

Remembrance Service at Lucton



We gathered at the front of the school where again, 100 giant poppies had been placed around the Memorial Gates. Revd. Price, the Chaplain, addressed us, Harry D (Yr 9) played the bugle to mark the silence. The Headmistress and the Cadets laid wreaths at the gates before we moved into the Memorial Hall for the service.



Senior pupils read the roll of honour and gave readings. Lewis Jones laid a wreath on the First World War Memorial and Mr Markham laid a wreath on the Second World War Memorial on behalf of the Old Luctonians Association. Many thanks to the parents and guests who joined us to mark this significant occasion.



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Prep School News

Last week we had a wonderful display of talent from the LAMDA children. They will all be taking Speech & Drama exams next week and a Friday Assembly provides an excellent opportunity for them to practise in front of an audience. In fact we are probably more frightening than the actual examiner. For a start, there is only one person to perform to rather than a whole school and parents – sometimes, friends can be worse than strangers! Secondly, although the exams will take place in the hall, the curtains will be drawn and the whole space will be smaller. As there are so many LAMDA children (45), Mrs Rogers could only pick a selection to show us; and what a selection it was; from confident ‘old hands’ to nervous ‘newbies’! From individuals, to pairs, to whole groups! The poems took us through the whole gamut of emotions: humour to poignancy back to humour. LAMDA runs right through to 18 year olds and by then they are examining styles of acting as well as stage direction and so on. Thank you all and good luck on 19th -21st November.

We all took part in the annual Remembrance Parade on Monday. Wearing our red coats, the Prep School take on the role of the poppies in Flanders Fields



opposite the CCF contingent. Whilst all looked very smart, we were very proud of the Prep School who all stood still and silently respectful. It is moot whether all understood the event; however, they all understood the solemnity of the event and that it marks something important. Well done all of you!

There seems to be a lot of cooking going on through some of the classes. So much so, that the other classes may well have to get involved! Year 3 have been making ‘swirls’ and fudge. Year 1 have been making soup. I have never heard so much laughter from ‘cooks’ (certainly not the ones on the television!) and I also didn’t know that ingredients could spread so far from the bowl – in your hair!? Given the season, I am sure that you will understand that the RS lessons are taken up with discussion of the various Christmas Journeys that were



undertaken in the past and are, indeed, taken in the present. As I am sure you know, Christmas cards have also been designed by the children and professionally printed. They are quite proud to see their names on the back of the cards as 'Made by...'. We were delighted to welcome back Mr Wall this week, just in time for our first Prep School Concert on Monday followed by a Music Assembly. It is now time for the musicians to shine. Given the size of our school we shall probably see some who were in performing in the LAMDA assembly as well.

It is a busy time of year and it looks set to continue! Meanwhile, please do come to our Friday Assemblies as the children always like an audience to perform to or to collect their certificates or medals showcasing their achievements. Plus you get to catch up on School news, get a cup of tea and even have a chance to use the pool. The perfect start to the weekend!



Forest School

We discovered the magnificent Conker Trees that abut the road and the rugby pitches, have an absolutely humungous amount of huge leaves. Year 4 attempted to make a mound as big as Olivia. They weren't far off! And getting buried in leaves is almost as much fun as getting buried in the sand. Autumn is definitely fun!

Friends update

Welcome back and we hope you had a great half term! We have a number of events coming up this term; we do hope you will come and support us at one or two of them.

The Winter Ball (Saturday 30th November)

Our Winter Ball kicks off the season of parties for you with a festive night out with your fellow parents. Ticket prices are £40 per person, this includes welcome drinks, a three course dinner followed by coffee, cheese and biscuits. The ticket price also includes buses home, this is such fantastic value for money. We will be having a DJ to entice you to the dance floor to the early hours. Why not make a table of parents from your children's class? It is always a fun evening. Tickets are selling so contact the School Office on 01568 782 000 to book your place!

Senior School Production (4th & 5th December)

The Friends will be providing refreshments before the performance starts and also during the interval, bring some extra pennies along with you to enjoy a glass of wine and some snacks. We are looking for volunteers to help run the refreshments so if anyone has some free time on either of these two evenings it would be wonderful to have you there.

Christmas Fayre (6th December)

The last Friday before school breaks up for Christmas, is packed full of things for the children to do like seeing Santa, crafting and glitter tattoos. And not forgetting a few things for the parents too like the bottle tombola and some lovely shopping stalls to pick up some presents! It will be from 4pm to 6pm and in the main school Memorial Hall and Queen Anne Dining Hall.

Boarding House News

The boarders had a fantastic night last Saturday at the West Midlands Safari Park firework display. About 60 boarders went on the trip, and we are very grateful to Roger and Andy who along with Mr Johnstone drove us all there safely. We arrived at about 3:30pm and the boarders had the opportunity to enjoy themselves in the theme park before the fireworks started at 6pm. The cold and wet weather did not dampen our spirits and we were treated to an amazing display.

On Sunday, Mr Muckalt took the older boarders to Hereford for a shopping trip, giving the younger boarders the chance to relax and unwind.

On Monday our Boarding Captain, Mike Chan, took some of the Sixth Form out for a meal to celebrate his birthday and a lovely evening was had by all.

Again, if we can remind boarders to advise House Parents of their Christmas travel plans as soon as possible. You can contact the boarding house office on our email address boardinghouse@lucton-school.org.



Prep School Tennis

A combined Year 3/4 team made their way to the District Tournament at Weobley School on Monday.

The children were really excited and played 3 or 4 matches against other pupils from the schools taking part.

All matches were singles and were 8 minutes long. Every pupil's results were added to an overall school total and Lucton finished first. The top 4 players will represent Lucton at the Winter Games which is excellent. Everyone earned a sticker too for showing a range of values during the day which again, was superb.

Henley, Charlie, Olivia and Isabelle showed the most consistency across their matches. Well done Lucton Prep School Tennis Team!



Battlefields Trip 2019

Students from Y9, 10 and 11 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Belgium to visit the Battlefields of the First World War, just before half term. After an early start, leaving at 5am, the students settled in well and were in high spirits as they made their way across France into Belgium. Indeed, despite delays on the Eurostar, we managed to arrive in Ypres in time to visit the Vimy Ridge Memorial and the allied trenches surrounding it. Over the next few days, the students would immerse themselves in the lives, battles and impact of the soldiers who fought in the First World War, visiting an array of battlefields and museums, including In Flanders Fields Museum, Hill 62, Sanctuary Wood, Essex Farm Hooze Crater Museum, and Tyne Cot Cemetery, amongst others! Indeed, at Tyne Cot, Toby Gilmour was able to locate a relative who fought on the western front, whilst Sam Thomas also located a relative, through research conducted at home, whose name he then found inscribed on the Menin Gate! The students were a real credit to Lucton, with Georgia Brown and Kian Hassan remembering the fallen with great respect in their CCF uniforms under the Menin Gate, during the Last Post



Ceremony. Despite it being a moving trip, we still squeezed in a little bit of downtime, with trips to a local Belgian chocolatier, who even had a 'Welcome Lucton School' sign up in the window! Overall, the students were fantastic and came away with much to talk and think about as they arrived back in a rather wet UK on Friday. Well done all involved!

Livia's a champion!

At the Herefordshire Swimming Championships, Year 5's Livia R put in an amazing performance and came away with no less than 5 medals.

There were golds in the 50m backstroke and the 50m butterfly. Livia also achieved 3 silver medals, including the 100m front crawl.



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Sports Report

Yr 7 & 8 LACROSSE v Monmouth

It was a very positive start to the match on Wednesday facing Monmouth at home in lacrosse. It was a very tough match and all the girls were having to be tight on their players. In the first half the score was 2-0 to Monmouth which is outstanding. A massive well done to Scarlett in goal who was saving some extremely challenging shots from the opposition; the Monmouth coach commented how well she performed. Our player of the match was Hannah who scored by using Mrs Thorne's shooting technique which she taught earlier in the session.

Yr 6 HOCKEY v Abberley & RGS Worcester!

Year 6 travelled to RGS Worcester to play a triangular tournament against Abberley and RGS Worcester. The girls played Abberley's A team first. They were a strong team with very good skills but Lucton stuck at it well and showed good persistence. We then played RGS Worcester's A team. This was a slightly more evenly matched game and Lucton showed some good progress in confidence and skill, beginning to take the ball down the pitch well and our defence made some good tackles. Well done girls; each game helps us to develop our confidence and skills!

U14 RUGBY v JKHS

Due to injury and illness, a depleted team travelled to Ross on Wye on Wednesday. In the first half, Lucton showed some excellent passages of play with Jack and Ellis making some fantastic runs in the field, but poor rucking and forced passes led to mistakes. JKHS counter-attacked and punished the Lucton errors. This was the main feature of the game, sadly. Every mistake was countered and Lucton suffered.

The scoreline was not a fair reflection of the game, but did highlight just what unforced errors can lead too. A tough day with a steep learning curve.



U11 TAG RUGBY v CCB

Lucton U11s welcomed CCB on Wednesday in a 4 team round-robin tournament. With CCB having two teams made up of 6 players and Lucton having all the Year 6 boys, it was going to be a fun, action-packed, try-scoring afternoon with everyone getting an opportunity to play rugby.

Lucton Team A vs CCB A team and then CCB Team B vs Lucton Team B. Plenty of footwork was noted during this game, with Lucton's Thomas B and Hugo G tip toeing through the defence on numerous occasions. Lucton demonstrated great defensive patterns throughout this game, managing to keep a clean record until the final stages of the game. Lucton won the game 8-2, with Hugo producing a hat-trick performance. A team then played CCB B team and delivered a 9-0 win. Lucton B team vs CCB B team finished 7-2 to Lucton and included plenty of tries with Ted R, Josh B and Archie L all crossing over the white wash demonstrating great footwork to get past the attempted tags. Lucton B team then played CCB A team and came out



victorious 9-6, with Teddy M, Henry M and Ted R all scoring great solo efforts. Overall, great efforts and wins from both Lucton teams and richly-deserved victories!

BADMINTON v Wrekin

This week we travelled to Wrekin College. With many of our regular and most experienced players engaged playing another fixture, our residual squad were always going to find this a challenging match. Team captain, Joe, led from the front, with an energetic display of attacking badminton, and inspired some determined and enthusiastic performances from the rest of the team. Kit made his team debut and contributed well to the overall performance.

BADMINTON v. CCB

We enjoyed a very competitive set of return badminton matches against CCB. The result from our previous encounter before half-term was a CCB win, so Captain, Mike Lou, and the team were determined this time to give the opposition a tougher time. Lucton were

true to their word and by the end of the second round of matches we were up 5 – 1. CCB came back strongly in the 2 rounds of singles matches and won the majority of these. The last rounds of matches proved to be extremely close but Ben and Angus, Mike and Aaron and Harold and Catherine managed to win all their doubles matches. Harold and Ryan were stand-out players, as they were undefeated in their 4 games. Aaron's performance was also particularly noteworthy as he really put in the effort to achieve his wins. Well done team!

Result: Lucton – 11, CCB – 5.



Words & Music

On the Thursday before Remembrance Day, we had our sixth Words and Music for Remembrance service/concert, which this year was being held in Monkland Church. This concert is the highest calibre concert that we put on and all the readers and musicians did fantastically well. The service started with Guest's 'For the Fallen' in darkness, with candles, which is always extremely atmospheric. The church itself looked beautiful; the congregation of the church had clearly worked hard to make the church lovely. Sincere thanks to everyone who helped to make the service/concert work so well. On this occasion, particular thanks to Mrs Berry and to Mr Maxim for preparing the choir/rubato band to a good standard and for doing lots of the

behind-the-scenes preparation work. There are plans afoot to go to St. Laurence's next year, so please do come and join us because it is a very special occasion. We always raise money for the Royal British Legion and this year we raised approximately £120.00. Floreat Luctona!





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