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# Prep School News



**We had our first Friday assembly of the school year, last week. Whilst this is always an occasion, this was the first Friday assembly in over 7 months and therefore a real cause for celebration!**

We always try and have a theme behind the assembly and this week it was perseverance and praise through a story of a little girl who thought she couldn't paint: The Dot by Peter Reynolds. You might like to have a listen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Clpw7PG7m1Q>.

In the meantime, Year 5 reminded us that if we try and if we encourage those who try, then great things can be accomplished. So, why don't we try those things we think we cannot do? Remember, we

cannot do them...yet!

Creativity is a very strange idea. Is it something that only certain people have or does everyone have a creative streak? Teachers always encourage creativity through story and poetry writing or in art and DT. Music lessons encourage children to create soundscapes that reflect certain topics. But, what happens when the instruction is "Make something interesting"? That is horrible. As an adult I think I'd hate that but, a child? Well, that was the instruction at Forest School and the children came up trumps from creating dungeons to fairy hotels to log houses. It appears that everyone is creative, we just have to have space and time to give it a go. Maybe that is the same for adults, get rid of judgement and give it a whirl

and, as the story from Year 5 proved, with perseverance and encouragement, everyone is an artist.

**Mr Bicker-Caarten, Head of Prep School**



# Middle School

The Middle School gathered last Friday for our first Form assembly which was delivered by 8B.

Our theme was to ponder on the benefits derived from lockdown. We also acknowledged our renewed appreciation for our school, teachers, friends and education. We spared a thought for the vulnerable and those who continue to shield and we gave thanks to our wonderful NHS. The assembly even had it's very own brilliant emergency services vehicle, created by Lylah!



**Mrs Bassett, Head of MFL**

# Sixth Form

**I think it's fair to say that most of us in the Sixth Form didn't have a clue what a Tussy Mussy was before the start of the week, nor an Aebleskiver.**

We also had no idea how sausages used to be made in Hungary, or how corks were added to French wine bottles in days of yore. I'll leave it to you to Google what these things are or how they're done. Fortunately, however, we have no need of the internet as we had the pleasure of attending Mrs Painter-Black's assembly on Wednesday morning when she brought in a range of artefacts and, after some guessing (educated and otherwise!), she explained to us the origin and use of each

item. It was truly fascinating! Continuing our assembly theme of curiosity, Mrs Painter-Black discussed the oft-overlooked importance of apparently unimportant things in shaping the way we see the world, and we all enjoyed seeing the array of lesser-well-known objects she brought in.

Indeed, it has been great to see the Sixth Form so engaged in general; from the race for the Form Quiz Champions title, to mixed football in the sports hall, there has been much going on. Under Mrs Mathie's stewardship, our Sixth Form magazine team have begun collating material, and we look forward to the digital publication

of the first issue, and a termly release thereafter!

As for our Star of the Week, Archie Oughton and Keira Shackleton both took the award this week for their attitude and commitment to their studies. Meanwhile, out on the sports field we have made the most of the recent good weather. I am interested to note that in the Sixth Form area there has been much good-natured debate about who exactly scored more rounders after an enjoyable and, it would seem, quite competitive game on Wednesday afternoon!

**Mr Wolstenholme, Head of Sixth Form**

# CCF

**On Sunday 20th September, the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain was commemorated at Hereford Cathedral.**

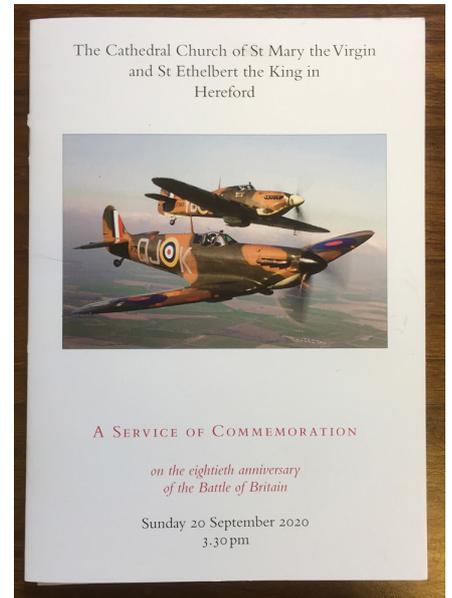
We had originally planned to parade the RAF cadets at the service; however, due to Covid restrictions, only one representative from 151 Sqn, Lucton School, and 1002 Sqn was allowed to attend. They did a highly commendable job as ensign bearer and escort. As the Lord Lieutenant's Cadet, Cdt FS Stevens represented Lucton School, and was also asked to read the final Collect; a

particularly poignant moment of the service. We obviously hope to have full participation in the 81st Anniversary next year.

## Sqn Leader House



Cdt FS Stevens receiving her commendation from Lady Darnley last academic year.



# Boarding

**Another busy week has flown by in the boarding houses! We are now well and truly back into the school routine and it's lovely to be preparing my own teaching materials to the soundtrack of students practising the piano; a sure sign that school is busily returning to normal.**

Last Saturday was frantic, even by our standards; many of our boarders took part in a trip to Blist Hill Victorian town, and enjoyed experiencing all of the quirks of Victorian life as well as some delicious sweet treats and fish and chips in the sunshine. Some of our older students popped into Hereford to buy some school equipment, before everyone took part in a long overdue "socially distanced" trip to the

supermarket to stock up on tuck. Considering the size of our boarding family, this was no mean feat and required at least three separate trips because of the numbers involved. The boarders all tell me that it was definitely worth the time and effort (including the queuing to get into the store) though!

We expect the arranging of trips to be challenging over the coming weeks, with many venues not accepting group bookings for more than six owing to the new Covid restrictions. We hope to run as many of the trips as we can, but please bear with us if these are cancelled by the venue at the last minute. This has already happened and it is just something that we have to deal

with at the moment. On the bright side, we have plenty of activities on site to keep our boarders active on the weekend, even without a trip!

A polite but urgent reminder; please would all our parents and guardians advise us of boarders' travel arrangements for half term by 9th October at the latest.

**Mrs T Webb-Rogers, Head of Boarding**

# Sport



**The onset of autumn did not seem to dampen Wednesday afternoon spirits as once again the whole of the Sixth Form, Senior and Middle School made the most of a range of sporting opportunities.**

Many members of the Sixth Form combined with the Year 11 girls for a competitive rounders match: two tightly contested innings, which went to the wire as Annie (2 1/2 rounders) and Aaron (4 1/2 rounders) dominated the batting. Annie's team sneaked into the lead in the first innings, with 7 1/2 rounders to 4, which was just as well, as Grace's team rallied in the second innings, with both team's scoring 5 rounders each, so Annie's team managed a win by 3 1/2 rounders. A match played with good humour, encouraging everyone to play to the best of their ability.

The Senior School boys enjoyed developing their rugby skills. The Sixth Form and Year 11 boys were able to benefit from the expertise of Luctonians

coach, Aiden Cheshire, who was really pleased with their focus and work ethic, whilst the boys from Year 9 and 10 received words of wisdom from Mr Cowley. Miss Wilkinson put the Year 9 and 10 girls through their paces on the lacrosse pitch, as they honed their cradling, passing and game play.

All pupils in the Middle School played in a friendly tournament. The boys went global and played football with an international flavour! Here we had the Netherlands (orange bibs), Argentina (blue bibs), Ireland (green bibs) and Belgium (black and red bibs) pitting their skills in a series of 5-a-side games. After the round robin stage, he Netherlands faced Ireland in semi-final one, whilst Argentina faced Belgium in semi-final two. Argentina and the Netherlands made it to the final with the Netherlands (Zac, Hugo, Josh, Morgan and Kieran) winning 2-0. A great tournament, played in good spirit!

Meanwhile, in netball, some of the Middle School girls developed leadership skills by leading the warm-up before honing their passing and direction-changing skills. Then, the Year 6 girls rose to the challenge of learning how to manage teams, which sabelle (Red team), Maddison (Black team) Rebecca (Yellow team) and Livia (Blue team) did with great aplomb. With all teams having a squad of nine players, learning to adapt to new positions and sit out a match, were important skills for all to learn, especially if you are a strong player accustomed to always being on court! The Black team were convincing winners, with Sophie scoring many great goals; she was nominated player of the match on all three occasions, a feat also achieved by Hannah in the Yellow team. The Blue team put some lovely moves together to finish second, with Elena, Amy-Rose and Solonge nominated as players of the match, as were Jess, Penny and Lylah in the Red team.

Top scorer!

Jack was the top scorer in the Worcester Division 2 cricket league, an impressive performance, given that he was competing against and with, many good cricketers with years of experience. This was achieved with consistent batting, a total of 348 runs in ten matches and an average of 34.8 runs.

**Mrs Connop, Head of Sport**

# Jake's Blog

## Qualified but not!!!

Charlie Brown is due back this week, having technically qualified at the weekend for Olympia but, with Olympia unfortunately cancelled, he hasn't!!

Gypsy also won her class so a great weekend, except for the blow out on the motorway going home... The rest of us have had a quiet week looking after the children and doing both jump and flat lessons. I was a big boy and got clipped for the first

time without any sedation. Miss Griffiths likes the rainy weather, but the rest of us want the sunshine back.

**Jake**

## The best of the rest

Every week there are an abundance of photographs that we are unable to squeeze in, so what better way to round off the week than by sharing a few!



