



### Message from Mrs Keep

Another term has flown by, and what a change since I last wrote for the newsletter. The snow has melted, the daffodils are in full bloom, and spring has finally sprung. At the end of a busy term, it would be sensible to assume that the children would be tired and running out of energy – but here at LPH the children have kept going right to the end. The newsletter can only give a flavour of what's kept us all brimful of energy, but as a flavour of what's been happening I'm sure you'll agree that the school is an appetising offering.

A real highlight for me was the inspirational celebration of World Languages Day, when 'West met East' and language met dance. From French drama, song and poetry to Bollywood dancing and, ultimately, the celebration of the Festival of Colours, it was a joy to be part of. Following hot on the heels of the Year 7 & 8 pupils who performed so well at the French speaking competition, not least Imy G who won her French speaking section for the second year, there is no doubt that the children of all ages are captivated by new languages and cultures.

World Book Day was sensibly postponed because of the snow and sub-zero temperatures and, considering this year's theme, coincided serendipitously with International Women's Day. Opening the front door to start the day on any themed day is a real treat; on this occasion, opening the door to the staffroom was almost as much fun!

The final Wednesday of term the whole school ran the Sports Relief Mile, and I look forward to confirming next term the total amount raised. After a day of Critical Thinking challenges, courtesy of the Happy Puzzle Company, we are finishing the term with an Egg Toss. The children worked with their 'buddies' to create an egg-catching device which was put to the test. Success led to chocolate rewards; failure led to an almighty mess. Either way, it was great fun.

On behalf of all the staff at LPH, I would like to wish everyone a happy Easter holiday. For those heading to Bormio for the school ski trip, I wish you a wonderful time. The snow is looking fantastic. Whether away for the break or staying at home, I hope you all manage to have equal amounts of rest and play, and I look forward to welcoming you all back for the Summer Term.

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#### House Competition

Congratulations to Stewarts who have won this term's House Competition. 42 children from other Houses were invited to join them for their cinema afternoon as a result of having earned more than 25 House Points this term. An excellent results for Stewarts, and congratulations to all those who celebrated their House Point success.

**The ISI has just issued its report on our recent Regulatory Compliance Inspection. It is available to read on our website [here](#)**



Please consider supporting our Marathonmamas at the Brighton Marathon: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/marathonmamas>



## News Round Up



### Nursery

Our Nursery children had so much fun going on a Minibeast Hunt. We set off ready with our bug charts and stickers to place on the charts for each insect we found.

The children were excited to discover so many different types of Minibeasts, using magnifying glasses and observation tubs. Their favourite insects were the baby grasshoppers which they found in the woodland area of the school field.

We also created bug houses using old logs, twigs and bits of bark, ensuring our bugs would be kept dry and safe until the days become warmer.



### Reception

The Reception children have had a busy time of late!

They performed magnificently for their Mummies at the Mother's Day tea party and enjoyed sharing some very tasty cakes.

They came as an array of Beatrix Potter animals for a belated World Book Day.

The PTA very kindly provided a Sublime Science workshop for the children and they had a great and messy time making sherbet and participating in some experiments.



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### Year 1 go on a dinosaur hunt!

The children had a visit from 'Sarah the Archaeologist'. Sarah answered questions that the pupils had prepared the previous week:

"How did you dig the bones up?" Phoebe  
"Where did you find your first bone and how big was it?" Finlay

Sarah then took the children out on their very first dinosaur hunt! They couldn't believe what they found within the school grounds. A set of teeth that Tabitha thought must be from a herbivore as they were flat, an egg that the children thought belonged to a smaller prehistoric reptile, such as a pterodactyl, as well as some giant footprints and horns from a triceratops.

Soon after the hunt, Sarah had to say her goodbyes, but didn't leave without giving the children signed copies of her book!

### Year 1

Winnie, Albi and Giorgio demonstrated a range of outstanding skills when required to work as a team this week. They cooperated exceptionally well with one another, which enabled them to solve a question posed and still had time to help their peers!

Arnie really enjoyed a reading book that he shared at home this week. He returned to school the following morning to show 1M how he had followed the instructions in the back of the book to make a collar for the character in the story.



### Year 2

The children have been investigating forces as part of their Science 'Move it' topic. They made their own straw rockets and had great fun testing how far they could send them flying. The children quickly realised that the harder they blew the further their rocket would travel. They started to recognise ways that they could improve and develop their rocket designs.

Pupils made a superb effort with their Beatrix Potter themed

costumes for World Book Day and showed resilience, resourcefulness and problem solving skills as they worked in teams to make scarecrows for Mr McGregor's garden. In the afternoon they made clay hedgehogs (inspired by Mrs Tiggy Winkle) and edible gardens. It was a special day, full of new experiences, which the staff enjoyed almost as much as the children.



## News Round Up

### Year 3

The children had a grand day out in Brighton. They toured the Royal Pavilion with its stunningly grand interior and fascinating dragons. After a sumptuous and plentiful feast at Donatello's, we walked along the beach to the West Pier centre where we were thoroughly entertained by a Punch and Judy show. We learnt about the history of Brighton from fishing town to big city and finished our day looking at rocks on the beach as part of our Science work and talking to a seafront officer.



There are a number of budding palaeontologists and geologists emerging from Year 3 this year. This term we have been studying rocks and fossils in Science. The children were astonished this week when they broke open their fossilised creatures, prepared in class last week.



There was a real sense of achievement shared by the children when their fossils were revealed to have formed perfectly.



### Science Week

To celebrate National Science week, the Year 4 pupils spent an exciting day at the Science Museum. They visited Wonderlab where they tested slides for friction, and made electrical circuits. They watched the IMAX film, A Beautiful Planet 3D, where they saw stunning images of the Earth from space and found out about living in space with a crew of astronauts in the International Space Station.

They heard more about living and working in space from a costumed character: Russian cosmonaut Svetlana Savitskaya the first woman to make a space walk.



The whole school has been engaged in a variety of science challenges and quizzes as part of a house competition to test their knowledge of this fascinating subject.

The Year 5 and 6 house teams attempted to make their own indicator, using the equipment provided, to analyse two mystery solutions.

## News Round Up

### Year 5 Viking Morning

The Year 5 History Workshop was a great success! Historian and time traveller “Raef” Ullson came to visit and answered the tricky questions relating to the Viking era that the pupils had prepared in advance.

We learnt a huge amount as well as discovering some rather gruesome pastimes! The children handled rather expensive artefacts and drew many super images.

We are looking forward to the next Workshop!



### Year 6 Geographers

We were delighted to welcome Mike Ruxton, a retired surveyor and map enthusiast, who spent his career working with maps in South Africa. He gave an informative talk about mapping techniques including the importance of scale and contours, how different projections distort different areas of the world and the importance of accurate grid referencing to avoid getting lost.

Mike entertained us with his adventures of trekking through the African Bush with the Army and his survey work; the children particularly enjoyed hearing about close encounters with various snakes! The pupils loved Mike’s amazing collection of maps from South Africa, as well as looking at photos of his time there.

The pupils explored contour lines for

themselves, creating maps of a potato to understand better the way these lines can be used to show the relief and gradient, as well as the height, of land. They took measurements along their potato and joined points with the same height. When they looked down on the potatoes from above, they could see how the map of the contour lines needed to be drawn in their books.



### Concours d'Art Oratoire

Ten pupils from Years 7 and 8 pupils took part in the annual French Speaking competition at Lancing College. For this, they had to learn both a poem and presentation off by heart in French and ‘perform’ it in front of an audience. We are proud of their commitment and that all were commended for learning and reciting their poems and presentations beautifully.

With over 70 contestants from eight other schools, we were delighted that Imy G won her section for the second year in a row. ‘Félicitations’ to all who took part.

## News Round Up

### Musical Notes

There have been a trio of musical evenings this term. First came the singing evening which showcased the talents of the Prep School pupils who take individual singing lessons, in or out of school. Their delightful solos ranged from musical theatre, through modern repertoire to more classical pieces. The staff and parent choir wowed the audience with 'The Girl from Ipanema' and 'Love Story', the senior choir were enthusiastic in their performances of 'Hallelujah' and 'Don't Stop Believin' and the choirs joined together to sing 'This Is Me' from 'Camp Rock'.



Next came the string evening. It was a lovely evening's entertainment with an impressive standard of playing. There was a range of solos on violin, cello and double bass and the string group performed several pieces. It was a wonderful opportunity for Year 3 to impress their parents with their work in music lessons as part of the string scheme. We hope that parents may wish their children to continue string lessons now the scheme has concluded. Please do let Mr Farley know (afarley@lancing.org.uk).

Finally, the woodwind evening was a great success. Pupils from Years 2 to 8 played a variety of interesting and exciting solos on recorder, flute, clarinet and saxophone. The woodwind group played beautifully and it was exciting to have two of our teachers (Miss Marriner and Miss Roberts) performing!

Away from school, the Junior and Senior choirs attended the Mothering Sunday service at the Church of the Good Shepherd. They formed the choir for the service and read the prayers, gospel and blessing. At the end of the service, before the distribution of flowers, they sang a special song for mothers everywhere. It was a lovely occasion, much appreciated by all present.



Pupils in Year 6 have been busy uploading their entries for the BAFTA YGD (Young Game Designer) competition. They have had to consider all the details of games design, from console to controls, and provide artwork to illustrate their idea, including artwork showing a level being played.



### Happy Puzzle Company

Pupils from Reception to Year 8 enjoyed taking part in problem-solving workshops. It was fabulous to see the children developing their thinking skills whilst working as part of a team. Resilience was definitely the order of the day and they all persevered with solving some really tricky problems!



## News Round Up

### West meets East for LPH World Languages Day

For World Languages Day, the school celebrated with a French themed assembly focusing on 'la journée de la francophonie' and French-speaking countries around the world. Pupils from Years 6 to 8 performed or rapped poems, re-enacted a short, humorous version of the French revolution and adapted a French song about penguins and skiing which may well be heard on the pistes of Bormio next week!

This was then followed by a lively and inspiring series of Indian Bollywood dance workshops for the whole school. Run by Kalpesh from the KZ dance company in London, who enthused every child with his infectious energy and joyful smile. Every child from year 1 to year 8 was taught two routines which were then performed in a grand finale in the afternoon out on the astro-turf, finishing with the Holi ritual of the Festival of Colours.

World Languages Day was a truly colourful and memorable day.



## Sporting Round Up

### U9 Mixed Mini Tennis Competition at Bede's

Girls team – Beatrix A, Daria J, Polly E, Alexandra K  
Boys team – Alec V, William D, Huggie B, Taavi C

We played a series of double and singles against four schools. The boys got through to the semi-finals where they were beaten by St Peter's School.

The LTA representative awarded Beatrix A the girls' Fair Player of the Tournament.



### Update on Jonah B

Jonah competed in the English Closed in Hull over the weekend of 10 and 11 March and won the tournament, thereby retaining his English U13 title. Congratulations to Jonah, who has now won all three major tournaments this year: British Open, British Closed and English Closed.



### Boys' Rugby Results

Wednesday 14 March		W/D/L
U13	v Shoreham College	W 50-10
U12	v Shoreham College	L 5-30
U11	v Shoreham College	W 25-5
U9	v Brambletye	W 15-3

### Girls' Netball Results

Wednesday 14 March		W/D/L
U13A	v Bede's	L 2-10
U13B	v Bede's	L 3-22
U11	v Bede's	L 1-21
U9	v Bede's	W 2-9



Staff v Pupils Netball - the staff won!



Year 3 hockey team

### Cross-Country

Miles W (Year 7) recently represented Sussex in the National Inter-Counties cross-country event in Loughborough and scored points for the county.

He came a creditable 92nd out of a field of 310, a promising result as this is his first year in an age group that extends over two years.

Well done, Miles!



## Diary Dates

### Week 1 - Lunch Menu Week 1

#### Monday 16 April

Inset Day

#### Tuesday 17 April

Summer term starts  
Zoolab visit Year 1

#### Friday 20 April

'Marathon Mamas' Fundraising Activities

#### Saturday 21 April

Parade Workshop for Reception & Year 1  
pupils and parents

### Week 2 - Lunch Menu Week 2

#### Wednesday 25 April

Cricket v Shoreham College  
1<sup>st</sup> XI (@LC) / 2nd XI (h) / Colts (a)  
Boys' Cricket v Ashdown House U9A (a)  
Rounders v Dorset House U13 / U10 (h)  
Rounders v Hurstpierpoint College U12 (a)  
Girls' cricket v Cumnor House U9 /U8 (a)

#### Thursday 26 April

Year 4 Art trip to Brighton Museum  
UKMT Junior Mathematics Challenge (Yrs 7&8)  
ISGA Golf at Wellow Golf Club

#### Friday 27 April

U13 Cricket County Cup v Hurstpierpoint (a)  
PTA Quiz Night

#### Saturday 28 April

Dance by Design performance for parents  
at Lancing College

### Wednesday 18 April - Calling all Dads!

"LAPDOGS" ("Lancing Preps Dads' Occasional Golfing Society") invites all Dads to this year's annual event at Singing Hills Golf Club followed by dinner and drinks at the 'Lion and Lobster' in Brighton.

If you do not play golf, please come along in the evening for a Social Jolly. For moderately talented golfers - Give it a go!

11:00 Meet at Singing Hills GC

12:00 First tee-time

19.30 for 20.00: Meet at Lion and Lobster

There will be prizes to be won and the coveted trophy is up for grabs

Singing Hills GC: Albourne, BN6 9EB (Tel: 01273835353) just 15 minutes' drive from Brighton

Lion and Lobster: 24 Sillwood Street, Brighton, BN69EB (Just off Western Road)

Please RSVP asap to either thierry@gilgenkrantz.com or astridan@btinternet.com or by text on 07879810398 (Thierry) or 07766310029 (Dan)

## Noticeboard

### Thank you to our wonderful PTA

The PTA has been incredibly busy behind the scenes in the past few weeks, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all they do. As well as organising the Sublime Science workshops for Science Week, they helped to staff last week's Book Fair and have provided Easter eggs for every child in the school. Of course, they also create events for parents as part of their aim to support the school's broader community. Whenever you get the chance, please do support the events they put on at school. These are always published in the calendar and are never less than brilliant. I look forward to seeing many of you at next term's PTA events.

Mrs Keep

## Forthcoming Events from your PTA

### Friday 20 April - Marathonmamas Fundraising

15.30 Coffee/tea and delicious cake  
(cake donations welcome!)

Kids Marathon challenges:

- How long can you hang?
- Longest plank
- Most number keepy-uppies
- Most press-ups
- Longest hula hoop
- Balance on one leg
- Most number catches behind your back

£1 donation for each attempt.

Prizes for best in year, best in school



Please come and support us: we are running the Brighton Marathon in aid of the Brain Tumour Charity [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/marathonmamas](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/marathonmamas)

### Friday 27 April - Quiz Night

### Friday 18 May - Comedy Night

Compèred by Brighton's legendary MC, Stephen Grant.  
Tickets available from Reception

### Saturday 16 June - Summer fete midday to 3pm