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From the Heads



As we approach half term, we are able to reflect with pleasure and satisfaction on much productive and enjoyable activity in all areas of the School since the start of term.

Everyone has more than earned a good rest over the next week, and we hope that we will all be ready for what is going to be an unusually hectic (even by Lucton standards!) second half of the summer

term, with so much crammed into less than four weeks.

We are mindful, however, that the emergence of COVID variants may change or delay our journey towards more or less complete normality, which the government had hoped would happen on 21st June. We must heed the clear message from the scientific community, that COVID is still a present danger, and we

must continue to adhere to guidance.

Naturally, we will endeavour to let everyone know as soon as possible should any calendar events or other arrangements for after half term need to be adjusted. In the meantime, please, everyone, enjoy the half term but do stay safe.

**Heads of Lucton
John Goode & Elmien Niblett**



Prep School



Last Friday, we were entertained by class 2D. Year 2's topic has been the Seas and Oceans and we were treated to a performance that involved researched facts, finishing off with a rendition of Commotion in the Ocean by Giles Andreae.

I think that we forget that we live on an island and, as Year 2 informed us, no one is more than 80 miles from the sea. We learnt that the blue whale's tongue weighs more than an elephant, that jellyfish have been around since before the dinosaurs, that Britain has 1000 islands and that Weymouth was the first resort town under King George III.

The pièce de résistance;

however, was the rendition of Commotion in the Ocean. Thank you 2D; that was brilliant.

With the weather striking down the Aquathlon last week, it seems that we are back to familiar territory, i.e. the great British weather up to its old tricks and sport having to be cancelled. Cancelling events is not much fun but it is far better to cancel for something normal, than cancelling for the reasons of the last year.

What is lovely about working in a school, aside from the laughter of the children, is the fact that we have familiar signposts that provide continuity as the year progresses. Rain in summer is

one, as is the Production. The hall is full of costumes and the floor littered with playscripts. Meanwhile, the children, certainly in Year 5, become more and more dramatic and over the top.

A new tradition of ice creams on a Friday was started by the Friends and that has come back. The Dens on the field and, therefore, muddy hands and faces, are back. Scraped knees and plasters have made their annual return, as well as the annual migration of the house martins. Oddly, teachers' thoughts start to turn to September and which class they will have and what resources they'll need. I have even booked the pantomime and, I hope, DJ Chris.

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Half term has suddenly arrived (where did that come from?) and then we have just 4 weeks to fit in everything: Aquathlon, Year 2 trip to the farm, Year 5 off to Oaker Wood, Year 1 overnight camping, Year 4 have a Roman Day, and then there are Sports Days, Induction Day, a whole-school photo, Speech Day, Picnic Concert...

So, take a breather next week before we dash off again. Our new promotional video really does capture the essence of Lucton.

Mr Bicker-Caarten, Head of Prep School



Middle School

Middle School have had another busy week, making the most of the glorious sunshine to enjoy their break-time activities.

This week, in science lessons, pupils have been particularly engaged in a variety of exciting activities. Chemistry lessons have involved researching which solvents can dissolve nail varnish and pupils have also produced their own indicators from flowers to identify different acids and alkalis.

In Biology, Year 8 has been looking at the adaptations of bird beaks for survival, and Year 7 has been studying muscles and joints by completing a chicken wing

dissection and making their own moving hand models. It has been lovely to see the pupils enjoying and embracing so many different opportunities. We hope they

all enjoy a well-earned break over half term and come back refreshed for all the end of year activities.

Mrs Berry



Senior School

Both the Middle and Senior School councils met last week.

Wide ranging and informative, the meetings featured many great ideas and decisions including Eco-school status, charities to support, improving the changing facilities, a greater variety of things to do at breaks and lunchtimes,

The Year 10 EAL students enjoyed the sunny Herefordshire countryside this week.

I decided to take their learning outside in order to utilise the students' new knowledge and vocabulary for describing things. The students explored the gardens and trees around the school to build up a word bank for their extended writing projects. As you can see, they had lots of fun getting closer to nature.



food, online safety policy and the use of phones, rewards and sanctions and much more!

Everyone spoke brilliantly and they were really positive meetings.

Mrs Goode

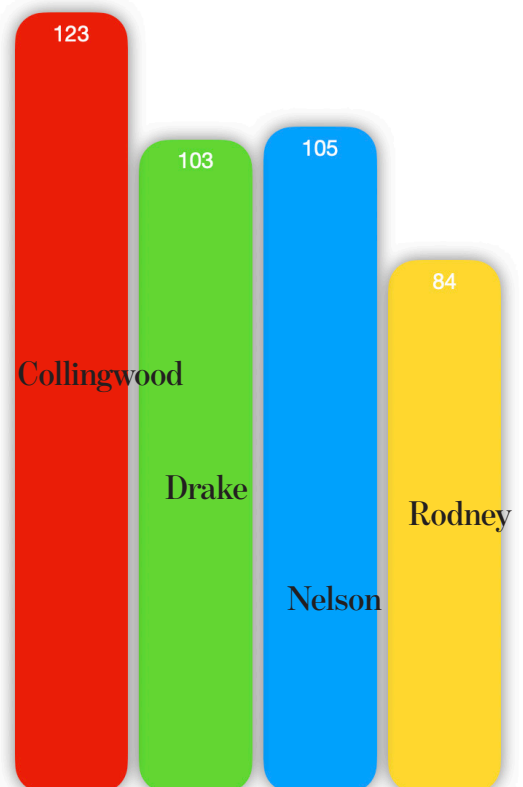
Meanwhile, having worked hard to complete their Year 11 assessments in Chinese, Mrs Gao and her class celebrated by cooking up some Chinese food.

A big thank you to the boarding house for letting them use the kitchen; a delicious meal of teriyaki chicken and rice was created; well-deserved treat!

Miss Quick



House Merit Totals



*Numbers accurate 28th May 2021

Sport



After the deluges of the past week, the sun made a welcome appearance for an action-packed afternoon.

With every inch of Holland being used for inter-school cricket, rounders and football matches, the sports hall, netball courts and Prep School field were pressed into service for indoor cricket, netball and soft ball. It was a delight to see so much activity!



Lucton U13s cricket v The Elms

**Match Result:
Lucton U13s 113/5
The Elms U13s 35**

The toss was won by The Elms, who elected to bowl first and therefore put Lucton in to bat. Arthur and Henry opened the batting for Lucton and made a solid start.

Arthur hit a couple of fours

before being bowled out for 9, but Henry H stayed in for the entire Lucton innings; The Elms' attack just couldn't get him out! Henry faced 54 balls, hitting an impressive 38; very well batted Henry! Lucton finished their innings on 113.

In our previous games, Lucton have bowled and fielded very impressively. We took the field, therefore, in an optimistic mood. Jonathan opened the bowling from one end and although he didn't take any wickets, he bowled very impressively, only allowing the opposition 4 runs from his 3 overs. Hugo then came into the attack and took 2 quick wickets, while Arthur bowled 2

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The Elms finished their innings
on 35.

After a defeat last week, all
the boys were determined to
put on a good performance,
and they all stepped up!
Our training sessions are
starting to show in our match
performances, which is great
to see. Well done to the whole
team!

Mr Leonard



U15s cricket v Bedstone

**The U15 boys came up against
an on form opening batter
when playing Bedstone, and
they were left ruing a couple of
fielding errors as he scored a
fine century.**

Whilst Herbie (2), Zac and Nathan
took wickets, Messrs Wide and
No Ball accounted for four extra
overs! This meant Lucton had to
chase 168, and despite starting
well, with Nathan scoring 24 and
Joel 23, wickets fell quickly and
we were all out for 78. We need
to learn lessons about taking our
chances in the field and bowling
more tightly

Mr Cowley



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Rounders

U12 rounders v The Elms



Much work had been done since we last played The Elms on May 5th. Improved batting and fielding was clearly evident as the girls worked as a team to stay in contention.

There were excellent catches from backstop, Georgia, and sharper fielding from everyone in general, especially Chloe B (fielder of the match) as The Elms scored 8 rounders. Some hard hitting and speedy running meant that Annabelle (batter of the match) scored two rounders, Freya one, with

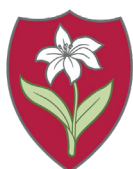


Sophie, Amelia J and Eno collecting some half rounders, for a respectable 6 1/2 rounders.

A much closer score than

two weeks ago, proved that practice and team work are two vital ingredients for success.

Mrs Connop, Director of Sport



U14 and U13 rounders v The Elms

The U14 girls had their first rounders match of the season against The Elms.

Expertly captained by Scarlett P, Lucton fielded first. The Elms had a strong batting team but our girls managed to stop many full rounders with some excellent fielding from Daisy B and Fremah B.

Our girls then batted well and Myra J and Scarlett P both scored fantastic rounders. Unfortunately, the team's enthusiasm during the match led to a few ill-timed fielding errors which gave The Elms the upper hand.

Although the girls did not manage a win this time, there was lots of good play and, those unfortunate lapses apart, some excellent fielding.

Darcy C was named batter of the match and Fremah B was named fielder of the match.

The U13 girls had their third fixture of the season with a rematch against The Elms. With only time to play one innings, our girls knew the match with the opposition's A team had the potential to be a very close match. The Elms batted first and this time Lucton was more prepared for

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their hard hitters, positioning themselves much more effectively in the field. This enabled them to prevent many half and full rounders from being scored. Maggie E bowled some beautifully fast balls,

which again prevented many of The Elms team from making a solid connection with the ball.

Although the girls did not manage a win this time, they

were much improved in both their fielding and batting skills. Scarlett B was named batter of the match and Ava C was named fielder of the match.

Mrs Daughtrey

Football



Luton First XI v Herefordshire & Ludlow College

The return fixture from a few weeks ago saw Herefordshire and Ludlow College travel up to Luton, seeking to win away. Instead, the Luton lion roared loud, and the boys ran out 3-2 winners.

Trailing 1-0 to an early goal, there was plenty of graft and effort on display, but little to show for it at half time. Whilst Reubens and Matthew forcefully marshalled the backline, Aaron pulled the strings in the middle and Forbes and Angus kept the energy levels high on the wings. Indeed, it was Aaron who was in the thick of things in the second half, as his passing led to Dami smashing home for 1-1. Howard was then instrumental in spurring the team on further with Asier's harrying posing a constant threat.

In the end, on his final appearance for Luton, Aaron produced a deft finish to give the home side the lead, before Dami fired in another hard shot to make the score 3-1.

We then made life difficult for ourselves by conceding a soft

goal and a penalty but held out for the last half an hour at 3-2. A well-deserved win, and special credit to the Year 13s who were fantastic.

Mr Wolstenholme

