

Performing Arts Festival 2020

Mrs Rogers and Mrs Sharman are both in agreement that the HPA Fest 2020 was a huge success on many levels; as part of the newly formed committee, we embarked upon a slightly different journey this year; we were thrilled that the week was such a success!

We are very grateful for the amount of people who offered and gave help: as stewards, with catering, transporting children, and being a very receptive audience for them to perform to.

Lucton had superb successes across the ages; all of the children learnt huge amounts from having the opportunity to perform in front of fresh eyes and watching others do the same. The week seemed to fly by, with over 100 competitors from Lucton alone!

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Middle School Production
BUGSY MALONE
7.00pm Wednesday 18th
& Thursday 19th March
Upper Hall • Refreshments
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Prep School News

With the weather trying to either blow us over or flood us, the Year 5 Assembly following the Science week theme 'Our Diverse Planet' was quite apt. Researching, climate change, pollution, deforestation, habitat destruction and the impact on animals, they showed us all what is going on in the world. They also gave practical ideas to help ensure that the planet is looked after. It does come as quite hard-hitting when us adults are being told to look after the earth. We are stewards and we really need to do something. Every little thing helps from recycling, to stopping using plastic to even turning off the water when brushing your teeth. What can you do to help?

Years 4 and 5 have had some wonderful visitors this week all the way from St Petersburg. Coming from a city school with a very small playground and no facilities, they have been absolutely amazed by the space at Lucton. They have also been quite amazed that we go outside whatever the weather. They have been great fun and we have learnt a lot from each other. This week has also been Science Week; some of us have taken the opportunity to learn what happens when



we wash our hands properly. It is called the glitter hand wash and you compare what happens wiping with a paper towel, rinsing your hands or washing in warm water with soap. It is quite amazing the differences and warm water with soap wins...hands down! I've spotted investigations into the absorbency of different materials and then friction racing (or not). There have been environmental walks to look at habitats. The list goes on. However, I think the highlight of the week must be Thursday's Assembly with Mr Richmond and volunteers from 10R. Even putting an indicator into warm water was exciting but adding dry ice at -79°C well that was something else altogether. He didn't stop there. He froze a daffodil and then froze a piece of rubber so much that it turned into

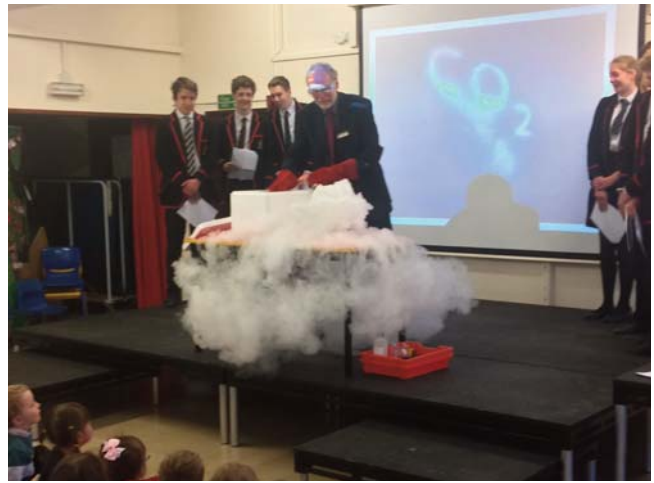




something like glass. He even made a spoon sing! It was absolutely incredible and thank you so much Mr Richmond and 10R.

We also had the paper aeroplane challenge with the entire Prep School. These were made in school and linked nicely with some forces investigations, although I suspect that science was not at the front of the challenge, merely the fact that we could all throw our planes. In the end the overall champion was Matty from Year 4. Don't forget that we are continuing next week with the Egg Drop. Who can drop a raw egg without it breaking?

Open The Book came this week. It was a very sombre affair as they just sat quietly all dressed in sombre clothes and then read the story of the Crucifixion. The children were equally solemn and we really look



forward to their visit in the last week of term when the Resurrection is the subject. A much happier topic!

More competitions are appearing. It is time for the annual Book Bingo where we see how many books we can read over 8 weeks. The challenge is to read a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 25 books. Last year we read 1392 books between us. What can we achieve this year? We want parents to join in as well!

That leaves me room to invite you all to our last Friday Assembly of the term – well you can come to any Friday Assembly – an excellent opportunity to help us celebrate children's achievements, catch up on school news, have a cup of tea and even use the school pool. Please do come, and you may also bring along friends and family as well.

Yr 1 trip to Blists Hill

We were very excited to visit Blists Hill last Tuesday. The first thing that we did was get dressed as Victorian school children. Then we walked to the Victorian School where we had a writing lesson with a strict teacher. Thomas even had the cane! After lunch we changed our money for Victorian coins in the bank. We explored the shops and tried writing with an ink pen. We used our coins to buy toys, like wind up frogs and music boxes, or sweets. The trip was excellent!

Written by 1HM



Boarding News

We kicked off the weekend with Friday night film night in the cinema room. Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire was the film of choice and was much enjoyed by the boarders. On Saturday we all had a day out to Worcester. School Cottage went to the cinema to watch the latest Pixar film, Onward, which they thoroughly enjoyed whilst the older boarders had a few hours to peruse the shops and eateries that Worcester has to offer.

On return to the boarding house on Saturday night, the boarders who had enjoyed watching Harry Potter the night before decided to watch the next film in

the series, Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix.

Sunday was a relaxed affair. The swimming pool was open in the afternoon and some of the boarders decided to indulge themselves in a make-over session.

Organising travel plans for the Easter holiday is so much easier with many boarders staying at school for the whole time. A reminder though, that it is vitally important that we are made aware of where all boarders will be during the holidays. If you are not staying at school, please forward all details of your plans to the boarding house on our email 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.

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Notable performances were:

Year 1 & 2 Poetry Speaking class had masses of entries, with many pupils placed in the top three.

Year 3 had great success in Share a Poem, Poetry Speaking and Sight-Reading – showing a real display of talent across a variety of disciplines.

Year 4's group theme achieved 1st place with their collaboration of music, mime and choral speaking.

Year 5's group acted scene achieved a 1st place in a large, high-standard class.

Middle School performers continued the theme, with many placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd with marks all at an exceptionally high standard in a variety of classes, such as: interview, public speaking, poetry speaking, sight-reading, prepared reading, solo acting and duo acting.

It was also wonderful to see so many seniors performing so well. Felicity Aston has even been requested to perform her solo Shakespeare scene at the gala concert

on Wednesday evening.

We sincerely hope that the festival continues next year. This is mostly dependent on ensuring fundraising the amount required for it to cover its costs; therefore, if anyone knows of any funding options that maybe viable, please contact either of us via the office.



Equestrian News

Despite being cold it was thankfully a dry day at the NSEA Eventer Challenge at Kings Equestrian last weekend. We had a day of mixed results over a very technical and difficult course. The Grassroots 50cm class started well with a 2nd place for Sophie H and a 3rd for Ted R. The next class was the 60cm and the team won meaning that Henry H, Ted R, Sophie H and Mattie D have all qualified for the Grassroots Championships in December at Kings. Sophie H also won the class as an individual with Ted R 3rd, Mattie D 5th and Henry H 6th. Later in the day we had teams in the 70cm and 80cm with Freya L, Amelia J, Sophie D and Olie D.

In the 70cm our red team came 4th just missing out on the Hickstead qualification although many have already qualified. Amelia jumped a beautifully rhythmical round with Blaenpentre Poppyanna, but had a really unlucky 4 faults, Freya and Trooper went well. Sophie rode a fabulous steady clear on Conker and Olly and Prince Henry didn't quite make the one corner to again have an unlucky 4. George Jones jumped one of the best rounds I've seen him jump but was just out of the places. In the 80cms George again jumped a lovely round with an unlucky 4 faults, Megan was pleased with her 8 faults as her horse jumped well. Olly jumped well again with a couple down and Hannah completed the team.

Well done to all. Please can I have the silks and cloths back in!



Jake's Blog

It has been another topsey turvey weather week, which we are judging by the waterfall which is a new feature running down to the arena! We could do with some hard sharp frosts to dry the ground out and make us feel better in the sunshine! We have been jumping grids with bounces which even Alfie has now got the hang of! We are looking forward to the VOARC dressage series starting again so we can have a go!



Trampoline news

Tristan and Emily Grace competed in the West Midlands regional trampoline and DMT qualifier. Emily Grace came an outstanding 5th on the DMT (double mini trampoline) and Tristan took two golds in both trampoline and DMT. This means that Tristan has been selected to represent the West Midlands in the National Finals in June.

Science Week

We had the annual paper aeroplane competition, science assemblies in both the prep and main School and The sixth form made a visit to the Kingspan factory near Pembridge.

Kingspan trip Science Week

As part of the Science Week activities, Mr. Richmond and eight science students from our Sixth Form went to Kingspan Insulation Ltd, near Pembridge. Looking forward to seeing some science in action, we toured their three fully-equipped labs. Under the guidance of Mr Paul Sykes, the

technical manager, we were treated to a feast of organic and analytical chemistry. Then, having learnt about how insulation products are made and tested, we had a tour of the factory to see the production lines. Our many and varied questions were each patiently answered, and the enthusiasm of our hosts was inspiring. We could see many practical applications for the theory learnt in the classroom, and it was also very heartening to hear that a lot of investment is taking place to develop sustainability in all aspects of the process. An educational as well as enjoyable trip for all!



Sixth Form Common Room make-over

The Sixth Form Common Room has had a complete make-over. It now has more of a cafe look with tables and chairs. It has been completely redecorated with new flooring and furniture. They even have a new football table!



Friends' Wine Tasting

Last Friday, we welcomed Mark from the Real Wine Company for a wonderful variety of wines from around the world. We all also learnt quite a lot. Many thanks to Mr Koch for organising and for Mrs Yates, for the refreshments and decor.

Sports Report

1st XI FOOTBALL v

Bedstone

Lucton 10 - 1 Bedstone

Lucton's First XI blew away Bedstone in a performance of real quality, as their opponents had no answer to the pace, power and precision on show. Coming into the game with a strong record offensively, Lucton's primary focus was ensuring that they were not sloppy at the back. As a result, a cagey start did not point to what was to come, as Bedstone nearly opened the scoring. Nonetheless, Lucton then rose to the occasion that a local derby offers, and by half time were 5-0 up. Aaron Blacklock provided four assists and two goals, whilst Valentin also continued his rich vein of goalscoring form in the second half. Kazuki was, once again, on the scoresheet with a brace to maintain his position as top scorer, whilst Lorcan, Forbes and three goals from Nabil meant that contributions came from all over the pitch. Kieran T made his debut in the second half, as Lucton switched their focus to a more possession based style, and even a late consolation goal could not blot an excellent away result. With their annual tournament coming up next week, the boys can reflect on a job well done. Man of the Match: Aaron B, for his four assists, and Angus W, for his tireless running and strong defensive display.

U13 FOOTBALL v Bedstone

The local independent school derby games against Bedstone extended to the Middle School, where a combination of Year 7 and 8 boys gelled to produce a formidable performance.

Matthew Grant had his scoring boots on today and dominated many of the seven goals scored by the team. Alex W and Zac P provided many through balls for



Matthew, whose pace was terrifying for the Bedstone defence and his finishing was Premier League standard!

Sloppy defence from corners and a penalty gifted Bedstone 3 goals which kept their spirits up. Nonetheless, solid performances by Zac P, Michael S, Tristan W and Noah L to name but a few, always kept Lucton ahead by 2 or more goals. The final 7-4 scoreline flattered Bedstone.

Lucton were always in the driving seat and superior in every department throughout the match.

U15 FOOTBALL v Bedstone

The U15s put in a strong performance at Bedstone in a match that they did not deserve to lose. Lucton nearly got off to a fantastic start. Fred received the ball from the kick off, and seeing the Bedstone keeper off his line attempted an audacious lob. The ball cleared the keeper only to bounce up and hit the underside of the cross bar. Lucton pressed Bedstone and made all the opening running. The match swung from end to end, and Archie R-S produced some brilliant defending. Lucton made the break through on 22 mins when some neat interplay in the box gave Jack B an opening and he calmly slotted passed the Bedstone keeper.

Bedstone came back with an immediate equaliser for 1-1. Just before the break Herbie went agonisingly close to giving

Lucton the lead again with a shot that bobbled inches wide of the Bedstone post.

Into the second half and Lucton played the better football and were rewarded on 34 mins when Nathan T-W hit a well struck shot for 2-1. Lucton made the same mistakes from the restart and Bedstone immediately hit back for 2-2.

Lucton sensed that the match was theirs for the taking, and put Bedstone under a lot of pressure. On 42mins a well worked Lucton attack resulted in a penalty being awarded. Jack B placed a well taken shot beyond the reach of the keeper only for the referee to rule the goal out for alleged encroachment, and then awarded Bedstone a goal kick rather than allowing Lucton the chance to retake. Lucton were then the victims of a further controversial decision when Charlie R in goal saved a Bedstone shot, only for the referee to rule that the ball had crossed the goal line. 2-3 in favour of Bedstone. A shell-shocked Lucton quickly conceded a fourth goal before they got their heads back into the game with Nathan T-W grabbing his second of the match with a great curling shot from just inside the box. The match finished 3-4 in

favour of Bedstone, with Lucton left to rue some unfortunate decisions that cost them the game. Man of the match was Archie R-S who put in a really good performance in the heart of defence.

SENIOR NETBALL v Ludlow

With an extremely gusty, south westerly flow of tropical maritime air, buffeting the netball court, playing conditions were not great. Needless to say, having trained in such conditions for most of the term we were well acquainted with needing to drive quickly for sharp, flat passes! The 1st team started briskly, with some solid defending by Harriet B and excellent interceptions and centre court drives by player of the match Elsie and accelerated into a 8 -3 lead at the end of the first third. With Ella and Edith efficiently swapping centre court roles and some tight play and interceptions by Alice, the shooters, Harriet and Annie had plenty of opportunities to score, which they did, in their customary skilful, fluid manner, to win the game 26 - 6.

The 2nd V11 then took to the court and although they didn't win, there were many positive moments, with, as the match



progressed, improved play. There was some great centre court play by Edith who helped initiate some slick moves down the court, whilst Natalie (player of the match) made the most of some of her timely feeds and showed good composure in the attacking circle.

U15 NETBALL v Tenbury

The girls played a really good game again against Tenbury who pushed them hard in very difficult conditions. Although the game was hard fought it was very cleanly contested and in good spirit. The wind showed on both the passes and the shooting and game play had to be adapted to short sharp flat passes. Alice was voted players' player but again there were no weak links. Communication and movement were strong especially in the attack but also Maureen and Seren (except when she took a hard fall in the first quarter) worked well balancing the defensive circle and disrupting there scoring opportunities. Well played all; a good win 13-9 in a very tight hard-fought game!

U11 NETBALL vs Abberley Hall.

The U11 Netball team faced a strong opponent in Abberley Hall but showed great resilience and enthusiasm in their match. Despite losing they continued to try hard and showed good development in their technique, listening carefully to how they could improve in attack and defence.



The team worked well together using good communication. Eno B was an integral part of the team providing a strong centre to pass the ball up and down the court and gained the well-deserved player of the match!

U12 NETBALL v Tenbury High School.

The Lucton girls were a little slow to start in some very windy conditions. The weather caused some very fast ball play which in turn led to some silly passing mistakes. The girls rallied in the next three quarters and tried to slow the pace of the game down in order to get more shots on goal. The girls started to look for more space and to play as a team, which was then rewarded with two very good goals scored by Penny R and Sophie D. Maggie E was awarded player of the match and the final score was a 2 all draw. Well done girls for persevering in such trying weather conditions.

U10 NETBALL Tournament

A very wet afternoon of netball for a mixed U10 team who came 4th in the Hereford School Games Netball Tournament. Our improvement for next time is to keep on with our shooting practice. A great team effort by everyone today as the team had to rotate positions, Lucton players are very capable at changing from attack to defence. Hayden was brilliant at remembering where each position was allowed. The team showed



brilliant defensive work especially by Maddie and Nathan who were turning over balls. A fantastic long shot scored by Lorelai in the match against Cannon Pyon and great fitness by Poppy, Freya, Solange and Livvia. Well done all!

U15 RUGBY Tournament at Ledbury RUFC

Lucton's 1st game was against Earl Mortimers School where they came out 32-17 winners in a thrilling end to end game. Tries came from Leo, Sameer, Kian, Jack and debut Antony who ran strongly all afternoon. Jamie was on kicking duties all afternoon and did a magnificent job. From excellent build up play from kick off with Will M collecting from a restart under pressure gave the ball to George J, who then thought quickly, tipped it to Jamie, who then gave a looping pass over to Leo that ran in untouched. The 2nd game was a little tougher, we faced Hereford Cathedral School (HCS). HCS were always going to be hard but the boys' efforts were noticed as they gave every little bit of energy and though they lost, we finished the game with a great try from Kian. A lovely solo effort down the wing from his own 22m which he managed to outrun numerous

defenders. The 3rd and final game was against Fairfield, winning 32-0. Lucton's defence was fantastic during this game, with Jack and Kian showing some amazing strength on their own 5m line and stripped the ball which allowed Lucton to play with it. Tries came from Will M, Antony, Jack, Jamie and Kian. A great effort overall from everyone, a highlight performance was from Antony who ran hard and scored 2 tries and got 1 assist.

U18 BADMINTON v Bedstone

In their usual confident and skilful style, Lucton totally dominated the doubles matches in this fixture. Harold was in great attacking form and Ryan was using his lightness of touch with his drop shots to maximum effect. Carrie was most impressive and has improved greatly in her ability and confidence; she won all her doubles matches with Zoe. Bedstone came back strongly in the singles, winning many matches in succession. Harold narrowly lost his first singles match, but consequently this only made Harold more determined to come back in his second match and slog it out for a win, despite carrying a slight injury. The final score was Lucton 12 – Bedstone 10. Another badminton victory.



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