

LOCKDOWN

Summer term
2020, Week 6

News



A positive step towards normality

Excitement and trepidation in equal amounts were felt as we brought back more pupils from Monday, with our boarders and key workers' children being joined by many more in the Nursery, Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 6.

Risk assessments have been the order of the day and even though the numbers are not that high in terms of the whole school, virtually all of Lucton's teachers are now at work, either with the distance learning or face-to-face with the pupils in the school.

We are also well on our way with plans to welcome back Years 10 and 12 from the 15th June, which also happens to be the day of our first ever 'Virtual Open Day'. We are already preparing video clips and we will be using Zoom as the platform for delivery. To join in, you only have to contact admissions by calling 01568 782000 or emailing admissions@luctonschool.org to receive your login.

Keep safe!



Floreat Luctona! Mrs Thorne

VIRTUAL OPEN DAY **Monday 15th June**

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Prep School News

Well this has been quite a week for all of us. Certainly it has been absolutely wonderful welcoming back Reception and Year 1 and they were joined by an additional group of Key Worker children. It might not be back to normal, more like a sputtering start on a winter's morning, but it is back with quite a few of the regular parts of the day. We've had a staggered hymn practice and even a choir practice (although it looked more like a chamber ensemble and they did echo rather through the empty space, being socially distanced).

Meanwhile, our bubbles don't float they rather resemble colonies of insects; certainly they have enjoyed burrowing and digging in the soil and hiding in the trees at lunchtime. Definitely not bubbles! It has been rather tiring for the children as the day is really quite long and the intensity of concentration has increased, but they have certainly enjoyed themselves although I have heard one or two of them ask; "When can I play with my toys?"



For the parents, we have been evolving drop off and pick up and I am pleased to say that they have kept to physical distancing as well! House points for you all! I have seen a few chats going on so I suspect that the parents have enjoyed coming back to school as well.

In the meantime Open The Book has also been in touch to remind us about Pentecost (31st May) and have sent us a link to further stories about Jesus' Special Friends or The Fishers of Men. Click onto the web site and enjoy the story called Jesus' Special Friends.



<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/stories-with-bob-hartman/> You might like to join in with singing Fishers of Men and make up your own actions

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hn8to35LOj8>. Enjoy and have fun. You could always draw pictures of the story, cut out paper fish or make a fishing game. Lucy and The Team.

We have had sport and music and art and topic and science, in fact the only parts missing are the assemblies and swimming. Unfortunately it looks like swimming pools across the country are closed until at least 4th July. That is the latest from Swim England. Aside from that, the sputtering start-up of schools has gone well for Lucton Prep and we are looking forward to next week.



Boarding House News

The boarders have continued to enjoy the marvellous weather that we have been blessed with over the last few weeks. Their spirits remain high and they are still making the most out of everything that Lucton has to offer.

The boarders enjoyed a late evening last Thursday night with a clear sky offering a chance to see the International Space Station fly over Lucton School. It was not difficult to spot in the sky, rising over the main school building and heading towards Holland playing field. We all waved as it went over, but remain unconvinced that they were waving back at us!

Heidi and Tracey did us proud this week

with a fantastic barbeque that we enjoyed at the pavilion. It was good to be outside all together, and as well as enjoying some lovely food we played some games on the field.



Photos from this week



WWW.WHOOSH!

Lucton's new One Gigabyte broadband

Lucton's network manager, Dean Christodoulides, has announced the arrival of a very timely improvement to the school's internet connectivity, and for boarding students, this is really valuable. The image shows a pure internet speed test, without any equipment connected, so no other traffic flowing through, this is a true maximum figure. The new Lease Line connection replaces our old 2 x 75MB "Capped" ADSL connections.

The Download speed is 941 Megabytes, and the upload is 933 Megabytes.

The Ping speed is also an important figure at 6ms, against a previous figure of 27ms with our old broadband system. The Ping speed is the time it takes for traffic from the school to reach its destination.

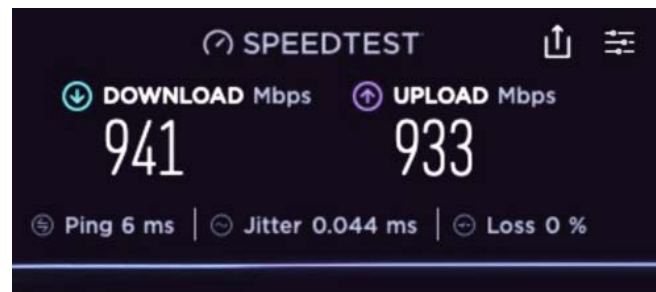
Dean says that this is the best possible Internet connection that any school/college/university could have in the real world. The next step up would be ridiculous 10GB Connection, which is for big corporate businesses.

The Upload speed is as good as the Download speed, as this is a non-

contended 1:1 Ratio, (not Shared with anyone else). Previously this would have been a ratio of at least 5:1

With this massive amount of broadband available to us, the wi-fi has now been fully ramped up to utilize this extra available bandwidth, giving a huge performance boost, especially valuable at this time.

The Lease Line has a 99.995% SLA (Service Level Agreement), which means it has the highest priority for repairs in the event of any possible failure. Of course, the teachers and day students will also benefit from this new connection when using the computers at the school; it will no longer matter if there are teachers streaming Youtube at the same time in their lessons, or showing BBC programs, or Uploading/Downloading resources to and from the Cloud, opening websites like Purple Mash and other teacher/student-hungry resource websites.

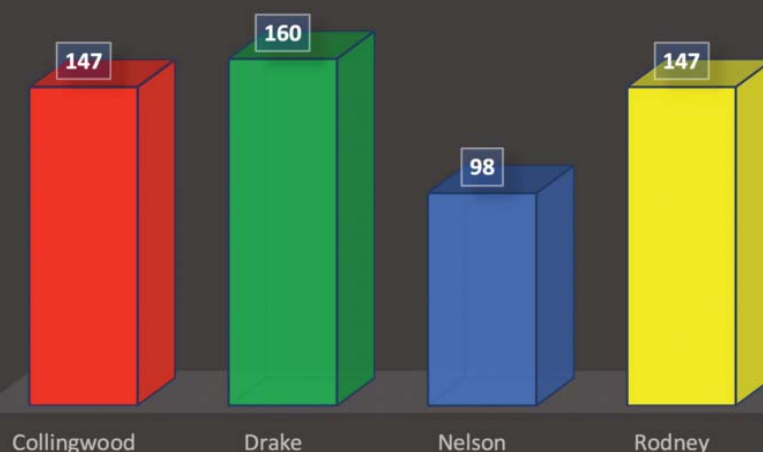


Merits for last week by House

Year 6 to Year 13 Inclusive

From: 1st June
To: 5th June

HOUSE MERITS WEEK ENDING 5/6/20



Form Quiz 5th June

1. Which country would you find the Sphinx in?
2. Hohenzollern were a royal family from which country?
3. In the children's disney film Moana, and in Polynesian mythology, what is the name of the trickster and hero demi-god?
4. Which video conferencing app has seen its value grow by over 300% during lockdown?
5. Hypatia, Pythagoras, Cardano, Euler, Gauss, Cantor, Conway and Tao are all famous what?
6. What is the chemical symbol for gold?

7. Who is the current Wimbledon Mens Champion?
8. Which classical musician composed 'Four Seasons'?
9. What is cosmology?
10. What animal did European sailors introduce to New Zealand in great numbers that were not native there before?

Last week's answers:

1. Jane Austen. 2. Lagos 3. Tyne. 4. William, Duke of Normandy. 5. Green. 6. Andy Warhol. 7. Freddy Mercury. 8. Gemstones. 9. 12. 10. 4.

Equestrian News Jake's Blog

The week has been very topsy turvey again with the weather! Mouse has gone away on holiday and been swimming in the river with his new family! We had baths last week (even Ciro) but now have rugs back on. Alfie Des and Charlie went on holiday last week too. Charlie didn't like the heat and wanted to come back soon after he had gone! The rest of us have been out hacking and Miss Coates has said we can start jumping next week; I can't wait! Miss Griffiths has been on a tidying up phase so we now have pulled manes and tails unless we are a native! Miss Annette has been washing all our kit as we now have a new washing machine from Mrs Muckalt-thank you so much. (Although Miss Griffiths did nearly break it in the first few days!) Miss Coates is hoping that we can teach you again next week too so watch this space. Daisy, Zola and Ravi have also been on holiday after the boys came back! Have a great weekend all!



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