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Please see notice about end of term arrangements

Message from Mrs Keep

The magic of Christmas certainly arrived in its tinsel-covered majesty at LPH. On Tuesday 1 December, we opened the first door of our Year 6 poetry advent calendar, and the children arrived to a school that had been decorated overnight. It has been an important thing all term to look for ways to keep school fun, and December arrived in the nick of time this year. Grey winter skies, muddy fields and cold weather might have dampened our spirits, but a school adorned in twinkling lights and baubles offers plentiful opportunities to be joyful.

This year, of course, we aren't able to offer our usual Christmas Services in the Prep school or Nativities in the Pre-Prep, but the children performed in front of cameras. The end result will be different, of course, but having snuck into many of the recordings I am excited to see the final edits when they arrive in my inbox. From the impeccable harmonies of the Years 7 & 8 choir to the joyful singing of Pre-School, there will be something for everyone.

As we headed into the final week of term, the festivities really got underway. Please look back over the letter that was sent home on 27 November outlining all that would be happening as there are activities on different days depending on our 'bubbles'. Please do also note the end of term arrangements, including the slightly earlier staggered end of day (these also appear on the notices page of this newsletter).

Finally, I would like to finish on a word of thanks. So many of you have written in to thank the teachers and wider staff for their efforts in making an unusual term a success. It is impossible to put into words the difference those small notes make, but the lift is always palpable.

I would also like to thank you for support of 'Love in a Box'. We collected over 170 boxes of gifts which the local YMCA will give out to the young homeless. This, more than anything, feels like the best Christmas message we can share. To be a community who care for those less fortunate than ourselves is truly magical, and I thank you all for your reinforcement of this message with your children.



Year 6 Poem Advent Calendar



Choir Rehearsals



Blundells' winning Tree Decorations



Love in a Box donations

News from the Pre-Prep

Pre-School

Over the last two weeks, the children have been focusing on our 'To The Rescue' topic. Last week, they learnt about Firefighters and how they help us. This week, our key text has been Supertato and the children have been trying to stop the Evil Pea with our super counting!

The children have also thoroughly enjoyed getting into the Christmas Spirit!



Reception

Reception have put up the tree and decorated their classrooms. As they are all getting into the festive spirit, they were keen to show off their Christmas jumpers to one another. Therefore, we had a Christmas Catwalk to show off their unique collection. It was a lot of fun!



We are planning a small Christmas Party in Reception before we break up for the Christmas holidays. The children were quite indecisive about what snacks to have, so we thought a pictogram would be a great way to gather information and help us to see which would be the most popular snacks to buy. The children made sure they kept count of who they asked and careful not to ask the same person more than once. The Hula Hoops were definitely a clear winner for the crisp selection.

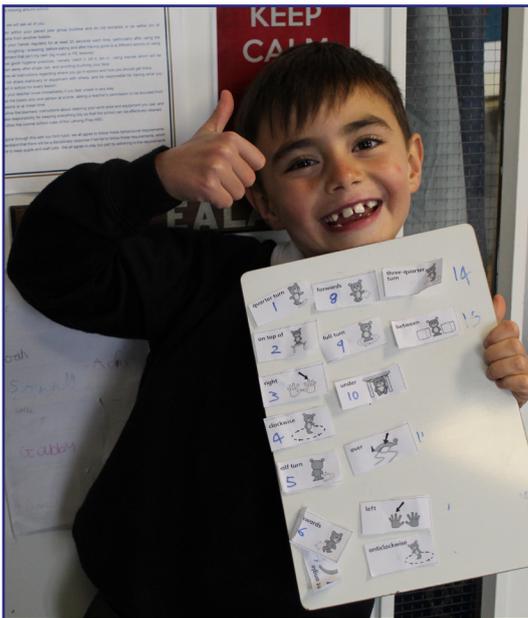
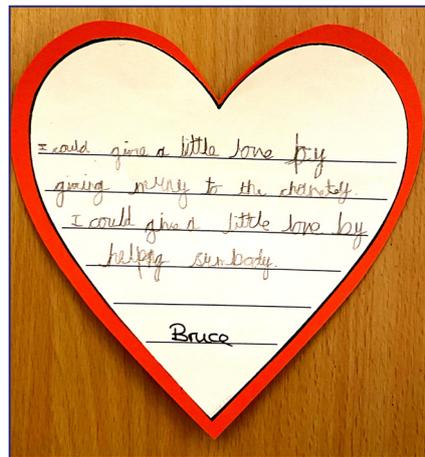
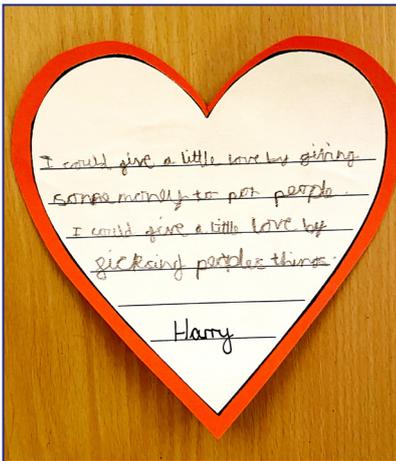


News from the Pre-Prep

Year 1

Year 1 have been thinking how they could 'Give a little love' this Christmas. We used the John Lewis advert as our media stimulus and thought about what we could give to help others.

In Forest School, the children have been creating pictures out of leaves. They had free rein over their artwork and created faces, houses, bunting and much more!



Year 2

The children have been enjoying the dry weather and continue to take as much of their learning outside as possible. During a Maths lesson relating to positional language, the children planned their obstacles for a partner and then went outside to listen to the instructions!

The children have had fun at Forest School too... burning bridges! Year 2 completed their learning journey relating to London by burning 3D models that they had made of Tower Bridge this week. They have loved learning about The Fire of London and the plague.

Burning their models in the wind allowed them first-hand experience of just how quickly materials can burn when stacked tightly together. It was also a great lesson in how the wind was able to change the direction of the fire and smoke. Very exciting!



News from the Pre-Prep

Pride Awards

The children of the Pre-Prep Mufasa Pride were given a lovely treat when they discovered they had won this term's Pride Award for all their fabulous learning and behaviour. They set off to our Forest School, dressed head-to-toe in warm clothes to meet 'The Outdoor Project', who entertained them for the morning with wonderful activities. They searched for colourful natural objects, found nuts that were hidden for squirrels, made fairies with clay and natural resources and then played a super game of hide-and-seek. They all camouflaged themselves very well! The children absolutely loved it, a lovely morning well spent outside.

The remaining Prides – Aslan and Elsa – also earned lots of Pride Points this term, so enjoyed watching a film in their classrooms. Everyone's a winner in the Pre-Prep!



News from the Prep

Year 3

The highlight of the term for Year 3 came in the form of Victorian Day at the end of November. The children started by feeling excited and apprehensive; they finished the day feeling relieved that they could go back to normal and at the very least be able to ask a question! The costumes were wonderful and enabled us all to feel as if we were really in 1856.

The children wrote on slates using chalk and those who are left-handed were only allowed to use their right hands which proved a challenge! The boys then undertook technical drawing whilst the girls did sewing and....had a jolly good chat about the suffragettes and all agreed we were very grateful to them as it 'was not fair that we had to sew' or were treated differently to the boys.

There was a large amount of learning by 'reciting' which all agreed was rather dull. At the end of the day, having already had a 'modern day' PE lesson earlier, the children undertook 'drill' which proved hard work on the core and arms!

Much delight was shown when, on returning to the classroom, they found individual Victorian sponge cakes on their desks to enjoy. Huge credit should go to the children who entered into the day with the right spirit and great enthusiasm.



News from the Prep School

Year 4

The children are reading 'The Boy at the Back of the Classroom' by Onjali Q Rauf and their creative writing task was based on the part of the story where the refugee is thinking about his home and how he used to eat pomegranates. They enjoyed 'dissecting' pomegranates in the classroom to inspire them!



Years 3 & 4

The children had a fabulous time watching the pantomime in their bubble in the School hall. Oh yes, they did!



News from the Prep School

Year 6

The children have enjoyed spending as much time outdoors as possible, whether in their circle games at school or being put through their paces in beach volleyball at Yellowwave in Brighton.



School Council

The newly elected School Council met for its very first meeting on Teams in late November.

The representatives had to split into three bubbles and meet via video conferencing, a feat of organisation that all came together wonderfully!

The new council members are:

Daniel P (3S) Frida N (3C)
Phoebe A (4A) Dixie M (4W)
Willow F W (5S) Hugo C (5G)
Raphael C (6K) Issy C-B (6C)
Oliver M (7P) Tom M (7B)
Henry G (8P) and Max A (8C)

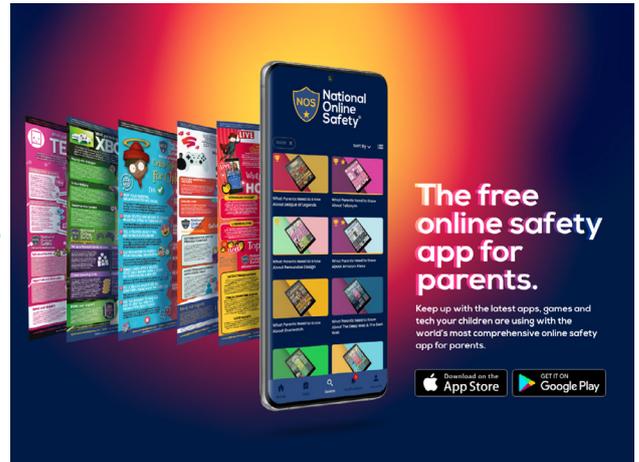


Each councillor raised a number of suggestions, put to them by their fellow classmates, which led to a fabulous long list of things the school can do to improve the pupils' overall school experience. From the idealistic (a school petting zoo!) to the very sensible (new pond dipping equipment) there is now a good base from which to work for the year. There were also a number of great suggestions for how to raise money for our new school charities and decisions about these will be made in the next School Council meeting in January. Suggestions so far include: a bookathon, a charity football match and, Mrs Gardener's favourite thus far, throwing pies at teachers in the stocks. The pupils will be queuing around the block for that one! Thanks to the school council for their time and effort so far.

News from the Prep School

Is your child safe online this Christmas?

With Christmas approaching and while families' time together will be restricted during the festive period, our children will be turning to digital technology to communicate and seek entertainment more than ever. With the potential for gifts to include digital devices and the need to be connected to the internet, our messages of online citizenship and digital footprint will be brought into sharp focus. The Children's Commissioner for England has reported this week that by the age of 12, 90% of children use an online messaging app – despite a 13+ age requirement.



Children using social media apps, under parental supervision, to share their excitement with friends and family will still need to remain aware of personal information remaining private, and that their social media use is responsible, healthy and most of all enjoyable.

To support these children and their parents, National Online Safety have launched their free app which has already been of huge support to teachers in school. With all online safety knowledge available at your fingertips, the NOS app empowers parents and teachers to understand and address online safeguarding risks – any time, anywhere.

The world's most comprehensive online safety app comprises insightful courses, explainer videos, webinars and guides on topics that will help you protect your children when they are online. For more information and details of how you can download the app, please see the last page of this Newsletter.

Mr Clifton Designated Safeguarding Lead and Head of PSHE

Year 6 Christmas Poems

We have been posting a daily 'Advent Calendar' on social media of our Year 6 Christmas poems (with a few hiccups with Twitter which have happily now been resolved). We will continue with these up to Christmas and they will be on our website too from next week. We hope you enjoy them!



SPRING TERM 2021 DATES

Term starts Tuesday 5 January 2021
Half Term: from Friday 12 February 2021
usual collection times, restarting on
Monday 22 February 2021
Term ends Wednesday 24 March 2021

Nativity Photos in The Argus

The Argus is running a feature on Wednesday 16 December of photographs of nativity and Christmas shows from Early Years classes in local schools. We have submitted some, so do look out for it if you read the Argus!

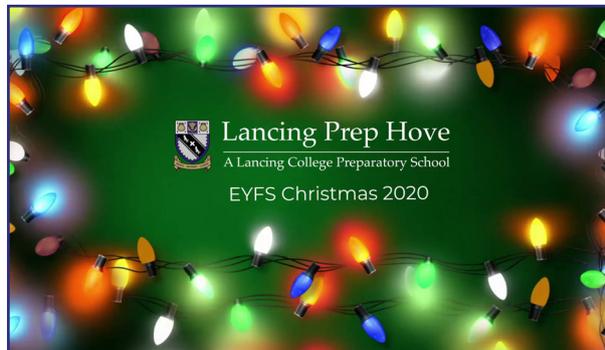


Staff news

We are sad to say goodbye at the end of this term to Mrs McLaughlin who has supervised our Pre-Prep play club since 2004, the year before Mowden School became Lancing Prep. Many children over the years have enjoyed the care and kindness of Sally and we wish her all the very best in her new role as a Nursery Manager. Play Club will continue in the Pre-Prep, supervised by our own staff.

Noticeboard

We are sorry that we have not been able to welcome parents to our Christmas celebrations and hope you will enjoy viewing our various Christmas concerts and shows. The online links will be sent to you via SchoolPost.



IMPORTANT NOTICE - END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS - FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER

Please note the staggered collection times for the final day of term:

Pre-School & Reception	2.45pm	Front of school
Year 1	2.55pm	Hove Park Road gates
Year 2	2.55pm	Front of school
Year 3	3.05pm	Hove Park Road gates
Year 4	3.05pm	Front of school
Year 5	3.15pm	Hove Park Road gates
Year 6	3.15pm	Front of school
Year 7	3.30pm	Hove Park Road gates
Year 8	3.30pm	Front of school

There will be **no** clubs, prep or after school care on the final day of term, Friday 11 December. Younger siblings should be collected at the same time and place as their eldest sibling.



10 Ways You Can Get the Most out of OUR NEW APP



Lockdown has sent children's screen time soaring again. And making sure that young people stay safe online can be tough when there are new apps, games and sites every day. To help, we've launched an app of our own. Packed with hundreds of insightful guides, it'll keep you informed about the latest online crazes – and hazards. There's also a free online safety parents' course, compiled by experts and presented by online safety ambassador Myleene Klass. The National Online Safety app is available to download now from Google Play and the App Store. And here's our list of the top 10 ways you can get the most out of it.

1.

CONNECT THROUGH YOUR PHONE

Access online safety advice from any smartphone, granting you vital knowledge at the touch of a screen.

2.

GET ONLINE SAFETY ADVICE INSTANTLY

Our award-winning resources are available 24/7, giving you essential information whenever – and wherever – you need it.

3.

STAY UP TO DATE, ALL THE TIME

Notifications are sent straight to your device as soon as new content's available. So you'll always be up to date with the latest tips and guidance to ensure your children are safe online.

4.

FIND WHAT YOU NEED STRAIGHT AWAY

Concerns about CoD? Issues around Insta? Our user-friendly, 'Netflix-style' interface and powerful search function let you find the content you need – as soon as you need it.

5.

PERSONALISE YOUR CONTENT

Highlight and store the resources that are most relevant to you, so you can find them easily as soon as you need them. Stop trawling and start learning.

6.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Our innovative weekly vote feature tackles your specific concerns by letting you help to decide which subjects we cover in the future.

7.

PUT EXPERTISE IN YOUR HANDS

Our resources are developed by respected authorities in education, technology and online safety. The digital world won't stop evolving – but our app gives you expert help.

8.

KICK OFF THE CONVERSATION

Our app's content will give you loads of ideas and pointers on how to help your children to start thinking about online safety – and understanding the potential risks out there.

9.

FIND OUT ABOUT ONLINE RISKS

We've got hundreds of free guides addressing a range of topics and online risks. Know your TikTok from your Triller and your FIFA from your Fortnite.

10.

GO TO THE TOP OF THE KLASS

Watch our insightful FREE parents' courses on online safety. They span kids' age groups from 4 to 18, and they're presented by online safety ambassador Myleene Klass.

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