

U14 ISA Midlands Football finalists

It was a fantastic day for the U14s football team who enjoyed the ISA Midlands tournament held at Dixie Grammar School in Market Bosworth. A run of six games undefeated, saw the Lucton side reach the final without conceding a single goal – an amazing achievement given some of the very good opposition that we faced on the way!



The opening game against Maple Hayes saw a comfortable 3-0 win, with some good work from Herbie W who put in a teasing cross into the box only for the Maple Hayes defence to turn the ball into their own net. Lucton continued to dominate and second half goals from Nathan T-W and Jack F sealed the victory in a match where goalkeeper Will M never touched the ball.

Lucton continued where they left off in the second match with a solid 2-0 victory over Arnold Lodge, the goals coming from Herbie W and Jack F, and again in the third match with a 2-0 win over the hosts, Dixie Grammar with goals from Nathan T-W and Zac P. Zac, who would

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ADVANCE NOTICE
FRIENDS WINTER BALL
DATE FOR YOUR DIARY
7.30pm, Sat 30 November
Tickets will be on sale before half term.

Prep School News

As usual, it has been another extremely busy week in the Prep School, with everyone working exceptionally hard to get it 'ship-shape and Bristol fashion', ready to welcome our guests on Open Morning. Staff and students alike have put their best effort into refreshing the displays, and Mrs Rogers has gone into full 'Director' mode, cracking the whip and corralling us all into order. The Story Spoon entries for the Book Fair competition look particularly amazing, and form a truly dazzling array of characters. Thank you for all the creative support at home; we can see that a lot of effort has gone into these!

As Year 3 told us in their assembly, Autumn has now officially begun. They intrigued us with lots of autumnal facts, and we were treated to the lovely story of 'The Three Apples'; care for the little seeds, and who knows what might grow! Well done 3J – fabulous effort. As the weather is now definitely turning, and as we all love to make the most of being outside in the fresh air, please make sure everyone has their coat at School every day, even if it doesn't look like it's going to rain when you're leaving the house in the morning!



Alongside the usual lessons and extra-curricular activities, one special highlight this week was the fabulous 'Sublime Science' workshop on Wednesday. We were visited by 'Radioactive Ruth', who was a fount of incredible knowledge, and each class enjoyed a stunning set of visually impressive experiments, which really got the mind whirring. There were some excellent questions asked, and every child was delighted to take home their very own blob of hand-made slime at the end of the day. Delightful! Thank you so much to Mrs Muckalt for organising the day.

Looking forwards to next week: remember that the Book Fair will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and that





every book you buy means extra vouchers for the Prep School library. Preparations are well underway for the Harvest Festival, with poems and songs being practised at every opportunity. Unbelievably, it is also time to start thinking about you know what, when you know who might visit, if we've all been very good... Next week will see us designing our cards, ready to be printed professionally, ready for your festive post. Watch this space!

Roman City trip

On Tuesday, Years 4 and 5 journeyed back in time to visit Wroxeter Roman City. Upon our arrival, we were greeted by two, real-life toga-wearing Romans, who were to be our guides for the day. We began inside the museum, where we examined a map of the site, and saw some of the artefacts that have been discovered there. We were most surprised to discover that there was even evidence of ancient crimes, by comparing two sets of coins: some genuine, others forgeries, complete with the moulds used to make them! Next, we took a tour of the site, visiting all the main parts of the town, and experiencing aspects of Roman life along the way. Will was the keeper of the purse and he was very thrifty; some might say too thrifty, as his decision not to pay for a guard in the changing rooms at the baths led to all our clothes being stolen!



Highlights of the tour included: marching practice in the basilica; scrubbing the hypocaust (underfloor heating); and sharing the communal 'toilet paper' (a sponge on a stick) in the public latrine. Yuk! After lunch, we took the opportunity to visit the gift shop, as well as having a go at moulding our own Roman coins, with the face of Emperor Hadrian. Finally, we visited the replica town house, examining and identifying all the rooms. Despite the rain, we all had a wonderful day, and learnt a lot about life in Roman Britain.



Boarding House News

It has been a busy week for Croft House and School cottage. Last Friday, the Marvel Cinema Film Club continued in Croft House. There was a quick trip to the supermarket to stock up and then over 20 boarders settled down to watch Iron Man.

The weather was fantastic on Saturday, and the boarders enjoyed the glorious sunshine at Symonds Yat Visitor Centre. They experienced the Hedge Maze, Mini Golf and Laser Tag. School Cottage thoroughly enjoyed the Hedge Maze and had a competition to see which boarder could reach the middle first. Hugo was the fastest, taking just under three minutes. Matthew proved himself to be a master of the Mini Golf scoring two hole-in-ones during his round. The Laser Tag was extremely competitive. The boarders were given two missions to complete in an every-man-for-himself scenario and it was great to see the Croft House and School Cottage interact so well. Why they seemed to take so much pleasure in trying to shoot Mr Rogers and Miss Griffiths is a mystery!

This week we welcomed back Annie Shuvalova to the boarding house. Annie is very popular in the house and it is



delightful to see her back with us.

Can we please remind all boarders to let us know your travel and accommodation plans for the half term. The weeks are disappearing rapidly and half term will be upon us in no time at all. Please let the House Parents know your plans as soon as you can. The Boarding House can be contacted on 01568 782010 or by email at boardinghouse@luctonschool.org.



EAL cookery class

This week in Ms. Quick's additional EAL class Joe and Claire used their knowledge from the Food and Fitness module to make some delicious chocolate cakes. They worked through the instructions, looked closely at the ingredients and measured them all precisely.

In the next class they wrote up their method and presented their hard work to the rest of the class.



Ironkids success

On Saturday 14th September, both Darcy and Malachy took part in the prestigious Ironkids sprint at Tenby. Competing in age category amongst 2200 other eager

competitors Darcy was second girl, sixth overall and Malachy came first. Both got the chance to run the coveted Ironman red carpet surrounded by many thousands of people and finish in style.



A perfect day by the seaside

Friday the 20th September, proved to be an excellent day to choose for a trip to Borth! With distant weather systems producing warm sunshine, a gentle breeze and a clear blue sky, Lucton's A level students were

able to enjoy counting the waves, measuring wave height, sediment size and roundness, as well as studying sand dune vegetation succession and the impact that man has had upon the beach profile at Borth. This has been followed by some intense data crunching exercises and statistical analysis in the class room!

Sports Report

U18 BASKETBALL v Christ College, Brecon (home)

Over the last few years we have had difficult matches with CCB and my expectations were blown away in the first quarter when we destroyed them. The ball skills and team play were simply

outstanding. Mike L is the rock and team organiser in both attack and defence and along with Nabil and Kieran, the levels of skill were unbelievable at times. All of the boys move the ball quickly and accurately when required and could slow the game down when necessary, but Mike, Nabil and Kieran could steal the ball almost at will from the opposition and could all beat a defender one on one or series of defenders almost whenever they wanted to. The final score-line of 79 - 32 to us was an absolutely fair reflection. We had a full squad of 10 and everyone played with determination throughout, for the "big" three could not operate without the quality of the rest of the squad. Scorers: Nabil 29, Mike Luo 22, Kieran 14, Leo 8, Angus 2, Jacob 2, Jordan 2. Other members of the squad were: Harold, Mike C and a "guest" performance from Henry. Well done to them all; a brilliant result and very well deserved!

1st XI FOOTBALL v HCS First XI

A fantastic afternoon of football was held in Hereford, as Lucton fought valiantly but ultimately succumbed to a combination of poor luck and wayward finishing. with many debutants, including Gonzalo, Daniel L and Sean M, the team literally hit the ground running, as Kazuki was felled in the area for a penalty in the first half. He stepped up to confidently dispatch the spotkick, into the top corner as Lucton led 1-0. Inexperience then reared its head in two defensive mix-ups to allow Hereford to equalize and then take the lead. Nevertheless, Lucton showed their spirit as they roared back to life in the second half;



Sean hit the underside of the bar (and almost broke it!), Aaron had a freekick tipped round the post, Kazuki hit the post, Gonzalo had an effort cleared off the line. Another defensive mix-up looked to have finished the game at 3-1 to Hereford, before Sean steamed forward and planted an arrowed finish into the back of the net. 3-2 then, and all to play for. Lucton pretty much camped inside the Hereford half looking for an equaliser which came agonizingly close on occasions. In the end, with 10 men inside the Hereford half for one last hurrah, we got caught on the break in the final second for a score of 2-4. Men of the Match: Jakub and Gonzalo. A great game played in the right spirit and very competitive! With this season's captains confirmed as Kazuki and Theo, we can look forward to some great games.

U13 RUGBY v Monmouth

On this wet and rainy week at Lucton School came the clash of titans Lucton v Monmouth U13 Boys with Mr Johnstone as coach. A total of 75 points was scored between both teams. At half time, Lucton led the game 30-10 with exceptional tries from Zac P, Matthew G and Jack N. All players played with great intent and carried the ball hard into contact. With tough competition both teams tackled their hearts out until the final whistle finishing the game 40-35 to Lucton.

U13 B RUGBY v Monmouth

Lucton U13 B team should be proud of their performance against Monmouth on Wednesday. Monmouth brought with them not only strength in numbers but size in numbers too.

The boys started with some positive rugby with them making some great line breaks and tackles. Arthur C led from the front as captain and contributed to several key tackles. James H ran hard from every set piece and caused Monmouth an issue all afternoon. Arthur C played a lovely ball to Hayden M who offloaded to James H who managed to touch down over the try line 3 times by some courageous and strong running.

Although Monmouth came back several times with some strong running, Jonathan D stopped everything that got in his way with some superb tackling. With minutes to go Jonathan collected the ball from kick off, stepped the outside man and sprinted down the touchline managing to stay in and finished a fantastic solo effort. Final score ended 13-4 to Monmouth.

Yr 6 LACROSSE v Prestfeld & Malvern St James

Fantastic triangular lacrosse tournament against Presfield and Malvern St James for the Year 6 girls. It was some of the new Year six students' first match of lacrosse and they all did extremely well. Everyone got involved and made some brilliant touch on the ball. Goals were scored by Freya, Sophie and Eno which meant we won both matches. It was lovely to see the girls working as a team and putting into practice the skills we have been learning at school. Freya was captain and led by example and did a brilliant job.

U14/U13 HOCKEY v CCB

A mixed U14 and U13 team travelled to



Christ College Brecon to play their first Hockey match of the season. Lucton was a little slow to start as it was their first competitive 11-a-side match and some players were a little unsure of where they should be playing on a bigger pitch. Sophie C made some fantastic saves in the first half as goalkeeper to keep the goal margin to a minimum. Lucton woke up in the second half and began to move the ball more confidently around the pitch. Although we didn't win the match, lots of progress was shown and Darcy C was named player of the match.

U18 7s HOCKEY v HCS

Once again, it was a pleasure to accompany the girls to a fixture, where they deserved the one all draw. With strong leadership from Harriet, who worked tirelessly throughout the game and a positive team spirit, the girls were always tenacious and prepared to work hard. There was also much encouragement for those who are new to the school, the team and even to hockey. Great defensive work from Keira, with some well timed moves and passes up the pitch, was well supported by Alice, Elsie and Ella. It was great to see Ella back on the sports field and she was definitely a positive force. Aoibh (player of the match) used her triathlon stamina to good effect, always chasing down the ball to make it difficult for the opposition to find space and later in the match she scored an excellent goal. We also had a star in the making, as Scarlett, belied her youthful Year 8 status, remembered all that Miss Griffiths and Miss Daughtry had taught her, stood in

goal and made many excellent saves by clearing the ball strongly out the circle. The efforts of the Year 10s who came to boost numbers did not go unnoticed and it was good to note that there were many positives to take away from this encounter!

U16 County Hockey preliminary round at Whitecross

This eagerly awaited encounter proved to be a positive experience. Molly continued to impress in goal, with only one goal slipping by, as, after a closely contested match, John Kyrle just managed to score before the final whistle. With some strong defending by Ellie and Hannah, positive midfield work by Grace and Faith, and constructive support from the Year 10 girls, the team worked hard for goalless draws against Aylestone and John Masefield. Mr Connop noted that much progress had been made this term and that the girls always had supportive and sportsmanlike attitudes.

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go on to be Lucton's top scorer, found the back of the net with a stunning strike from 20 yards into the top left hand corner.

In the fourth match, a 4-0 win over Bowbrook House, Zac P found another 2 goals which were complemented by goals from Nathan T-W and Juan M. Juan surely sealed goal of the tournament with a glorious overhead back heel scorpion kick that left the keeper with no chance.

With qualification guaranteed, Lucton faced a very talented and organised Brooke House side and played out a 0-0 draw.

Going into the semi-final as group 2 winners, Lucton played the runners up of group 1. Chase Grammar proved to be stern opposition who were worthy of the place in the semi-final. Chances fell for both sides in a fast-paced game but it was once again Zac P who found the breakthrough and secured Lucton's place in the final.

Equestrian News

The Vale of Arrow Dressage Show takes place at Lucton next Saturday, entries close Wednesday! Open to all. Nice and relaxed! Enter via VOARC web site.

Jake's Blog

It's been a quiet week except for the William Blane clinic on Wednesday and Miss Appleby's teaching on Thursday! Charlie and I have been playing around and upset Miss Taxis by running through the fence to be in with Bertie. Cirro came too, it was great fun but we were in so much trouble! Ravi and Jig have been clipped, Squirrel and Des are due next. I hope I'm not on the list but unfortunately think I will be! Good luck to all at Hartpury!

The final was unfortunately a hurdle too far with a match against Birmingham's Priory School. Despite Priory boasting players who were in professional club academies, Lucton held their own for the first half and were unlucky to go 1-0 down with only seconds of the half remaining. In the second half, an early conceded penalty left Lucton with much to do and as the players pushed up in an attempt to get back into the game, two further goals were conceded resulting in a 4-0 defeat.

Played in glorious sunshine, the Lucton team can be more than proud of their day's work finishing as runners up in a well contested competition. A huge credit to all the players involved Will M, Ellis Y, Jack F, Will W, Charlie R, Alex W, Herbie W, Zac P, Joel B, Inigio M, Jorge Y, Juan M, Fernando S, Ed S, and Nathan T-W. Each and every one of them should be immensely proud of what they achieved and they all deserved the medals that went round their necks at the end of the day.