

Middle School's Buggy Malone

We had to cancel the evening performances and the visiting schools, but the rest of the school made up the audience for two excellent performances. We have probably become so accustomed to the exceptionally high quality productions at Lucton and may need reminding that the oldest pupils involved are just in Year 8!

This production hit all the usual high standards, with acting, dancing, singing, costumes, make-up, music/sound, lighting and the set, all superb. A total reflection of the high quality of the direction from Mrs Waters and Mrs Sharman.

Many more photos inside.



Message from Mrs Thorne

Term ended 4 days ahead of schedule and the teaching staff have been making plans for online delivery of curriculum for next term, we also have some boarders with us and continue to look after key-worker children. With the cancellation of exams it is particularly important for students in the exam years to engage with their teachers as we have until July to improve and finalise the agreed grades. Until we are all back together again, please look after yourselves and keep safe. Floreat Luctona!

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Prep School News

In these extraordinary times it is good to keep the routines going as much as possible. Having said that, I am not sure if there is such a thing as routine at Lucton. Nevertheless, I will continue as I normally do looking over the last week with some highlights.

Reception Class did a wonderful assembly with the story of the Ugly Duckling; an absolute classic. I do love being a teacher as these stories stay fresh and certainly are for the younger ones, to whom it is a brand new story. Costumes, face paints, some wonderful cameos and some well-remembered lines. Well done Reception Class!

And so to this week. Well we had umpteen entries for the Science Poster and I have finally chosen the winners – which I can't possibly tell you as they don't get presented until today after this has been published. But they were great and it was really hard to choose the winners. Staying with Science week or rather the extension of science week. The Great Egg Drop! What a fantastic success. There were all sorts of shapes and sizes of egg protector. There were parachutes, planes, cocoons oh the list goes on. A daring Mr Muckalt took



the fire escape and launched them with abandon whilst being cheered by the children. In all there were 36 eggs of which only 8 broke! That was eggscellent (sorry) and the prizes were...chocolate eggs!

More competitions as well this week and the one and only Pre Prep Cross Country Race. Yes, Lucton races 4-6 year olds around the fields and they love it they really and truly do. They also loved the fact that it was in the rain and mud. Wonders never cease; children loving mud whatever next? Or should that be, mud-loving children? Lessons continued as usual with Year 1 embedding themselves in the Victorians and even acting it out – they did love being a teacher and wielding the cane. A number even enjoyed being urchins! They even got to send Morse





code. Year 2 have been busy learning about different scientists and carrying out investigations; Year 3 have been using daffodils in science and in art; Year 4 have been concentrating on symmetry and Year 5 have been geographers. It has been busy indeed. Meanwhile the teachers have been getting work ready for next week to make sure that learning continues right up until the Easter Holidays which starts next Thursday. The problem is that it is still 2 weeks away from having any chocolate.

In the meantime that just leaves me space to wish you all well for next week and make sure that you all have a routine. Get up at the same time, and so on. Do not let it drift too much and enjoy this enforced time together; perhaps we shall all become gardeners!



Reception Farm visit

Reception enjoyed a springtime visit to the Small Breeds Farm Park and Owl Centre in Kington. They learnt a little more about a range of farm animals and owls, and were introduced to some fascinating babies – including an owlet that reminded them of The Ugly Duckling!



Boarding News

With many of the venues that we typically visit closing down, and being conscious of keeping the boarders away from overly crowded areas, we have had a quieter week in the boarding house. On Saturday, we were very grateful to the grads for organising a netball tournament for the boarders and it was a thoroughly enjoyable event. Mr Muckalt and Mr Britton took a group of boarders to Ludlow on Sunday and they enjoyed visiting the castle and looking around some of the shops. Matthew was particularly pleased at visiting an Italian coffee shop and enjoyed some of the delicious treats that they had an offer.

We were also pleased to see Noa, Lisi,

Lilly, Julia and Emily help out with preparations for the Middle School Play, Buggy Malone, on Sunday. They spent a lot of time in the theatre painting the stage and getting things tidy for the show.

A lot of boarders have now left for the Easter holidays and we wish all of them safe travels and to take care when they get home. We look forward to their return when things settle down and the boarding community is back at full strength. We are also looking forward to making Lucton a home for a number of the boarders who are taking advantage of the Easter Residential. In these uncertain times, we aim to give the boarders an enjoyable holiday and will provide activities and entertainment to make sure that their time is well used.

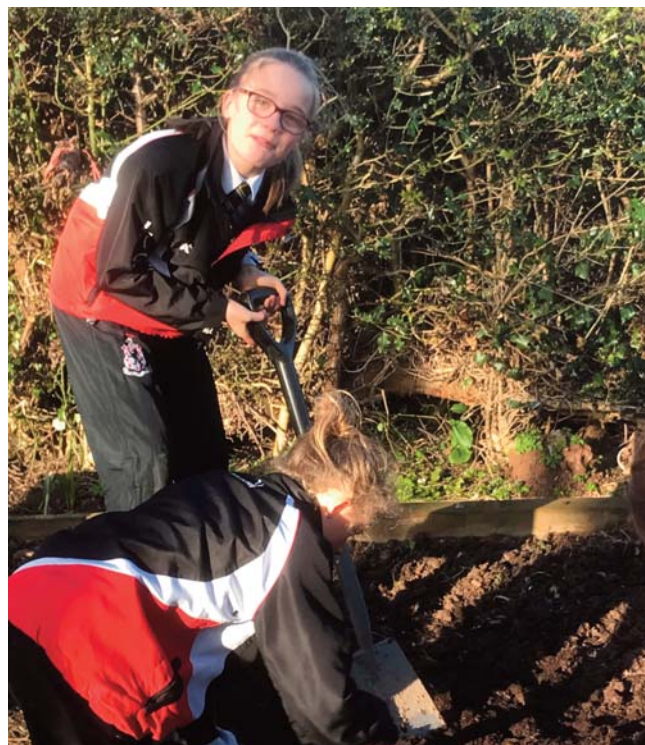


Eco Club

The potatoes that we chitted earlier in the year have all sprouted some healthy looking shoots, so the main task this week was getting them in the ground. As an experiment, we have put half of the potatoes into some grow bags with the other half going straight into the ground. We will see in due course which provides the best yield. Our potatoes have also been joined by all the grow bags that the Yr 1 class have planted. A little bit of competition to see who grows the most! Elsewhere, the seeds that were planted are



all shooting up. The salad is almost edible and the Sweet Peas are ready for planting out. The garden itself still needs a little bit of clearing work to be done, but I would hope to be looking at getting the new chicken coop in at some point during the summer term.



Equestrian News

Jake's Blog

In a week of uncertainty we have been very busy and in a bit of a bubble of normality! Des and Cirro have gone across the road and have the nicer grass which is a

bit unfair as we have been working hard! We've done lots of jumping and played a bit of horse ball - I didn't like it much but Jig was ace! Jig and Mouse also played some games and both got over excited! Ravi did a GCSE assessment and jumped really well! We will miss all the German girls next week and are already looking forward to them coming back next term!



More Buggy photos





Sports Report

COUNTY CHAMPION

Hannah W is the Herefordshire County Cross-Country Champion for the 4th year in a row, winning the race by over 400m! Wow, well done Hannah!

ENGLISH SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020 SEFTON PARK, LIVERPOOL

Well done to Forbes, Aiobh and Darcy who all represented Hereford and Worcester at this year's event in Liverpool.

A wonderful achievement to have tripled our qualifiers from last year. Lucton is on the map well and truly with our running prowess!



Aiobh improved by over 100 places in her last event as she will be too old next year!

