



Lancing Prep Hove

A Lancing College Preparatory School

Newsletter

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Message from Mrs Keep

That our newsletter is always filled with so many activities speaks volumes, and another fortnight has passed with an enormous amount of learning having happened away from books. While most of the children (and teachers!) enjoyed wearing their pyjamas and slippers yesterday, the Year 5 children were at Kew and the Year 6 children at the theatre at Lancing College. Determined not to miss out, they did a fantastic job of lobbying their teachers and I was delighted to see them all in their pyjamas on Friday.

Earlier in the week, the Prep School children gathered in eager anticipation for the annual House Pancake Race. A relatively new tradition, this year's event involved chefs' hats and aprons, hurdles and the inevitable pancake toss. A close-fought race was won by Lavies – confirmed after a brief steward's enquiry into the teachers' support of their Houses!

There is more in this newsletter about Make a Difference Day, and all that the children chose to do to improve the world they live in in some way. Believing that we can all make an impact in the wider world is important; knowing that we can do so is empowering. Alongside MAD Day, we have also held our charity elections. As well doing the important job of choosing next year's school charities, this also gave all the children in school a chance to take part in a democratic process. Visiting our polling booth, each child cast a vote and had their say. Understanding the power they each have helps to equip them to be interested and engaged citizens. Education should of course be about so much more than examined subjects, and the lessons they learn by taking part in events that benefit others are lifelong skills.

If reports are to be believed, in the future it is likely our children will change careers many times. It has been a privilege to welcome so many parents into school to talk about their careers, and there is no doubt that it has got the children talking about what their futures may hold. Whilst none of us can see into the future, we can all be certain that they are all laying the best foundations for what comes next.

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The Pre-Prep had great fun in their Pancake Race. Fortunately they didn't have to eat them as our wonderful kitchen staff made pancakes for pudding!



So inspired was Zak by the Sea Shepherd talk on MAD Day that he asked his parents to take him to the beach that very weekend for a productive afternoon of litter picking. It's wonderful to see our pupils respond so positively to issues with such initiative.



News Round Up

Nursery

This half term we have welcomed two new children, Hugo and Ryan, both whom have quickly settled into life in the Nursery. We welcomed unicorns, dinosaurs and princesses in to the nursery, practising our phonics as we celebrated World Book Day. Dressed in our pyjamas and onesies as our favourite book characters, we played 'name the fairytale' and shared our favourite story books with our friends. It was an amazing day, everyone all looked fantastic and we all lived happily ever after!



Reception

It's World Book Day! We came to school in our pyjamas to share our favourite bedtime stories with our friends. Our topic this half term is based on the story of *The Gruffalo*. Therefore, we immersed ourselves in everything 'Gruffalo'. There was a carousel of activities: making Gruffalo masks, talk about writing *The Gruffalo* story and then playing the parts of all the different characters. At the end of the day we got all snuggly under some blankets, we turned off the lights and we pulled down the blinds to watch the animated version of the story on the big screen. It was just like being all cosy in bed... well, we were in our pyjamas after all!



News Round Up



Year 1

We have been enjoying the sunshine as much as possible this week, and what better way to end the day than by reading to our friends in the sun...

Using our senses work from last term, we have been exploring different fruit from the story *Handa's Surprise*. The children worked together to think of adjectives to describe the fruit – some were liked more than others, but it was brilliant to see all of the children trying new things. Year 1 were delighted to come to school in their pyjamas for our theme of bedtime reading for World Book Day.



Year 2

We are learning about Materials in Science this term. The children had the challenge of designing and then making their own 'Material Monster' out of as many different materials they could find at home. We also talked about the importance of 'recycling' and 're-using' and the children clearly understood the importance of this as the results were amazing! Each child presented their monster to the class with great enthusiasm and eloquence. They told us their monster's name and all the materials that they had included. There was then time for questions of which there were always plenty – in fact it took us a whole week to get through all the monsters as the interest was so high. The monsters are now displayed around the school so do go on a hunt to find them!



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Make A Difference (MAD) Day

The whole school community took part in activities and learning aimed to develop further the understanding of Education for Social Responsibility (ESR). ESR is about ethical living and sustainable futures, developing a social understanding and a social conscience. In recent PSHE lessons and assemblies, children have engaged in purposeful, lively debate towards identifying what they 'truly value'. Most agree that happy, fulfilling lives, stable and caring communities and protecting the planet for future generations all fall into this category.

As a result, our MAD Day themes, including fair trade, animal conservation and the recycling of plastic, featured in classroom activities. Reception baked chocolate and banana muffins for their parents, using fair trade ingredients, whilst Year 7 designed packaging to promote fair trade products.

Years 5 and 6 were captivated by a talk delivered by the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society considering the impact of plastic pollution on marine conservation. As a result, plans are now in place for these children to perform a beach clean in Rottingdean later this year.

The Year 4 classrooms buzzed with excitement and innovation as the children created items for their 'Trashion Show'. They met the challenge of creating items of clothing out of recyclable materials with huge energy and enthusiasm.

Local community members were invited to a 'Gratitude Tea Party' by Year 1 who wanted to appreciate and support those people who help them in their everyday lives. From football coaches to kitchen staff from our school, they enjoyed singing performances and receiving letters of thanks for all that they do for our children. Year 2 visited a local care home, delivering their own handmade cakes and singing songs for the elderly residents.

Year 8 were a huge support to Year 3 who worked tirelessly to design and paint our latest art installation inspired by the Martlets Hospice Snailway. Keep an eye out in the coming weeks for our penguin trail, created to raise awareness of endangered animals and the consequences of global warming.

The conversations will continue beyond MAD Day as our school community continues to effect change in our local community and beyond. We are the first generation to realise this awesome responsibility as we enter the latest geological age, known as the Anthropocene – if you wish to learn more, just ask one of our Prep school children!



News Round Up

Charity Election Day

Democracy was put into action on Make A Difference Day for our second annual Charity Election. Every pupil and member of staff was given the opportunity to cast their vote in the school polling station for one national charity and one locally-based charity that the school will support for the next year. A shortlist of 10 charities had been drawn up based on suggestions from the whole school community, adults and children alike.

The results were that for next year our national charity will be Diabetes UK. The Martlets Hospice will continue to be the focal point of our local fundraising activities, having been voted in for the second year in a row.

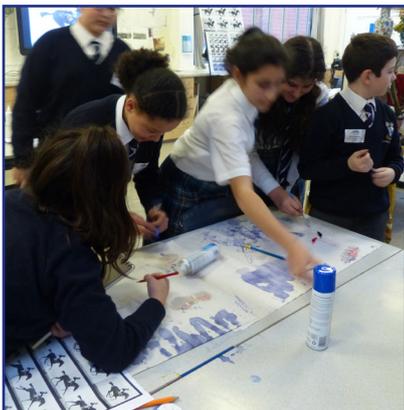
Special mention must go to those children who went above and beyond in their efforts to promote causes and campaigns that clearly mean a great deal to them. Their efforts were rewarded by these two very worthwhile charities being chosen.



IAPS Art Exhibition 2019

Last Friday a select few of our very talented artists took part in the first IAPS combined Art exhibition which showcases art from all the Sussex IAPS prep schools. The work is being exhibited in the Birley Centre at Eastbourne College and is open for viewing until 31 March.

Eight pupils were selected to take part in an afternoon of workshops run by the Art department at Eastbourne College where they had the opportunity to work in either clay or animation. Parents were then invited to join them for a private viewing of the exhibition. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the event.



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French Speaking Competition at Lancing College

Alex and Fred D-L, Bethany K and Isabelle K took part in this annual event. In the weeks leading up to the competition, they took on the challenge to memorise a French poem and write their own monologue on the topic of their favourite TV, film and book. In front of a judge and an audience, they confidently and clearly recited their poems and delivered their presentations with feeling and impressive French accents. It was a strong field and although we didn't come away with any prizes, they all thoroughly enjoyed the experience and said they would like to have another go next year – that's showing true LPH spirit! Putting themselves forward for this event showed great dedication and 'bottle' and Mrs Buckley is very proud of them for their effort and positive attitude.



Careers Week - What contribution do you want to make to the world?

This year we spent some time talking to the children about the changing world of work. We have welcomed a number of parents into school this week, who have offered their time to talk about their careers, experiences and help to inspire our children in their studies and to encourage them thinking about how exciting their futures just might be.

Careers in law, journalism, artificial intelligence, neonatal intensive care, sports agency management and media production have been included, all while challenging attitudes towards gender stereotypes and the role of technology in the 21st century.



We are hugely grateful to those that have worked with us this week. We were overwhelmed by offers of interest and feel very fortunate to have the support, expertise and knowledge amongst our parent body.

Year 4 Maths Challenge

Four pupils in two teams went to Christ's Hospital to take part in the annual Maths Challenge. Our teams came 4th and 11th out of 71 teams. It was a lovely afternoon and the children did fantastically well. Congratulations to Jack W, Raphael C, Ben A and Francis R.

Cottesmore Chess Congress

Our Chess team took part in this prestigious tournament where they were placed 4th in a highly competitive field, including county, England and England trialist players. Many were Year 7/8s so we did very well. James and Kit both get a special mention for scoring 4 points, which places them in the top 5 against potentially international players.



Sport

Girls' Sport

On 27 February our U11 and U13 girls had a good day at the Lancing College Netball Tournament. The U13s chalked up their first win of the season and although they did not win overall, the U11s gained victories over St Christopher's and Sompting Abbots in the early rounds. Our other teams in plucky performances against St Christopher's in a block fixture but sadly the results did not go our way. The U10s bounced back to take a win over Windlesham House a couple of days later!

Our netballers were in action again the following week: against Shoreham College the U13s were victorious, the U12s and U11s fought valiantly but lost their matches and the U10s played Handcross Park and were rewarded with a comfortable win 12-4.

Our U9 girls took part in a football triangular fixture, winning 2-1 over Great Walstead but losing to Handcross Park 0-3.



Well done, Ryan!

Ryan won 2 silver medals in the Taekwondo Open Tournament held on 3 March. There were 131 participants from Taekwondo clubs around Brighton and London, out of which 49 were from Ryan's club.

Well done, Max!

Max S in Year 6 runs for Belgrave Harriers and in the final race of the Southern League season, he helped the club to take 3rd place in League One for the season with his run in the U13 category. Max was placed 28 out of 80+ and was the highest placed of the U11 runners. Post-season, he took part in the National X-Country Championships in Leeds. He ran in the U13s and achieved a very good time. It's a big achievement to go to the Nationals at his age and he did really well.

Boys' Rugby Results

Wednesday 27 February

		W/D/L
U12/U13	v St Christopher's	W 35-10
U11	v St Christopher's	W 15-10
U10A	v St Christopher's	L 10-20
U10B	v St Christopher's	L 20-45
U9A	v St Christopher's	D 7-7
U9B	v St Christopher's	L 8-14
U8A Tag	v St Christopher's	W 7-5
U8B Tag	v St Christopher's	L 3-5

Wednesday 6 March

U13	v Brighton College B	W 14-13
U12	v Brighton College B	L 5-7
U11	v Brighton College	W 8-3
U10A	v Brighton College	L 3-5
U10B	v Brighton College	L 4-8
U9A	v Brighton College	W 5-1
U9B	v Brighton College	L 1-2
U8 Tag	v Brighton College	D 7-7
U8 Tag	v Brighton College	D 7-7



Well done, Bethany!

Bethany has amassed a huge haul of swimming medals recently and is now U12 Sussex County Champion for 100m and 200m Butterfly. She finished 2nd overall of her age group of competitors. At the championships, she qualified for all 17 events and brought home 2 gold, 3 silver, 3 bronze and 3 finals rosettes (for top 8 placings) with qualifying times in 3 events in the SE regionals in May.

Diary Dates

Week 9 - Lunch Menu Week 3

Monday 11 March - British Science Week Book Fair

Year 1 visit to Drusillas

18.05 Year 6 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 12 March

U11 Inter-School Cross Country Race at Lancing College

Year 3 visit to Brighton

18.05 Year 6 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 13 March

08.30 Sports Team Photographs

14.00 Windlesham House U8 Tag Rugby Tournament (a)

14.15 Rugby v Shoreham College U13 (A)

14.15 Rugby v Shoreham College U11/U12 (H)

14.30 Rugby v Brighton College U9/U10 (A)

14.30 Netball v Hurst U13/U12/U9

@ Lancing College

14.30 Netball v Hurst U8 (H)

15.30 Pre-Prep Parents appointments

Thursday 14 March - Pi Day

14.15 Rugby v Shoreham College U9/U8 (A)

15.30 Pre-Prep Parents appointments

18.00 Maths for Parents Years 3 - 5

Friday 15 March - Red Nose Day

Week 10 - Lunch Menu Week 1

Monday 18 March ABRSM exams

18.00 Year 3 Strings' Evening

Tuesday 19 March World Languages Day

18.00 Brass & Woodwind Evening

18.05 Year 3 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 20 March

13.30 Girls' Football v Windlesham Ho U11 (A)

14.00 Boys' Hockey v Seaford College U13 / U12 at Lancing College

14.30 Rugby v Sompting Abbots U13/U11 (H)

14.30 Netball v Windlesham U10/U9 (A)

14.30 Netball v Ashdown House U13/U12 (A)

18.10 Year 3 Parents' Evening

Thursday 21 March

Year 8 trip to Theatre Royal

09.00 Nursery Trip to Lancing College Farm

14.00 Boys' Hockey v Dorset House U9 (H)

14.00 Rugby v Oakwood House U9 (A)

14.15 Netball v Bede's U9/U8 (A)

18.00 Guitar Evening

Friday 22 March

Year 2 Explorers Day

Year 7 History & English Workshop

ISGA Golf Fixture

19.00 - 20.30 School Evening Camp

Saturday 23 March

17.00 Year 8 Music Scholars' Evening

Noticeboard

Keeping our children safe

As parents will know, keeping pupils safe is paramount to us at LPH and we have been working on a number of ways to ensure that we do as much as we can to achieve this. We installed the buzzer system on the front door to improve security in and out of the building when a member of staff is not present at the doorway to supervise comings and goings. We do not send children out of school unaccompanied and whilst I appreciate it may seem discourteous not to hold the front door open for others at busy pick-up times, we must impress on all our staff, parents and visitors that they must not do so for any child who isn't accompanied by an adult. We have also reinforced the message to the children in an assembly that they must stay with their parents as they leave school at the end of the day. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Mrs Keep

Red Nose Day - 15 March

We will be raising funds for Comic Relief next Friday. In exchange for a minimum donation of £1, pupils may wear their own clothes and sport red noses, should they wish.

Swerve Sports Courses

Swerve are running various football courses over the Easter holidays - to find out more visit their website swervesoccercamps.com



Easter Coding Camp

April 15th -17th

Learn and develop Coding skills with Expert instructors and Stimulating activities

Also Game-making, Pixel-art, Nintendo Labo, 3D Design and Music Tech.

For more details and to book, please visit brightonandhovevetutor.co.uk/code

Monday
April
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DANCE WORLD CUP

**2019 WORLD FINALS
BRAGA, PORTUGAL
28 JUNE - 06 JULY**



Lancing College Prep

- Own clothes day - £1 donation - dance wear!
- Lunch time - Zak's 5 a day - £2 to compete in 5 strength and dance challenges - prizes for the winners!
- 3.20 - Delicious Cakes & Coffee - Laurent Hall
- 3.20 - Zak's 5 a day challenges continue...!
- 5.00 - see me perform my World Cup Solos!
- Raffle with many amazing prizes including tickets for the Seagulls & dinner at the Urchin



**Zak's
Dance World Cup
fundraising Day!**

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/roxschoolofdance

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"Fantastic
Show"

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Lancing Prep Hove Playing Field

For one day only:
3pm – 5pm
All tickets £10 each
Ticket price includes
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PTA Science Garden Project

SATURDAY
30 MARCH

Hurry!
Tickets are limited
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