

Lucton News

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Prep School



Is this really the first week back after half term? Amazing!

Before half term, Miss Penny and her ballet cohort treated us to a superb performance based on the musical South Pacific. Hearing 'Happy Talk' whilst watching Transition children take their first steps on stage was a delightful start to the morning. As we moved up through the ages and their skills increased, so did the complexity of their dance with washing baskets, scarves and hats coming into play. The songs and performances put a smile on all our faces; a wonderful start to the day. Thank you to Miss Penny and all the children involved.

The week certainly began

with a bang; multiplication, division, fractions, sentences, paragraphs and of course capital letters. What? Really? We have to do a comprehension? We have a spelling test? Surely, we are on holiday still? As for Years 3 to 5, they suddenly discovered that not only was this happening but that there are a mere eighteen school days until the production and counting.

Year 5 continued their holiday... sort of; I have never seen so much luggage for one night and two days! They were, of course, off to Oaker Wood for an overnight stay and to enjoy loads of fun with all the activities on offer; however, they still managed to fit in a

quick rehearsal before they left. That's commitment for you! Tuesday afternoon saw a very tired set of children (and teacher) return. They had obviously enjoyed a wonderful time but apparently didn't sleep all night!

Tuesday was very quiet as Years 1 and 2 went on a farm trip, leaving just Reception and Years 3 & 4 to man the fort. Lunchtime was extremely peaceful. Years 1 and 2 returned with tales of huge tractors, combines and then cows and ponies. I am not sure who liked which part best but they had a wonderful time all the same.

Wednesday was Year 4 Roman Day. I am not sure

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who was more excited, Mr Warren and Mr Rogers or the children. Mr Rogers went full General Maximus Decimus Meridius, even quoting from the film ('Gladiator', for anyone who doesn't recognise the character's name!). Year 4 appeared to split down the middle; half soldiers and half gods and goddesses. They found out how dreadful it would have been to be a slave, and that being a Roman citizen would have been much better! And now, as I write this, we are in the midst of the Aquathlon.

The children are changed and raring to go! A County Cricket Cup match necessitated a change to the plan for the run, so a short 'walk the course' took place this morning to familiarise the children with the new layout. This has sent



excitement levels sky high. Look out for the results of the competition in next week's Lucton News, although I am sure the children will share the outcome before then.

Phew! What a start and we have more to come but I think

that next week will be a little calmer, thank goodness. Oh, I nearly forgot. Year 1 are having their overnight camp on Friday. The week hasn't quite finished!

Mr Bicker-Caarten, Head of Prep School

Years 1 & 2 visit Mrs Rogers' Farm

Years 1 & 2 visit Rogers' Farm On Tuesday, Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a fabulous trip to Mrs Rogers' farm where we learnt all about harvesting silage.

We groomed the ponies, bagged up hay and spotted different types of wildlife around the farm. As usual, a highlight of the trip was having a packed lunch picnic in the glorious sunshine!

Miss Dyer



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Year 5 Trip to Oaker Wood

Year 5 enjoyed their overnight stay at Oaker Wood this week. It was an action-packed few days during which the children took part in high ropes, low ropes and team building games, with rafting a firm favourite!

All the children were very brave in climbing a 55ft tree to reach the top before abseiling back down; however, they especially enjoyed jumping off the raft and swimming in the lake. In the evening, children gathered around the campfire to toast marshmallows and drink hot chocolate.

After the year we have had, it was great to see them enjoying the outdoor space and actually having the time to play and simply be children. They were certainly exhausted on their return to school and they still had the rest of the week to get through! At least they had play rehearsals and the aquathlon to look forward to, which will no doubt have kept them going!

Mrs Leonard



Senior School

Numbers are fewer in the Senior School at the moment as the Year 11s enjoy a well-deserved break while their teachers complete the assessment of their exam grades. No doubt many are looking forward to getting back into school from next week, when they will officially be Sixth Formers. Even more exciting, I suspect, is the prospect of the Year 11 celebration dinner which is now only two weeks away!

In addition to their academic studies, Year 9 and 10 students are focusing on careers, using Kudos. Kudos gives students all the information they need to make important decisions about future careers and what subjects, courses and training they can do to reach a particular career destination. If students are unsure of what careers they might be interested in, Kudos can give them ideas based on what they like and dislike. They can also discover what careers their current subjects can lead to. Kudos is also packed with information wider matters, such as what employers are looking for in their employees, salaries and so on.

On Thursday, our local community police officer (see pic) came into school to speak with the students about her role, other careers in the police

service and how teenagers can avoid falling foul of the law. I know the students appreciated the talk and it will no doubt generate a great deal of discussion in PSE next week.

Mrs Goode, Head of Senior School



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IMPERFECT CATALOGUE RETURNS
AND SAMPLES

Socially Distanced Pop-up Sale Sunday, 25th July 2021

**Lucton School, Lucton, Leominster, Herefordshire
HR6 9PN**

No overcrowding. Hundreds of discounted clothes & accessories will be on sale for women, men and children, so grab yourself a bargain!

**Limited Tickets available in 1hr shopping slots
from 12noon**

Tickets £5 (plus booking fee)

Pre-booked Tickets Only. No Walk-ins

Covid safe protocols in place. Face Coverings must be worn.
Sorry no children. Your details may be used for Track and Trace.
Plenty of onsite parking. Light refreshments for sale.

TO PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE -
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Proceeds to the Friends of Lucton School. Charity number: 1103143



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Sixth Form



The Sixth Form enjoyed a wonderful occasion on Thursday evening, with a Chinese-style buffet marking a fantastic Sixth Form Leavers Dinner.

The hall was wonderfully decorated and what pleased me most was the effort the Sixth Formers themselves went to in preparing and organising everything from candleholders to table plans. Credit must go to a whole host of people, including Louise, Keira and Amelia-Sky, for their hard work and dedication in this area.



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The dinner itself was hugely enjoyable, with Head Boys Forbes and Angus and Head Girl Emily right to thank the kitchen staff for all their excellent food. The evening passed smoothly, with much excited and enjoyable chatter, and everyone looked splendid in their very finest outfits. The weather itself helped of course, and it was really nice to be able to have drinks and photos on the front lawn in the slowly setting sun.

For Year 13s, it was a great way to end their formal

schooling experience at Lucton, and for Year 12s a well-earned reward for all the revision they have completed at the end of their exam period.

In other news, we also have our Year 13 Life Skills course kicking into gear from Monday, with rumours of vital life experiences such as ironing and group presentations doing the rounds. More on this to follow.

Furthermore, we also look forward to welcoming our new Sixth Formers from Monday

for a chance to experience a taste of Sixth Form learning. Again, I know the teachers have some great ideas lined up, and I've enjoyed hearing of what awaits the new Year 12s. Indeed, it's been quite a busy week, with an awful lot to plan, organise and - crucially - mark for our teachers. It has certainly not been easy, and we look forward to getting back to doing what we enjoy most next week: Teaching!

Mr Wolstenholme, Head of Sixth Form

Sport

Lucton U16 Cricket XI v Bedstone

Our groundsman produced yet another excellent wicket with pace and bounce, which led to an entertaining match.

Lucton won the toss and elected to bowl. Finn and Herbie took the new ball and both bowled well. Lucton's fielding was of variable quality with some very good pieces of work and some not so.

Jack, as usual, gave most players an opportunity to bowl and there were good overs from Harry, Jamie and Joel especially. Bedstone scored steadily through the innings and finished on a total of 131. In reply, Jack was soon into his stride scoring a quickfire

24 before getting bowled. After his dismissal Jamie, 18 with four boundaries, also scored at a good rate. Finn in the meantime anchored the innings with 39 and was out with Lucton needing 30 from 3 overs. Malachy kept

the scoreboard moving and Lucton needed 11 off the final over. 4 were required off the final 2 deliveries and Nathan was run out going for a second run from the first of these. Unfortunately, Lucton failed to score off the final ball and



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lost by just 2 runs. It was a very exciting climax to a match played in a good spirit. Well done to all.

Mr Leonard

Rounders

U13 rounders v Tenbury

Focused determination was the name of the game as the girls under Isla's calm captaincy, warmed up with purpose.

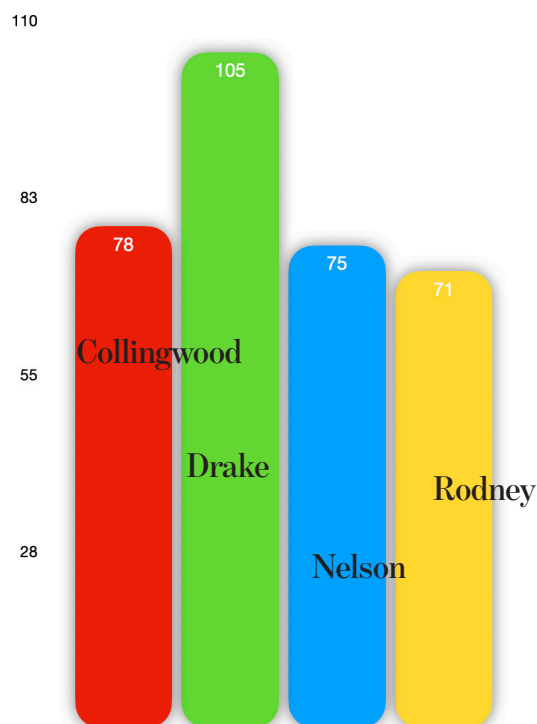
With Tenbury deciding to field first, the challenge was to score as many rounders as possible in the first innings, with Scarlett and Maggie (batting player of the match) leading the way with 1 ½

rounders apiece. Having scored seven rounders in our first innings, the pressure was on to field tightly, which we did, with few no balls and improved decision making throughout the match, limiting Tenbury to 4 ½ rounders. Tenbury responded with improved fielding in the second innings as we added 3 ½ rounders to our tally.

Some excellent catches from Elena (fielding player of the match), Amy Rose and Maggie, along with good backstop (Amy Rose) and first base (Penny) connections meant that Tenbury were all out with four balls to spare, giving Lucton a convincing 10 ½ to 7 ½ rounder victory!

Mrs Connop, Director of Sport

House Merit Totals



*Numbers accurate 11th June 2021

Karting Success for George

George T joined Tyro Junior Karting, a low-cost, level playing field Midlands race series, in March this year and has so far taken part in 4 race weekends.

Saturday is a practice day before the qualifying round, 3 heats and the final on Sunday. This weekend at Shennington near Banbury, after some very exciting bumper to bumper racing, everything came together and he took a very well deserved 3rd place.

Well done to George!

