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Message from Mrs Keep

The final report this term will come from Zach C who, along with Sienna J, helped me by being Head for a Day – a job which each of them did with considerable energy and capability. I felt quite bereft when they reverted to being pupils the next day.

Before I hand over to Zach, though, I would like to reflect on the term that has now passed. The dark days of January seem an age ago and we are now surrounded by daffodils in full bloom with a sunny end of term. I wrote these words on the last day of term and while the prep school children were doing good deeds to earn their eggs, the Pre-Prep were getting ready for a full Easter Egg hunt.

As ever, for every child there is much to be proud of. Each of them has worked hard and played hard throughout the term, and they head into the holidays somewhat shattered but secure in the knowledge that they have achieved a great deal. The summer term is just around the corner and will bring its usual joy, but for now I wish every family a wonderful break filled with all manner of treats.

Message from Mr Zach C and Ms Sienna J, Heads of LPH 15 March 2022

As Head, the day started with greeting pupils and parents at the front door. Many, in fact all students walking past, had a large smile and great attitude with the sun shining down on them.

We also had the pleasure of greeting parents at the Year 4 coffee morning, something Mrs Keep explained was all about helping parents to feel part of the school again after a long time when they haven't been able to come in. It was great fun to talk to parents and welcome them to an insider's view of the classes the children take part in, along with the Year 4 form teachers.

During lessons, I walked around the school making notes on what I saw and interviewing some children on their experience of life at LPH. This was a brilliant chance to hear what the children had to say and to hear their views on learning and school life. I visited nearly every classroom and happily heard that they seem to enjoy each lesson.

Later, I had a chance to watch the Years 3-5 Performing Arts concert, and to act as photographer too. This was a great opportunity to hear how brilliant our musicians are! I enjoyed all the musical acts and hopefully also improved my photography skills. I hope the parents enjoyed the brilliant acts on show, and I would really encourage more pupils to take up learning an instrument. It looked and sounded brilliant!

Being Head for a Day was a real privilege, but I was very glad to return to being a member of Year 8 the next day.



Pre-Prep News

Pre-School

The children in Pre-School have been very busy over the last couple of weeks as we have been preparing for Mother's Day and Easter. The children have created various cards and artwork to share with their families to celebrate these special occasions.



Pre-Prep News

Reception

To end our 'Blooming Marvellous' topic this term, the Reception children had a visit from Zoolab. They brought along with them some minibeasts. We were expecting the kind of bugs that you might find in your garden, but these were much larger and exotic looking! The children encountered a large African snail, a tarantula, a hissing cockroach, a corn snake, and giant millipede. Plus, they learned that these minibeasts have exoskeletons! There were also a pair of very large rats, who were very cute, putting aside the usual stigma that rats have, but to also demonstrate how mammals and minibeasts with exoskeletons can differ. There was no fear to be had when holding or stroking these rather large creepy crawlies, in fact it was extremely exciting, and the children are hoping to have Zoolab back in again!



Pre-Prep News

Year 1

The children had a wonderful visit to Drusillas Park to enhance their African topic this term. They learnt about African culture in a workshop and had a fabulous time seeing the animals in the park. The sun shone and everyone returned to school, tired but happy!



Pre-Prep News

Year 2

The children simply had a fabulous time on their end of term Easter Egg hunt! With sunshine, daffodils and lots of Easter egg shapes to find, it was a super way to end what seems like a very long spring term!



Pre-Prep News

Mother's Day Tea Party

It was lovely to be able once again to invite our 'mummies' in for tea and cake to mark Mother's Day. The Pre-Prep children all worked hard on practising their song which they performed with great enthusiasm!



Prep News

Year 3

The children set off for Drusillas on a Friday, bathed in the spring sunshine! They had two talks about the rainforest and were lucky enough to have the opportunity to touch a snake, cockroach, millipede, lizard and a rather adorable armadillo called Gretel! The children certainly proved how much they had learnt this term impressing both the LPH staff and the staff at Drusillas. We had a good look round the zoo with the gibbons' noises and the macaque baby playing being highlights. The playground and the rides were also put to great use. It was a hugely enjoyable and memorable day and good to be out and about again!



Prep News

Year 4

The children have been working hard on their Maths this term and thoroughly enjoyed taking their learning outdoors with a Maths scavenger hunt and Maths Olympics event. Following on from the visit of Invictus athlete Luke Delahunty earlier in the term, they had fun being put through their paces when he returned to take fitness circuit training sessions in school. He is a truly inspiring example of what the human spirit can achieve.



Prep News

Poetry Evening

This was a wonderful evening of poetry, with each form's winning performer reciting to an audience of appreciative parents plus a guest poet, who gave each of them a personalised critique and praised them all for their enthusiasm, delivery and confidence.



Prep News

Year 7

As parents will be aware, the children spent one night just before the end of term sleeping on the floor of the Laurent Hall in order to raise money for [United Help Ukraine](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lphsleepout). That evening, they took part in a live video call with the charity in America, who explained how their funds would be spent. Mr Clifton and the Outdoor Projects team set up a fantastic fire pit for the children to enjoy, and we were joined by staff and parents for hot chocolate, marshmallows and games.

The night passed, as expected, with very little sleep between us, but the sun soon rose and Year 7 spent the last day of term feeling sleepy, yet with a real sense of achievement for all that they had done. We are phenomenally proud of everyone who got involved. From the children and staff who barely slept to the teachers who came in to make breakfast the next day, we all worked so well together, and it would not have happened without the support of our parents.

Our original fundraising target was £500, and this was absolutely smashed within just a few hours! Our total now stands at £2,953, and we would LOVE to get this above £3,000 before the end of the holidays. To all those who have made donations so far, our grateful thanks, and if you haven't sponsored already and would like to show your support, the link to the justgiving page is below.

Although we cannot possibly imagine what life is like for Ukrainians right now, we are so glad to have been able to show our solidarity and to support them in their time of need.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lphsleepout>



Prep News

Debating Club



This term, the children in Debating Club have researched, prepared and presented on the motion that:

“Covid vaccine recipes should be shared”

The children did a fantastic job of presenting strong arguments and rebutting the opposing team to gain marks and claim victory.

The House, made up of Leo A, Mason K and Charlotte H eventually claimed a narrow win over the Opposition, who were: Ciara H, Oliver M and Naomi B. Well done to all those who took part. What would your argument be in this debate?

‘Pi’ Day

On 14 March, we celebrated Pi Day! We looked at why Pi was such a special number and used Pi as the theme for lots of our lessons. The pupils were each assigned a number of Pi and we managed to line up 265 digits of Pi in order, a quite impressive achievement! Youngs won the house contest with who could recite the most digits of Pi with an equally impressive tally of over 100. We even got to have some extra ‘pi’ at lunch! It was a very fun day of Mathematics all round.



Sports News

Brighton U11 Small Schools League

Congratulations (again!) to both our Boys' and Girls' U11 football teams, who have now received their winners' medals.



Spring Term Inter-House Competition Winners

Congratulations to Youngs who were the winners with a narrow 7 point lead over second-placed Stewarts (final standings below).

Youngs	2,457 points
Stewarts	2,450 points
Blundells	2,423 points
Lavies	2,405 points

Pupils enjoyed a trip to Worthing Dome cinema on the last day of term as their reward.



Boys' Hockey

Well done to the U12 hockey team who completed an unbeaten season with an 8-0 victory over Cophorne on Wednesday 16 March

The team were a little damp but very happy!



Year 8 v Staff football



Notice Board

Future Term Dates

Summer Term 2022

Term starts Wednesday 20 April 2022
 Bank Holiday Monday 2 May 2022
 Half term from Friday 27 May 2022 usual collection times,
 re-starting Monday 6 June 2022
 Term ends Friday 8 July 2022

Autumn Term 2022

Term starts Monday 5 September 2022
 Half term from Friday 14 October 2022 usual collection times,
 re-starting on Monday 31 October 2022
 Term ends Friday 9 December 2022

Spring Term 2023

Term starts Wednesday 4 January 2023
 Half term from Friday 10 February 2023 usual collection times,
 re-starting Monday 20 February 2023
 Term ends Friday 24 March 2023

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Cygnets' focus is on traditional drawing, painting, and sculpture, combined with unique projects, experienced teachers, and professional quality materials. Classes are always kept small with a high student-teacher ratio. There are two workshops running each day. Students can attend individual classes, or bring a packed lunch and stay for both!

VENUE: The Nest Family Club, 48 Cromwell Rd, Hove BN3 3ER

COST: £30/Class | £55/Day | £100/Week

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Now Booking for Easter
 Holidays 2022:

'Springtime'
 Ages 5-12

This Easter, Cygnets are running a series of fantastic workshops under the theme 'Springtime'. Each project will cover a new exciting subject or medium. Further details overleaf.

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Week 1

Wednesday 6th April

10:30am-12pm:
 Charcoal Horses
 12:30-2pm:
 Monet's Waterlilies with Wax Resist

Thursday 7th April

10:30am-12pm:
 Soft Pastel Pigs
 12:30-2pm:
 Garlic Still Life with Fineliner & Ink

Week 2

Wednesday 13th April

10:30am-12pm:
 Adders with Pencil & Fineliner
 12:30-2pm:
 Tulip Still Life with Inks

Thursday 14th April

10:30am-12pm:
 Trout with Soft Pastels & Gold Ink
 12:30-2pm:
 Acrylic Goldfinch

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What you need to know about...

GAMES CONSOLES



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What are they?

? 'Games Consoles' ?

Much like a television allows you to watch movies or a radio allows you to listen to music, a games console allows you to play video games. The most modern ones are names you might be familiar with – Sony PlayStation, Microsoft Xbox, and Nintendo Switch – and almost all of them can now connect to the internet and be enjoyed online with friends



Know the Risks

- Online Content**

While modern consoles don't strictly need to be connected to the internet, many of them also double up as an internet browser or provide the ability to stream TV shows and movies, so it's important that the appropriate filters and parental controls are in place to restrict children viewing any unsuitable content.
- Addictive nature**

Games consoles require video games, and both can ultimately contribute towards an addictive habit. Playing too much and too often can force children to become reliant on the good feelings released when playing games, making them more likely to want to play them more frequently, and for longer periods of time.
- Hacking risk**

It's almost impossible to avoid signing up to different services when using modern consoles. Keeping track of all these accounts can be confusing and in a worst-case scenario, fraudsters could gain access to personal information, addresses and bank details by hacking online profiles.
- Online Chat**

Once connected to the internet, players can talk to each other either over headsets or using text chat functions on the consoles. Without the proper protections in place, children could speak to anybody of any age and find themselves building relationships with strangers they know nothing about.

Safety Tips

- Check contacts**

Online predators and hackers often use sly tactics to build relationships with children get them to illicit personal details through gaming platforms or gaming communities. Be on the lookout for suspect communications such as intrusive personal messages or people you suspect might not be who they say they are.
- Look for behaviour changes**

Becoming withdrawn, irritable and anxious when not playing on a games console are trademark symptoms of gaming addiction. If children turn angry when asked to stop playing, that could also be a sign that an intervention is needed.
- Keep details private**

Games consoles will almost exclusively ask you to enter your details securely on the console itself, or through a trusted website tied to the console maker. If somebody claiming to be working for Sony, Microsoft or Nintendo asks you to share your passwords or account details, do not give it to them.
- Use parental controls**

Most gaming consoles will have parental controls which can be used to set up things like family management accounts. From here, parents can often set age limits on games and content, spending restrictions, limit play time and set up passwords and authentications to help keep children safe.

Further Support

- Block and report**

If someone has made your child feel uncomfortable, make note of suspect players' usernames. Often, you'll be able to ban or block these players in a game's settings. If you have proof of their intentions, don't hesitate to contact your local police force or authority with as much information and evidence as you can gather.
- Seek Support**

If you're concerned about your child playing too much on their console and think they may have developed a gaming addiction, try and offer them support. The World Health Organisation has classified gaming disorder as a mental health condition and there may be external providers locally who can offer you more targeted help.
- Keep IDs safe**

Be sure to talk to your child about the importance of keeping their identity safe. If they ever receive messages claiming to be from companies but something doesn't feel right, tell them not to respond and inform you. Things like odd spelling and grammar, strange email addresses, or asking for personal information are tell-tale signs.

Our Expert

Mark Foster

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGbible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.