



Message from Mrs Keep

We started this week with an assembly led by Miss Marriner, based on the key focus of Holocaust Memorial Day, "The Power of Words". After hearing the story of the Star-Bellied Sneetches by the ever-wonderful Dr Seuss, we reflected on how much more we have in common than we have differences. Miss Marriner challenged the children to use the power of words to spread positive messages throughout the school. Having met her challenge head-on, I have given over the front page of this newsletter to some of the words the children have written. If you haven't yet seen them all, they are in the school office and by the front door, and they are well worth stopping and reading.

- "Smile and the world will smile with you"
- "Think positive and good things will come"
- "The more you give to the world, the more you'll get back."
- "The harder I try, the luckier I get."
- "Treat others how you wish to be treated yourself."
- "If you believe in yourself, anything is possible."
- "Be kind, wherever possible. It is always possible."
- "Bad things have happened in the past. Don't recreate them in the future."
- "Your mind is a garden; your thoughts are seeds. With kindness you grow flowers; bad thoughts only weeds."
- "Beauty on the inside is the truest beauty."
- "You have only failed if you have given up."

"...I'm quite happy to say
 That the Sneetches got really quite smart on that day,
 The day they decided that Sneetches are Sneetches
 And no kind of Sneetch is the best on the beaches.
 That day, all the Sneetches forgot about stars
 And whether they had one, or not, upon thars."
The Sneetches, Dr Seuss

The children have also been challenged to design a representation on this year's theme of the Power of Words. This can be presented in a variety of ways, whether it be in poster form, creative writing or in an alternative creative/artistic manner. These pieces are to be submitted to your child's Form Tutor by Monday 5 February. All entrants will be awarded house points, and prizes for each year group will be awarded in assembly on Friday 9 February before their pieces are published around the school.

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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

Congratulations to the Lancing College Oxbridge candidates!



Four of the seven began their Lancing education at Lancing Prep Hove



News Round Up



Nursery

We've come to the end of our winter project and have enjoyed being involved in many activities during the month of January.

The Nursery children enjoyed discovering the feeling of fake snow, discovering animals living in the Antarctic and Arctic, using ice cubes to create our own Igloos and practising to fish like the Inuit in our home corner "Igloo" which was lots of fun!



Reception Drama

The children have been busy making masks from The Gruffalo. They used them to retell the story.

The boys and girls joined in with the refrains and moved through the imaginary woods wearing their chosen character masks.

They did a fantastic job of performing the story and demonstrated how well they had learnt the sequence and words.



Reading Week

Our end of day story was not read by Miss Ranson or Mrs Knight this week, it was read to us by our parents! It was very exciting to have a story read by Mummy or Daddy.

We did super listening, laughed a lot at funny bits of the stories, joined in with any rhyming words and even had some questions to ask at the end. Thank you very much for coming in; we thoroughly enjoyed it.



News Round Up

Celebrating Achievements

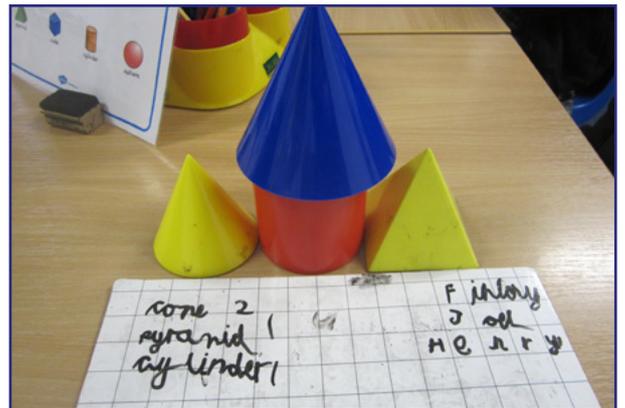
We know that so many children have lots of interests outside of school. This week Tabitha told the Pre-Prep all about her fantastic achievements during her swimming lessons at Lancing College. Well done, Tabitha!

Mrs Morrison would love your children to share their achievements with her, and their friends, in Pre-Prep celebration assembly. Please send in any information, certificates, badges, medals etc.



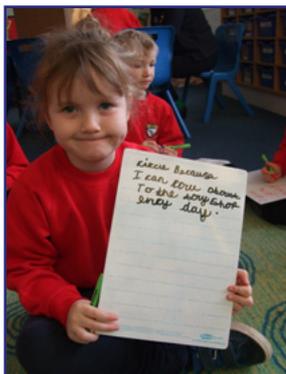
Year 1 Mathematics

Miss Gilgrass was so impressed about how much 1G knew about 3D shapes! By working as a team, the children built structures and were able to write down which 3D shapes they had used.



Year 1 Super Scientists

The children have been investigating different ways to survive in the Arctic. First, they needed to complete a range of tasks using different types of gloves to find out which would be the perfect pair to wear as an Arctic explorer. We then discussed how water turns into ice and ice into water. The children had to work against the clock to melt their ice cubes using any means necessary!



Year 1 Independent Learning & Critical Thinking

1M continue to work hard at developing their independent learning and thinking skills. During our 'Hot and Cold' learning journey we have learned lots of facts about the Polar Regions and Africa. We now know where to find them on a map, what animals you might find there and how people live in similar and different ways to us in the United Kingdom. We have also used our class iPads to find out some facts on the Internet. We worked in teams to research Africa and created some 'fact files' to report back to our class. This was a fun way of investigating and sharing our learning.

In Maths this week we have been learning about shape. It really got the children thinking when asked to consider, 'would you rather be a circle or a square?' Here are some of their thoughtful responses!

'I would like to be a square because I could be a computer' – Mrs Morrison thinks George is a little like a computer, because he is hard working, knows lots of information and helps lots of people every day!



News Round Up



Year 2

The children love their ICT sessions with Mr Farley. They have been learning how to use mind maps to record the information they have been researching.



In Science, there has been more work on using magnifying glasses as part of our 'Mini Worlds' topic. This week the children were asked to investigate a selection of flowers and leaves and then do a detailed drawing recording their observations.



Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Herstmonceux Science Centre

Having recently focused on the topics of 'Forces and Magnets' and 'Light and Seeing' in their Science learning the pupils were well prepared to explore and experiment with the many exhibits and interactive investigations on offer at the wonderful observatory.

During their visit the children wowed the scientists at the Centre with their knowledge of friction and gravity during a Forces Science show, in which they learned about the life and work of Sir Isaac Newton and had great fun seeing his amazing work put into action. The children will be talking about Miss Snell being turned into a sandwich for years to come!

There was also opportunity for the children to put their knowledge and skills to the test when supported to construct a Truss Bridge and Arch Bridge, with the help of their friends and the guidance of the staff. The chance to see a drone in action, taking photos of the whole building from the sky, was the icing on the cake!

Sporting Round Up



IAPS Swimming Competition

18 of our joint prep swim team took part in the National qualifying round of the IAPS competition where over 300 swimmers were competing. For many it was their first major competition, where not only speed but also competitive skills would be tested. If swimmers made mistakes here they would be disqualified and with only limited training/practice for some we knew this could be a challenge! However all swimmers showed great courage and determination to do their best and some very pleasing results were achieved.

We will have to wait to see whether Archie N, Francesca K, Bethany K, and Joshua C-J, who all picked up top 3 places this round, will qualify for the National Final at the London Aquatic centre in June. As for relays, we were strong in our U13 age group despite missing George C (a medal/national qualifier contender, had he not sustained an injury the previous day). The U13 teams finished a creditable 4th place in Freestyle relay –well done Jack, Noah, Olliver, Archie and Max who also helped in the Medley relay.

Our younger teams did really well even though they were the youngest team there and can swim the same age group again next year. Well done to Thady, Hugo, Joshua, Toby, Anna, Sophia, Amelia, Tilly and Regan.

Archie N: gold in 50m free, Francesca: silver in 50m free and Bethany K: silver in 25m Fly, Joshua C-J: bronze in 25m breaststroke, Anna W 6th in 50m back and Rory S 7th in 50m breaststroke should also be congratulated on individual success in some very hard races!

We are looking to keep the improvements going and so look forward to everyone swimming in the team training – A very well done to all!

Boys' Rugby Results

Wednesday 31 January			W/D/L
1st XII	v	Cottesmore	L 5-70
2nd XII	v	Cottesmore	L 10-25
U11	v	Cottesmore	W 40-0
U10	v	Cottesmore	W 40-0
U10	v	Handcross Park	L 5-15
U9	v	Cottesmore	W 15-5

U11 Girls' Football Tournament

Excellent participation in the St Christopher's tournament by the girls who improved steadily match by match. After a terrible tumble by Mia H that led to her being out for the remainder of the tournament, the team lost their first match 3-0 to Brighton College A team and their 2nd match 1-0 to St Christopher's A team. The girls rallied and came back to beat Handcross Park A 1-0, St Christopher's B team 1-0 and beat Handcross Park B team 2-0 and were well rewarded with 3rd place overall.



Netball

Our U8s had their first match and played brilliantly. Sadly they lost 8-10 but it was a very close game.

Wednesday 31 January

U13B	v	Windlesham House	L 7-16
U11	v	Hurst	L 3-13
U10	v	Hurst	W 9-5
U9	v	Hurst	L 3-6

Diary Dates

Week 5 - Lunch Menu Week 2

Monday 5 February

Charity Election Week
Year 4 trip to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard
15.00-16.30 Strictly Dancing at Lancing
competition Years 6, 7 & 8
17.30 Staff/Parent choir

Tuesday 6 February

Safer Internet Day
Netball v LPW U9 / U8 (h)
15.00-16.30 Strictly Dancing at Lancing
competition Years 3, 4 & 5

Wednesday 7 February

Boys' hockey v Handcross Park
& LPW U13 / U11 (@ Lancing College)
Netball v Brambletye U13 / U12 / U11 (a)
Netball v BHHS U10 (h)

Thursday 8 February

Tag Rugby Tournament at Oakwood Prep U9
Tag Rugby v Shoreham College U8 / 9 (h)

Friday 9 February

Pre-Prep Pancake Races
Prep Pancake Day Set Competition
Charity Election Polling Day
Years 1 & 2 Geography workshops
Half term starts

Week 6 - Lunch Menu Week 3

Term resumes

Monday 19 February

Year 1 Mantell Maths visit to Lewes Castle
Year 8 Scholarship Exams (@LC)
17.30 Staff/Parent choir
Year 6 Parents' appointments

Tuesday 20 February

Year 8 Scholarship Exams (@LC)
Boys' Hockey v Dorset House U9 (h)
Netball v LPW U8 / U9 (h)
Year 6 Parents' appointments

Wednesday 21 February

Year 8 Scholarship Exams (@LC)
10.15 School Eucharist at the
Church of the Good Shepherd
Boys' Hockey v Dorset House & LPW
U13 A & B / U11 A & B (h @ LC)

Thursday 22 February

Rugby v Shoreham College U8 tag / U9 (a)
Girls' Hockey tournament U9 at The Triangle,
Burgess Hill

Friday 23 February

Chinese New Year celebration & lunch
Ardingly College Cross-Country U13 / U12

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

Congratulations to Isobel A



Isobel A from Year 8 has been successful in her audition for the CAT (Centre for Advanced Training) scheme for Contemporary Dance. The CAT scheme is a national intensive dance programme for 12-15 year olds (linked to the London School of Contemporary Dance at The Place) who display exceptional potential and passion for contemporary dance. Over 70 young people between the ages of 12-15 auditioned for a place in this select group of 18 pupils from Brighton who will now follow weekly dance classes, choreographic workshops, theatre trips and local and national performances at Trinity Laban or The Place in London. This is the third time in four years that a pupil from Lancing College Prep has been accepted onto this scheme. Isobel is now in her second year of Contemporary Dance with Ms Barber and we are delighted for her and wish her continued success!

Notable Dates:

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