



Lancing College

Preparatory School at Hove

Newsletter

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Message from Mrs Keep

Having gathered the whole school together for a photo earlier this week, we had a lovely reminder of all that is special about LPH. With the Year 8s taking their places first, the rest of the school followed their example and in surprisingly quick time, we were all in place. The photographers commented on the ease of their job and on how cooperative and relaxed the children were. I challenge the children constantly to be ambassadors for the school, and twice now this term I've heard their praises sung by relative strangers. Our Open Morning this weekend promises to be busy, and I already know that the feedback I hear will be focused on how impressive the guides are as they take our visitors around the school. I am sure that with upcoming day and residential trips, there will be more people who have cause to comment on our children's conduct and courtesy before the school year is out.

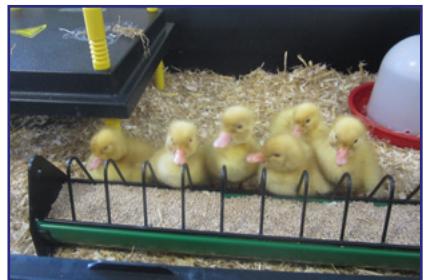
While there is much excitement about butterflies emerging from cocoons and ducklings hatching in our Pre-Prep, for our older children, exams are looming. As a reminder, I would ask all parents to heed our advice regarding the negative impact of stress on children's attainment. Please encourage your children to have a sensible workload and a balanced approach to their revision. Our school is not an exam factory and we are aiming far beyond the academic. A number of children in Year 8 have now finished their academic scholarship exams, and I hope they enjoy the feeling of freedom as they embark on some more creative, collaborative work.

There will be more inside this newsletter, but I must mention the parade last weekend. This was another wonderful reminder of the value of our school as a community. Walking along with parents, teachers and children, and seeing many of you in the crowds as we went by, it was impossible not to smile. Yet again LPH had an eye-popping creation and it is safe to say that my arachnophobia has finally been cured. My thanks to everyone in Parade Club who made it all possible.

Finally, the comedy night organised by the PTA is booked for next weekend. It promises to be great fun and I look forward to seeing many of you there. If you haven't been before, I recommend you book a babysitter and come along – it's one not to miss!

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The Return of the Ducklings



Year 1 are very excited! Read and see more on page 3.

Brighton Children's Parade

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News Round Up

Butterflies in the Nursery

For a month now the Nursery children have been learning about the life cycle of butterflies whilst observing them in class. We have watched our caterpillars grow, feed, spin their cocoons, observed their wings form inside the chrysalis and even had the chance to watch all three hatch. The children have enjoyed discovering what the butterflies like to feed on, making our own nectar and cutting up tiny pieces of fruit. We sadly had to say goodbye to Oscar, Rosie and Tiddler as we set them free to lay their own eggs. The children have found this wonderful cycle of nature fascinating!



Reception Transport Survey

The classes walked to the Church of the Good Shepherd, clutching their clipboards to carry out a transport survey.

Dyke Road was as busy as ever and the children saw most of the vehicles listed on their survey. They made super attempts at keeping an accurate tally and were able to compare the results. There were excited shouts each time a new form of transport travelled past them.

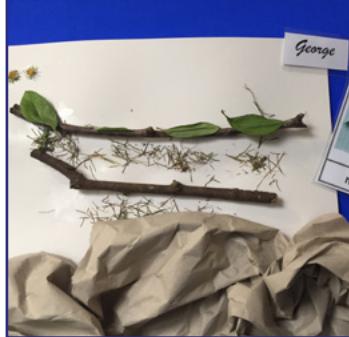
The children all participated with enjoyment and good focus.



Year 1

Once the rain stopped and the sun came out, we took the opportunity to go outside to search for minibeasts in our school grounds. As they had learnt a lot of facts about the natural habitats of minibeasts, the children explored dark, damp environments and made a tally chart of which minibeasts they had seen and where. There were lots of woodlice. The children collected natural materials which they used to create a minibeast. More of the children's work is on display outside the Year 1 classrooms.

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'Minibeast mania' has now been replaced by 'Duckling devotion' in Year 1. The children have been learning about the life cycle of the duck and Mrs Morrison was very impressed with their knowledge about the growing embryo. The children were particularly fascinated by the egg tooth and were able to say, 'the tooth helps them break out of the egg and hatch'. The children also learned that the shell 'has tiny holes that helps them breath'. The ducks hatched in one afternoon with Soggy#2 being the first born at 12.30pm, rapidly followed by Isabelle, Ducky, Noah, Justin and finally Jolly.



Year 2

As part of this term's 'Knights and Castles' theme we visited Bodiam Castle. The morning sessions were led by the Bodiam education team and we were taken on a tour of the ground floor of the castle, looking for clues to identify the different rooms. Our guide, Julie, provided lots of interesting information about life in the castle and the children asked some great questions. This was followed by a weapons and armour handling session, which was a highlight for many. We tried on various pieces of armour and were amazed at how heavy some of the helmets were! After this, we enjoyed a picnic outside in the sunshine and then it was time to explore the spiral staircases climbing to the top of the towers. We split up into smaller groups and explored every inch of the castle. It was a great experience and we were proud to take such an inquisitive and enthusiastic group of children out for the day.



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Year 3

We brought data handling to life this week as we explored how information can be gathered and presented in different ways. We asked ourselves when we might have the most number of Year 3 birthdays during the calendar year. Having decided that these could be split into the four seasons and how the 12 months of the year could be grouped together, we created a human bar chart on the school field. We love taking our Maths learning outdoors.

We also felt rather resourceful when we decided to use the lines of the running track in the same way that we use the lines of our exercise books. Bring on more outdoor learning this summer!



Year 4

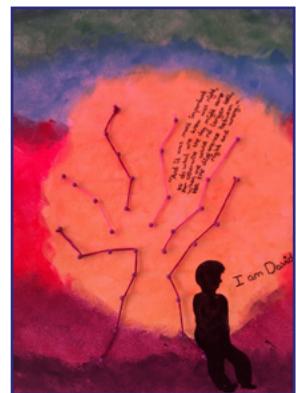
We have been busy making pesto pasta in DT after learning about different herbs that grow in our gardens.

We had great fun and are now looking at *The Edible Garden* by Alys Fowler. More cooking and healthy recipe ideas to follow...



Christ's Hospital Maths Challenge

Christ's Hospital again hosted a Year 4 Maths Challenge which was greatly enjoyed by our team comprising Huggie B, Jethro S, Toby R and Taavi C. It was good to see a team from our sister school in Worthing there too! At the time of writing, we do not know the placing of our team but the boys worked really hard and did their best with every challenge. Their efforts were rewarded by a delicious tea before returning to school.



Creative Minds at work in English

Pupils have been creating an artistic dimension to their English studies. Year 7 are reading *I Am David* by Anne Holm. For the first third of the book, David doesn't know what he looks like. People often comment on his eyes and how they make people feel. Rosalina felt like David was a shadowless figure until he found a mirror and has presented her thoughts in a striking image (left). Year 8 have read *Beowulf* by Kevin Crossley-Holland. Henry created a template outlining a battle scene. He then spray-painted the template to create the dramatic image (right).



Dance Show

The ‘Celebration of Dance’ took place in the theatre of Lancing College and included 30 dancers, girls and boys, from Years 3 to 8 and a further 20 dancers from our sister school, Lancing Prep Worthing, and Lancing College. The programme comprised solos, duos and group routines from all ages. This was the second year of this joint collaboration which is a fabulous platform for all aspiring dancers in the Lancing community. Lancing Prep pupils shone with their diverse and creative routines which delighted their appreciative audience of parents.



Sporting Round Up

Boys' Cricket Results

Wednesday 10 May

		W/D/L
1 st XI	v Dorset House	L by 5 wickets
2 nd XI	v Dorset House	W by 77 runs
Colts A	v Dorset House	W by 27 runs
Colts B	v Dorset House	W by 42 runs
U9	v Ashdown House	L by 7 runs

Girls' Cricket Results

Wednesday 10 May

		W/D/L
U10	v Handcross Park	L by 13 runs

Girls' Rounders Results

Tuesday 9 May

		W/D/L
U9	v Dorset House	W 12-6½

Wednesday 9 May

U9	v Handcross Park B	W 4-3½
U9	v Handcross Park A	L 5½-8



Ben B was recently named as Player of the Month in the South Coast Elite Basketball newsletter for 'his exceptional attitude and tremendous hard work' in the Development age group. Ben attends the early morning Basketball sessions at LPH. Congratulations, Ben!

The cricket season is well underway and the 2nd XI played well to bowl Dorset House out for 36 runs. Batting performance of the day goes to Rory S who scored 59 not out.

Special mention also should be made of Will D in Year 4 who took 3 wickets in his debut for the Colts A team.

The U10 girls' Cricket team played well in their first fixture against Handcross Park and took 5 wickets. They will need a little more work in training on their fielding skills!

The U9 Rounders team performed brilliantly in their match against Dorset House with excellent backstop/bowler partnership.

Brighton Mini Mile Races

13 children from Years 2 and 4 formed a team and took part in the Brighton Mini Mile races over the Easter break to raise money for charity.

All the children put in so much effort, really enjoyed being part of the race and were very proud of their achievements, raising over £1,100 for The Early Birth Association, (a charity that raises money for the Trevor Mann Baby Unit in Brighton where Forrest was treated when he was born suffering from birth asphyxia).



Brighton Children's Parade

What a wonderful start to this year's Brighton Festival! We had a fantastic Children's Parade with our giant spider inspired by artist Leonora Carrington. The children in Parade Club helped to decorate the giant arachnid and make it super hairy. As always, a splash of glitter was added to catch the sunlight. Prep pupils, Imy G and Ellen B, decorated mythical white masks and wore them to walk in contrast alongside the black spider.

We were very pleased to be joined this year by the Pre-Prep children who all made fabulous yellow wings and sparkly webs. They walked through the streets of Brighton with glitter shimmering on their way down to Marine Parade. The icing on the cake this year was the wall to wall sunshine throughout the procession!

The enthusiasm from children, parents and staff was fantastic as this, alongside the creativity of the event, made it hugely successful. Thank you to everybody who was involved and who came and supported us on the day.



Diary Dates

Week 5 - Lunch Menu Week 2

Monday 14 May

Year 5 school exams

Tuesday 15 May

Year 5 exams

Year 6 Science Challenge at Lancing College

Wednesday 16 May

Year 5 Ferny Crofts residential trip departs

Cricket v Brambletye

1st XI @ Lancing College / U9 A & B (h)

2nd XI / Colts A & B (a)

Rounders v Cottesmore

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

Friday 18 May

AEGON U13 Boys' Tennis v Bishop Luffa (a)

Year 5 Ferny Crofts residential trip returns

PTA Comedy Night

Week 6 - Lunch Menu Week 3

Monday 21 May

Years 6 & 7 school exams week

AEGON U13 Boys' Tennis v Brighton College (a)

Tuesday 22 May

Normans Workshop for Year 5

Dorset House Athletics U8 & U9 boys & girls

Wednesday 23 May

Cricket v Handcross Park

1st XI @ LC / 2nd XI / Colts B (h)

2nd XI / Colts A / U9A / U8A (a)

Girls' Cricket v LOGS U13 (h)

Girls' Cricket v Cumnor House U10 / U9 / U8 (a)

Friday 25 May

Reception Transport Trip

Open House

Half term starts

Forthcoming Events

Friday 18 May - PTA Comedy Night

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

Saturday 16 June - Summer Fair

Friday 6 July - Prize Day

This year we are holding our prize day celebrations in Lancing College Chapel.

Formal invitations will be sent out after the half term break.

Noticeboard



Parents of children in Years 4 to 7 will have received their invitations to the Open Morning for Lancing Preps at the College on 9 June.

Thank you to those who have already responded; a gentle reminder to those yet to make a decision to attend.

Mrs Keep

This summer's camp takes place 30 July - 1 August



Coding, game-making and robotics camp

A three day summer camp for 9-14 year olds

Begin coding by making games and art

Learn about game design, from Minecraft to Fortnite

Make 3D printable models, create interactive stories

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