

Lucton School NSEA Qualifier

We had a very damp start to Lucton's National School's Equestrian Association event, which meant we had to park 100 vehicles at the school! The day started wet so things could only get better!

Johanna K set the scene for Lucton jumping a great clear on the School's Ravi, but getting 5 time penalties as a bit quick! Freya and



Trooper went clear to come 3rd and Johanna 6th, which was wonderful as her parents had come to see the event!

Class 2 was the 70cm and again we did brilliantly! The Red Team came 2nd with Amelia J on Blaenpentre Poppy Anna, Hannah on Trooper, George J on Chloe and Sophie D on Conker! It was a great Lucton Debut for Amelia and Sophie as the team qualified for Hickstead! Lucton's Black Team consisted of Oliver D on Prince Henry, Scarlett B on Me Socks and Sophie H on Poppy and Amelia on Endymioious Aces High. Amelia goes to Hickstead, as winning individual and Scarlett was 6th.

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Prep School News

You might have noticed that we didn't have our usual Friday Assembly last week. Instead, we held our annual Harvest Festival. This is a showcase of performances from Transition to Year 6, all aimed at celebrating the Harvest and all the bounty that it brings. This year we swapped to the afternoon and we are pleased to say that even more people were able to come along and enjoy it. Our Chaplain, the Rev. Kelvin Price, gave a very thoughtful sermon on the diversity of seeds and how this diversity is reflected in the diversity not only of the crops, orchards and plants around, but also in the diversity of the children at school. He then tasked the adults with going out and sharing some of our talents – be that a talent for kindness, or creativity or even happiness.

Our performances were then followed by the auction of goods, produce and the Bake Off. There had been some wonderful entries around the theme of floral diversity at Lucton or 'Flora Luctonienese'. Our own Graham Baker of Sunderland's auctioneers presided over the proceedings all for the NSPCC and Herefordshire Heartstart. It was hugely exciting and, at times, quite difficult to keep up with the hands being raised to try and outbid each other. In total we raised just over £1200 which is absolutely fantastic. So a huge thank you to all who donated and all of you who dug deep into your pockets for such good causes.



So to this week. Although the weather was determined to try and dampen everything, it doesn't mean to say that it will work. Despite the rain over the weekend and on Monday, our groundsman, Ray, managed to mark out the routes for our Aquathlon. We always invite local schools and, although other years have been busier, the enthusiasm was just as high amongst the competitors. The contestants either swam 4 lengths and ran 800m (the 7 and 8 year olds) or swam 8 lengths and ran 1500m (the 9 and 10 year olds). The chaperones for the visiting schools were our own Year 9s who also did a fine job serving teas and coffees to the parents. It was an absolutely super morning with Lucton coming in the medals in every category and in one we swept the board! Once more, a huge thank you to those behind the scenes for putting this together and making sure it ran so smoothly.

It certainly has been busy but of course we have been learning too. Reception, Year 2 and Year 4 have been learning about shapes although at rather different levels!





Humans and animals are being learnt by Years 1, 2 and 5, again with quite a few differences although we do still teach the words 'environment' and 'habitat' but approach them in very different ways; indeed, Year 5 has been asking about Climate Change and everyone is worried about the impact of plastic. Whereas Year 3 has been exploring healthy diets. This is just a snapshot of science; we haven't the space



for the rest of the curriculum.

It is back to our Friday Assemblies. Please do come along with family and friends. We love to celebrate children's achievements, catch up on school news and have a cup of tea. Parents are even able to get a morning swim in and I understand that there is a small group that meets each Friday. See you soon!

Forest School

Conker season is upon us. Let me be the first to let you know that playing conkers is not banned; indeed the Government's Health and Safety committee makes a point of saying this. Hitting each other is banned but not the game. So, to that end, I'm making it clear that children are allowed to come in with conkers on a string for some supervised conker competitions. What fun!



Friends update

Family Quiz – Saturday 19th October

Just a reminder that tomorrow is the family quiz, nice easy questions for kids and a few tricky ones for the adults. Even the youngest of children will enjoy the music round. Come along to the Queen Anne Dining Hall from 3pm. Adults £3, children £2. Bring with you a picnic tea to enjoy during the break. The Friends will be selling refreshments, cakes and sweets.

A Winter Ball – Saturday 30th November

We are pleased to announce that on Saturday 30th November, The Friends is hosting a Winter Ball. This will be a

fabulous warm up to the season. Ticket prices are £40 per person, which 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 until the early hours. Come along with your partner, bring a few friends or why not bring lots of friends and make up a table of 10? It's a fun evening of great food, games and dancing and all proceeds will go back to the Friends of Lucton who support projects and events for the pupils and the school.

Boarding House News

The boarders thoroughly enjoyed a shopping and cinema excursion at Merry Hill shopping centre in Birmingham on Saturday. School Cottage enjoyed watching Abominable, while some of the older boarders went to see Gemini Man. Sunday saw the Inter-Schools Show Jumping event take place at the school and it was lovely to see some of the boarders involved and helping out at the stables. The boarders also enjoyed a fun swim in the pool on Sunday afternoon. After a busy week, it is always nice to see the boarders relax and enjoy themselves.



I think we have most people's travel plans for the half-term break, but if you have yet to let us know then please do so as soon as possible.



Eco Club

More spring bulbs have gone in this week and the boarders are looking clear. The apple tree has been straightened, pruned and re-staked, so that will, we hope, encourage lots of new growth next year. We are also busy planning for activities

after half-term and we will be looking at indoor propagating and finalising the garden tidy-up in preparation for winter. The radishes continue to grow. Hilly is looking the best at the moment. The winter lettuce that William planted has also started to sprout and we will watch that keenly over the next few weeks.

The Archbishop

On Tuesday night, last year's confirmation class along with some of the Chamber Choir choristers got the chance to meet the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, as part of his tour to Herefordshire. The evening was an informal reflection service that had a 20 minute reflection preached by the Archbishop. Once the Archbishop had finished speaking, Rev. Price organised the children to speak to the Archbishop. He was very impressed by our pupils, especially the honest and clear answers from Tara C. and Ellie M. about their journey of faith and confirmation. His Grace also commented about Tom W's



smartness which was also nice to hear. The Archbishop wanted to say a special prayer and a blessing for them and Rev. Price said 'I'm extremely proud of you all. It was a great moment to be the Rector of Ludlow and Lucton's Chaplain.' Floreat Luctona!

Horse of The Year Show

Hannah W had an amazing week at The Horse of The Year Show held at the NEC. Her continued hard work and dedication certainly paid off with some fantastic results: 2nd place riding Thistledown San

Siro in the Junior Small Breeds Mountain and Moorland Small Class and 8th place riding Pennyroyal Little Pageboy in the Part Bred Show Pony Class.

Now her show season has come to an end, Hannah will be competing in the dressage arena over the winter.



Sports Report

U15 RUGBY v Ludlow

On Thursday last week, the majority of the squad who beat Bedstone U16s 36 – 12 the day before, had a home fixture with Ludlow U15s. It was clear from the outset that we were better organised and were always in control of the match. After yesterday's game, however, fatigue was a major factor, but on the few occasions that we moved the ball wide and into space we looked dangerous and in the end we ran out comfortable winners, 24 – 12.

New Rugby Lucton Team Shirts

On Friday, our new shirts arrived, kindly donated by Central Roofing & Building Services Ltd. This caused quite a bit of excitement; the shirts are very smart and clearly the boys were very proud to receive and wear them (I have heard that one boy kept his shirt on right through the weekend!). Thank you to Mr Perry and his company for his support.

U16 RUGBY v Lacon Childe

The next fixture was Wednesday this week, Lacon Childe U16 away. After two good performances last week we arrived in confident mode. The boys are beginning to gel into a team and Fred C as captain is leading them very well; but all of the boys are clearly wanting to perform better. Our three-quarters are very, very good and given reasonable ball have the ability to

break the gain-line against any opposition, which puts pressure on them as they have to retreat and so make it easier for us to retain possession. Lacon Childe was a big team and had a couple of crafty characters amongst their ranks, who in previous matches, would have intimidated many of our boys – but no longer! We took the game to them from the outset, keeping them deep in their 22. After 10 mins of pressure and a couple of missed opportunities, Archie J danced through the opposition defence to score under the post and convert it himself, 7 – 0. LC fought back with a lot of direct running and eventually forced their way over wide out to level the scores. Half-time 7 – 7. We totally dominated the second half in terms of quality play, with a number of players making breaks around the fringes and in the open spaces. Archie J, with good support, cut through their defences a number of times. Fred C, with about 5 minutes remaining, made an excellent break, beating 3 defenders and was stopped inches short, he presented the ball well allowing man of the match Alex D, as ever in support, to pick up and drive over. I think I counted 20 tackles made by Alex in the game. Alex and his fellow back-rower, Harry D, worked hard to help win loose ball, against some very big boys. The conversion was missed 12 – 7 but we held on comfortably to win. An excellent team



performance – every player worked really hard against tough opponents. A notable “new-comer” returning to the fold was Reubens, who had an outstanding match, his timing of the run in support and control of the ball in contact was very good. An excellent performance. Well done, boys!

U13 Rugby Country Tournament

Last Wednesday saw the return of the annual county rugby tournament. The U13 boys who have recently been training very hard on a regular basis took a strong side down to Luctonians RFC. 13 Schools from the local area took part bringing with them some fierce competition for Lucton. Lucton started the tournament in Pool B accompanied by Fairfield, Whitecross, and John Masefield.

Lucton started with the first win of the tournament beating Fairfield 10-5. There were some great tries scored by Matthew, G who was named man of the match. Throughout the rest of the Pool stages, Lucton played with great defensive and supportive play, ensuring each player was covered at the breakdown. Additionally, with some scrum practice during training, the U13 boys gave all the other teams a run for their money, winning and maintaining possession throughout with a great set piece.

The next two teams Lucton played, both had a similar set pieces and skill sets levelling the playing field and Lucton took two draws. With 1 win and 2 draws, Lucton was put through into the knock-out stages to face our toughest rivals yet, Wigmore School. Wigmore had a team of players which were very strong and experienced, this showed against Lucton as they were able to break Lucton’s defensive line and win the game knocking Lucton out of the tournament.

All boys who participated within the tournament played with their heart on their sleeve and put their bodies on the line for the school and did us proud!

U11 RUGBY v Bowbrook House School

Last Monday, Lucton played Bowbrook House school in an U11 rugby match. Lucton started the game well using the fast pace of many of the players and offloading the ball out wide to the wingers. Players such as Henry H and Thomas B used their footwork and uncatchable pace to get around the opposition defenders and put many tries past the opposing team; however, although a convincing win over Bowbrook, they fought back in the second half with some of their big ball carriers who ran past our defensive line to score some tries narrowing the gap. All players played very well!

U13 HOCKEY v The Downs

With only a short warm up and a change to the number of players the girls set about making a strong impression from the first whistle.

Rachel and Darcy made sure that The Downs never had a moment to stand still, with some strong tackles. The rest of the team provided plenty of space and support for passes, meaning that The Downs players were often clumped together, tackling each other and making ineffective short passes. Player of the match was Scarlett with some impressive saves when the opposition broke through the lines. Scarlett also managed to kick the ball half way across the pitch. The match was set to be a 0-0 draw but an own-goal was scored from a short corner in the last 20 seconds.

U12 HOCKEY v The Downs

Another impressive match from the U12 team. They communicated well and set up lots of space to make some good passes up the pitch. Again, The Downs players were clumped together making it harder to make long passes and at half time the team allocated someone to stay further back in order to improve the passes. Phillipa and Scarlett never let up on their attacking. The team had a great, positive attitude and played hard for the entire match.

Sophie was named player of the match, but all the girls played hard and deserved the impressive 2-1 win.

U16 BADMINTON v Lacon Childe

This week we had the opportunity to play an U16 fixture when, for the first time, we were invited to play badminton against Lacon Childe school. Several of our players made their team debuts, with Thomas, Liwen and George representing the School for the first time at this sport. Although overall Lacon proved to be tough and experienced opposition, I was delighted to see the amount of focus and determination shown by every single member of the team, namely Ryan, Joe, Aaron, George, Thomas, Liwen, Doris and Claire. There were many fiercely-contested games, with almost everyone winning at least one game.

U18 BADMINTON v CCB

Our U18 team needed to be really on form with good effort levels as we had a revised U18 squad because many regular team members were playing in the U16 match. There were many tight matches and it was pleasing to see the players rise to the occasion in many tough matches. Although overall CCB won the fixture, we won a significant number of matches and our debut players at U18 level, Angus and Forbes Wilson, won their doubles fixture. Other impressive wins came for Mike and Harold, Forbes in his singles match, Evie and Harold, Angus and Catherine and Mike and Ben. Many thanks to Mike Lou who is a superb captain of the Badminton team. CCB has already invited us back for a return fixture and we look forward to a re-match in Brecon.



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U18 HOCKEY v Wrekin 2nd X1

Despite being under pressure in the early part of the game, a positive team spirit, skilful goalkeeping from Molly and timely tackles and clearances from Ellie and Hannah, thwarted Wrekin's early territorial dominance of the match. This was enhanced in the second half, by player of the match, Harriet, whose ability to tackle and manoeuvre out of tight situations was a great asset. As the game progressed Lucton's attacking pace increased as Annie, Aoibh and Grace made several quick counter-attacks, with Annie scoring the first goal just before half time. After the break, Lucton's confidence grew as they continued to improve and capitalise upon this lead, with Annie and Aoibh adding to the goal tally for a well-deserved 3-0 win!

U16 NETBALL v Lady Hawkins

Mix and match was the order of the day as Year 10s, Jess, Georgia and Libby stepped up to fill the shoes of those playing hockey. Despite a change of guard, the girls played with skill and speed accelerating into an early lead. Faith was strong in defence, making some great interceptions, which rattled their attack and linked well with Jess at centre (player of the match) who definitely grew in confidence as the game progressed. Some excellent movement and shooting from Natalie, Georgia and Felicity, ensured that we reached our target of 25 goals, whilst Libby and Amelia defended well to ensure that we secured a comfortable 25-8 victory.

U15 NETBALL v Lady Hawkins

With Maureen (player of the match) and Seren working hard in defence and positive attacking play by Catherine and Amber, the girls dominated the first quarter. A couple of changes by Lady Hawkins, worked to their advantage and they held a slender half time lead. We responded by moving Alice into the attacking circle which proved positive, whilst Amber added some speed and tenacity into the centre court, as she linked well with Trinia and Katie. Great

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team spirit ensured that the girls worked hard for their well-deserved victory.

U14 NETBALL v Ludlow School

This was a tough fixture against a fast team. Undaunted, the girls worked hard and will have learnt a lot about how to focus, reorganise quickly and move the ball around the court when under pressure. Player of the match, Olivia, certainly deserved the accolade as she worked tirelessly to move the ball from defence to attack. Although we didn't win, the girls grew in confidence throughout the match and displayed great tenacity and team spirit.

YR8 NETBALL v Ludlow

Last Thursday, the Year 8 girls had a brilliant netball match against Ludlow. The match was extremely close the whole way through with each team scoring goal for goal. All of the girls put on a great performance and played out of their skin. I was so impressed with all of the girls' performance as they were all trying hard and showing that they wanted to win. Scarlett Prichard led her team really well and was a great role model to the younger players on her team. The final score was 3-2 to Ludlow which really didn't reflect the match. Player of the match was awarded to Scarlett.

U11 RUGBY v The Elms

The U11s were in action on Wednesday against The Elms. The game started off very physically with both teams putting in some early hits, causing the ball to be knocked on numerous times. Unfortunately, The Elms got the better and raced in down the wing. George M, worked tirelessly

throughout the game with some great defence, his work ethic was fantastic and commitment to the tackle which caused an issue for The Elms all afternoon. Through his efforts, George was awarded Player of the Match. Tries scorers were Thomas B who grabbed a brace, and William E, who both showed great vision and fancy footwork down either wing. Thomas B's 2nd try was the highlight of the afternoon as he finished a great team try which involved almost everybody in Lucton colours. Full time score Lucton 3-7 The Elms.

Prep-School Cross Country Competition, Abberley Hall

Prep Cross Country Tournament at Abberley

Last Thursday saw the annual Prep School Cross Country competition take place at Abberley Hall. Sixteen students made the event and everyone should be very proud of taking part in the run in some quite challenging weather conditions. It was a very strong and competitive field and Darcy did exceptionally well to finish 5th in the U13 girls category. Hannah W also had a strong run, finishing not far behind Darcy in 14th place. Out of a field of approximately 70 runners this was a great achievement. George J finished 21st in the U13 boys category; well done to him, and the U11 boys also did well with Thomas B, the best Lucton boy at the event.

We were unfortunate to miss out on medal placings in the individual and team categories, but it was still a fantastic afternoon and well done to all those who took part!

ISA Junior Swimming

Lucton junior swim team shone at the regional ISA champs! Lucton swimmers from Year 4 to 6 produced another heartening set of team and individual performances in the regional ISA gala, at Walsall pool. Up against 27 other schools, Lucton finished 6th overall. Then, to cap it all, Nathan Berry (Year 5 boys backstroke) was the fastest overall in his category and so will be swimming for the Midlands Team at the National Finals in the London Olympic Pool. He will be joined by Poppy Crawford (Year 5) who produced the third fastest front crawl time and so qualifies as part of the relay team. The results from the relay races are terrific for Lucton and testament to our encouragement for all children to learn to swim all the strokes and swim competitively in school lessons and after school with Lucton Typhoon Swim Club.

There were some fabulous races and the standard across the whole meet was very high indeed. In fact, it's no surprise that The Midlands often has one of the strongest regional teams. Congratulations to all in the team and especially to Piper Meek (Year 3) who will be one to watch! In addition, Max Blundell-Rouse and Emily Evans also swam up for Year 4 at

their first ever ISA gala. Special mention must go to Thomas Berry who didn't qualify this year but swam his heart out against some phenomenal competition and is a true all-rounder. It's a pity there isn't an individual medley event for him and many of our swimmers.

Some of the highlights were as follows.

Positions are out of 27 schools!

Backstroke: Piper Meek 6th, Thomas Huband 7th, Chloe Morris-Jones 5th, Henry Hellyar 5th, Nathan Berry 1st

Butterfly: Amelia Jones 6th, Thomas Berry 5th

Breaststroke: Thomas Berry 4th, Will Evans 6th, Livvia Rutledge 9th

Front Crawl: Solange Dakar Arop 5th, Amelia Jones 6th, Poppy Crawford 3rd

Relays:

Freestyle: Year 5 girls 2nd, Year 5 boys 3rd, Year 6 girls 5th, Year 6 boys 3rd

Medley: Year 5 girls 2nd, Year 6 girls 3rd, Year 6 boys 4th

A big thanks to the parents who supported on the day and timed every heat to ensure we had excellent information for the children. I am also grateful to parents who make the extra time for their children's swimming and the support provided by Ben and Charlotte who are our coaches from Typhoon swimming.

Keep swimming Lucton! MJW



Equestrian News

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Class 3, the 80-85 cm got better with our teams 1st and 2nd so both are Hickstead bound!

George and Chloe, Oliver and Prince Henry, Amelia and Endymionns Aces High and Scarlett and Mr Socks, then Oliver on Boy Romeo, Hannah and lucky Ballin, Seren and Bethel Omarge, Sophie and Conker.

Class 4 was the 90-95 cm and we again qualified a team for Hickstead, coming 2nd. Archie and Reel Steel, Hannah, Jess lane and Uncle Jack and Seren on Dawn Patrol!

In the last class, 1m, the course looked huge and we seemed to have been there for ever! No teams completed but Seren rode a lovely and well judged round to qualify in 2nd place!

Well done all and thanks to the many helpers. The day can't run without you!

day and Ravi took Johanna around and came 6th in the first class!

We have been allowed to jump this week which was great and we watched the William Clinic on Thursday!



Jake's Blog

We had a busy week watching the competing of the NSEA Arena Eventing! We weren't allowed to jump the jumps which was a shame but Squirrel did on the





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