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# Prep School



**Last week, Year 2H gave us a wonderful Friday assembly on the importance of working as a team, through the story 'The Day the Crayons Quit!' by Drew Daywalt/Oliver Jeffers.**

In the book, the crayons all write letters to Duncan saying that either they've been left out, not used at all or are not talking to each other. What's the solution? Well, Year 2H showed us all; work together and don't leave anyone out! Duncan then creates super new drawings that include all the colours. One of my favourite parts was the argument over the colour of the sun; should you use yellow or orange? Which would you choose?

We are now over a month into

school, and are well and truly settled in. Reception class pupils are no longer 'new', and can be found confidently playing with everyone on the playground, enjoying more swimming, and also enjoying using their exercise books to write about their Home News. Year 1 have been exploring poetry as well as beginning to learn about the Victorians. Year 2 have been introduced to more formal addition and subtraction via the cunning medium of making puppets. Year 3 have produced their own timelines, plotting everything from ancient Egypt to the moon landings. Year 4 have been learning to classify animals by using tree diagrams and answering yes/no questions to work out whether they are

invertebrates, vertebrates, mammals or insects. Year 5 have explored poetry but with a different sort of tree to Year 4; autumnal trees. In addition to all these activities, I mustn't forget history, geography, French, music, drama, art, forest school, English, ICT (yes; a keyboard and mouse are still very important) and sport! Then there are the instrumental, ballet, LAMDA, and riding extras that are also happening. Yes, we are back!

We take the children's thoughts and opinions very seriously and, as such, have developed a school council. Representatives are taken from each class (form captains) who feed ideas back to the council. Chaired by Mr Warren, the council aims to

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meet every two weeks.

Along with Head Boy (Thomas) and Head Girl (Emilia) council members are;

YR: Ethel  
1C: Niamh  
2D: Elodie  
2H: Jacob  
3J: Charlotte  
4R: Jake  
4W: Genevieve  
5W: Matilda

I should add that each of these children were voted in by their class (their first taste of democracy) and so had to stand up and give a short presentation. We look forward to hearing their suggestions.

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

### **Hell's Angels, Lucton Chapter**

Last week, Reception class pupils were hot on the heels of one of the youngest ever winners of the Tour de France, enjoying a much anticipated 'Bring your bike to school day'.

There were some super safety and cycling skills on display and everyone had a great time. Well done, Reception class!

**Mrs Fowler, Reception Teacher**



# Middle School

### **Year 7's "cell-ebRATION" of biology**

**This week, Year 7 pupils were tasked with making models of specialised cells.**

Their efforts, and the efforts of parents, were fantastic! There were cells made of cake, jelly, playdough, fabric, shoeboxes, to name but a few. All very creative and imaginative!

Both classes enjoyed feasting upon the delicious cakes- never before have they eaten so much green and red icing! It has been a wonderful way

for the students to learn about the structure and functions of cells.

The activity has been a great introduction to National Biology Week, which runs from the 3rd to 11th October. Have a look at some of the online biology activities and see if you can get involved! <https://www.rsb.org.uk/get-involved/biologyweek/biology-week-calendar>

**Mrs Berry, Biology Teacher**



# Sixth Form

**Every year there comes a point in the term when the excitement of a fresh start gives way to the establishment of routine, and it very much feels as though we are at that point this week in the Sixth Form.**

This, to be clear, is a good thing! Routines are essential for good learning; knowing which days you focus on specific prep assignments, or music practice, or exercise, brings a familiarity that helps organise and structure the mind. Good habits, therefore lead to good learning, and such is the positive start that we have made, we decided to bring forward the date for appointing additional Prefects.

It was with great pleasure, therefore, that Louise, Reubens, Alex, Lilly, Johanna, Elias, Tim and Gian were awarded their badges. Indeed, we also added a Senior Prefect in Keira, with a specific focus in and around the art room. This all comes with additional responsibility again reinforcing the need for routine and good habits. Indeed, as courses increase in depth and breadth, all of our students will have a lot on their plates in the next few weeks but we are confident that they have set foot in the right direction.

**Mr Wolstenholme, Head of Sixth Form**

## **Ellie-Mae returns to Lucton**

Former Head Girl, Ellie-Mae Davies-Buften, is currently completing a work placement in school, having gained a first-class honours degree in psychology at Bangor University this summer.

She is planning to begin post-graduate study at Bangor next year, and came to talk to our Year 13 psychology students, providing them with a comprehensive insight into the undergraduate course. It was interesting to hear how the course enables undergraduates to select modules relating to their own interests including, for example, how psychology can improve performance in athletics.

## **Mrs Mathie, Sixth Form Tutor**

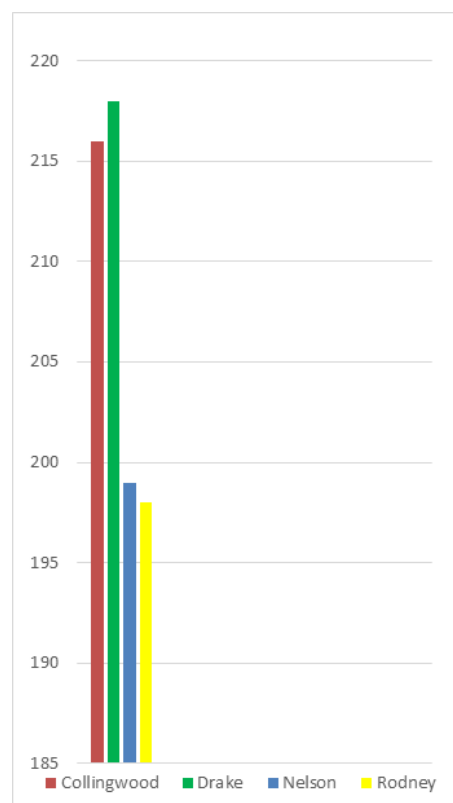
### **A trip to Borth!**

A week earlier than intended, which was just as well as it was still relatively warm, Year 12 geographers headed to Borth for some socially distanced coastal fieldwork. Despite the sunshine, it was a very blustery and cold day, with the spring tides filling the estuary and flooding the car park at Ynyslas. As there were few people around it was easy to pick stratified sites to count waves, measure beach slope profiles, pebble size, and

roundness. The students then gallivanted over the sand dunes for some quadrant analysis, which helped us discover how vegetation changed across a sand dune transect. An environmental survey of Borth concluded the day and upon returning to the classroom, data was processed by drawing graphs and developing many statistical techniques.

**Mrs Connop, Head of Geography**

## House Merit Totals



# Boarding

**It's been another busy week in the boarding houses and there has definitely been a change in the weather this week.**

It's been harder to get up early for swim squad on a Monday morning, and there is a definite chill in the air; perfect for our Year 9 and 10 boarders to do a DoE challenge and camp out this weekend!

We are expecting lots of muddy, damp, tired and happy teenagers this weekend... Last Saturday, the boarders, accompanied by Mr Pepper and Miss Holt, went to "Jump In" in Shrewsbury for an epic trampolining session that had all our boarders worn out in

the evening.

Meanwhile, Miss Quick helped out in the House taking boarders to Morrisons for the weekly tuck shop. On Sunday, we opened up the swimming pool for a fun swim in the afternoon before prep- a great and energetic weekend all round!

I would like to remind parents and guardians that we would appreciate knowing any travel arrangements for half-term as soon as possible, at the very latest by 9th October, so that we can make bus transfer arrangements. If your child is intending to visit friends or go out on weekends during term time, please do let us know as

soon as possible so we can ensure that permissions are in place.

**Tracey Webb-Rogers, Head of Boarding**



## Library

**The library underwent a significant overhaul this summer, after being gifted lots of new fiction and non-fiction books.**

The new collection also includes audiobooks; some on tape and CD that can be taken home to listen to, in addition to graded readers and books in different languages. There is even a staff and sixth form section.

I would like to remind all students, staff and parents that the "20 books for 2020" competition is still open until

December. We've had our first completed bookmark this week and I look forward to receiving more as the term progresses. For those students who want to use the library there are some rules in place for everyone's safety:

- 1: If you read a book and don't take it home, please put it in the return box
- 2: If you want to take a book away to read, please sign it out. You have 2 weeks to enjoy it and can renew at anytime
- 3: Please do not mix the "bubbles"; the library is open

to Middle School and Senior School during break and lunch, therefore a mask is needed to enter.

4: The library is a quiet area where no food or drink is allowed.

**Ms Quick, Head of EAL**





# Sport



**Well, it has to be a Wednesday that it always seems to rain, on this occasion, coinciding with our games lesson.**

In true Lucton spirit, resilience shone through, despite the rain, as everyone trundled out onto various pitches for a weekly workout.

It was good to see the senior rugby boys fired-up and ready to go before their start time, with Mr Cheshire putting them through their paces with a dynamic warm-up and plenty of skills training. In fact, developing skills was the name of the game for all the boys, whether playing rugby with Mr Cowley or football with Mr Leonard and Mr Pepper.

This week, the Middle School boys focused on developing much needed attacking, defending, and dribbling skills in 1 v 1 and 2 v 2 situations,

followed by small-sided games.

Similarly, Year 6 and Year 7 girls worked on lacrosse fitness and agility skills, whilst the Year 8 and Year 9 girls honed their hockey attacking skills.

The senior girls enjoyed a good workout on the netball court, with each year group leading a warm-up session, which included agility drills and ball skills. Five teams battled for supremacy in some closely contested matches. The blue team sneaked into first place, with calm leadership from Emily W and some excellent team play, notably from Jess C, who topped their "Player of the Match" board, as she linked effectively with Connie (GS) to score many goals.

With the black and red teams vying for second place, it was

good to see true sportsmanship as Tammy (Player of the Match for the black team), having never played before, was given great positive support and encouragement from her team, especially by Catherine C (GA), as she mastered her role as GS.

Faith (black team) and Aoibh (red team) led by example, as did Annie (yellow team) who battled it out with the Molly's green team for fourth and fifth, with Seren (yellow team) and Sophie C (green team), the most nominated players. It was great to see that all teams were able to put together some fast attacking play, using some of the spatial awareness moves we had been developing in training sessions.

Mr Richmond put the weekly badminton group through their paces and the afternoon was rounded off with some lane swimming by those who still had some energy and had remembered to sign up by 9am!

## **Mrs Connop, Director of Sport**





# The best of the rest

