



Message from Mrs Keep

I have been away for 2 days this week at a Woodard conference, where the theme was 'service'. On the community page of this newsletter, you will see that Zak and Max in Year 5 are giving of their own time to fundraise for St Catherine's Hospice and we will be supporting them through various events this term. A round-up of our charitable work thus far this year is also included and shows how well the children at LPH support those less fortunate than themselves. Our school's 'ABC' is invaluable in reflecting our desire for the children here to be outward-facing.

Today, I met a family who are choosing their daughter's school. Having come to our Open Morning, purely as an act of comparison having already settled on a local independent school, they were back to discuss joining Lancing. Their reason was in no small part due to the Year 7 girl who had showed them round and talked with genuine compassion about her peers at school and with awareness of how privileged she is to attend Lancing Prep Hove. The family will be sending their daughter to LPH when she starts school in September, with the stated aim that she will grow to be like the girl who showed them around.

As well as 'service', another conversation at conference was the importance of children being independent learners. Dr Herbert, Deputy Head at Lancing College, spoke about meta-cognition, something Lancing leads the way on among Woodard Schools. Having introduced Critical Thinking into our timetable this year, it is a joy to be part of developing the children's thinking skills. Those skills have been put to the test this week with a group of Year 6 children spending the day at Lancing College as part of their 'Advance' programme. Rather than sit a traditional set of exam papers, the children were challenged to work outside of the standard curriculum. They read information, formulated their own ideas, collaborated, communicated and worked creatively to solve problems. Whilst I have yet to hear any specific feedback, I know that Dr Herbert and all those involved in the day at Lancing College were impressed with the way the children from LPH approached the activities.

Next week, a number of potential scholars from Year 8 will sit their assessments. These will go beyond the academic curriculum and into the spheres of sport, music, drama, dance and art. We all wish them the very best of luck. To be awarded a scholarship is a wonderful honour; but to approach learning in a scholarly way is a lifelong skill. I am proud of all the children, whether Year 6 or Year 8, for the way in which they have approached the assessments. I have every faith they will do themselves proud and look forward to reporting on their successes in due course.

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The Lancing ABC

Always try your best
in every task you do

Behave to others as you
would like them to behave
towards you

Care for and consider
everything
and
everyone

News at a Glance



Nursery having fun



Year 3 Geography Detectives



News Round Up



Nursery

What a great start to the term! We had a great adventure in Wilderness Woods, discovering, attempting to build our own dens, getting very messy cooking up a menu in the mud kitchen and had fun in the woodland adventure playground.

It was a chilly day, however we didn't notice as we had a wonderful walk and lunch to keep us fuelled, also followed by lots fun playing in the woodland park.

Hopefully the children slept very well that evening, we know that the adults certainly did!

Reception

The children couldn't believe their eyes when they returned to their classrooms after lunch. They found muddy footprints, a green wart, purple prickles and some brown fur.

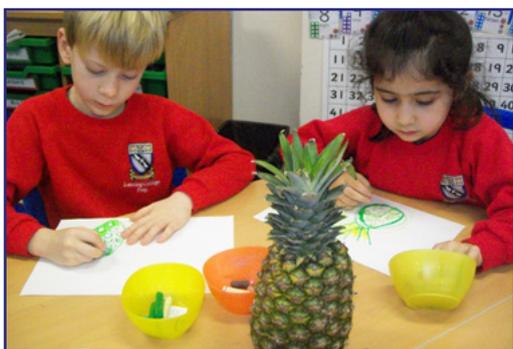
The children turned into detectives and decided that it must be none other than the Gruffalo. Since then we have been delving into the story of the Gruffalo as well as drawing the different characters and writing woodland poems.



Year 1

The children have been focusing on the book *Handa's Surprise* in their English learning. The children have enjoyed discussing the setting in Africa and how it compares to ours and that of the Polar regions.

After exploring the animals and tasting the fruit in the story, the children have also created beautiful sketches and oil pastel pictures. They then evaluated each other's work during a whole class activity called Graffiti Alley. The children were encouraged to discuss one thing that they liked about a partner's art work and one way that they think their friend could make even better. The children really enjoyed the activity, expressing how nice it was to hear lots of feedback and new ideas.



The children are always asked to assess their own learning and have been marking one another's work this week. One child told his friend, 'I like the shape of your letters as they are tall, but you could make them less wobbly next time!'

News Round Up

Thank you to the PTA

The Pre-Prep would like to send a huge thank you to the PTA for buying some new play equipment to use at playtimes.

It's lovely to see the children organising games and challenging one another.



Pre-Prep Lego STEM

With a new group of Lego makers this term, they have risen to the challenges already set.

Their first task was to make themselves out of Lego. Miss Gilgrass was extremely impressed with their team work and skilful ideas.

Year 3 Geography Detectives

The pupils have been working hard as Geography detectives. We looked carefully at a map of Hove and planned a route to include the given roads. Next we set out (after a few delays thanks to the rain) to follow our chosen route and find out what the 'geography' of Hove is. We took photographs of the different types of housing and also used our knowledge of road safety to ensure we crossed roads with care. Then it was back to school to record our findings.



Townsend Warner History Prize

On Friday 12 January, Kitty P (8K), Miles W (7M), Jai L (7M) and James McG (7M) took part in the prestigious Townsend Warner History Prize exam. They had one hour to answer 100 historical questions, covering a wide range of topics, including working out the country where particular events took place; naming the wars that correspond to specific battles; naming the women based on the clues; naming English monarchs; working out the year in which certain events took place; naming the authors or composers; naming the people who were assassinated. The breadth of history was astounding, covering a time period from 7th Century BC to present day. Congratulations to the pupils, who will find out in the next few weeks whether they have qualified for stage two of the competition.

Science

Meet Mr McLeod

With a degree in Geology from the University of Southampton and a PGCE from Keele University, Mr Macleod is qualified to teach up to Sixth Form. He joined the school in mid-November to teach Biology to Years 7 and 8, for both CASE and Common Entrance, and General Science to Years 4 and 6.

Mr McLeod is also running an after school STEM club, which has got off to a great start. So far, the pupils have worked on cartesian divers and lava lamps, with more exciting projects in the pipeline.

Away from school, Mr McLeod is a Volunteer Ranger for the South Downs National Park, which runs a series of events during the year, aimed at children and families. Coming up soon are two events on the theme of Dark Skies:



Star Gazing South Downs - 10 February 2018 from 4 pm to 7 pm

This is being run at Midhurst Rother College in Midhurst from 4 pm until 7 pm. It is absolutely free to attend and there is no need to book ahead. There is a raft of activities including star gazing, talks, planetarium show etc. Find out more here:

<https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/event/stargazing-south-downs/>

Cycle the Solar System in the South Downs - 15 February 2018 to 17 February 2018

A cycle ride for children (aged 10 and above) and parents. Participants will be cycling with Science Artist Nick Sayers and learning about our solar system. He will be modelling the solar system at a billionth true scale and using fruit and veg plus NASA photo flags to signpost the way. Children must be accompanied by adults. Mr McLeod may well be there, manning the stand during the cycle rides on the Saturday! Booking is essential. Find out more here:

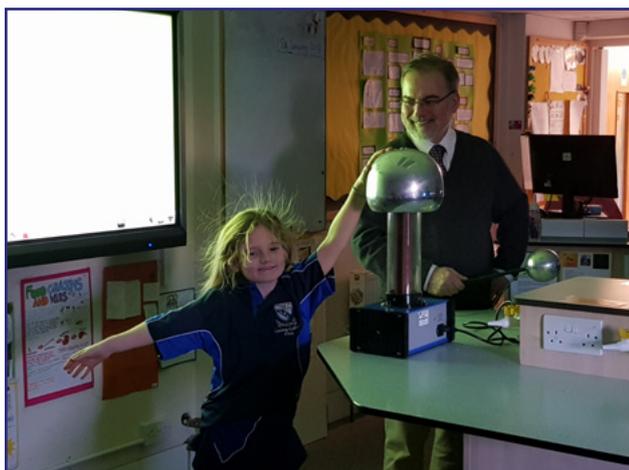
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The Brighton Science Festival - 11 - 18 February <http://www.brightonscience.com>

This includes Bright Sparks, which is aimed at children and families. The programme is still being finalised for this year, but the following link shows what went on last year:

<http://www.brightonscience.com/events/bright-sparks-saturday-2017/>

Speaking of bright sparks, Year 4 had a simply hair-raising experience in the science lab, being introduced to the Van der Graaf generator.



Sports Round Up

Lancing College Mid Winter Swimming Gala

Our swim squad is becoming a force to be reckoned with and we entered A, B, C along with a few D teams in the College's Midwinter Gala, which was fiercely contested by six other local Prep schools. There was an excellent effort by everyone and congratulations to Frankie K, Oliver P, Archie N, and George C for silver medals in both the freestyle and medley finals.



Cross Country

Miles W is blazing a trail as an impressive cross country competitor, having won the U13 age group race at the Handcross Park event in November, despite being an U12! Congratulations to Miles who has now been chosen to represent Sussex at an Inter-Counties cross country event in Leicestershire in March.

Netball

Our U13B girls had lots of good play in training games against Handcross Park 2nd and 3rd teams on 10 January. The girls have learnt a lot and we have identified some areas to work on through the season. Zoe C was girl of the match in both games.

Wednesday 17 January

U13A	v	Cottesmore	L 1-10
U11A	v	Cottesmore	L 2-16
U10	v	Cottesmore	L 2-8
U9	v	Cottesmore	L 0-6

Squash Champion!

Year 8 Jonah B triumphed in the Dunlop British Junior Open Squash championships held in Birmingham in early January.

In little over 20 minutes, Jonah produced a stunning display to take the win 11-2, 11-5, 11-6 over his Egyptian opponent. The win has more than made up for his defeat at the semi-finals this time last year.

Competing against a field of over 600 from all around the world, Jonah is thrilled with his achievement: "I am so happy to win this competition, which was my goal for this year. I have trained really hard to achieve this."



Boys' Rugby Results

Wednesday 10 January

		W/D/L
U13	v	Handcross Park L 0-35
U13	v	Belmont L 0-45
U12	v	Handcross Park L 5-35
U11	v	Dorset House D 30-30
U10	v	Dorset House L 15-35

Wednesday 17 January

U12/13	v	Copthorne Prep L 15-25
U11	v	Copthorne Prep L 5-35
U10A	v	Copthorne Prep L 20-40
U10B	v	Copthorne Prep W 55-25
U9	v	Copthorne Prep L 11-12
U8A Tag	v	Copthorne Prep L 12-13
U8B	v	Copthorne Prep L 9-11

Fundraising

As parents will know, we seek to instil in our children a sense of what they can do to help others. At Christmas, 76 shoeboxes containing items such as toiletries, gloves, socks and chocolate,

were collected at school to donate to the YMCA Downlink Group, who offer assistance to homeless people aged between 16 and 24 in the Brighton area.



Our new corridor display shows just how much LPH has raised for various charities since the start of the school year in September. £4,386.15 is an amazing running total, so thank you to all the parents and children who have contributed thus far.

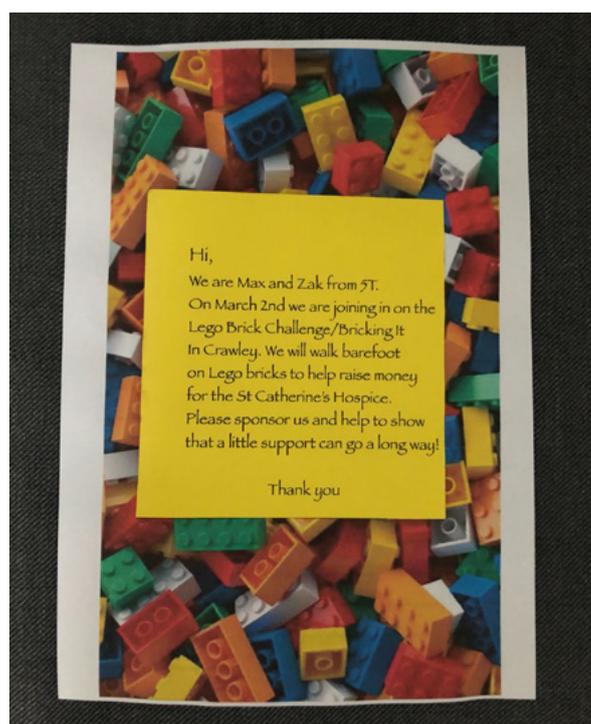
We are holding elections to nominate charities to support in early February and there will therefore be more charitable endeavours, including Sport Relief and Race for Life, planned for later this term and beyond.

Support Zak and Max raising funds for St Catherine's Hospice

Many of us may have inadvertently trodden on lego at least once so appreciate the undertaking!

Zak and Max are both Year 5 pupils who have signed up for the Lego Brick Challenge/Bricking It in March.

There is a collecting tin in the School Reception or donations may be made via Just Giving <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Zakandmax>



Diary Dates

Week 3 - Lunch Menu Week 3

Monday 22 January

Sport Scholarship Day Lancing College

14.00 U11 Girls' Football
v St Christophers

Years 3 & 4 Parents' appointments

17.30 Staff/Parent choir

Tuesday 23 January

Ken Shearward Awards

Assessment Day at Lancing College

Years 3 & 4 Parents' appointments

Wednesday 24 January

Drama Awards Assessment Day
at Lancing College

Rugby v Cottesmore

U12/U11 (h) U10/U9 (a)

Rugby v Handcross Park U11 (h)

Netball v Shoreham College

U13/U12/U11 (a)

Years 3 & 4 Parents' appointments

Thursday 25 January

Inter-house Resilience Run (Prep)

U8 Tag Rugby Tournament

at Oakwood Prep

Week 4 - Lunch Menu Week 1

National Story Telling Week

Monday 29 January

Visiting Author (Joshua Raven)

Assembly for Prep School

Music Scholarship Day

at Lancing College

Tuesday 30 January

Music Scholarship Day

at Lancing College

Year 3 Herstmonceux Observatory visit

18.00 Year 5 Drama evening

17.30 Staff/Parent choir

Wednesday 31 January

Music Scholarship Day

at Lancing College

Auditions for Years 7 & 8 summer show

Rugby v Cottesmore

U13/U10/U9 (h) U12/U11 (a)

Netball v Hurstpierpoint College

U11/U10/U9/U8 @ Lancing College

Noticeboard

Team Photographs

Just a reminder that team photographs @ £10 per photo are still available to view on the VLE:

<https://vle.lancing.org.uk/prep-at-hove/sport/team-photos>

Please email hove@lancing.org.uk to place your order. The cost will be added to the next end of term bill.

Mrs Keep

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Notable Dates:

Friday 2 February - Open House

Friday 9 February - half term starts

Monday 19 February - term re-starts

Friday 9 March - Pre-Prep Mothers' Day Tea, Laurent Hall

Friday 16 March - Open House

Friday 23 March - Term ends