

Middle & Senior School Concert

On Tuesday, the musicians of the Middle and Senior Schools treated us to a fantastic concert in the Memorial Hall. We had performances from the whole range of beginners, through to our advanced Sixth Formers, and we were delighted by them all. Some of the younger students made us very proud, picking themselves up from false starts or pre-match nerves, and rallying themselves to show what they are really made of. We were wowed by one of the newest members of Lucton's family, John Gu; the audience were blown away by his incredible piano skills. Another delightful new addition to the programme was the recently formed Stevens-Wilsons ensemble; Angus and Forbes have been sharing their love of Celtic music with the girls, and they have combined their talents to take this to a whole new level; with Emily-Grace on loan from the Prep School, this was a



brilliant example of Lucton at its best, all working together. The senior orchestra is going from strength to strength, and gave
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OPEN EVENTS
Senior School & Sixth Form
Thursday 5th March, 4.00 - 7.00pm
Prep School & Nursery
Friday 6th March, 9.00am - Noon

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Prep School News

What a week of wacky weather! Year 5 were making a weather survey last week for geography, which turned out to be very boring; however, in a unanimous vote, they agreed to extend the survey into a second week, as it was shaping up to be much more interesting: snow, a hail storm, and sleet were all recorded by the end of Monday! As Mr Bicker-Caarten is fond of reminding us though, there is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing. With that in mind, and with compulsory coats on, we still managed to get outside as much as possible for breaktimes, games lessons, and Forest School. Dressed appropriately, we were able to stay safe and enjoy the drama of the natural world. 3PH gave us plenty to think about in their assembly last week, introducing Safer Internet Day 2020, which we marked on Tuesday. The internet is a wonderful and powerful tool; rather like the weather, we can enjoy it and learn from it, as long as we learn how to handle it safely. This year, the theme for SID was 'Identity' – creating an internet where everyone is FREE: Fairly treated, Represented, Equal and Empowered. Year 3 challenged us all to a TV game-show-style quiz, making sure we



all know how to harness the creativity of the internet, sharing our thoughts and ideas in appropriate forums, whilst still keeping ourselves safe. During this week, we have continued to explore this important theme in assemblies and PSHE lessons, as well as in ICT.

Other lesson highlights this week have included: Year 1 investigating transparent, translucent and opaque materials; Year 2 summarising their work on nurses; and Year 3 learning all about gravity. Year R spent a lovely afternoon making split-pin knights, then using these to create puppet shows in the castles they had built out of bricks. Years 4 and 5 particularly enjoyed a combined swimming lesson, when they undertook a synchronised swimming challenge!





It was good to see so many parents on Monday evening, and we look forward to the postponed Parents Evening for Years R, 2, 3 and 4 after Half Term. Likewise, we were disappointed to have to postpone the Tercentenary Cross Country Run this week, but anticipate a great day at the end of term instead; sometimes, having to wait for something makes it so much more



enjoyable in the end!

It has been another full and exciting half term; enjoy your break, and make sure you get plenty of rest ready for the build up to Easter, with the Pancake Race, Science Week, Book Bingo, Hereford Festival, and so much more. There is never a dull moment in Lucton!



Boarding News

Our final week in the boarding house was another busy one. On Friday, our film night was the Disney classic Frozen which was much enjoyed. Matthew is a big Frozen fan and he thoroughly enjoyed himself.

Saturday saw a visit to Energi, the inflatable adventure park in Newport. Boarders of all ages had a great time there, bouncing for an hour followed by a little

walk around the retail park. They enjoyed some of the eateries there and all came back to the house full and tired.

Sunday was a case of battenning down the hatches as the stormy weather came in. We still managed to open the swimming pool and boarders had a lovely time with a fun swim.

So we come to our half term holiday. We wish all the boarders safe travels, a relaxing week, and look forward to welcoming them back.



Lucton's senior school library welcomed its newly-recruited student librarians this week. The following students have been tasked with creating monthly displays, shelving new or returned books and deciding what new books should be added to its ever growing shelves: Josh B, Theo O, Amelia J and Chloe B Year 6. Scarlett B and Lylah B-R Year 7. Hamish G and Noah L Year 8. Eider C O and Johanna K Year 9.



With a combined effort from Elizabeth R
Year 10 and Noa H Year 11.

Ms Quick has been busy marking the progress of many avid readers, who are taking part in the reading challenge – 20

books for 2020. Every student who completes their bookmark will be entered into a prize draw. Can anyone catch up with Noah Lawrence's 6 books so far this year?

Lucton Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day was celebrated at Lucton across the entire school on Tuesday, 11 February 2020. We once again, joined in with schools and organisations across the globe to work on making the internet a safe and stimulating environment. The theme this year was on the theme of online identity. There was an assembly in both main and prep school to introduce the theme and students have worked on the issues in PSHE this week. Many students have produced posters on the “Free to be Me” strapline.

We also held a parents session in the library attended by our local community support officer PC Harper, to discuss how parents can help students use the internet safely and maintain a careful watch on



what is being done online. One key issue we discussed was when students should have their phones, it was unanimously agreed that it should not be in their bedrooms! There are many useful sites and organisations that can help parents manage this challenging agenda. If you would like any more information on this please contact safeguarding@luctonschool.org

Well done all involved! *Mrs Goode*



Lucton School

Orchestral Day with the English Symphony Orchestra



Friday 28th February 2020

9.30am - 3.30pm. £15.00/student

Open to pupils from Year 5-Year 9 from all schools. (Grade 1 and above)

Bring a packed lunch

For more details, email:

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Open to all orchestral
instruments including
saxophone and
percussion



Concert, from front page: an excellent performance of 'Night on a Bare Mountain', arranged for school ensemble as part of the BBC Ten Pieces initiative. Rubato Band gave a very spirited rendition of Elgar's 'Salut d'Amore', dusting off some repertoire from the Royal Visit. Not to be out-done, the Junior Strings and Wind Band were on top form, and are really looking forward to combining into the full Junior Orchestra in the summer term; listening to the senior musicians play is a real inspiration to them all. Vocalists were also out in force: the Chamber Choir sang in Welsh, coached by Dolly and Honey, and the Middle School Singers entertained us with a light-hearted song about a monkey. It was great to hear so many solos from people who took ABRSM exams last weekend as well; we had a very busy day, with two examiners working concurrently during the morning session, and are looking forward to some excellent results. How good it is to see and hear the fruits of so much practice and dedication, and to have such a friendly, supportive audience to perform in front of. You are all a credit to the School; well done!



Equestrian News

Jake's Blog

We are not keen on this wind and cold but we have kept going throughout and looked after our riders!

Miss Coates and Mr Blane told us we couldn't jump much just because the jumps

blew over!

Mouse and I were in trouble on Wednesday because Mouse in his hood went under the fence to the fresh grass and I followed!

We are looking forward to our break and maybe hacking out a bit as we have all worked really hard this term! I hope you all have a good half term too.

Sports Report

LUCTON 1st XI v CCB, 2 - 2

Lucton First XI showed their fighting spirit against CCB in an eventful 2-2 draw on Wednesday. Facing uphill for the first half, they got off to a strong start, but began to run out of ideas when CCB withheld what was thrown at them. Instead, Lucton conjured up a ridiculous opener for CCB, gifting them position before allowing the ball to trickle in. Nonetheless, Leo L led the spirited resistance in an all-action Captain Marvel display. Tracking back, throwing himself into tackles, ghosting down the wing and pinging passes with pin-point accuracy, he combined well with Aaron B and won a penalty. Still, Lucton found a way to make a tough situation harder still by throwing away the gift of the penalty, making it still 0-1 at halftime. The second half saw a familiar tale play out; a strong start followed by a defensive mix-up and a calamitous goal conceded for 0-2. With thirteen minutes remaining, the game looked dead. Instead, up stepped Valentin to

take matters into his own hands and smash an immediate reply for 1-2 after good work again by Aaron B. Aaron was now in full-control mode and Lucton were pushing strongly for an equaliser. With only three minutes remaining, they were gifted the chance after a clear hand-ball in the box resulted in another penalty for Lucton. This time Aaron B made no mistake, ending the game 2-2. A good, hard-fought match which saw some tremendous challenges. Leo L was Man of the Match.

U18/16 NETBALL v Tettenhall College

This was a new fixture, which proved to be a success. The 1st team started steadily, gaining momentum throughout the match. By the end of the third quarter, the game could have gone either way and at 18-18, we managed a quick steal off the first centre pass to gain the momentum needed to pull ahead. So, with some tight defending by Harriet B, sharp off the ball interceptions from Elsie, good support from Alice and Ella throughout the centre court with some well-timed feeds into the



circle from Faith, ensured that Annie (player of the match) and Hattie had plenty of goal scoring opportunities. Fortunately, their goal scoring stats were good and we stormed into a 28-20 lead.

The 2nds had a good game with steady play from all players. Molly (player of the match) complemented her many tips and interceptions, which created several issues for her opponent, with some strong, supportive centre court play. Although they didn't win, there were many promising attacking moves, which with a little more focus and intensity could so easily become match winning moves!

U15 NETBALL v Tenbury

The girls can only be described as awesome today and I was proud to be with them! There was no weak link, their communication and movement around the court were balanced and excellent! Georgia's shooting was over 90% but the other girls shot really well too. Jess as centre was voted player of the match but any of them could have been. Amber led from the front as captain and was sound in both centre court and shooting. All three combinations of defence were solid with fabulous interceptions from Trinia, Seren and Maureen. Catherine and Katie gelled well in the middle with Jess and Alice. We led from start to finish to win comfortably 21-8. Well done an excellent high-quality game!

U14 NETBALL v Tenbury

This Wednesday the U14s were pumped to play against Tenbury which was very clear when they arrived at the courts. Tiphany took the role as captain as she lead the team to a great start in the first quarter. Kyla, Ashleigh and Sophie worked hard up and down the court, intercepting when Tenbury had possession and communicating well when Lucton were on the counterattack. Lucton went into the second quarter looking and feeling confident as they had played well to start.

Tiphany was constantly driving into space and being a option throughout the whole match. Once Lucton got the ball in the attacking D, Jess, Ester Olivia rarely missed a shot. Olivia in particular was cool, calm and collected when shooting which started to reflect in the score line by half time. Annalise and Rosie were on top form when Lucton were defending, clearing the ball and marking tightly at all times. Lucton worked brilliantly as a team and played some really good netball meaning they took a comfortable win and should be very proud of themselves. Kyla received a well-deserved player of the match, but everyone should look very positively about their performances this week.

U13 & U12 NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Lucton held a fantastic tournament against Monmouth, Bedstone and Christ's College for under 13s and under 12s.

Lucton U13 had a really hard job of playing three matches in a row. This showed The other teams how good our fitness levels were at being able to perform at a good level for each match. As the matches went on, Lucton improved each time at getting the ball down the court. Scarlett and Fremah had outstanding performances in defence as they had some tough opposition who were performing top level skills such as split landings in the shooting circle.

Lois has really improved this term in netball and is shining in WD making loads of interceptions in each match. Yet again Darcy amazes me with her fitness levels and being able to play centre and still have so much energy. Rachel and Elodie had to work really hard in the shooting circle to find a free space and make a shot. In each game they improved and understood and read where each other were moving which really helped them get into space. Some brilliant shots were scored by both. The girls drew with Christ College and Bedstone who made it to the final., but

lost to Monmouth who won the overall tournament.

The U12 had a really tough tournament as they were playing the year above but they showed great determination and willingness on the court. Sophie Davies made a great captain with her energy and enthusiasm. Hannah worked extremely hard in defence making loads of turnovers and putting pressure on the shooters. Meg had a really tough tournament playing centre which required a lot of fitness and game understanding. Dolly had a brilliant attacking game at wing attack and also at goal shooter, and Scarlett also always performs to the best of her ability had a great game. Well done to both teams. A lot was learnt and improved by playing such strong opposition.

U11 NETBALL v RGS Springfield

The U11 girls travelled to RGS Springfield to play their last netball match before half term. The Lucton girls played against two age groups from RGS. The girls were a little slow to start after being quite

intimidated by the size of the U11 RGS girls. After the first quarter, the girls picked up the pace and started to move more effectively around the court. Sophie H managed to score a lovely goal from near the edge of the D but it wasn't quite enough to beat the U11 RGS team. Eno B was player of the match making some excellent defensive moves as Goal Defence. The Lucton girls then played RGS's U10 girls. This time the height difference between the teams was fairly equal which gave Lucton a little more confidence in their capabilities. All the girls produced some lovely team work and the ball was very quickly in Sophie H's possession, enabling her to score some fantastic goals. Harriet P was named player of the match as Centre and the girls ended up with an impressive win of 6 goals to 2. Well done girls for your perseverance in the matches.

U13 RUGBY FESTIVAL at CCB

The U13s rugby team arrived in CCB in high spirits on Wednesday as it was their first 7s festival of the year. After a long



travel, Lucton arrived 10 minutes before K/O and with a short, sharp warm up, it was time for Lucton to play their first match vs Gowerton. It was a slow start to the festival with Lucton coming off second best, Leo grabbed the only try for Lucton and lost 3-1. The second game was against Bishops where Lucton were fired up from the previous result and drew 2-2. Tries coming from Matthew G and Zac P, both showed excellent vision and fast feet. The 13s reacted brilliantly from the 1st game and showed oppositions that they weren't here to mess around. Tom W, Archie A and Tristan W dealt with any pressure all afternoon with some strong tackling. The next game was against Crickhowell, with Lucton coming off best winning 2-1, with tries from Tom W and Tristan. The boys grew in confidence and displayed some fantastic flare on the pitches. The final match of the afternoon was against the hosts CCB. Both teams were up for this game with George J showing his vision to send a lovely weighted pass to Leo who broke through a

tackle to sprint half the pitch. There were minutes left on the clock, CCB chose to kick the ball into the hands of Matthew G, who yet again showed fantastic feet and speed and sprinted down the line to finish the game off 2-2. Overall a massive well done to the U13s who did themselves very proud finishing their first festival with 1 L, 2 D and 1 W.

BADMINTON v CCB

This was another impressive team performance. Overall, we won by 11 games to CCB's 6 games. Most notable performances were by Harold who led from the front to win all of his games for the boys, and also Zoe who won all of her games for the girls team. This, combined with excellent performances by Joe and Ryan, and very valuable contributions from Carrie, Claire, Doris and Angus meant we were never in any doubt about the certainty of our victory.





WINE TASTING

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7.30 PM**

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