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Message from Mrs Keep

Dear Parents

This time last week, I joined the rest of the school in heading outside to enjoy the staff v Year 8 football match. The battle lines were drawn not only on the pitch but also among the supporters, with plenty of children deciding it was the more mature legs of their teachers that needed their support, but a healthy majority who very much decided it was the Year 8s who they would cheer on. By long-standing tradition, staff v pupil matches are always played competitively and not an inch is given by either team. Victory went to the teachers by way of score, but the match report in prep school assembly this morning drew everyone's attention to the fact that the teachers fielded an all-male side, where the pupils entered a co-ed side – and it is worth noting that the Year 8s could easily have played on while the staff appeared to come off the pitch spent! Still, the score hardly matters (though the staff team might mutter at that), because the match was in small part about football but in large part about community. As the children of all ages chanted and cheered for whichever team they supported, there was a palpable joy in the air at the whole school coming together.

Tomorrow, we gather as a community again for our Open Morning. Happily, there has been a lot of interest with tickets for the event fully allocated some time ago, so I hope all those children who have volunteered to come in will sense how worthwhile it is. There will be plenty of guests keen to hear the children's viewpoint of life at LPH and I sincerely hope the children will enjoy the activities they'll be participating in. My thanks to those parents who are enabling their children to come into school.

Continuing the theme of community, I met earlier in the week with the outgoing PTA committee to talk about the school fete and future events. It is without doubt a real highlight of the school calendar and we know that events for all the family matter to us all. The PTA will be writing to parents to explain the roles of the committee and of the class reps, who are so invaluable in their support, and I would encourage anyone who is willing to give a little time and a lot of enthusiasm to consider taking on a role on the PTA. If you would like to know more about the PTA, members of the committee would be pleased to hear from you.

I hope everyone enjoys a lovely weekend starting with tomorrow's open morning, followed by plenty of relaxation and fun in the somewhat overdue sun

Pre-Prep News

Pre-School

The children have been talking 'castles'. They had more of an in-depth look at the structures of a castle, pointing out features, such as turrets, towers, the size of the windows and the drawbridge. They drew their castles using 2D shapes and have just finished painting them. They are using their phonic knowledge to label the structures.

There has also been a focus on royal events this week. The children were given a crown to decorate with gems (pom poms and tissue paper). However, there was a catch! On the back of their crown was a number, this was the amount of gems they could use to decorate their crown. Everyone looked rather regal!



Pre-Prep News

Reception

The children have been measuring everything dinosaur, using non-standard measurement. They are confident in the knowledge that they can 'use anything' to measure length or height. However, 'you need to use the same item' in order to make a fair comparison.

We have had our first visit to the ICT room and used all of our senses in our independent writing about the dinosaur swamp.



Pre-Prep News

Year 1

The children have continued to explore their current Pirates topic and have been allowing their imaginations free reign with their creativity!

Did you know... pirates LOVE underpants! The children have designed their own pirate-themed pants. Which ones would you choose to wear? You may want to use them for something else. A bag? A hat? A fishing net? A catapult?!



Pre-Prep News

Year 2

The children have been super gardeners this term.

Alongside our class investigation as to where best grow a bean, the children have planted and observed their own seeds growing at home.

They have also spent some time in our school garden planting lettuce, rocket and cress to try next week!



Prep News

Cressida Cowell inspires Years 3 to 6

The children in Years 3 to 6 (and their teachers!) were thrilled to meet award-winning author and former Children's Laureate, Cressida Cowell, who came to visit LPH. Best known perhaps for her 'How to Train Your Dragon' book which was turned into a successful children's animated film by Dreamworks, with a live adaptation currently in the pipeline, as well as video games on various platforms.

The children had the opportunity to purchase books from local bookseller The Book Nook in Hove which Cressida signed for them. She spoke about her latest series of books, which explore the modern world where magic still exists but is kept secret, and where magic can open doors between this world and other worlds.

Cressida gave an inspiring talk, drawn from her childhood summers on a deserted Scottish island where she developed her love of nature and of Viking folklore and stories. She spoke with great passion about encouraging children to use and develop their imagination, along with the importance of research, which doesn't have to be boring! She challenged them to think about writing stories from the starting point of 'What if...' and to use their imagination to believe in the impossible.

The visit ended with a Q&A session the children grilled her with a variety of questions about aspects of the HTTYD series, as well as some thoughtful questions about her life and work.



Prep News

Year 4

The children are designing their own chairs this term. They were visited by James Lucas of Joyride Designs who explained some of the basic principles of chair design and they also had a fun visit out to the Brighton Museum looking at the chair exhibits.

They found inspiration for their own designs by looking at chairs from different time periods which were designed for a variety of different purposes!



Prep News

Lancing College Science Challenge

A group of children went to the College to take part in a Year 6 inter-school science competition. Our students were mixed with students from other prep schools to take part in Biology, Chemistry and Physics challenges before watching a show with a range of birds of prey.



Hot off the Press! UKMT Success

In April, Years 7 and 8 pupils participated in the UKMT, an international Maths competition which encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems.

A huge well done goes to Honor, Flo, Jovi, Coco and Otis of Year 8 who all achieved a bronze certificate, and to Hugo C and Jude, in Year 7, and George F and Francis in Year 8 for their silver certificates.

Next, an even bigger well done goes to Ben of Year 7, and Thomas, Jack W and Ben of Year 8 for their gold certificates. Ben, Thomas and Ben have all qualified for the bonus round, putting them in to top 5% of all competitors!

Finally, an additional well done to Ben for achieving the best score in school for the second year running!

Year 7 Geographers out and about

The children have just returned from an enjoyable morning conducting fieldwork for their passport assessment in Geography. We explored our local area on foot and conducted fieldwork to assess different human geography aspects of Hove. The pupils conducted land use mapping, environmental quality surveys, sustainability evaluations, traffic counts and decibel readings for different sites around Hove. We narrowly missed the worst of the rain and returned to school to start the process of interpreting our results and observations.



Prep News

A Feast Fit for a King!

Our Coronation celebrations took the form of a picnic feast fit for a King and was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. The Easter holiday challenge to design a 'King of Puddings' resulted in some wonderful ideas and the winning entries from Pre-Prep and Prep (with a helper) came along to help prepare their delicious muffins and trifle desserts on the day!



DiDiscoverABILITY Sussex Cricket Day

A group of our Year 8 children took part in the DiDiscoverABILITY Sussex Cricket Day at the County ground in Hove.

DIScoverABILITY Day is Sussex Cricket's annual disability cricket showcase. This event gives hundreds of people involved with Sussex Cricket's Disability Cricket programme the opportunity to play on the pitch at the 1st Central County Ground. Our pupils worked with a group of disabled children who had the opportunity to enjoy a series of batting, throwing, catching and bowling challenges on the outfield of the pitch.



Sports News

Staff v Year 8 Football Match

This annual event is always keenly awaited, with the school lined up to cheer on Year 8 - the plucky underdogs against a team of seasoned staff players. What the children lacked in height, they made up for with grit and determination and it was pleasing to see how stalwartly they defended against their teachers who showed no mercy.

The staff ran out comfortable winners 3-1 although the younger legs of their opponents might have had the edge, had the match been longer than 15 minutes each way.



Co-ed Cricket Results

Wednesday 10 May

| | | W/D/L |
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| 1 st XI | v Copthorne | Cancelled |
| 2 nd XI | v Cottesmore | L |
| Colts A | v Great Walstead | L |
| Colts A | v Cottesmore | L |
| Colts B | v Great Walstead | L |
| Colts B | v Cottesmore | L |
| Colts C | v Cottesmore | L |
| Colts D | v Cottesmore | L |

Thursday 11 May

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| U9A | v LPW | W |
| U9B | v LPW | W |
| U9C | v LPW | W |
| U9 | v Handcross Park | L |
| U9/U8 | v Handross Park | L |
| U8A | v LPW | W |
| U8 | v Handcross Park | L |

Notice Board



WHITSUN HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

"Childcare during the holidays they want to go to"

LANCING COLLEGE PREP (HOVE)

TUES 30TH MAY
FIRELIGHTING, S'MORES
& SHELTER BUILDING

WEDS 31ST MAY
MANDALORIAN NERF, PLAY DOUGH PLANETS
& STORMTROOPERS

THURS 1ST JUNE
CIRCUS SKILLS, GIANT BUBBLE WANDS
& PAINT MURAL

FRI 2ND JUNE
VIKING POTTERY, KUBB
& SHIELD WALLS



- ✓ 100% OUTDOORS
- ✓ MAKING FRIENDS
- ✓ PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
- ✓ BUILDING CONFIDENCE
- ✓ ENERGETIC & ENGAGED STAFF
- ✓ OFSTED REGISTERED
- ✓ FLEXIBLE BOOKING
- ✓ CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

for more info on dates, locations, how the clubs run & to book: theoutdoorsproject.co.uk



Kirsty Keep warmly invites you to the

Lancing Prep Hove Prize-Giving Ceremony

on

Thursday 6 July

in

Lancing College Chapel

followed by

Fizz and Strawberries on the Chapel Lawns

09.30 Refreshments in the Megarry Room
09.45 Chapel Doors open
10.00 Prize-Giving Ceremony begins

Parking will be available on site



Following our hugely popular 'Online Safety and Digital Trust' sessions last year, you are invited to...

Online Safety, Freedom and Trust – PSHE for Parents

- What challenges and opportunities are we facing in school?
- How are the actions and behaviours of children in school affected by their online media consumption?
- How has our Parent Digital Charter supported our children? What needs to change?
- Has everything, within your control, been considered to enable trust and happiness within your family's online life?

It is our duty to ensure that the same freedoms, protections and privileges that young people are entitled to offline, also apply online. Be a part of this vital conversation.

Tuesday 23 May, 8.30am
Laurent Hall