

LOCKDOWN

Summer term
2020, Week 2

News



Missing the people you care for

I really miss the assemblies and whilst the school is not totally silent, the levels of activity are more reminiscent of the holidays.

We are naturally much happier when we are able to see and meet up with our friends and together, set about doing all the things we enjoy. So whilst we all have the support of our families at this time, it is important to keep in touch with your friends and look for all the positives that some 'me time' brings.

In this week's Monday assembly message, the Chaplain, Revd. Price, mentions a story about his time in the army and the final mountain on an arduous exercise in the Brecon Beacons. He reminds us to avoid looking down in desperation, to look forward with determination and to look up for inspiration!

Keep fit and safe!

Floreat Luctona!

Mrs Thorne



Ways to mark the VE Day Anniversary

As all of our previous in-school plans to mark the day have had to be shelved, inspiration and suggestions sought.

Use your Form/Teams groups!

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Prep School Update

Dear Prep School Families

Well it is week two of the term and the Prep School has been getting up to all sorts from making volcanoes in Year 4, den making in Year 3, a virtual safari at Longleat in Year 5. Meanwhile Reception Class has been delving (or should that be diving?) into water; floating and sinking (toys not themselves). Year 1 has blasted into space and written a postcard back and Year 2 has been busy planting and measuring leaves. At school we have been making felt, visiting Chester Zoo (virtually), and today been growing rainbows with capillary action...no I am not sure about that but have a look.

Next week it is the 75th Anniversary of VE Day and we were due to do all sorts of things. So here is a challenge for you. If the weather is good why not dress up as 1940s people and have a VE Day

picnic! Please send in your photos so that we can recreate a virtual street party. Wartime rationing meant sugar, butter and meat were hard to come by, so sweets, chocolate and traditional cakes were unlikely. Here are some of the popular foods eaten during World War II and the sort of dishes that featured in VE Day celebrations: Dripping sandwiches, Lord Woolton Pie, faggots and gravy, liver and gravy, Homity pie and eggless fruit cake! So go on see what you can do!

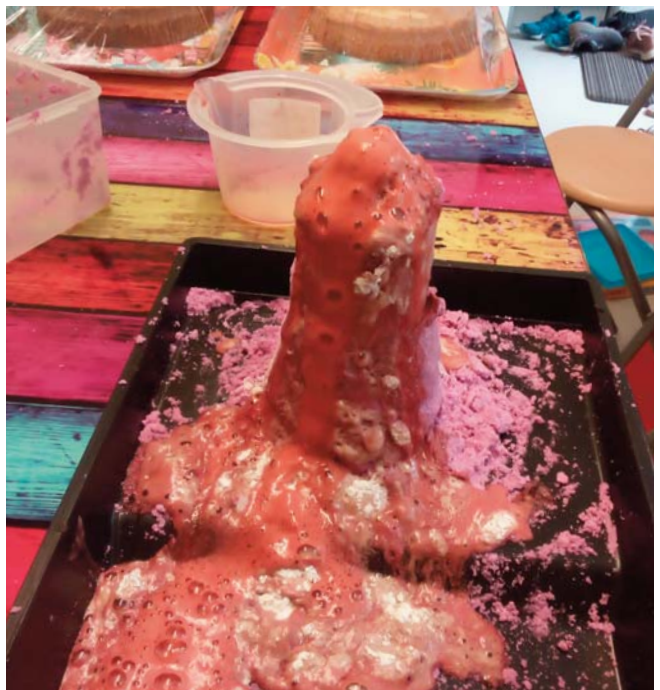
Remember, please keep sending in photos as we love to see what you have been doing.

Keep well!
The Prep School Team



Photos from home

Please keep sending in your photos and videos, they really are appreciated. We had a wonderful video from Angus and Forbes Wilson playing an instrumental duet, which was posted on the School's facebook page.



Boarding News

The atmosphere remains buoyant and upbeat in the boarding house, even though there are only a few of us here! I'm really impressed with how the boarders are continuing to work throughout the day on different lessons, sometimes with their peers in different countries, via remote learning.

We are absolutely loving the food in the dining hall! Tracey and Heidi are cooking up a storm and making some truly fantastic meals! We particularly enjoyed Tracey's take on a McDonalds breakfast when she served us egg, bacon and sausage muffins and strawberry and banana smoothie! Delicious!

Mr Muckalt took a group out onto the field at midnight to watch for the Lyrid comet that was supposed to be making an appearance. The group saw a few shooting stars but no comet, unfortunately! When asked if they managed to get a picture, the response was 'they went a bit too quickly!'

It has been great to see some of the children reverting to board games to pass the time in the evening; a new favourite is 'Risk' where Maureen has been achieving world domination! Mrs Muckalt tried to play but got wiped out in an instant - I'm sure they weren't all ganging up on me



really!

I have been looking back through photographs of the end of the spring term and reflecting on the fun that we were all having together; I have included a photo of us at Croft Castle one weekend when we were playing tag with Miss Tyler - great fun!

I hope everyone is keeping healthy and well - please do get in touch via our boarding house groups on Teams, I would love to know how you all are - thanks to those who have already sent me a message!



Lucton Nursery

Dear Nursery Parents,

We are very much missing our contact with you and your little ones. We are missing out on seeing them grow and look forward to seeing you all soon. I am sure that you are enjoying this precious family time at home, but if you are looking for simple activities to enjoy together at home, we have some handy Facebook pages that you may wish to look at. There are some local pages that have great ideas and I am sure will be pleased with the extra support at this time.

Messy Monkey Parties is a page run by Nursery Practitioners perfect for ages 1-5.

Rooted Forest School shows you ideas for being outdoors with your young children.

Dinophonics is a local business that has activities to support children with letter sounds using Jolly Phonics which we use at Lucton Nursery age 3 upwards.

Leominster Parents and Presteigne and Norton Parents are both pages run by local parents sharing ideas that you may wish to do at home.

Loose Parts Nature Play, Imagination Tree and Teaching 2 and 3 year olds - activities for toddlers are pages that have wonderful, creative ideas from practitioners from all over the world and I would really



recommend these as well. If you have children at home under two I would also recommend The Baby Club, a programme you can find on cbeebies or iplayer. It is a wonderful short programme that links together a short activity with a nursery rhyme-fabulous for connecting with your baby and covers the prime areas of learning within the EYFS; personal, social and emotional development, communication and language and physical development. I hope you find these pages useful. Lucton Nursery is still open if you need us please don't hesitate to call or email I.powell@luctonschool.org or J.griffiths@luctonschool.org



Equestrian News

Jake's Blog

This week the weather has turned much colder but life at the yard carries on. We had the farrier today who has just had a baby boy so says all his life has changed!

Ravi has come back up from her holiday and Alfie and Des were very excited to see her again. Jig and I have gone down for a week's holiday with Cirro although Mrs Taxis says that he has to come in and do some work as well next week!

The grass has started to grow this week so some of us are on strict grass restrictions so as not to get laminitis! Zola was in trouble today when she went out with Alfie, Des and Squirrel because she kept trying to stop and eat cow parsley as they



It's an exhausting life for Jig and Mouse.

were going for a hack and pulling Miss Coates nearly off backwards! Some of the less tough horses have had to have thicker rugs back on. Charlie says it's just because he is old and he doesn't really need it. All in all we are enjoying still working and look forward to you all coming back. We are fit and ready and really miss you all and the jumping. Miss Coates will not let us jump in case anyone gets hurt!

Stay safe all and we hope you are enjoying the new ways of learning!



Jig taking it easy!

Mrs Wall with the Rainbow Team

Mrs Wall and some of the Prep School pupils with their wonderful rainbows creations.



Form Quiz 1st May

General Knowledge

1. Two countries share a border with Poland to the West and Russia to the East. The Ukraine is one. What is the other?
2. The fictional character Sir Topham Hatt is more commonly known by his nickname in a well known UK book and TV series. What is his nickname?
3. Baryonyx, Iguanodone and Gallimimus were all types of what?
4. Who are the lead characters in Pride and Prejudice?
5. Portugal adopted it in 1582, Britain in 1752, Greece in 1923 and Turkey in 1927. It is known as the 'Gregorian' version. What is it?

6. Which team was top of the English Championship when play was suspended?
7. What is the official national tree of England?
8. Who is widely credited for discovering electricity?
9. Which French heroine led her country to victory over the English in Orleans, only to be captured and burned at the stake a year later?
10. What is the name of the process for when seeds begin growing, under ground.

Answers will be published next week.

Last week's answers:

1. Oxford.
2. Six.
3. Dolphin.
4. Ninety four (accept 100 or 90).
5. Henri Rousseau.
6. Rain gauge.
7. A shere.
8. Russell Crowe.
9. Tabouleh.
10. White.

VE Day 75 Anniversary

As we all know this year marks 75 years since the Victory in Europe (VE Day). With members of the public unable to attend VE Day 75 events, The Royal British Legion is playing a central role in the delivery of a range of remote activity, including:

A live VE Day 75 livestream at 11.15am. National moments of Remembrance and thanksgiving, including a Two Minute Silence.

A UK-wide singalong to Vera Lynn's 'We'll Meet Again' at 9pm.

A VE Day learning pack for children aged 7-14 years.

An evening of memories and music in partnership with the BBC from 8pm on BBC One.

Two Minute Silence

At 11am on Friday, we're encouraging people across all generations and communities to take part in a national moment of Remembrance and pause for a Two Minute Silence to honour the service and sacrifice of the Second World War

generation and reflect on the devastating impact Covid-19 has had on so many lives across the world.

There is no right or wrong way to take part in the Silence, some may wish to stand at their windows, step outside their homes while remaining distanced from others, watch the broadcast on television, or simply sit in a quiet moment of reflection.

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/.../remembrance-e.../ve-day-75...>

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