

VE 75th and Open Day affected



Amazingly, time moves on apace and rather than being bored, most of us have been very busy indeed dealing with the new challenges that are upon us. Here at Lucton we are learning how to social distance with our key worker children as they learn in the IT suite, or play rounders with Mrs Connop and Miss Coates or do fitness workouts with Mr Muckalt. In the Prep School, we have religiously been involved in the Joe Wicks workout which has kept us all fit and exhausted at times!

Thanks once again to all our teachers for keeping regular contact with students, sending out work and marking it and well done to most of the students who are keeping up with it all and working very hard indeed.

Friday saw the anniversary of the VE celebrations which we would have been enjoying here at Lucton with special stalls and presentations from our cadets. We were to have welcomed the public to the event as it would also have been our Open Day! What a great shame! Nevertheless, as with so many big events which had been planned at Lucton such as the Food Festival and Tercentenary Run,

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Prep School News

Well we have reached Week 3 of the term and I hope that you are all managing to do some of the work that has been sent to you. Please remember that the staff are an email away if they aren't always a phone call away. Please do not worry about the level of work that is being done. The main thing to remember is to try and keep to a routine; we all love routines in fact looking at the David Attenborough films over the years it appears that the entire animal kingdom has routines and that means so should we. Keep the foundations going especially the 3Rs. Thinking along reading

lines and helping with reading, the Literacy Trust have come up with the best apps to help with reading

<http://literacyapps.literacytrust.org.uk/>

no doubt there are 100s more but the Literacy Trust is a recognised 'brand' and very useful for all stages of reading. Of course BBC Bitesize has loads of online things to do but why not get practical and ask your son or daughter to price up a meal for the family using a recipe; that would be much more fun. Alternatively make a 'battery' with a lemon! Or go to the British Museum, they have some fabulous virtual tours as do Longleat and Chester Zoo.



Now I know that there have been dens built and a multitude of cakes baked, but how about this for a Prep School Challenge; build a boat out of household recycling that can float (in the bath, a pond, stream or even a river). What can

your boat carry? How much weight can it take before it finally sinks? Go on see what you do and send in your photos. We will be setting other challenges over the next week or so.



Boarding House News

It has been a strange week in the house this week; time has slowed down and so has the pace of life. I am really impressed with how the boarders are coping with their online learning and the self-discipline to get their own tasks completed; well done!

We have had a 'lockdown' birthday this week, with Nabil celebrating his 18th in the house! It was quite surreal though, as he is currently fasting and observing the festival of Ramadan so he had to wait until sunset for his cake. We will also be celebrating Kazuki's lockdown birthday on Tuesday!

We had a barbecue on Friday afternoon as it was bank holiday, with all of the houseparents and their families and the boarders getting together at the front of

the boarding house in the sunshine – it was so hot! It was a really lovely occasion and great to see everyone chatting, listening to music and enjoying each other's company. (Nabil had to wait until later to enjoy his food!)

We are all having very relaxed weekends with some of the boys choosing to go to the gym, others playing tennis or badminton. Maureen can normally be found reading a book on the field or watching a box set of movies with Honey and Ellie!

As ever, talk in the evening turns to the lack of atmosphere and noise(!) in the house with different groups of students being talked about and lots of memories shared. We are all looking forward to being back together again as one big family.

Here's hoping everyone is staying safe and well! Mrs Muckalt.



Message from Mrs Thorne

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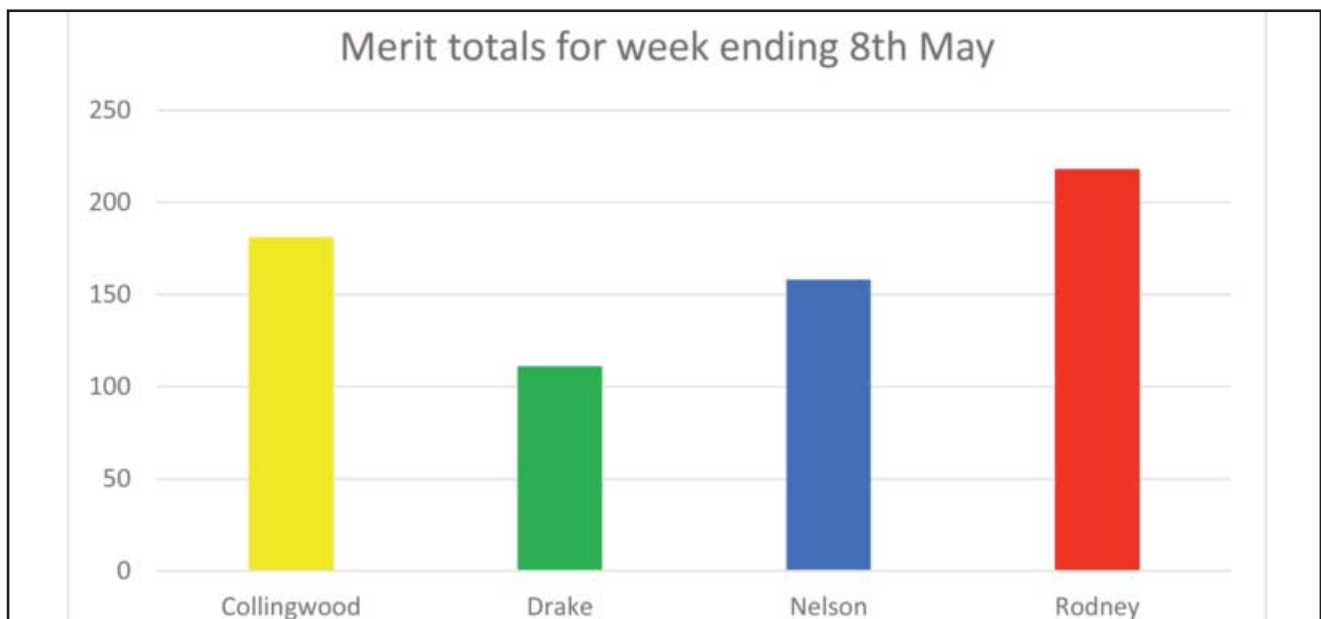
these have not happened but will come back again at some point.

In his weekly address to the school, our Chaplain, Rev Price, reminded us of the many lessons we have learnt during this lockdown period and how the world has already changed as a result, for instance in our carbon footprint. Rev Price asked us to consider how this will change our lives and

whether we would have a different perspective and outlook when it is all over.

Certainly, the epidemic has been of biblical proportions and I am sure that we need to see this as an opportunity to improve the world for the benefit of future generations and not just to return to our normal lives without it having some beneficial impact on our perceptions and attitudes to others and our heritage.

Keep safe!
Floreat Luctona
Mrs Thorne



Form Quiz 8th May

1. In Alice in Wonderland, which animal is late?
2. What is a humuhumunukunukuapua'a?
3. Which country borders Haiti?
4. Which general famously marched his troops, including war elephants, over the Alps?
5. What is the seventh prime number, in ascending order?
6. Which Prime Minister followed on from Tony Blair?
7. Fettucini, Pappardelle and Oricchiette are all types of what?
8. Who wrote Peter Pan?

9. VE Day in Britain last week marked how many years since the end of the Second World War in Europe?

10. Which stringed Indian instrument is plucked to play a unique sound? Sitar

Last week's answers:

1. Belarus.
2. The Fat Controller.
3. Dinosaurs.
4. Elizabeth Bennett and Mr Darcy.
5. The Gregorian calendar.
6. Leeds.
7. Oak.
8. Benjamin Franklin.
9. Joan of Arc.
10. Germination.



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Equestrian News

The sun continues to shine on the stables.

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