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From the Heads



Christmas is approaching; the season to enjoy the company of loved ones, and yes to look forward to receiving lots of presents!

It is, however, also a time of the year when we really do need to remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves. One way or another, Lucton has had a "term of giving" and we were delighted to hear that the final sum raised for the recent Children In Need Appeal exceeded £700 – a great effort. Nevertheless, the concern among our community for others continues, and all areas of the school are now collecting packets and tins for local foodbanks. The collecting box that we most frequently

pass is already overflowing! Most recently the call has gone out for treats, like chocolate biscuits and packets of sweets. While healthy living is important, clearly there are children in our area who will have a stark Christmas and who really deserve a bit of cheer, and a treat. No doubt the collection boxes will be groaning with treats soon.

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed, or plans to do so in the near future. We are proud of you!

What a delight it was watching the Nursery and Pre Prep Nativity productions today, and sharing a very enjoyable evening with the Sixth Form last night at their dinner! And,

there is so much more to look forward to in the coming week!

John Goode & Elmien Niblett



Prep School



The excitement levels are increasing...

The Christmas tree went up last Thursday; the entrance decorated in baubles and lights, and finished off with a wonderful Nativity collage made by the Nursery, before Year 4W presented a super Advent assembly.

It was the story of Advent, beyond the commercialism of what it has become. They certainly made us all think, and I hope that during the fun and mayhem, we all take a moment of calm to ponder on the Christian story as well as the meanings of the four Advent candles that everyone can take

something from: hope, peace, joy, and love. Eternal messages amongst the mince pies. However, we still have a week left and there are still important areas of the curriculum that we need to complete. For a start, the Year 5s need to finish their biscuit project. During DT they have been thinking about marketing a product. They had to come up with the ideal biscuit, create packaging, devise an advertising campaign, and the most important part of all, making the biscuits!

Year 4 pupils have been designing bridges and then presenting their ideas to each other, Year 3 have been finishing their Escher tessellations and creating

PowerPoints of famous UK landmarks, Year 2 have been finishing their newspaper article on the Great Fire of London, with special mention of Pudding Lane, and Year 1 have been creating puppet shows; writing the scripts and performing them to the class. Last but not least, Reception have been painting their Divas and using the Advent calendars to support counting as well as time.

All in all, a very busy week indeed, but what better way to finish than with the Christmas Show Jumping spectacle on a rather (very) wet morning. Busy, indeed, and we still have the final week to go!

Mr Bicker-Caarten, Head of Prep School

Year 5 Virtual Classroom

On Friday, Year 5 enjoyed a Virtual Classroom session, linked with their work in Geography.

Via the TEAMS platform, we had a meeting with Max, who works for Kando - a technology company that specialises in making sure waste water is properly clean before it goes back into the water cycle.

The children prepared questions in advance, and listened carefully to the answers. Together, we learned a lot about looking after water and the environment. We also learned that people with all sorts of different skills can work in science and



technology companies, indeed, they need people with different strengths, including writing, graphic design, and even social media skills!

Mrs Wall

LAMDA Success

We would like to congratulate all the Speech and Drama students across the Prep, Middle and Senior School on their LAMDA exam results. We received them via email this morning, and they all are fantastic! Needless to say, we will be going through the reports and handing out certificates as soon as they arrive with us. 100% Merits and Distinctions across the board!

Mrs Sharman and Mrs Rogers

20 books for 2020

Season's greetings from the library. The 20 books for 2020 challenge is nearly coming to an end, and I would like to ask students to hand in their completed book marks by January, 8th. This will hopefully give students more time to enjoy reading during the festive break.

The draw will take place on January, 11th. I hope that Santa will bring lots of books to every student, and perhaps some for the library, too! Many thanks to all those who have donated books during this



term. Students are encouraged to sign out books for the holidays, and many already have.

Miss Quick



Senior School

Charity Foodbank Collection

Advent is nearly here and no doubt many little cardboard doors are starting to be opened in the traditional countdown to Christmas.

After the success of the Prep School's Reverse Advent, we, in the senior part of the school, are doing our own collection for the foodbank. We will ask your son or daughter to put aside one or two donations over Advent, so we have a collection of goods ready to drop off at a local foodbank in time for Christmas. Some Forms have already made a great start to this and have begun their own collections.

The list below isn't exhaustive; it is merely to give an idea of what could be donated. Nevertheless, all items should be non-perishable and can include toiletries:

Tinned soup
Tinned vegetables
Coffee
Cereal
Rice
Pot noodles
Juices
Curry sauces
Pasta sauces
Instant mash
Tinned custard/fruit
Jams/marmalades
Cuppa soup

UHT Milk
Spreads

Also, special Christmas items such as:
Yule log type cakes
Mince pies
Cheesy biscuits
Chocolate biscuits
Chocolates
Pringles/crisps
Tinned custard
Christmas pudding

The Senior School will be collecting for Leominster foodbank. On Wednesday 9th December, Leominster foodbank are putting together special Christmas parcels for the most vulnerable in the community, so we ask, please, that your donations are handed in by **TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER**. There will be collection points around the school, for each bubble.

The purpose, as I am sure you are aware, is to make the children think about others, less fortunate than themselves, and to realise that this is a season of giving, not just of receiving. Many thanks for all your kindness and generosity.

Ms Berry



New Options for 2021!

Congratulations to our new Options!

We are delighted to welcome three new members to the Options Team at Lucton School. Options are invaluable to the school in carrying out duties and ensuring that the school is a well-organised and happy place to be and learn. Our three new Options are; Maureen, Rachel, and Zoe!

Mrs Goode, Head of Senior School



CCF

The Year 8 cadets are starting to get a taste of outdoor CCF action and really made the most of the recent Fieldcraft exercise.

The class were introduced to camouflage and concealment. After being taught why and how, they then tried to camouflage themselves using cam cream with some interesting results and then conceal their position in the woods.

Our senior RAF cadets have also been busy this term with their Methods of Instruction Course. Cpl Watts, Cpl Taylor-Woodward, LCpl Millhouse and Acting LCpl Bryant, are now qualified and



ready to deliver the Year 9 and 10 training package next term. Congratulations to them on their outstanding efforts.

Squadron Leader (retd) House



Sport

As the skies lifted and the sun made a brief, yet chilly appearance, a busy Wednesday of games unfurled.

With the Middle School boys continuing to hone their rugby skills under the watchful gaze of Mr Cowley, the girls enjoyed a rare treat; a trip to Bridge St with Miss Daughtrey and Miss Quick! Whilst there, they focused on communication, with plenty of warm up drills that made sure they looked before passing the ball. After several rotations, and a competitive game of 'grab the

bacon', a mini four-team tournament was played, featuring relentless defending from Chloe B, Daisy and Ottie and a fabulous goal scored by Amelia!

While the Year 9 and 10 boys were being worked hard on the rugby pitch by Mr Cheshire, the girls were put through their paces on the lacrosse pitch. Miss Wilkinson is delighted with their enthusiasm, competitive spirit, and progress with ground ball pickups when playing 'grab the

games. All the skills the girls are learning are being transferred into improved play in game situations. Earlier in the week, the Year 8 girls had impressed on the lacrosse pitch with their attacking play, as they confidently took the ball into and around the 11m fan to create goal scoring opportunities.

The main focus of the day for the Sixth Form and Year 11 pupils was the Lucton School Park Run, a race we had been preparing for. It was an inter-form competition, with

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the dual aim of promoting competition alongside individual achievement.

Conditions were ideal; a relatively calm day, with a distinct chill in the air and sound underfoot conditions. The Sixth Form went first, with Forbes darting into the lead, eating up the ground with every stride, to record the fastest time of the day: 2.75km in 10.04. Matthew D (2nd), Angus W (3rd) and Daniel L (4th) were in hot pursuit for the minor placings. Aoibh C showed her class with a dominant victory in the girls' race, with Emily W (2nd) and Louise P (3rd) taking the other podium places. Malachy C the class act in the Year 11 race, strolling home to a comfortable victory in 10.09. Tim W was runner-up while Harry D won the sprint to the line for third place with Jack B only one second behind. He was closely followed by the first of the girls: Catherine C, who literally stepped over the line just ahead of Millie (2nd) and Jess W (3rd). The front three were closely followed by Seren and Alice. 11W just pipped 11R in this round of the inter-form contest, so it will be interesting to see who excels in next week's swim league!

The day was rounded off with a tight relay contest in the pool. The session began with the freestyle relay and a superb display of swimming, as Matthew G gave 9M the start they needed to clinch

victory over 9D. It was role reversal in the backstroke relay with 9D hanging on to win by 0.03 sec as Darcy, Myra, George J, and Tristan swam to the wire for victory. The medley relay was tense and exciting, with just 0.01 sec between 9M and 9D. Matthew G's butterfly leg got 9M off to a good start, with Zac P (freestyle and backstroke), and Evie (breaststroke) excelling. In the final 25m breaststroke sprint relay, 9D exacted revenge, tying the inter-form competition. Despite some strong swimming from 10Ts Jess C, Nathan, Leo, and Lola, 10Q dominated all of the Year 10 races, with some excellent swimming from Yara, whose butterfly and breaststroke legs were impressive, and strong support from Ellis, Evie, and Archie. An excellent end to an action-packed day.

Mrs Connop, Head of Sport



Equestrian

Jake's Blog

We have had a great week getting ready for the Prep School show jumping which, unfortunately due to Covid-19 couldn't be as big as normal years!

The Horse and Hounds competition was replaced by Horse and Space Hopper. Most of the ponies weren't too alarmed by bouncing children although Zola was a bit of a scaredy cat - even Charlie was braver and that's saying something!

On Wednesday Pony Club helped to build the course after Mrs Harwood taught 2 groups of our riders on their own ponies plus Ravi.

Thursday came and was really wet and cold but the Prep School hoppers and riders came up with huge smiles and great fancy dress!!

Class 1 was the fancy dress, this was judged in school by Mr Bicker-Caarten and was won by Milla and Emma who were great elves.

Class 2 was judged on riding style. Each jump was judged out of 10 and any jumping penalties taken from that score. Cordelia and Charlie showed the way and did a lovely round to set the standard. All jumped really



well with a few poles down here and there, but nothing too terrible. Emily did a very stylish and classic round with me (Jake) getting the best and most consistent marks (of course) but Milla and Mouse were the only combination to go around loose, just a shame about the last fence.

Class 3 was the Horse and Hopper. A rider and horse went around the course and then a hopper jumped 3 fences plus the bending cones. Faults were just added onto the time of the hopper so all were kept in suspense for the results. Our path finder again was Cordelia, this time accompanied by Samuel with Jumper, who took it all steadily!

Milla and Mouse again set off at a pace this time paired with

Orla and Boing Boing who flew round in 33.90, but Emma on Zola had the secret weapon of Jake who raced around with Bob Bouncer taking off seconds to complete in 30.24!! Santa hats flew off the bouncers and Elodie managed to fall before really starting at Mouse's feet with Boingy (Mouse didn't flinch, he's so brave!) All did really well despite getting really cold hands! Huge thanks to Mrs Rogers, Miss Annett, Miss Daughtrey and Miss Pudge for helping us look after our riders and getting us ready!

We enjoyed seeing all the children really enjoy themselves and to see how much they have all improved from our teaching. Our costumes were fun, Jig thought he was the bee's knees with his ear piece but

I think Princess Zola looked the cutest and Mouse was the most stylish!

Results

Fancy Dress: Milla and Emma

Class 2

1st: Emily and Jake
2nd: Bea and Mouse, and Holly on Zola
3rd: Cordelia and Charlie Brown
4th: Ellouisa and Daisy
5th: Matilda and Charlie Brown
6th: Edwin and Zola

Class 3

1st: Emma/Zola and Jake/Bob Bouncer
2nd: Milla/Mouse and Orla/Boing Boing
3rd: Holly/Zola and Isobel/Boinger
4th: Emily/Jake and Scarlett/Hoppity
5th: Matilda/Charlie Brown and Annamae/Prancer
6th: Charlotte/Jigsaw and Jasmine/Springer

Jake

Countdown to Christmas Raffle 2020

Congratulations to Isla in Year 2! Please don't forget that we still have one more raffle next week: the Grand Prize!



House Merit Totals

