

Lucton Cadets receiving their 'wings'

On 14th Jan, the RAF Section took 8 cadets to RAF St Athan. The aim was to achieve 'blue wings' so the simulator and ground school were also booked. Disappointingly, not all the cadets were able to fly, but all cadets completed their blue wings simulator training, and by flying their first sortie in the Tutor Grub, Lucton School can now boast its first 5 'blue wing' cadets. Congratulations to Cdt Westhorpe, Cdt Muckalt, Cdt Bassett, Cdt Watts and Sgt Stevens on their wings. Additionally, Sgt Stevens was able to progress to aerobatic flying (with her instructor closely monitoring) and in the simulator she practised circuits; she was subsequently awarded her bronze wings. Cadet Taylor-Woodward, Rayson and Skipp will be ready to complete their wings on their return to St Athan. All the cadets agreed that this was an amazing experience; the grins on their faces when stepping out of the aircraft said it all. We look forward to returning to St Athan later in the term.



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Prep School News

Well this has been a truly wet and windy week hasn't it? Storm Brendan tried its best but we can assure you that it hasn't stopped us from going outside – well, until THAT really strong downpour. If the government is trying to instil resilience in children all they have to do is come and visit us and take a look. Then again, children do love running around outside in strong weather conditions.

Year 2 started off our Friday Assemblies with their take on the story of The Little New Year by Elena Robena Field. This is a story of how love and kindness can be spread to people by carrying out small but worthwhile acts, some as small as simply offering a greeting to each other. Year 2 gave us some good examples of how they are going to help improve the lives of people around us, from helping a bit more in the kitchen to raising money for charity by riding a bike. A deceptively simple tale and tasks but ones that we should take to heart as well and perhaps we can think of some small acts that will help others. Remember that giving actually makes us feel better.

So to our week. Our extras have started this week. By these, I mean those activities that children can take outside of our curriculum. Amongst others, the 'cellists,



pianists, singers, guitarists and drummers have started up again this week. We have seen the Equestrian Department coming down to pick up our budding show jumpers and point-to-pointers. The Pony Club has restarted as well. These children learn all about safety in the stables, how to look after tack and so on. Our ballet dancers, under the watchful eye of Miss Penny, are learning the difference between a pas-de-deux and en pointe. As for our dramatists, well they have been busy choosing poems and duologues ready for the forthcoming Hereford Arts Festival towards the beginning of March. I know that we do a lot of sport but we also offer tennis as well, whatever the weather! If you want your son or daughter to do any of these (and there are many more instruments as well: the tuba and French Horn amongst them), please do ask the Office or your Form Tutor who will be





able to offer a taster session or put you straight on the list.

We welcomed Open The Book in for the first time this year. These are a group of volunteers who tell us the stories from the Bible with the help of the children. They come along every other week. The stories could be from the Old Testament – we have already learnt about Moses and Jonah (sometimes known as Jonah the Moaner) and then some of the parables and miracles of Jesus. This week we were told of the rebuilding of Jerusalem in the time of Cyrus and Ataxerxes of Persia and Jeremiah the Prophet. The former kings let the Jews leave from slavery and then helped them rebuild. What the children particularly enjoy is getting involved with the stories – quite often taking part themselves – and then the singing at the end.

On to matters more mundane. We need old newspapers, preferably broadsheet

as these are nice and big, don't have any staples and have suitable pictures to come across. Then there is the perennial cry for lost property or, rather, please look and see that your son or daughter doesn't have someone else's. This leads nicely on to the need to label everything in plain sight so that a) we can find the name and b) be able to return it. Finally, raincoats. Whilst most do have a school raincoat, some don't have a raincoat at all. As we like to go outside at break times, whatever the weather, please make sure that your son or daughter has a coat. In Year 5 this may be black as that is the requirement in Year 6 and above.

That leaves me time to remind you to return your slips for the Christingle on 29th January and to invite you, family and friends to our Friday Assemblies, to celebrate children's achievements, catch up on School news, have a cup of tea and even use the School pool.

Forest School

To paraphrase Winnie-the-Pooh:

O gallant Piglet (PIGLET)! Ho!

Did Piglet tremble? Did he blinch?

No, no, he struggled inch by inch

Did we blinch in the face of the rain and wind of Brendan? No we didn't! We got, muddy, we got wet and we laughed and we hallooed. We weren't sure what mummies and daddies might think but we loved it!



Boarding News

Friday night saw the first Film Club of the new term. We have decided to break from the Marvel films we were watching last term and it was a brave bunch of boarders that settled down to watch *The Woman In Black*. There was much screaming and hiding behind cushions, but all thoroughly enjoyed the night and are looking forward to the next film night.

Being the first weekend of the term, the Croft House boarders enjoyed a trip to Merry Hill shopping centre to stock up on supplies. They spent a good few hours enjoying the shops and returned to Lucton well worn out. While Croft House were in the shops, School Cottage made the trip to Hereford Odeon where some of the boarders watched *Cats*, with the rest watching the new *Jumanji* movie. On Saturday evening we watched the Tottenham v Liverpool match in the Cinema Room and with no bias at all were absolutely delighted with the result!

On Sunday it was pleasing to see some of the boarders choose to go to Church in the morning, and then following brunch the swimming pool was opened for the

boarders to enjoy a swim.

Throughout the week the boarders have been engaged in numerous social activities. It is wonderful to see them make good use of the facilities we offer at Lucton – the sports hall is regularly used for basketball and badminton, the music practice rooms are utilised, and the common areas are always populated with boarders relaxing and having fun.

There was no time for relaxing however when Matthew challenged Mr Rogers to a game of chess. In a keenly fought battle of wits and strategy, Matthew proved himself to be the master tactician and successfully defeated Mr Rogers. Well done, Matthew!



Sports Report

U18 NETBALL v Shrewsbury School

The rain and wind abated as the girls began their games in dominant form. Strong attacking and defensive play by all, combined with consistent shooting by Annie and player of the match Georgia, ensured that we came away with two emphatic 16-3 and 18-5 wins!

U15 HOCKEY v CCB

The U15s played their first game of the year against a formidable CCB side. Lucton held their own in terms of possession in the first half but lacked control and precision in their shooting which was a shame. CCB were not as loose here and made the most of their chances despite Kian's superb efforts in goal.

The second half was much better and Lucton had far more spells dominating play. Malachy was at the heart of much of Lucton's positive play and scored a wonderful goal. Jamie W was also very consistent and effective in the game too. Harry D made a defensive play of Olympic standard clearing a flick shot from the top corner with his stick. Sensational!

The team worked hard for each other and it was a pleasure to see ahead of the ISA tournament next week.

U15 HOCKEY v Whitecross.

The U15 girls travelled to Whitecross to play their first hockey match of the year. All the girls started off with a very positive attitude and were quick to make short



work of the Whitecross defence, scoring 2 goals in the first 10 minutes. Unfortunately, a couple of lapses in concentration allowed Whitecross to equalise before half time.

The girls rallied in the second half and working with a slightly different line up, managed to score an impressive further 2 goals to win the match 4 goals to 3.

Catherine C and Amber M were the goal scorers and Jessica W was named player of the match. Overall an impressive match to watch, with lots of individual improvements shown along with improved team work skills shining through.

U13 HOCKEY v Christ College Brecon

The team has started off the term with a bang! Playing two games against Christ College Brecon's A and B team back to back, conceding no goals in either match. The forwards Zach J, Theo BN and Max H worked CCB hard and at one point nearly walked the ball into the goal. In the second game, Noah L created some great space when the ball briefly made it into Lucton's half.



Michael S got man of the match, for some impressive stops and allowing the rest of the team to open up the field. Hayden McL and George T supported when needed, moving across the defence line in case of a break through. Sameer R worked hard, tackling the opposition whilst supporting Max down the middle line. With such great team work our goalie Morgan F didn't see much action but was prepared to support if and when needed. An amazing two matches boys, with 3:0 wins. Well done!

U13 NETBALL v The Downs

The girls played a well-considered game of netball. They thought about spaces and communication. There were some fantastic interceptions from most of the team when needed and some positive attacking play. We dominated most of the game and were leading until the last quarter but unfortunately the wind played against us and we missed some opportunities, so saying, we still drew 5 all and I was pleased with how the girls played! Elodie was voted player of the match. Well done all!

U12 NETBALL v The Downs

The U12 played against The Downs and the final score was 4-4. A great match for the U12 with player of the match being awarded to Hannah. In the first half, The Downs we're winning 3-0, Lucton were finding it hard to get the ball in our shooting third due to two very tall defenders. Phillipa came on as GA and made some outstanding shots from very far out in the shooting D bringing Lucton to 3-3. Going into the last quarter both teams were tight on their players and the ball was



going up and down the court. The Downs scored first and with the last 30 seconds to go, Hannah and Maggie made a great turn over in defence allowing Lucton to score, making the final score of 4-4.

ISA U10 NETBALL

What a fantastic day for the Year 5s who took part in the ISA U10 netball tournament at Dodderhill. After two sessions back after Christmas, the team did a great job at dusting off their netball skills and remembering all of the rules. Lucton showed great team work helping Nathan and Hayden understand and pick up the skills needed for netball. Solange was a great leader and captain on the day taking control of the warm up and of the team. The tournament was high 5 netball which involved the players moving around in different position. This was great for Lucton as we are always swapping and changing during training, so the team felt confident in each position. A huge well





start to finish. Mike was in sparkling form as team captain, and all our players enjoyed impressive successes. Most notable were a couple of new and very promising additions to our team this term, namely Zoe and Andreanna. The training and practice all the players are putting in is clearly paying off handsomely, and our whole squad continues to improve at an astonishing rate. We look forward to next week's match against Alcester.

done and thank you to Nathan and Hayden for joining the girls, you both played well and really got involved with the team. Unfortunately, we didn't win the tournament but everyone played really well and enjoyed themselves. A positive start to this term of netball for the Prep School!

BADMINTON v Bedstone

We had a great start to the year as we enjoyed a brilliant win against our old rivals Bedstone. Lucton were at their truly dominating best, in total command of the court space, and clearly in control from



Prep School brave the storm

The Prep School pupils braved storm Brendan this week to develop their fitness further in readiness for the house and ISA Cross Country events this term.



Equestrian News

We hear that Scarlett B came third in the junior teams (and individual) for the Area Show Jumping at Kings last Sunday. She rode for Marden Riding Club and we also understand that Scarlett wasn't the only Lucton pupil to do well, please get in touch and let us know your results.

Jake's Blog

We have had an exciting week back with high winds and rain to cope with! Alfie has fitted in well but still seems to be in a state of shock! Mouse is due back soon but still away enjoying himself at present! Rose has

come back and settled back in and we are all enjoying the work and seeing some new riders! Mr Blane came back this week too which was fun. Good luck to all those who are jumping at Kings this weekend!



LUCTON FOOD FESTIVAL

Saturday 25th April 2020

10am - 4pm

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