team, for his speech and for presenting the prizes. As usual, the musical contribution from the school's choirs was excellent, the 1st XI beat the parents and staff and the staff/pupil rounders was so popular, two matches were running at the same time. *(more photos on Page 8).*



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Prep School News

As we start counting down the days until the end of term and enjoying the last of Wimbledon the Prep School has been as busy as ever. Thinking back to last week's Friday Assembly you might remember the theme of 'Words' and certainly Years 2 & 3 gave us a wonderful rendition of various poems that played on words and others that made us think. Well done, Years 2 & 3!

This week's Friday Assembly is the last of the school year and the theme is 'Moving Up' as we say goodbye to Year 5. They have been a great year group and have flourished under their class teacher, Mrs Hanly. They are ready to move on, although I do detect a tinge of regret as well as a lot of enthusiasm. Don't forget where we are!

Monday was Fancy Dress/Dress Up day and there were some wonderful costumes; a dalek and a giraffe spring to mind; then again, it was the first time I've seen a walking cornetto! It did make for some interesting lessons especially as the odd "I will exterminate!" punctuated the day. Great fun all round!



Tuesday was our Swimming Gala and thanks again go to Mr Warren and the Dalziels for a sterling effort in organising the afternoon. Thanks as well to Mrs Howl, Mrs Ralph, Mrs Halpin and Mrs Williams in their role as timekeepers with Ewan Dalziel in the role as general helper and score keeper. The children kept up loud cheers throughout and thanks to the Friends for providing well-needed teas and juices for the parents – it was certainly hot!

Moving onto yesterday with a superb Sports Day for Nursery to Year 5! Well done to Mrs Powell and Mrs Griffiths for making the day run so smoothly! The weather wasn't bad either, but, we didn't finish the day there as many of the Prep School were part of the End

of Year Garden Picnic. What a wonderful setting, overlooking Hay Bluff and the end of the Brecon Beacons. As Mrs Thorne said, our very own Glyndebourne!

So to the end of the week and two trips to look forward to next week. Don't forget that we haven't finished until 5 o'clock next Thursday!

Forest School

This was the last Forest School for Year 2 and it was a bugging kind of afternoon as we searched high and low for the most amount of insects we could find.

Armed with magnifying glasses, our intrepid explorers set off through the woods and fields. They discovered that the best place for bugs was the cool and wet of the woods. It has been a great first year of Forest School and the children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

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End-of-year picnic concert

What a fantastic event! Yesterday's end-of-year picnic concert was very well attended and we were all treated to an amazing display of musical talent, from the Prep School Choir, right up to Sixth Form, together with a few treats from the staff.



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Boarding House News

Events last weekend were dominated by Speech Day. After the customary trip down to Leominster to stock up on goodies, much of the house prepared for the big day by shining shoes and cleaning clothes.

All house parents were proud of the way our boarders looked and behaved on the big day. They were a credit to themselves and Croft House. Particularly gratifying for the Williams and Prices was seeing so many of our boarders gain individual prizes. The roll of honour was Alice Walton-Prince, Jack Kemp, Rasul Kireev, Abi Bancroft,

Janisha Rai, Ali Dhanani, Abdul Godobe, Bradley Manktelow, George Goring and of course Dhiluni Kandage and Yang Xi.

On Sunday the sun shone brightly and because of Speech Day preventing the normal Saturday activity from taking place the house headed off to Worcester for a few hours rest and recuperation. Some of the junior house members saw Kung Fu Panda 2 while the rest just shopped and some even enjoyed a very civilised lunch.

We have bid farewell to many of our overseas students this week with more to follow next – we wish you all a safe and enjoyable passage home!



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Fri 1st July, 4 - 6.00, School Fete
Mon 4th, 2.00, Senior School Sports Day
Lucton Arts Festival week

Tues 5th, 2.30 & 6.30, Prep School Play - HOODWINKED

Interhouse rounders and cricket

Wed 6th, 2 - 4.30, Senior School Swimming Gala

Thurs 7th, 3.00, Gems Concert

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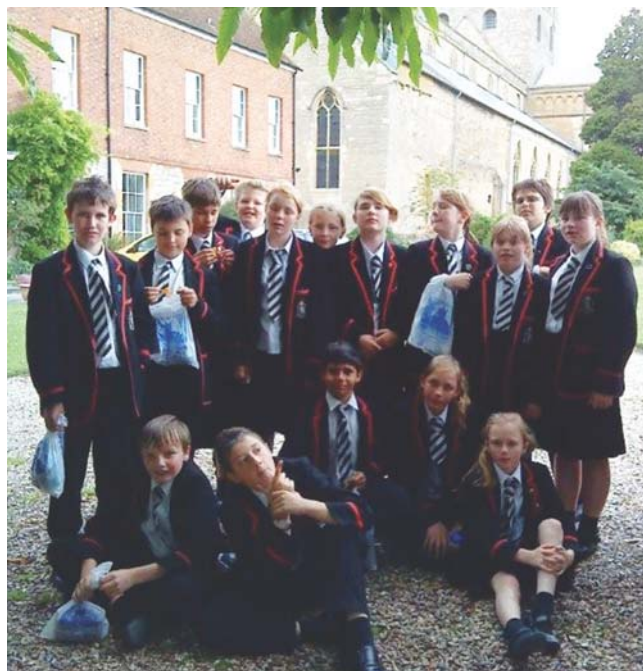
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Year 7 RS visit to Tewkesbury

On Tuesday, 7P travelled to Tewkesbury for a day of "firsts". We visited the largest parish church, with the largest Norman tower and we "saw" lots of buildings that aren't there. We saw a bishop crawling with vermin, an Abbot slaying a dragon and a knight in prayer. We heard of good blood from the "pelican in her piety" and bad blood from the wicked Yorkists, and we saw Jesus in a box in a cage in a tent in a house hanging from the ceiling. We saw official graffiti (masons c.1100) and unofficial graffiti (Parliamentarians c.1647). We learned about roods, pulpitums, chantries and ambulatories, and we met an associate priest, a world-famous organist and a lady who

remembered living in her house when it had no electricity, gas, running water, laundry facilities or lavatory. On the whole, a fact-packed day!



Induction Day

On Wednesday, most of the school moved up a year to experience the lessons and the teachers they will have in September. We were also joined by many of September's new pupils.
(Photo: Yr 5(6) Chemistry)

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Sports Report

First XI CRICKET v Staff and Parents
An enthralling match was played out on Speech Day, with youth and enthusiasm overcoming craft and guile in the afternoon. It is testimony to the Holland wicket that it stood up to all the overnight rain that had fallen in the preceding 12 hours. It made for a very slow wicket that made batting difficult. Hence the decision to put the boys in, restrict them and then try and knock the runs off on a drying wicket.

But for the Kelly boys this plan may well have worked. Having learnt the lessons well from the previous week when both boys were out for nought, Frank carried his bat for a score of 32 not out. Scott Parker enjoyed playing some lusty blows off the bowling of Parker senior and when John Kelly added 29 runs for the 6th wicket the boys score was 120. Mr. Goode was the pick of the bowlers with 3 for 13 off 4 overs.

A required run rate of 6 per over was not

insurmountable and with Major Fanthorpe at the crease at one stage it looked like a certainty that the staff/parents would get there. In one over alone, he hit 4 sixes. His knock of 71 entertained the crowd and contained 6 sixes and 6 fours in all. When he holed out the staff/parents were still in the region of 40 runs shy of the target.

It was left to Mr. Goode and Mr. Williams to try and coax the team over the line but alas it was not to be. The boys' trump card was relieving Frank Kelly of his wicket keeping duties and bringing him on to bowl at the death. His nagging length and accuracy made the big shots difficult and the staff were stranded 8 runs short.

Well done to all who played, but particularly to the parents who turned out; Mr. Kemp (step dad of Luke), Mr. Carpenter (dad of Katie), Mr. Williams (dad of Jack) and Mr. Parker (dad of Scott). I'd also like to show my appreciation to our two excellent, fair and unbiased umpires Mr. Jones and Mr. Cowley. Next year my money is on the staff/parents to get revenge!



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There are still some places available on the Battlefields Trip in the autumn. Please let the office know if you wish to go.

YEAR 6 & 7 ISA MIDLAND ROUNDERS – 2nd PLACE!

The Year 6 and 7 Rounders team came an amazing second at this prestigious event hosted by Dixie Grammar School. The Lucton side won five matches comfortably, losing out to the Stafford Grammar School who beat us by one and a half rounders. Success can be attributed to steady and confident bowling by Sophie Vickress, prolonged focus by all the out fielders and, at long last, implementation of strategies. It was a wonderful day and well done all of you!

U13 & U15 ROUNDERS v Lady Hawkins

The U15 team played well in the second innings and scored 11 rounders to 6½ of Lady Hawkins, but Lady Hawkins was too far ahead through their first innings score of 8½ rounders to our 3. Liberty and

Sporting Fixtures

Week beginning Mon 4th July

Monday 4th July

2.00pm Senior School Sports Day

Tuesday 5th July

Inter-House girls Rounders
Inter-House boys 20-20 Cricket

Wednesday 6th July

2.00pm – 4.30pm Senior School
Swimming Gala

Millie played well.

The U13 team was outplayed by a very good Lady Hawkins team, but the girls gave of their best throughout the game.

Cycling Proficiency for Year 6

Year 6 were put through their paces this week and the overall levels achieved were excellent. Instruction initially took place in the activity hall and later transferred onto School Lane.



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Prep and Nursery Sports Day



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