

## The welcome back reception

On Tuesday, we had the traditional 'Welcome Back' reception, following curriculum meetings in various parts of the school.

This was a wonderful opportunity for parents, new and old, to meet the teaching staff and put faces to names. All of Lucton's teachers were present, plus a governor, and parents from all parts of the school made the most of the occasion to learn a little more about the school and how their children are progressing.

Maddy Meek introduced The Friends of Lucton School to the newer parents and Mrs Thorne gave us an update on Lucton's overseas developments.

Many thanks to the pupils who provided musical accompaniment and the senior pupils who did a wonderful job of looking after all the visitors.



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# Prep School News

Year 5 began our Friday Assemblies in style last week with a visit to a crime scene! It was not just any old crime scene either, Year 5 had investigated whether Jack and Jill had fallen down the hill or been pushed. Yes, we were visiting CSI Storyland where simple stories are not all they seem. Amongst others, wrapped into this particular story were: Goldilocks and the Three Bears, the Grand Old Duke of York, and the Queen of Hearts. The list went on. It was also a tale of how playing jokes on people might not always be funny and might well have an unhappy ending rather than a happy one. A great start to the new school year; well done Year 5!

As well as new topics for every class there are some new skills being learnt as well. As ever we always build on previous learning such as arithmetic, writing (although capital letters seem to be a favourite to remember) and reading, but there are some new skills to be learnt as well. Some are practical such as being able to pack a games bag for the first time or even making sure we don't lose our socks for the first time especially for Year 3. Another new skill is learning an instrument and for most of Year 5 that will be for all of them with the Instrumental Programme. Year 4 will be learning how to read maps, Year 2 are learning that they have to be much more independent than they were in Year 1. Some have the novelty of learning to tie shoelaces whilst others are really



getting to grips with the concept that a funny squiggle can either be a letter or a number. No wonder the children are so tired when they get to the end of the week

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome parents to our curriculum evening. It is a perfect opportunity to explain a few procedures before moving off to meet their children's new class teachers. We then went to meet the rest of the school. Should you have missed the evening please don't hesitate to come in and have a chat. We are always here. Later on in the term we will be holding a more formal parents' evening. Again, if you feel that you'd like to chat to us about your son or daughter's learning before then, please do make an appointment with us.

We are already in serious planning for a few events with Open Day being the closest on 27th September (26th for Middle and Senior School). Make sure you bring them as well. The 27th is also our first Book Fair of the year. Books for Nursery to Year 8 will be on sale and remember that the more you buy the more the school can claim from scholastic and





what can be nicer than a new book? two weeks later we hold our annual Harvest Festival. This year it is in the afternoon and we hope that the change will mean that you will be able to stay for our auction. Harvest is our biggest charitable fundraiser of the year where we raise, on average, at least £1500 for local and national charities. We are even looking at our Nativity in December! I'll stop there we can't wish the year away!

This leaves me space to remind you that our Friday Assemblies are open to all, regardless of whether your son or daughter is performing. We love to celebrate achievements in and outside of school; it is a time to catch up on school news, have a cup of tea and even use the school pool. A perfect start to the weekend.

## Forest School

A very physical week this week. Rolling down the bank, daring each other to go faster and faster and learning the level of risk we are comfortable with. Discovering that the path is so overgrown it is 'impossible' to get through; unless you are with your friends egging you on and encouraging you. Discovering that our jumping tree has fallen down but that we can still jump off...a bit. Finally, realising that autumn really is starting and it isn't just because we call it the autumn term!

## Friends update

It was good to meet some of you at the Welcome Evening this week, its always a good opportunity to catch up with other parents and the staff and here about all the summer activities. Here are the up and coming events for the Friends:

### Ice Creams

We are selling ice creams on the Prep School playground every Friday afternoon during pickup, this will be for the rest of September so please pop along and grab a treat. Ice creams will be £1 each and anyone can come along and purchase!



### Annual General Meeting

On Wednesday 18th September we have The Friends Annual General Meeting at 7pm which is also our Bring and Share supper event. We will have a quick re-cap from last year, and talk about the events for this year as well as agree all the positions for the committee. We are looking to fill the position of our Secretary so if anyone has some spare time each month to be part of the committee please do come along, it would be fantastic to see you there!

### Quiz and Curry Night

Coming up towards the end of the September we have The Friends Quiz and Curry Night, on Friday 27th September at 7.30pm - £10 per person which pays your entrance to the quiz and for your curry. This is always a popular event so please book your table by contacting the school.

### Friends' Facebook

Don't forget you can keep an eye on what the Friends are doing by liking our Facebook page, why not pop along and give our page a 'like':  
[www.facebook.com/friendsofluctonschool](http://www.facebook.com/friendsofluctonschool)

If you're interested in getting involved with the Friends we are always looking for willing volunteers:  
[LuctonFriendsChair@gmail.com](mailto:LuctonFriendsChair@gmail.com)

# Boarding House News

What a busy week in the boarding house! Friday night saw the first meeting of the Marvel cinema club and a very packed cinema room enjoyed watching Captain America: The First Avenger. Boarders are eagerly awaiting the next film which will be Iron Man, next Friday.

On Saturday, boarders from Croft House went to The Grove where they enjoyed some ten pin bowling and a round on the new adventure golf course. Fernando Q proved himself an expert at bowling with a score of 140. Well done, Fernando! School Cottage enjoyed trampolining at Jump In, Shrewsbury. All the children enjoyed showing Mr Britton their skills and tricks. Leire, was extremely skilful, performing handsprings, front flips and back flips into the foam pit. Back at school, most of the boarders from School Cottage were joined by some of Croft House in an evening fun swim.

Sunday saw the whole boarding house visit Hereford for some shopping. They spent a good few hours walking around the shops and by the time they got back to school and had an hour of prep, there were many tired faces. Sunday evening was very relaxed, apart from our Spanish boarders, Gonzalo, Fernando S, Fernando Q, Jorge, Inigo and Juan, who were all very excited



about watching the Spain vs Faroe Islands football match on the big screen in the cinema room.

In the house it has been a wonderful experience watching the new boarders integrate themselves with our 'old hands' and some great new friendships are being formed. The pool and table tennis tables are regularly busy. Boarders are playing basketball and badminton in the sports hall, relaxing in front of the television and playing board games in the common room. Well done all!





# Eco/Gardening Club

We were delighted this week to welcome some children from the Prep School into the garden. On Monday afternoon, Jorja, Henry, William and Hilly planted their own radishes and some baby lettuce. We are hoping to see the first signs of seedlings in the next couple of weeks. The older children have continued their work clearing the garden out and it was a real joy to see how enthusiastic they were and how much they enjoy being part of creating what we hope will be a lovely environment to spend time in. They are coming up with their own ideas of what they would like and we hope to take a lot of these suggestions forward.



We would ask again, if anyone is able to donate any old gardening tools etc, we would be more than grateful.



## **Friends AGM & Bring and Share Supper**

**Next Wednesday ,18th September at 7.00pm  
in the Memorial Hall.**

**ALL WELCOME!**



# Sports Report

## U12 RUGBY v CCB

Wednesday 11th of September 2019 marked the opening rugby game for the U12s season. It was played in a good manner with the sun shining down on the boys, although the score ended 12-5 to CCB with them bringing a team made up majority of Year 7s. The Lucton boys remained positive and played some excellent rugby.

Hugo led by example putting some superb tackles in some of the CCB's big Year 7s. George M, Arthur C and Thomas B showed eagerness and determination to tackle anything that got in their way. Thomas B was awarded Man of the Match with him scoring 4 of the 5 tries; whenever he got the ball he poised a threat to the opposition with his speed and agility and finishing skills.

Sportsmanship was on show throughout the game with both teams playing an exciting all-round great game of rugby which was played in the highest spirit. The U12s should hold their heads high after the

performance and should look forward to the next couple of matches.

## U13 RUGBY v CCB

The first game of the season was played in glorious sunshine against our local friends from across the boarder, CCB. Both teams played with a terrific level of commitment and surprising degree of control and high skill level for the first game of the year.

Early tries were scored by Lucton largely due to the pace, power and agility of Zac P Matthew G and George J. Maxx H also ran hard and caused CCB lots of problems in defence, drawing three or four players. This created space for the fast-paced back line.

CCB scored two tries through Lucton mistakes to be back in the game at half time. With a renewed effort Lucton scored first in the 2nd half and were just that bit more controlled and ruthless with the ball. Tristan W started to run hard in the 2nd half and he really put Lucton on the front foot. Slick hands and fierce rucking meant that Lucton edged possession and ran out winners 5 tries to 4.





## U14 RUGBY v CCB

It was a terrific advert for Middle School Rugby and this bodes well for the future. Yesterday saw the start of the new Rugby season with the Lucton U14 Boys playing away at Christ Church College in Brecon. After a great warm up with all players switched on and ready to go, the first half was underway. Throughout the first half Lucton were playing with great intent. Utilising our big ball carriers (Jack F, Sameer R, Will M, Joe N, Ellis Y and Nathan T-W.) we managed to break the CCB defensive line many times but had no luck when finishing. Defensively each individual in the team showed true character making tackle after tackle. Archie A in particular showed his true colours and made some great try-saving tackles. At half time, Lucton were down 10-0; however, after the break the boys upped their game, scoring one of Lucton's best tries in history from our own half, a chip and chase out the back of a ruck from Jack F chased down by Nathan T-W and taken to the try line. Our next try came towards the end of the game from the back of a Lucton

scrum, the ball came out straight from Archie to Will M out wide to Ellis Y in the centres. From there Ellis went the distance handing off two players and breaking the CCB defensive line to score another great try for Lucton. Final score 20-10 to CCB; however, many positives to be taken away for the next game.

## U13 LACROSSE v Prestfelde

A fanatic first fixture back after a long summer for the Year 7 and 8s. It took them a few minutes to warm into the game but everyone's confidence grew and grew. The girls were so supportive of one another and showed outstanding teamwork and determination. During the first half we were 2 goals down but we were not giving up. Lucton managed to score two amazing goals and were fighting to get another goal until the final whistle. The final score was 3-2 and player of the match was Darcy for scoring the goals and runner up was Fremah for being a solid defending player. A really promising start for the girls this year with lacrosse- well done !





### **U12/11 HOCKEY** v Moor Park

For many of the girls, this was their first experience of a hockey fixture and there was much to learn. With Mr Connop umpiring and lots of help and advice from Miss Tyler and Miss Griffiths, good progress was made, with Maddie making two strong, determined attacking runs to score two goals. All the girls worked hard; there were some good saves from Chloe M-J in goal and no doubt they will all be practising hard to improve basic skills before their next fixture!

### **U18 NETBALL** v Ludlow College and John Masefield High School

The senior netball season began in the sunshine, with a small tournament at school. Despite a rusty start against Ludlow 1, the U18 1st team soon gained momentum, with excellent victories against John Masefield High School and Ludlow 2. It was encouraging to see improved flow in the attacking end as Harriet (player of the match v JMHS and Ludlow 1) led by example, working hard and encouraging her team to create and

move into space. As Georgia grew in stature and confidence, the goals began to flow. Defenders Keira and Elsie (player of the match v Ludlow 2) piled on the defensive pressure, linking well with centre court players Alice, Edith and Grace. The U18 2nd team fielded a new line up which proved to be an effective learning curve. Emily W made a successful debut for the school, Aoibh exchanged her tri suit for a netball dress, to good effect, when voted player of the match against JMHS, Natalie's fluid movement in attack impressed as she was awarded player of the match against Ludlow 1, whilst, Faith led from the front and deserved player of the match status when making many excellent interceptions against Ludlow 2. There were many positives to take away and build upon and many players will now feel more confident when presented with new challenges!

### **U15 NETBALL** v Dodderhill

It was more like rounders weather and the girls where in good spirits! Unfortunately, we where asleep in the first quarter and they got away from us. In the next 2





quarters we played really well with Amber playing a strong game, and Libby making a difference at WD. The team seemed to gel well and we came back winning the 2nd and drawing the 3rd!

Jess played strongly but quietly throughout and was voted player of the match!

Fitness in the heat showed in the last quarter as they brought on some fresh strong players and they got away from us again but it was a strong and pleasing start to the season with Seren showing strong leadership skills as captain.

#### **U14 NETBALL v Dodderhill**

Lucton started off very strongly with some excellent passing shots and won the first quarter very convincingly. Dodderhill made a few key changes to their team which allowed them to get back into the match but Lucton remained strong with excellent, fast movement of the ball across the court allowing plenty of shots on goal. Sophie C and Rosy M were players of the match and Lucton won their first match of the season with a formidable 16 to 5 victory.

#### **BADMINTON v Bedstone**

We had a phenomenal start to the season with a decisive win over Bedstone. The boys were particularly impressive; their speed around the court and power in their smashes were just too much for their Bedstone rivals. The girls struggled a bit against older and more experienced players, but showed huge amounts of determination and fighting spirit. Excellent debuts by Joe, Aaron, Ryan and Claire, as well as polished performances by more seasoned players, namely Jordan, Evie, Harold, and new team captain, Mike.

### Notice from Matron

Pupils **MUST** have a spare inhaler that should be kept in the Medical Room. Please would any parents who have not already done so, send in a spare inhaler for Matron via the office.



# Shropshire Triathlon success for Aoibh

On Sunday 8th September Aoibh Clarke competed with hundreds of other athletes in the Shropshire Triathlon in Ellesmere. Aoibh put in a very strong performance and finished first in age category and second overall in her race receiving two trophies for her hard work adding to silverware achieved at the same event last year. Aoibh has had a summer of swim training qualifying recently as a lifeguard. To date this was Aoibh's longest open water swim as she builds up her endurance swimming in preparation for Ironman in twelve months, watch this space.

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## Life Skills

This week during our new Life skills activity, students learnt how to sew on buttons and create a blanket stitch – a key stitch for all those rips and holes in garments.

Middle and Senior school girls and boys rose to the challenge and produced some excellent cup warmers.

Next week they'll be tackling ironing techniques with donated shirts and





# Typhoon swimming success

**Written by Poppy C**

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During the summer holidays, Will, Livvy( Moor Park) and I represented Typhoon at GCSC Summer Level 3 Open Meet in Gloucester. On the Saturday, Will swam 50m Fly and gained a bronze. I swam a 100m IM and was awarded a speeding ticket which means my time was faster than the upper qualifying time. I also did the 50m Free and got bronze. Sunday was another successful day for Typhoon as both Will and I got medals. Will got a silver in the 100m IM. I got gold in 50m backstroke and a County time, silver for 50m breaststroke and 4th in fly. We were both really tired by the end of the day.

I would like to say a massive thank you to Charlotte Tully for helping us through the weekend and keeping us calm.

Poppy C



# OPEN DAYS

**Middle School, Seniors and Sixth Form**  
Thursday 26th September, 4.00pm - 7.00pm

**Prep School & Nursery**  
Friday 27th September, 9.00am - Noon





## Equestrian News

### **Hannah W maintains winning ways**

Hannah has had a very successful summer competing her ponies the length and breadth of the country. Not only does she have two ponies through to ride at the Horse of the Year Show at the NEC in early October, she and Pageboy made their first appearance at a dressage championships over the August BH.

They competed at the Petplan Area Festival at Hartpury where they won their Preliminary Bronze Section. 50 riders took part and they won by a massive 3%. Such exciting times ahead for Hannah both in the show ring and dressage arena.

### Jake's Blog

We have had some lovely warm weather this week and Miss Coates says some of us need clipping-yuk! Good luck to the dressage team at Kings this weekend and those at Kington as well!

Rose came this week, we like her and mouse has come back and we had excitement with the huge transporter that bought Luise's horse in from Germany!

We are starting to get ready for the show jumping on October 13th. If any new people want to be considered for a team and don't think they are yet on the school list please inform Megan in the office!

## RIDING LESSONS OPEN TO ALL

Saturday mornings from 10.00am  
and weekdays from 4.00pm.

**Call 01568 782000 for details.**

