

## Lord Lieutenant's CCF Cadet

Thursday evening saw Cdt Sgt Amelia-Sky Stevens become the Lord Lieutenant's CCF Cadet for 2020-2021. The ceremony was held at the Shire Hall in Hereford and was overseen by the Lord Lieutenant of Herefordshire the Dowager Countess Lady Darnley. She was accompanied by many of the local dignitaries: the Lord Mayor of Hereford, President of Hereford Council as well as representatives from all three Armed Services.

We first heard from outgoing cadets about the year they have enjoyed and the proceedings then switched to awards for adult volunteers for meritorious service to the Cadet Forces. One of which was our SSI, WO2 Brown, after a rather entertaining citation read by Maj Derrigan, *continued inside.*



## Lucton Food Festival

Early notice:  
**Saturday  
25th April**  
10.00am - 4.00pm



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# Prep School News

Last week was a showcase for the younger LAMDA (Speech & Drama) children who are currently at the Hereford Festival. It was wonderful to see so many Year 1s up on stage confidently reciting their poem. What is even more amazing is that the majority of them are 5 years old! We were then taken through a whistle-stop tour of the the rest, concentrating on those who are new to Hereford Festival. That meant that some of our old-hands (6 years old!) couldn't be heard. Imagine that, an old-hand at 6 or 7 and by 9, well... Even before we know the results, congratulations for learning it all anyway.

On to this week and it really is Hereford Festival fever taking over. Each year it surprises me, the level of excitement that is in the air. And then the individual performers come crashing back in full of themselves "I came third!" or "I won!" If that isn't enough, taking the whole class is another level of excitement and now we get props and costumes along with a number of cooks rather than one all trying to direct. Luckily, in steps Mrs Rogers who, with swift commands, takes control like a general with his troops.



But we haven't forgotten our teaching either, although we have to be entirely flexible working together in groups, problem solving or teaching each other. The old saying "to teach is to learn twice" is absolutely true; by teaching each other the children learn even more and understand better. So when you come into lessons these days, you probably see peer-to-peer teaching and even marking! As we have always known, children are much more likely to listen to their friends and as soon as a new concept has been taught then getting them to teach each other really crystallises it – learning twice.

Added to the fun, Year 1 took a trip down memory lane going to Blists Hill and becoming Victorians for the day. I wonder







how they found a Victorian Classroom? No doubt the times tables and addition and subtraction was the same; but the cane and slate to write on and no computers and no working together? Well that must have been different!

That leaves me space to remind you to come along to our Friday Assemblies where you can get a taste of what we do and join in with celebrating the children's achievements, catch up with School news, have a cup of tea and even use the School Pool. See you next week!



## Maths Feast

The best attended maths feast yet took place in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 3rd March. Students from many schools in the area attended with teams of 4 competing



against each other; Seren L, Maureen W, Harry D, Malachy C, Aries Y, Andreanna W, Rachel T and Zoe P represented Lucton. The field was strong with Weobley coming out on top, but much fun was had by all. Many thanks to the maintenance and office staff for helping set up and organise the event.

# Boarding News

Another busy week in the boarding house. On Saturday, School Cottage went to Green Spider, an indoor climbing centre in Hereford where they took part in some climbing. All of the boarders showed great courage and bravery by making it to the top of each climbing wall. As well as climbing, the boarders learnt how to belay and work together to help each other up the wall. At the end of the day the boarders were awarded with a certificate.

Saturday also saw some of the older boarders visit Hereford for a shopping trip. The shopping trip is always popular with the boarders and they made the most of a

break in the inclement weather to get out and about.

The gym has proved very popular with some of the boarders, and along with the sports hall it is utilised by them most evenings. We opened the swimming pool for the boarders on Sunday, and a few of them again enjoyed the chance to unwind and relax in the water.

Thank you to those of you have submitted your travel plans for the Easter holiday. It is vitally important that we are made aware of where all boarders will be during the break. Please forward all travel plans to the boarding house on our email [boardinghouse@luctonschool.org](mailto:boardinghouse@luctonschool.org)



## Urgent notice from Matron

Pupils **MUST** have a spare inhaler that should be kept in the Medical Room. Please would any parents who have not already done so, send in a spare inhaler for Matron via the office. Please note that ensuring we have a spare is the responsibility of the parents.



# Topical poetry

Here are some poems from 6R that are very relevant to our current news topics about health and disease, with some timely guidance about hand washing, etc:

Microbes cause illness and disease  
Cleanliness and hygiene if you please  
Measles, chicken pox and the 'flu  
Are easily passed between me and you  
Wash your hands, scrub them clean  
Microbes and bacteria can't be seen  
So stay at home if you are sick  
You will soon get better really quick!  
*By Freya Lawry*

The microbe is so very small  
You cannot make him out at all  
But many scientific people hope  
To see him through a microscope  
His jointed tongue that lies beneath  
A hundred curious rows of teeth  
On each of which a pattern stands  
Composed of forty separate bands  
His eyebrows of a tender green  
All these have never yet been seen-  
But scientists, who ought to know,  
Assure us that they must be so...  
Oh! Let us never, never doubt  
What nobody is sure about!  
*By Joshua Brown*

## Women's History Month

March marks a month of recognising some of history's great achievements made by women. The book club has been busy thumbing through the library bookshelves for great examples and have produced a rather interesting display with the help of Miss Quick. Each leaf of the dress represents a book about a woman who has made an impact on the world. Why not challenge yourself this month to read a book dedicated to a woman in history, there are plenty of books around for all ages to enjoy.



# Playground Refurbishment



## A working bee is planned to make it happen!

The Friends of Lucton School is seeking materials to refurbish the Prep School Playground. Examples include trunks, big logs, sleepers, timber, soil, plants and exterior paints.

If you have materials and/ or carpentry, building and making skills, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Nigel Koch: [nigel\\_koch@hotmail.com](mailto:nigel_koch@hotmail.com) or 077 1400 7432 or the school by 18 March 2020. Thank you!



## LORD LIEUTENANT'S CADET

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who made him sound like a right scoundrel! The main event for the evening was then upon us, inauguration of this year's cadets. Before Cdt Sgt Amelia-Sky Stevens received her badge from Lady Darnley, her citation was read by Sqn Ldr House, Head of RAF Section (and mother!). Thank-you to cadet Cpl Ferguson, LCpl Hasson, LCpl Taylor-Woodward and Cdt Rayson for offering their support at the event.

After 12 years in office, this year will be Lady Darnley's final year as Lord Lieutenant. To celebrate and thank her for this service three cheers were given.

After the formal proceedings there was a chance to relax and enjoy a light buffet, where old cadets and new could mingle and get to know one another. Once all were filled with small triangular sandwiches, miniature quiche and eclairs we all departed the proceedings.

It was obvious from the tales of outgoing Lord Lieutenant cadets that Amelia-Sky's year will be full of opportunities and create memories to last a life time. We know you will excel in this role and be an exemplary ambassador for both Lucton School and Cadet Forces in Herefordshire!

*WO2 Rich Brown, SSI, Lucton School CCF Contingent.*



# Prep School Concert

Honing our performance skills has been the order of the week in the Prep School, with a concert on Monday evening, in addition to the many individual and group performances going on at the Hereford Festival. In addition, we have been reminded of the importance of being a supportive and attentive audience, listening to each other respectfully, as we take turns to perform. We had a good range of instrumental and vocal solos, with the stalwart violins, 'cellos, flutes, clarinets and trumpets all featuring, alongside the lesser-spotted French Horn, euphonium and viola. Years 3 and 5 entertained us with songs they have been learning in class – Year 3 was especially confident, singing in French. It was a privilege to be joined by one of our newest Sixth Formers, John, who stunned the children with the speed and dexterity of his piano playing, proving what can happen if you are dedicated to your practice! The Prep School Choir brought the evening to a close, with some beautiful singing, and a particularly

impressive three-part round, expertly conducted by Becky, Frayja and Livia. Thanks to Mrs Kinnaird, Mrs Ruth and Mrs Woollard (who we are delighted to welcome back) for their support on the night, and to all our peripatetic staff for their preparation. Excellent work, everyone!



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## Orchestral Day

Last Friday, amid the flood water, we had Lucton's second Orchestral day. It was a wonderful occasion and all participants thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We had 53 musicians coming from about 10 schools from across the county. Musically, the day was run by five professionals from the English Symphony Orchestra in addition to several of our music teachers are music teachers from across the county. The day consisted of 2 massed rehearsals and a sectional rehearsal which meant music was coming out

from all over the school. At the end of the day we had a concert in which the massed orchestra played Holst's Mars from the Planets Suite and Bohemian Rhapsody. Floreat Luctona!





# Sports Report

## 1st XI 5-5 v Llandovery

Lucton's football team put on another show of resilience and defiance in the face of injury, freezing weather and a cut-up pitch. After weeks of rain, playing conditions were far from ideal as Llandovery arrived, and Lucton found it hard to settle. With Aaron B knocked off his usual rhythm and stride, Lucton struggled with Llandovery's famous physicality at first, as their opponents surged to an early 3-1 lead. Time and again they cut Lucton open from the wings and – despite Valentin's fortuitous goal from a throw – found themselves 4-1 down at half time. In danger of total capitulation, their only silver lining was Nabil's performance. Indeed, the team spoke at the break about commitment, desire and standing their ground, and they took this advice on board in the second half. Closing down early, and refusing to be spectators to their own destiny, Lucton rolled up their sleeves. Covered almost head to toe in mud, Aaron B bellowed instructions, Valentin chased every lost cause, Henry hassled and harried and Nabil kept running even when the ball went out of play! It paid off: a penalty from Kazuki put them back into contention, but another defensive lapse seemed to have lost the game at 2-5. With the wind howling and the mud slopping around their shins, Lucton did not give up. Back they came as Kazuki bagged himself a hat-trick and Valentin put the icing on the cake with a neat drive inside the area. 5-5. The game swung backwards and forwards from there; Kazuki could have sealed it, the mud denied Nabil and Reubens came to the rescue in goal as both sides searched in vain for a winner. In the end, on an afternoon that said more about spirit than quality of ballplay, a draw was a fair result, and one



that Lucton can take much pride from. Man of the Match: Nabil.

## U11 HSFA North County Football Tournament

It was a bitterly cold day in Hereford as our Yr 6 and Yr 5 students attended the U11 HSFA North County Football tournament. All of the boys gave a very good account of themselves in the first match. Up against Stoke Prior, we competed well and were unlucky not to get an early goal. It took two long range strikes from Stoke Prior to consign us to an unfortunate defeat. We carried on with a good performance in our second match against Wigmore. Again, the result didn't go our way and we were beaten 3-0. Our third and final match saw us take on eventual tournament winners Hampton Dene. This was our strongest performance of the day and it was evident the boys were determined to go for the win. A free-kick mid-way through the match saw Matthew score a stunning goal from nearly 20 yards out. We outplayed Hampton Dene for the rest of the match, before a lack of concentration saw us concede 2 goals in the last minute.

Despite suffering three losses in their three games 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. The player of the tournament was Charlie who proved to be a commanding figure in defence and played with a calmness and composure that he should rightly be proud of.

#### **U12/U13 LACROSSE v**

Prestfelde

The girls had a very successful match on Wednesday. Playing with skill and great determination, they ran out easy winners at 13 - 4. It was great to see them play so well as a team and to see so many girls developing lacrosse skills in greater depth, which is starting to show significant promise for this team in future years. Mrs Thorne was particularly impressed with Scarlett B's increased mastery of cradling and her determination.

#### **YR6 TAG RUGBY v**

Wigmore  
The Year 6 boys made the short journey to Wigmore for tag rugby. Later this term all Year 6 boys will travel to the ISA Rugby event for both contact and tag 7s. This was good preparation for that.

On a very muddy pitch, those boys with pace and agility would fare best today. Hugo, George M, Zac T and Thomas B showed very good movement. The tagging was awesome, with the Lucton teams regularly winning the ball back after taking the allotted 7 tags. Link play was good too



with excellent passing from Henry M, Henry H and Theo. Lucton won all four matches by either one or two tries. Well done to all in tough conditions!

#### **U13 Hockey Tournament**

The U13s had an amazing opportunity to really practise their skills during the tournament at Malvern College, against schools with a reputation of playing hard. The boys worked well as a team, and the defensive line challenged them every step of the way. Unfortunately some goals were conceded but the boys didn't let this dampen their spirits and continued to push and push through each of their 4 matches. Player of the match went to Michael S, for his continuous tackles, steals and presence during each game. All the boys should be proud of their individual efforts and be





able to take away some good ideas for future games. They certainly have the right attitude to go far in the future. Well done to their captain Sameer R for keeping up the team spirit and guiding the team.

### **U12 NETBALL** v Abberley Hall

Wednesday the U12s took on a series of games against Abberley in a mini tournament. The girls battled well in all their matches, and really started looking like a strong team by the end of the afternoon. Scarlett took on the role of captain and led the team well as C, moving

the ball up and down the court effectively. Hannah had a great afternoon as GD, holding off the opposition and intercepting the incoming balls into Lucton's defending D. On the other end of the court, Maggie E was trying to get the scores even by taking some far-out shots and getting them straight through the middle of the net. Ava worked well in whatever position she was in and communicated well with the rest of her team. Overall, a great opportunity for all the girls to improve and lots of progression was seen by all the players.

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## Equestrian News

### **Dressage Equestrian Success**

Last weekend was a busy one for some of the Lucton School Equestrian Team! On Sunday morning we had a team competing in the NSEA Dressage County Qualifier competition at Kings. The team consisted of Freya Lawry, Megan Ferriday, Scarlett Barrett and Hannah Lawry and they all managed a lovely and accurate test. The team came 3rd and qualified for the NSEA Dressage Championships being held at Hartpury in April 2020. Scarlett also came 6th individually. Once that had finished it was a quick turn around back to Lucton for some show jumping training with local instructor Gary Morgan. The lessons were a great success and everyone really enjoyed them. We are now all looking forward to the Eventer Challenge at Kings this weekend which is a qualifier for the

Championships at Hickstead in May 2020. We have quite a few pupils competing this Sunday with a team in the 50cm and 60cm, two teams in the 70cm and a team in the 80cm. Good luck everyone!

## Jake's Blog

Well half term was interesting! Miss Coates and Mrs Goode had to come to the rescue as Miss Annett was stuck in Hereford! Miss Coates came on her little tractor nearly getting washed away and having to be given a lift back by her neighbour in a bigger tractor! She then abandoned her car until walking back to it the next day to look after us! Poor Dilly was flooded but the rest of the boxes were fine and Mrs Goode brought us extra carrots! The rest of the week was pretty uneventful and we had a nice rest!



**Lucton Middle School**  
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**7.00pm Wednesday 18th &  
Thursday 19th March 2020**

**Upper Hall**

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