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A Herculean effort this week saw us finally reach our target of 10,000 kilometres with just a single day to spare! This does, of course, mean that we have not only reached Shanghai but actually surpassed it!

A huge congratulations go out to the students, staff and parents who have fully embraced this event, tirelessly logging kilometre after kilometre both inside and outside of the school day.

The Race to Shanghai was the initiative of Year 4 teacher, and former Great Britain Triathlete, Mr Warren who said: "I am delighted by the enthusiasm, not just of our students, but of the staff and parents as well. We have a reputation for being a physically active school but to complete the challenge in under four weeks is a fantastic achievement. Herefordshire is a beautiful county and I hope that this has encouraged more people to enjoy the benefits of fresh air and exercise, which have been especially important this past year, whilst raising money for such a worthy cause."

The challenge was just one of several fund-raising events we've held, and so far thanks to the amazing generosity of the Lucton community, we have raised over £2000 via our JustGiving page alone. We will provide a Grand Total in next week's Lucton News as, at the time of writing, the numbers are still going up! If you haven't already donated, please take the time to follow the link below and contribute as much as you can.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/Luctonschool>

Mr Norton, Marketing

From the Heads

When the challenge to cover 10,000 kilometres in just four weeks was announced, although never doubting that it could be achieved, we were particularly interested to see how!

With lockdowns, online teaching and the many other trials that we have had to negotiate over the past year, it was hugely heartening to see so many students embracing

the challenge.

For a small school, we have always punched above our weight, and we have been so impressed to see the students running, walking, and cycling during the school day, not to mention swimming and horse riding too!

Thank you also to the staff and parents who took as well, it was a brilliant team effort and really showcases Lucton's spirit at its best.

Heads of Lucton

John Goode & Elmien Niblett



Prep School



Last week, our Friday assembly was all about books; in this case the most published book in the world – the Bible.

The Guinness Book of World Records estimates that more than 5 billion copies of the Bible have been printed. That is a lot of books. But why read the Bible?

Well, if you enjoy adventure stories then it is great; think about Samson, David and Goliath, or storming the walls of Jericho. If you are interested in romance then the Song of Solomon is for you. Sadness? The story of Jesus has a lot of

tragedy – ending in joy. There is the Story of Creation, Noah's Ark, and even the quotation on the front of the Golden Syrup tin comes from the Bible: "Out of the strong came forth sweetness".

A lot of the wholesome values encouraged in life began in the Bible starting with the 10 Commandments, and if you would like a complete rule book try Leviticus! All-in-all, no wonder it is the most published book of all time.

This led, quite naturally, on to the launching of our annual Book Bingo coordinated by our

top book lover, Ms Chapman. To jog memories, and for those who are new to Lucton Prep School, we all read a minimum of 5 books following a grid. These must follow a row, either across or diagonally. Hopefully, you will complete, and therefore read, 25 books each and beat our record of 1395. With 82 in the Prep School we should reach 2050, and if we add parents, who knows how many we could reach??

Aside from academic lessons, this week has been all about wheels! The idea of bringing in bikes for the lunchtime 1km Race to Shanghai has

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generated loads of kilometres, especially with those who manage three or four circuits compared to those that walk one! Then there are the tyres. The latest bit of fun is to be rolled in the tractor tyre. I'm almost tempted myself, especially listening to the squeals of laughter as they go round and round and round. Some manage to keep the right way up at all times, whilst others brace and try and do continuous somersaults. I note that not so many try after lunch...

Along with wheels it has been drama as well with Year 4R deciding to perform a play

outside – shades of The Globe or Minack Theatre or even the Willow Globe in Powys. In our case, the Outside Classroom at the edge of the wood.

Finally, everything seems to be focussed on Friday and Red Nose Day performances. Rest assured photos will be in next week's edition. The focus will soon change to the Prep School Poetry Slam and the Grand Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday – oh yes, that is the end of term as well. Just think, it will be summer uniform before we know it!

Mr Bicker-Caarten, Head of Prep School



Year 2

Year 2 have been learning about the scientist Mary Anning and the fossils that she discovered in the cliffs at Lyme Regis.

We then had a go at making our own fossils using salt dough. In addition to this, they

have also been working on tree paintings which forms the final piece for their 'dot' topic based on the story of 'The Dot' by Peter Reynolds.

Miss Dyer & Mrs Hanly



Sixth Form

Another week, and the university offers are rolling in now.

Annie has already made her firm choice and is opting for Criminology whilst Emily is mulling over offers from York, Cardiff, Loughborough, Kent and Bangor. Megan has firmed Surrey, whilst Will and Aaron are both waiting on Warwick, having already had an array of offers from York, Reading, Exeter and Bristol, amongst others. Harry has been offered a very exciting place on the NMITE Engineering course in Hereford. It's always great to hear the good news and it gives the Sixth Formers that

extra boost when they know the end is in sight.

Meanwhile, the Year 12s are acquainting themselves with the UCAS process; we would traditionally have a trip out to Worcester in order to partake in the university fair there, but this year they are not running the event for obvious reasons and so we will be offering their virtual equivalent instead, on Tuesday. This is a bit of a shopping trolley exercise as students get to nose through different courses, requirements and campuses, although sadly this year there are unlikely to be any freebies thrown out!

Easter has rushed up on us and our Year 13s are fully aware of what the process may look like for assessment; no mean feat given the very shifting landscape this year. I have seen revision timetables, notes, flashcards and mindmaps galore as I've walked around the study room; all proof of the fact that our students are putting themselves in the best position possible moving forwards.

Mr Wolstenholme, Head of Sixth Form

Sport

After the gales at the weekend, the sun shone brightly - and with some welcome warmth as well!

This sparked a flurry of summer sports activity as the Middle School tested their cricket skills with some Kwik cricket games, Year 11 boys honed their bowling and batting skills in the nets, whilst the girls enjoyed some competitive rounders against the Sixth Form.

Meanwhile, in a quest to improve stamina and fitness,



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many kilometres were covered by the rest of the school, before developing lacrosse skills (Years 9 and 10) and football prowess (Years 9, 10 and Sixth Form boys).

The Middle School girls enjoyed a competitive netball tournament, with some feisty play by Sophie D's Red team, who were the outright winners.

Mrs Connop, Head of Sport



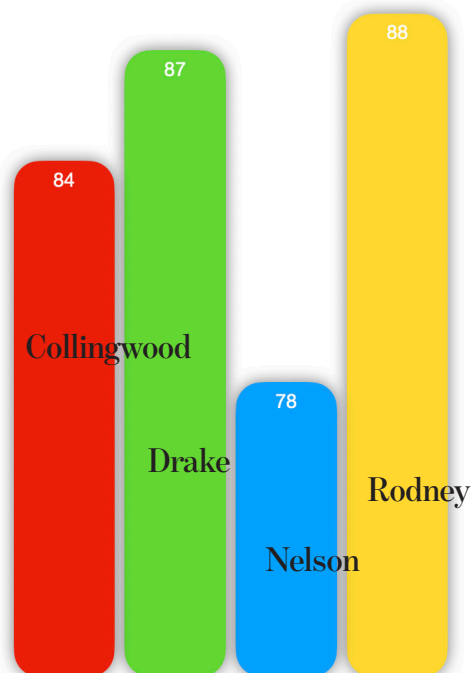
Zac Signs For Shrewsbury

After a challenging but successful trial, Zac P has now officially signed for Shrewsbury Town FC Academy Under 14's!

He has already played against Manchester City, Nottingham Forest, Stoke City, West Bromwich Albion, Walsall, and Cheltenham to name but a few, and with games poised to resume after lockdown, he is looking forward to the rest of the season. Well done Zac!



House Merit Totals



*Numbers accurate 19th March 2021