



Rain held off for School Photo

Organising the annual school photograph is an interesting logistical exercise, with classes needing to be loaded onto the frame in a specific order, and we are of course, dealing with everything from Sixth Form down to the nursery.

The most important ingredient for this to pass successfully is out of our control and on this occasion, the British weather was good to us. There had been rain for days and plenty over night, but come Wednesday morning, we were treated to clear skies and sunshine. At the same



time, separate photographs were taken of the boarders and Lucton's cadet contingent. Parents will be notified once the prints are available for ordering.

FAMILY QUIZ



Saturday 19th October

3.00pm to 5.30pm

At Lucton School in the Dining Hall

Adults £3.00

Children £2.00

BRING A PICNIC TEA FOR YOUR FAMILY TO ENJOY

Prep School News

We have had a rather wet week but this hasn't dimmed any enthusiasm, in fact rain and floods seem to be very exciting! But let's not get ahead of ourselves, we should first look back to Year 2's Friday Assembly and also the extraordinary spoon characters!

Actually, spoons played a great part in their Recipe for a Story, as they stirred up the ingredients to make one. From the usual suspects of making sure that we always use descriptive language; instead of using 'blue' why not try 'azure'; it's not merely raining, it's torrential! Perhaps instead of descriptive we should use adventurous? Let's be adventurous with our language. As teachers, we ban 'nice' and 'then' and even put a limit on the amount of times the children can use 'and'. As for 'like' well, that is a definite no, no. Sentences should be more than three words and include some punctuation. From language we move to the beginning, middle and end; making sure that they aren't muddled up! Thank you, Year 2 for reminding us what we need to do. Let's hope that we all can remember – count my 'ands'!

So, to the spoons. As you may have seen, the children were tasked with creating a spoon character. We had Peter Pan, Rapunzel and even Forkie – now that is indeed postmodern, a fork who was turned into a toy now being made from a spoon. I guess you have to watch the film. We even



had Offred from Handmaid's Tale. I hasten to add that one was from Maddy, a parent; although we have some super readers children can't access that one! A huge thank you to Miss Dyer for organising the whole event. The spoons/characters have all been displayed in boxes around the school so I do hope that you manage to take a look.

This week has been one of Harvest preparation, as we look forward to next Friday. During Drama, English and Choir we are making sure that the usual excellent standard is stuck to. Meanwhile, I note that individual Speech & Drama students are busy choosing their pieces ready to be word perfect by November. I do hope that you are getting into this spirit of preparation in planning your cake for the LUCTON BAKE OFF, that is also next week (cakes to be in by Thursday evening/Friday morning ready for judging).

To the rest of the week. We've had individual photos and whole school ones – and we all looked very smart. Everyone has found their raincoats – which has been rather needed. Please do make sure that your son or daughter comes in with one. We try to go outside whatever the weather, the children get rather fractious if kept indoors. Reception had their annual visit to Mrs Brown's Garden (expect a bigger write up next week) and then there are the lessons as well. Next week is Biology Week and we look forward to welcoming Fetch Theatre with their performance of Pedlar's



Tales and (as above) finish the week with Harvest Festival from 2:30

Please do come along next week. Not only are the performances, from Nursery to Year 6 – excellent, but we are also raising money for the NSPCC and Heartstart.

Friends update

Many thanks to those of you that were able to make it to our Quiz and Curry night last Friday evening, seven teams competed for the title and the 'Tenbury Mafia' ran away with the prize on the night. Well done to all teams on their efforts in quite a challenging quiz!



Family Quiz

Now that we have your brains all warmed up we are pleased to announce that the Family Quiz will be on Saturday 19th October from 3.00pm in our Queen Anne Dining Hall. This is such a lovely event, with questions for all ages and abilities – there will be something for everyone. Please bring with you a picnic tea for your family to enjoy during the half time break, the Friends will be selling refreshments, cakes and sweets. Quiz entry prices are

Your help to be an audience and then join in the auction of wonderful cakes is absolutely vital; plus, it is great fun. See you there!

Forest School

It was Michaelmas this week and old British folklore tells us that St Michael forced the devil from heaven. He landed in a bramble bush and spat on them in rage making them wither and die. It is quite astonishing that blackberries do indeed appear to wither and die so quickly around this time. There is a more prosaic reason but this is much more fun, as was the dam making and den building this week.

adults £3, children £2 – no need to book tickets, just come along on the day.

Friends 100 Club

We are looking for members to join The Friends of Lucton 100 Club. What's it all about I hear you say? It's a great way to have a little flutter whilst supporting the school and ultimately giving back to the children. Here's how it works... If you join the 100 club and pay £5 a month you will be entered into the monthly draw and be in with a chance of winning one of our prizes. 51% of the money raised each month through the subscription is used for the 100 Club prizes, and the rest remains with The Friends of Lucton which provides funds and donations to various projects around the school. To sign up please visit: <https://forms.gle/KqJkKQatXe2T6Pcd6> or use the QR Code.



Boarding House News

Saturday saw the return trip to the amazing Llangorse multi-activity centre. With Roger at the helm of the big bus, Croft House and School Cottage set off to participate in a number of exciting activities. The boarders were put into three groups and given an instructor who pushed them to the limit in a circuit of adventurous activities. With activities including Rock Climbing, Bouldering, Abseiling, Caving, High ropes and Zip-lining, it was no surprise to see the boarders buzzing with smiles and laughter. Well done to all boarders who took the plunge and did something that was completely new to them. Many thanks to Miss Quick, Miss Griffiths and Mr Johnstone for going along on the trip with the boarders and inspiring them to defy their own limits.

If we can again remind all boarders to let us know your travel plans for half term. It is really important that we know when and where you will be going. Please let the boarding house office know as soon as you can at boardinghouse@luctonschool.org



Eco Club news

A very productive afternoon in the eco garden. The radishes that the Prep School planted are shooting up and we look forward to a crop in a few weeks. The Thursday activity group have finished clearing the vegetable beds and spent the afternoon planting some 'Electric Onions'. We're not expecting to harvest these until next summer, but it was lovely for the children to get something in the ground. Zoe, Evie and Grace busied themselves planting some daffodil bulbs and we look forward to having some colour in the borders in the spring. We are very grateful to Ray for delivering



some well-rotted horse manure that we were able to dig into the vegetable beds before planting.

Busy open events

At the end of last week, we held this term's Prep School and Nursery Open Morning and the Open Evening for the rest of the school.

Attendance was good and the admissions team have already arranged quite a few taster days. Thank you to everyone who played their part and the many pupils who acted as tour guides.



School Challenge

On Wednesday Tom Wall represented Lucton School for the first time at The Schools Challenge (shooting clays) held at The Oxford Gun Company.

On arrival Tom found that he would be competing with other students that regularly attend these competitions representing their school shooting clubs, so felt a little daunted! He rose to the challenge brilliantly and shot very well. At the end Tom was placed 6th out of 14 and was very pleased with his achievement. A wonderful opportunity to have attended this competition and with such a great result. Well done.



Sports Report

1st XI FOOTBALL vs Tettenhall College

Lucton battled well against a strong Tettenhall side on Wednesday, but were ultimately made to pay for sloppy mistakes after a long journey. Despite a rusty first half, Lucton pulled themselves together for the second half and were better for long periods of it, with Henry disrupting play on the right, and Aaron pulling strings in the middle of the park. Indeed, Kazuki scored two wonderful goals, thundering a penalty into the back of the net as well as breaking clear from the half way line to slot neatly past the goalkeeper. A man of the match performance in a game that lacked sparkle at times, and we look forward to next week's first match at home, against KCSM.

U14 LACROSSE v Shrewsbury School
The Year 9 and 10 girls faced a tough match against Shrewsbury on Wednesday playing lacrosse. It took the girls a while to settle into the game before they started putting into practice what Miss Gloucester had taught them on Monday in games lessons. Some brilliant double-team defence shown by Georgia and Grace. Excellent play by Edith and Grace working extremely hard in the centre. A huge well done to Catherine who played her first match and got stuck in showing great potential. To take away from the match the girls need to switch on quickly to defence and stopping the other team from getting a free shot at goal. Ellie M did extremely well and was very vocal on the pitch, saving some extremely hard shots. Edith was awarded player of the match for scoring.

U18 Basketball tournament at Ludlow
In a four-team tournament with St Michaels, Ludlow College and Tetenhall we began well against Ludlow. All the matches were shortened and a 30 – 4 points win was well deserved. Keiran scored 12 points



and Mike Luo 10 points dominated the scoring. Mike had great battle with their 9 particularly rebounding well under the basket and Mike clearly came out on-top. We stayed on court to play Tetenhall next, in what was a closer game, but a 17 – 10 victory was a closer score-line than it needed to be, as we were tired playing two games back-to-back with only a six man squad and we also tried to hit too many three pointers unnecessarily, giving the ball away too easily as a result. Nabil played really well and top scored with 9 points. We then had a two match rest, getting plenty of fluids on board and had a chance to size up a very competent St Michaels outfit. They had a full 12 man squad and were able to run their bench to give players a rest and so conserve energy for the encounter with us. The match was furiously contested, but we began extremely well, with Nabil moving up a couple of gears and both him and Mike worked hard to control the game. We never relinquished the lead from beginning to end, but the game was tight throughout and with 15 seconds left on the clock Nabil drove and scored the crucial basket, leaving St Michaels just a few seconds to throw an opportunistic 3 pointer to try and tie. Game over. Although not mentioned the whole squad fought hard and our collective defence against St Michaels was very good. The squad was: Mike, Nabil, Keiran, Angus, Leo and Jacob. Well done boys four matches and four wins!

ISA Midlands Senior Swimming

A fantastic day at the Midlands ISA senior gala. Overall we had some really strong

performances. Every student worked extremely hard when it came to their race and a huge thank you to those students who stepped in last minute. A big congratulations to the Year 7 girls who won both of their heats for the medley relay and the freestyle relay. Well done to George T placed a first in his heat of breast stroke, Hannah L placed first in her heat of back stroke and for swimming on her birthday and Philippa placed first in two of her heats. A great day and I look forward to the results from ISA!

U15 FOOTBALL v Tettenhall College

A 1-7 defeat to Tettenhall College summed up a poor afternoon for the U15 football team. A strong Tettenhall side took the game to Lucton from the first minute and opened the scoring within the first 2 minutes, doubling their lead on 8 minutes and going 0-3 up by the 12th minute of the match. Lucton managed to stop Tettenhall scoring for the remainder of the half, and gave themselves a chance on the stroke of half-time by managing to get a goal and go into the break at 1-3. Tettenhall started the 2nd half in similar fashion to the first and Lucton could find no answer as they conceded a further 4 goals.

It was not a great performance from Lucton although there were some individual highlights from Jack F and Inigo M who demonstrated some good link up play and had a good understanding of each other's game. There is much to work on in training over the next few weeks and the boys will need to show more passion and



commitment if they are to avoid similar results in the future.

U16 friendly netball series at Lucton

The rain managed to hold off as at 4pm LHS, Weobley, Tenbury and Lucton played a friendly yet very competitive netball series. We fielded a mixed U16/15 team which proved to be an effective move. With Faith moving to GD and Edith to centre, there was some quick centre court play and excellent feeds into and out of the shooting circle as Edith and Amelia linked with Georgia (twice voted player of the match) and Amber, who balanced and worked the circle, scoring many great goals. Great wins against Weobley and Tenbury were followed by a close loss against LHS, where much will have been learnt as a couple of changes, fatigue and a few sloppy passes affected the flow. Here the defenders had to work hard, especially goal keepers, Seren and Maureen, (player of the match) who had a mobile shooter to keep up with! With two wins and a narrow loss, although there is still be work to do, there were many positives to boost morale!

U12 RUGBY v The Elms

From the whistle, The Elms looked a strong side, however it took well over 15 minutes for the deadlock to be broken. With some great defence skills, the only way the Elms could score was to score out wide. The U12s blocked off anything that got in their way, Jonathan D stood out as did a couple other players, he had a great game and completed all his tackles. His defence and attack were both impressive with him using his agility and footwork to get past

numerous defenders, and put Lucton in a promising position. From this attack, the ball was then recycled to James H who bumped off numerous defenders to dot down and score. Even though The Elms ran in a couple more tries, the Lucton boys never gave up with their tackling. Kieran C, James H, Zac T and Ted R were some of the players who showed commitment in the tackles and should be proud of their performances.

U13 HOCKEY v CCB

An improved team performance, with some constructive attacking play, presented several scoring opportunities, with one converted by Darcy (player of the match) to go 1 -0 up in the first half. Despite some notable defensive skills by Elodie and great goal keeping by Scarlett, scoring more goals proved elusive and CCB went on to win 4-1. Much progress has been made and it is encouraging to see the girls play in a more confident and positive manner.

U14 NETBALL v Whitecross

This was a tight game which could have gone either way. With Olivia (player of the match) linking effectively in the centre court, it was encouraging to see positive play in the attacking circle as Connie, Sophie and Jess moved with greater confidence to score 12 goals. Defensively, Rosie and Annalise worked hard to turn the ball over and Ashleigh was calm and dependable at wing defence. In the last quarter, having let Whitecross establish a four goal lead, the girls worked hard to reduce the deficit to one goal, not quite converting the final play of the match into the equalising goal. Great progress, a great attitude and many positives to build upon!

Lacrosse coaching with Mrs Gloster!

We all enjoyed a very welcome visit from Mrs Gloster, whose invaluable coaching tips are always enjoyed and positively received by all the girls in the senior, middle and prep school. You will all be pleased to know that she is returning at half term, so don't forget to sign up and make the most of her



Lacrosse Camp!

BADMINTON v Tettenhall College

This week we had another convincing win. Our boys only lost one game throughout the whole match, and totally dominated the Tettenhall side in every department. We were faster, more tactically aware, and more clinical in our finishing of rallies. Very well done to each of Harold (team captain), Ben, Joe and Ryan. The girls lacked in experience but gave very determined performances, which resulted in an excellent win in the doubles by Evie and Catherine. Also good play by Doris and Claire contributing to a brilliant team performance.

U13 CRICKETER OF THE YEAR

Zac was awarded Player of the Year and Players Player of the Year for the U13s at Ludlow Cricket Club, at their end of season presentation evening.

