

Annual House Pancake races

Tuesday 25th February, a blustery, cool day, definitely not ideal for flipping light, feathery pancakes! So, there we were, at 1.40 pm, on the exposed netball courts, lined up in our houses with great anticipation. With an innovative form of frying pan (aka known as a foil covered badminton racquet), the Middle School prepared to do battle. The 5 tosses per length of the court proved quite onerous, with the wind lifting and carrying pancakes all over the court, so, innovative techniques were called upon to beat the weather, with wind shields and five continuous tosses winning the day. With Collingwood winning the Middle School race, Nelson the Senior School and Drake the Sixth Form race, the battle for the pancake trophy was determined by solid performances in all races, so with a third and second to add to their victory Drake won the battle and the



trophy! Next, followed the most eagerly awaited race of the day, the staff race, an interesting affair with some pupils suddenly elevated to staff status! Whilst the mixed race was hotly contested with Nelson and Rodney needing sophisticated technology to determine the winner, Collingwood won the actual staff race because they followed the rules and had a team of staff!

Many more photos inside.

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

It is definitely feeling a little more springlike – well the daffodils and snowdrops are out and it is no longer dark on the playground. Admittedly, as I write, I can see snow on the Black Mountains so winter does still have a sting in its tail but there are signs, definite signs!

In the meantime, before we consider this week we should cast our minds back to the last Friday Assembly, Transition's first of their year and remember that many are only 3! Taking the theme of Love – well it was Valentine's Day – they told us the story of the Honey Tree and the love of a Mother Bear for her cubs. Wonderful costumes and some great acting showed us that love can come in different ways and that love that is shown to us by our families is so important. Thank you, Transition, and we look forward to your next one in the summer term.

Well this half term has started off extremely brightly, in fact we have actually seen the sun! For the children, it is business as usual. Well, not quite. Actually there is a restless feeling in the air and the source is Hereford Festival which is next week. Timetables have been posted in the entrance and parents have been spotted busily jotting down times; teachers have been organising sandwiches for those who



may arrive back in school late or go earlier than lunch; Mrs Rogers and Mrs Sharman have been heard busily prepping those who are going – 50+ from the Prep School and then all of Years 3, 4 & 5 –; whilst class teachers have been rehearsing the whole class entries. Good use of movement around the stage; can we hear the stress and enunciation? Do we all know exactly what the poem means? Yes, an agitated atmosphere indeed.

Tuesday was Shrove Tuesday and the annual Whole School Pancake Race. This year we were watched by Nursery as well. Pre Prep started off the whole event in houses as a shuttle race. Holding desperately to the pancakes in the wind, off they shot cheered on by their house mates. Curious seniors came over to watch – taking time from lunch – before the Prep Years sprinted to and fro and the cheers





grew louder as more and more seniors finished lunch and came out. Then it was their turn but they had to flip as well! Brilliant fun!

We have decided to take Lent a little more seriously this year especially as the Lenten Message from the Church is Looking after our Creation. The Prep Staffroom is even trying to give up biscuits, cakes and chocolate for the 6 weeks. We are increasing our recycling as well and trying not to use as much plastic as we used to. I do hope that you join in at home. Open the Book came to visit and shared the story of the Last Supper and when they come next it will be the story of Easter.

So, not quite business as usual at all and we had our World Book Day as the icing on the cake. The children really took the character theme to heart. Alice, Mary Poppins, Zog and Harry Potter were in



abundance but Dorothy took a turn as did Mr Bunce and Fantastic Mr Fox. Well done everyone!

So that leaves me space to remind you to come to our Open events next week as well as Friday Assemblies. You are welcome to come along and see the Senior School on Thursday afternoon from 4:00pm. Why not see the next stage? And then come along on Friday bringing Family and Friends to enjoy the Assembly and then have a nosy around the school.

Forest School

Despite 4 seasons in one hour – sun, rain and even sleet! – we managed to emulate the Saxons and create some wattle and daub fences. Well, fences in the first instance but the rain and sleet finally got the better of us leaving the creation of the daub for next week!



Boarding News

It was lovely to welcome back all the boarders after their half term break. They all looked refreshed, with batteries recharged and ready to start on the next few weeks' work.

Over the half term holiday, we were grateful to our wonderful maintenance team who have refurbished the lounge in School Cottage. It looks very comfortable for the children and they are delighted with how the area now works for them.

We are looking forward to another busy few weeks in the boarding house. As well as all the weekend trips that we are laying on; there will be an Open Mic night on the 21st March and boarders are already being encouraged to start practicing and working on some performances.

We will also be looking at repeating some pool and table tennis tournaments. Should we see an improvement in the weather, and the evenings become lighter, we also hope to put on some weekly activities on the field.

As you are all aware, Lucton School is running an Easter residential in the boarding house and we look forward to welcoming as many as possible. There will be the option of revision sessions for those with forthcoming exams and we will be running activities as well. The Easter

residential offers fantastic value for money for those who wish to make use of this opportunity. It is important that we know how many students are intending to stay for the residential, and to this end we would be grateful if you could let us know by 6th March 2020 if you are planning on staying.

The boarding house would also like to use 6th March 2020 as a deadline for all boarders to let us know your travel plans over Easter. Please contact the boarding house or the school office as soon as you can with your Easter holiday plans.



More Cadet First Aid Certificates

Lucton cadets received even more First Aid certificates, which were presented by Mrs Thorne in assembly on Thursday.



Thomas is European Junior ABT Champion

Thomas B was awarded the European Junior ABT Championship Trophy at the Annual Dinner and Prizegiving at the Lecq Clay Shooting Club in Jersey last week. Presenting the trophy to Thomas is Mark Andrews, Thomas' Jersey team-mate from the Island Games in Gibraltar.

It was a brilliant night for Thomas as he only found out on the night that he had won the award!



Eco Club

We were lucky enough this week to receive a parcel from the Innocent company and GIY who are promoting a “Big Grow” campaign for selected schools across the country. The parcel contained a number of baby carrot, pea and cress seeds which we spent the afternoon sewing into pots that also came in the parcel. With full planting instructions enclosed, the children were able to get on with planting these seeds and their growth will be closely monitored over the next few weeks. Everything that we were sent, including the pots, the packets the seeds came in, and the box itself is reusable, recyclable and biodegradable. We are



patiently waiting for the weather to warm up as some of our earlier seedlings are almost ready to be planted outside. Sophie's Sweet Peas have already grown to an impressive 20cm.



WINE TASTING

**FRIDAY 6TH MARCH
7.30 PM**

**LUCTON SCHOOL
MEMORIAL HALL**

**£10 PER
PERSON
AT THE DOOR**



THE EVENING INCLUDES:

- A SAMPLING OF FINE WINES
- CHEESE AND NIBBLES
- COMMENTARY BY WINE EXPERT
- 10% OF WINE SALES GO TO THE FRIENDS

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Pancake races

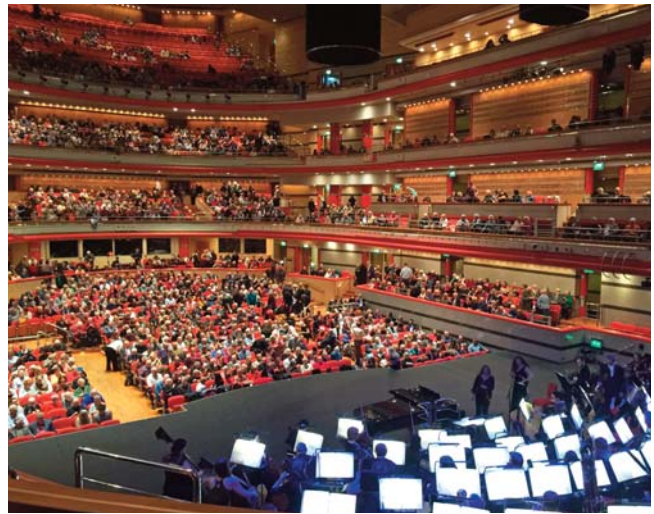
More photos from Tuesday's Inter-House Pancake Races.



Birmingham Symphony Hall

Some of Lucton's senior musicians were delighted to end the last half term with a trip to see soloists from the Birmingham Royal Ballet and their orchestra, performing a celebration of music and dance at Symphony Hall. Mrs Bassett was especially thrilled to hear Carlos Acosta, discussing his vision for the company. There was a whole range of pieces, from classical standards such as Swan Lake, through to more contemporary styles, including a performance choreographed specifically for the occasion. Our seats behind the stage gave us a bird's-eye view of the instrumentalists, and gave an excellent opportunity to observe concert etiquette. We can't decide which was more mesmerising: the beautiful pas de deux on stage, or the visible camaraderie and seamless transitions between instruments in the percussion section. We think the unsung hero of the team must be the humble woodblock; amongst other things, during the evening it became both

a horse and Cinderella's midnight clock; who knew it could be so versatile and so vital? One thing is certain – none of us had ever seen live pigeons performing ballet on stage before! It was a fantastic evening.



The Ugly Duckling

On Tuesday, Reception were out and about again – this time to the Courtyard to see the Sea Legs Puppet Theatre and their delightful adaptation of Hans Christian Anderson's classic tale, The Ugly Duckling. The photo shows Connie on stage after the show – getting to know the Story Man and one of the puppets!



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Sports Report

1st TEAM NETBALL v

Bedstone

The sun finally shone for this local derby and the girls did not disappoint. Although a little slow out of the blocks and having to contend with shooting at the sunny, blustery end of the court, we cruised into a 7-0 lead at quarter time.

A little team talk and some more target setting resulted in some sublime play, with superb defensive play from Harriet B, panther like interceptions by Elsie and Alice, fluid centre court play and feeds into the circle by Faith and Edith and excellent circle work by Harriet M and Annie (player of the match), whose timing, movement and ball handling skills were impressive. The lead extended to 20-1 at half time, with an impressive 36-3 winning score! This was a rewarding team performance, where players could excel because everyone was playing with the same level of intensity, delivering sharp, well-timed passes to players who are becoming adept at creating and holding space and using movement strategies that produce those valuable goal scoring opportunities.

2nd TEAM NETBALL v Bedstone

Despite a tentative start, the girls definitely deserve credit for raising their game. Having slipped to a 6-0 loss in the first quarter, a few strategic moves were made, with Keira moving out to GD, Felicity to GK, Amelia-Sky and Emily swapping centre court roles and Grace into the shooting circle. This proved more productive, as we doubled our score in the next two quarters. We were though, still a few goals adrift (22-6!). Another team talk, some proactive target setting and a reshuffle, with Grace and Natalie swapping roles in the circle, whilst Faith came on as GD, proved to be the spark that lit the fuse. The girls upped their game, with some



great movement down the court, feisty centre court play from Molly and good circle work by Natalie and Grace (player of the match) who suddenly struck a purple patch, scoring many goals. Whilst a target of doubling our score and trying to reach half of the opposition's score may have seemed unrealistic, the girls rose to the challenge and ended on a very positive note, winning the last quarter 9-3. So, although we didn't win the match, we won in so many other ways, displaying great tenacity, resilience, character and fighting spirit, as is typical of the Lucton way!

U12 & U13 NETBALL v Abberley

A very cold and windy day for the girls to be playing in netball matches; however, that did not stop them from performing to their best ability. Fremah was captain and led the team very well with her patient and likeable manner. The under 13 girls played six 8 minute matches, they won five and drew one. This was a Fantastic effort by every player on the court. The defence was extremely strong and made some brilliant



interceptions. This was Fremah, Scarlett, Lois and Hannah. The mid court were super fit and did well to control the game. This was Darcy and Fremah and Scarlett also had a try. The attack was outstanding and it was the best I have seen them. Elodie, Darcy, Dolly and Rachel made some lovely shots and worked well as a team. Such a positive start to the term! Well done all!

U15 NETBALL v Bedstone

The girls played out of there skins again – totally outplaying the opposition. We were able to move people around and tried some different combinations and game play. The skill level shown was strong and the team played a thinking game using all available players. Georgia moved to defence for a quarter to see how it was defending but was pleased to get back to her area! She and Amber moved well to balance the circle and Amber was voted player of the match with some excellent shooting! Catherine's passing was sharp and accurate and she was reading the game well, sending excellent passes into the shooters. Defence was solid and again their communication was good which didn't let Bedstone penetrate the attacking circle very often! We had a convincing win 45-3 well done girls for achieving an excellent result!

U14 NETBALL v Bedstone.

The U14 girls travelled to Bedstone for their netball match. The Lucton girls started off strongly but made a few mistakes during their passing shots that then allowed Bedstone to take advantage and score. The play was a little too fast and furious at times which allowed the mistakes to creep in, resulting in Lucton being behind after the second quarter. The girls rallied and tried to slow the pace of the game down, scoring more goals in the last two quarters compared to the first two. Jess C was awarded player of the match and Evie G made her debut for the Lucton team as GK. The girls didn't win but showed real perseverance and positive mental attitude throughout the game.



U9 HSFA Small Schools Football Tournament

It was a bitterly cold day in Hereford as the Yr 3 and Yr 4s attended the HSFA Small Schools Football tournament. The first match saw us compete against a very strong Dilwyn side. Harry did very well in goal and Thomas was a nuisance to the opposition up front. All of the team were full of running and not afraid to challenge for the ball but we were unfortunate in losing 3-0. Our next match saw us take on Fownhope. We were a bit more matched in this game and we saw a bit more of the ball. Thomas continued to run well up front and he was supported well by Charlie and Isaac. We were unlucky not to get the goal that the team performance deserved and went down to a second 3-0 defeat. The third game of the tournament saw us take on Stoke Prior. This game was probably our best performance of the tournament. Miles was strong in defence and Anton, Henley and Jake gave a good showing in midfield. Joey took over goalkeeping duties and made an impressive penalty save after we conceded a foul in the box. Stoke Prior were however more clinical in their finishing and we rounded off the tournament with a further 3-0 defeat.

The attitude and application from all of the players was good to see. They played well in each game and supported each other well. They will take much from the tournament and it was fantastic to see them enjoying themselves and the occasion.

U15 FOOTBALL v Bowbrook

A score-line that did not reflect a close fought match between Lucton and Bowbrook. The first half was difficult for Lucton as we not only had to contend with Bowbrook, but we were also playing into the wind making conditions very difficult. Our cause was not helped when two lapses of concentration in defence allowed Bowbrook to score two quick goals. As Lucton tried to fight their way back into the match, a free-kick was conceded just outside the box. Aided by the wind, Bowbrook managed to curl the free kick into the top corner for their third goal of the half. A further lapse in concentration on the stroke of half time left Lucton 4-0 down at the break with a lot of work to do in the second half.

Despite the score-line, Lucton did not let their heads down and their attitude in the second half was admirable. The boys put Bowbrook under a lot of pressure and Joel B and Jack B started to link up nicely. Jack B put in a captain's performance and was rewarded with a goal midway through the second half to make the score-line 4-1. Despite further pressure and restricting Bowbrook to very few chances, Lucton weren't able to add to their goal tally and the game ended with a Lucton defeat. All the players should be proud of the performance they put in to what was a very good game of football.

U13 XI FOOTBALL 6 - 5 v Moor Park

A fantastic spectacle of football at its best was on show as Lucton's U13 prevailed 6-5 over a valiant Moor Park. In blustery conditions, Lucton started well but found

themselves 1-0 down early on.

Nevertheless, led by Zach P, the team began to gel and with seconds to go before half time, they had turned it around to 2-1. Nathan and Leo hummed and buzzed in the midfield, whilst George T, Theo and Tristan added muscle and bite to the back line. Still, with the last kick of the half, Moor Park floated a lovely shot into the roof of the net from a freekick, and Lucton had it all to do again. Indeed, having had a half-time pep talk, Lucton came out firing on all cylinders and Matthew G once again showed why his finishing is so deadly, giving Lucton a 4-2 lead in five minutes when put through on goal. The team then took their foot off the gas a little from there, and handed momentum to Moor Park. We were indebted to some very brave goalkeeping from Arthur C who clawed and pounced at every bouncing ball, keeping Moor Park at bay. Nonetheless, he could do nothing about some great finishing from Moor Park, who turned the game on its head with two quickfire goals to make it 4-4. Worse was to come as Lucton then fell behind 4-5, but it was at this point that Zach P stepped up to organise a superb comeback. Showing for the ball every time, he handed Nathan the opportunity to make it 5-5. In a frantic finale, the game seesawed from one half to the other, but it was Lucton who emerged victorious when Matthew G slotted home a fine finish as he raced through once more. Moor Park had their chances at the end, but Lucton stood firm, and ended victorious. Man of the Match: Zach P.



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Thursday 19th March 2020**

Upper Hall

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