



## Duke of Edinburgh awards



Mrs Thorne had the pleasure of presenting nine Duke of Edinburgh Silver Awards and three Bronze in the assembly on Monday morning.

The Silver Certificates were awarded to Alex Athanasiou, Chloe Evans, William Barber-Starkey, Storm Fowler, Henry Llewellyn, Iona Reid, Scott Parker, Matthew Vowles and Luke Hallam, the Bronze Certificates were awarded to Rhys Griffiths, Martin Reece-Pitt and Edward Price.

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# Prep School News

Looking back to the sunny days of last week from the definite November weather of this week, it is nice to remember the 5th November from Reception's assembly, reminding us of Gunpowder, Treason and Plot! They did really well with very few nerves! It is always wonderful to see that children are able to rise to the occasion whatever their age. This was certainly shown by our LAMDA examinees who are going for their first LAMDA exam next week and showed us their poise and confidence. We all wish them well and that includes our seasoned veterans. Although how someone can be a veteran at 9 is beyond me!

On to this week itself. It may well be dark and gloomy outside (I am sure the outside lights have been on all day!) but inside you



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will find light and laughter; an example being Year 4B creating their sculpted figures using clay or the sound of drama from downstairs. On Tuesday the Pre Prep took a walk in Queenswood; hunting for gnome holes and finding fairy lairs! A great day out for all concerned.



## Forest School

Year 5 continued their artistic theme from last week but this time bringing it indoors under the guidance of Mrs Hanly. Meanwhile, Reception discovered the delights of mud! Mud slides, mud pies, muddy faces and muddy clothes! If the theme is laughter you really should have heard them!



### Forest School qualification

We are delighted that Jo Griffiths from the Nursery has finished all her training and has qualified as a Forest School instructor. We are so very lucky to have the facility of our wonderful woods;

our pupils, of all ages, from Nursery to the Sixth Form, use them for Forest School, den-making, cross country running and CCF.



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## Previous pupils visit

Yang Xi and Lily Fan visited Lucton this week to let us know how they were getting on at university. Yang Xi is at UCL reading Statistics, Economics & Finance and Lily is doing her Foundation Art degree at London before going on to Southampton. Yang Xi very kindly spent a great deal of time with current Sixth Formers informing them of what to expect when they arrive at university – the demands of academic life, the social scene and general practicalities of living in a new community with different systems. His experience was very welcome and Mr Nelson, in particular, was grateful to him for his contribution to the Business Studies students this week. It is really lovely to see past students returning to Lucton to let us know how they are getting on and to chat to and advise current students here of their experiences

## Individual photos

The individual photographs for the whole school will be taken on Tuesday 15th November. Nursery have already had theirs taken, but there is another chance for any who missed out.

## Morrisons vouchers

If any parents still have Morrisons 'Lets Grow' Vouchers, which they are meaning to bring in, please would you do so by Friday 18th November so that we can meet the deadline for ordering.

## Remembrance Day

Everyone is welcome at the Friday service.

### **Duke of Edinburgh** *(cont from front page)*

Mrs Thorne also presented certificates for the BTEC Diploma, with all cadets gaining a Distinction ★, this is equivalent to four GCSE's at A★. The Diploma is designed to reward committed cadets who complete their Advanced Army Proficiency Certificate within the CCF syllabus.

BTEC Diploma certificates were awarded to William Barber-Starkey, Storm Fowler, Iona Reid, Henry Llewellyn, Scott Parker and Matthew Vowles.

A very big well done to all the cadets receiving awards, all of which represent committed service within the CCF.

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## Boarding News

The boarders went bowling last Saturday at the Grove in Leominster and they were lucky enough to have pizza and chips whilst there. They were really happy with the genuinely lovely food, and thanks must go to the Grove for their generosity. Melissa was the boarder with the most points at bowling with many strikes to her name and a record score of 136 points. Ellie and Mitch also showed great talent on the bowling alley, but sadly Johann, our gap student, struggled against the "Tiddlers". Saturday night was Bonfire Night and there was an evacuation to Tenbury Wells for the Round Table fireworks display. It truly was amazing! Many thanks to Mr Smout for the invitation. Everyone had a great time and it was the talk of the house. Sunday was a lovely day, the weather was great, brunch was big and the boarders were all happy. There was our usual film. This week it was



'Diary of a Wimpy Kid', followed by a swim and the evening was complete once we had gone to Sunday Service with Mr Carrigan. The activities continued into the working week and on Tuesday night the senior girls made bath bombs. The whole house smelt of strawberries – mmmmm!

## Catering stars

Our catering staff had an impromptu environmental health inspection on Friday and were awarded the top standard of a 5 star certificate. This certificate replaces the old one on display which was also a 5 star award! We are impressed that our kitchens are maintaining such high standards all the time! Congratulations to our wonderful kitchen staff for constantly looking after us all so well and for keeping us so well fed and healthy!



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# Sports Report

**Anglo Welsh Cup Semi Final** played at Mortimer Park

**Lucton U16 XV** v Bedstone

Outstanding is the one word to describe this memorable performance and result! In wet conditions Lucton still played with flair and showed a real cutting edge, particularly through outside centre Freddie Powell. We were slow in the opening 10 minutes and fell behind to an early Bedstone score.

Gradually, half backs, Reece Pitt and Frank Kelly, marshalled the game and the pendulum swung inexorably Lucton's way. Obviously for the backs to play well and get on the front foot the forwards have to gain the upper hand. The Lucton pack squeezed the life out of the opposition, with our marauding flankers everywhere. Our opening score was a rarity - a caught lineout and rolling maul which saw James Miles crash over. Very English and very effective - great work! With John Kelly crossing soon after, it made the half time score 10 - 5 in our favour.

The half time chat was really about managing the game properly and doing the right things in the right part of the field. One of the team's mottos is 'bodies in the oven; minds in the fridge' and all players showed a cool head. Again, good work from the forwards saw a turn over ball for John Kelly to run in a try and then brother Frank scored from a well chosen chip and chase to kill the game off. Crucially both conversions were added which makes such a difference. Things can still be improved upon; our kicking game needs to be rehearsed and first up tackles need to be lower and harder but well done and we can look forward to a final against either Hereford or John Kyrle.

**Lucton U13 XV** v Bedstone

Following a number of games in which our under 13s came 2nd by large margins it was good to see the lads finally play. Although it took three unanswered

Bedstone tries before they did! At 15 -7 with 20 minutes remaining it was a match that perhaps could have been won. Fitness and falling off tackles were clear issues as Bedstone ran in 4 tries to steal a comprehensive win. Lucton's two tries were team affairs that were finished off by Miguel Molina. Also prominent were Liam Evetts and George Bouston. At the end some home truths were explained to the boys; they have to show more desire to compete and have determination to succeed. Too often this team start to show some endeavour when they are already staring into the abyss. Show some 'hwyl' boys!



*Year 8 Hockey tournament at Bridge Street – report next week!*

## Sporting Fixtures

**Week beginning Mon 14th Nov**

**Monday 14th November**

U11 Football v Heathfield (a) 2.30

**Tuesday 15th November**

U9 Football v Heathfield (h) 2.45

**Wednesday 17th November**

U16 XV v Llandovery (h) ko: 2.30pm

Senior Football v. Wrekin (a) ko: 2.30pm

U13 rugby v St. Richards (h) ko: 2.30pm

U11 rugby v St. Richards (a) ko: 2.30pm

U12 & U.14 Hockey League at  
Bridge St, 3.30pm

U13 & U15 Netball v Dodderhill

U16 Hockey v Lacon Childe

**Friday 18th November**

Middle School House Netball and  
Rugby matches

# Equestrian news

**Inter-Schools Dressage** – On the first Saturday of half term several of the Equestrian students went off to Kings Equestrian for the inter-schools dressage competition. It was a cold but bright day. Lucy Jones was second in her first ever dressage competition in the warm up novice class—well done Lucy, and rode a nice test in the next class. Sophie Ball had a 6th individual in class 3, and the team of Emma Parkinson, Storm Fowler, Freddie Powell and Sophie came 5th. Well done to all!

**TRAINING SESSIONS** – During the Christmas holidays we are going to run some dressage and show jumping training. These sessions will be open to all.

Dressage with Serena Pincus

9/12/2011 2pm-4pm

15/12/2011 2pm – 4pm

This is open to groups of 3 at £20 per person. They will be held at Bartestree near Hereford and Mrs Fowler is sorting the times. Please contact the office or Mrs Fowler direct.

Show jumping with Steven Hadley

16/12/2011 10am-2pm

This is open to groups of 2 - 4 people and



*The Show Jumping Team who came second in the Open class at Kings Equestrian Centre, Bromyard against some seriously stiff competition.*

is for 1 - 1.5 hours at £35 per person plus the school hire at Bromyard.

This will be held at Kings Equestrian Centre, Bromyard and Miss Coates is sorting the times. Please contact the office.

For us to hold these sessions we need to know asap if people are interested so that we can confirm both instructors. It is open to all students from novice to advanced and if we have any spaces left, to parents as well!

We hope that this will be the start of a series of training sessions with various trainers and hope you will support these sessions to further your training.

*Ms Coates*

## FRIENDS OF LUCTON SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who attended the Friends' planning meeting on Wednesday. It was a great turn-out, with 16 of us squeezed into the meeting room.

We finalised work on current projects and made further progress on planning events over the next two terms. Next term we are hoping to fit in two events, a wine tasting and the return of Wysteria Lane for a Fashion Show on Wednesday 21st March.

The big news of the evening was the election of Mr Bicker-Caarten as Chairman of the Friends and we look forward to his contribution. As well as

being Head of the Prep School, Mr Bicker-Caarten has three children at Lucton.

We are looking for some volunteers to help prepare for the Christmas Fair from lunchtime onwards. Please contact the office or Sarah Handley-Edgar if you think you could help.

Mrs Crow is making great progress since taking over the **100 Club**. Participants contribute £4 per month by standing order or pay in advance by cash or cheque. The prize money amounts to 51% of the total money received. See next page for a copy of the application form. Next meeting: Thursday 12th Jan.

