



Lancing Prep Hove

A Lancing College Preparatory School

Newsletter

Spring Term | 28 March 2024

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Message from Mrs Keep

School has been a busy and purposeful place, with workshops, trips and activities to enrich the curriculum. There's been a real focus on the Able, Gifted & Talented programme. Weekly AGT challenge clubs have provided activities that have included, amongst other things, a talk by Dr Kerney, Head of History at Lancing College, on life at the College during WWI which gave fascinating insights into how the school community contributed to the war effort. You can read more in this newsletter about the initiatives providing opportunities in all areas of school life, not just academia, for pupils to flourish, and to nurture emerging talents.

British Science Week was packed with experiments and investigations, with a whole school focus on plastic pollution in Geography. Our Year 8 pupils have been giving presentations of the Geographical enquiries that they have been working on this term, with subjects ranging from Alaska to fast fashion and the Galapagos Islands to the geography of dance!

We celebrated World Book Day, this year with the theme 'Read Your Way', with the usual dressing up which included a plethora of Oompa Loompas. A very successful book swap morning meant the children couldn't wait to get stuck into the 'new' books they had chosen.

For our Year 8 scholars, it's been a term where their hard work prepared them for examinations. There have been notable scholarship successes with eight awards to Lancing College, one to Hurst, one to Bede's and one to Seaford College. We await the outcome from those schools who have not yet completed the scholarship process.

Sports fixtures inevitably suffered somewhat as a result of the unrelenting wet weather but we were delighted to host Copthorne School for the Spring Term Mowden Cup match where our U13 mixed netball team won through.

Our younger pupils in Pre-Prep charmed their mummies and grannies as they performed songs they had been practising so hard at their Mothers' Day afternoon celebrations, followed by sharing handmade cards, gifts and a cuddle over tea and cake. It was a delightful experience and enjoyed by all.

Our Easter ski trip is now well underway and then there is the remainder of the Easter break to look forward to. I wish everyone a well-earned rest and hope all will return, with their energy levels recharged as we move into the summer term. I hope April will herald in lighter days and kinder weather as we move towards the final term of the school year.



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Pre-Prep News

Pre-School

The children have had a wonderful Spring term with lots of special activities and events to enjoy, from Mother's Day tea to World Book Day and lots of Easter crafts! This term the children have also begun their swimming lessons and we have been so impressed with their energy, enthusiasm and willingness to have a go!



Pre-Prep News

Reception

In Maths, the children have been looking at 3D shapes and the 2D shapes they are made from. They have had lots of fun creating 3D structures with large magnetic shapes and small representations using cocktail sticks and plasticine. They also used the 3D shapes to build castles with turrets and rockets with boosters.



Pre-Prep News

Year 1

The children have continued to learn the story of *Handa's Surprise* through learning to talk the story. We use the 'Talk for Writing' method. This approach enables children to read and write independently for a variety of audiences and purposes. They enjoyed choosing their own actions to help them 'talk' the story.



The children had a fabulous day out at Drusillas Park. They saw lots of exciting animals, including being introduced to some exotic beasts in a session with Drusillas' staff. They learnt about other cultures and threw themselves into all the interactive displays around the park. They enjoyed their picnic lunch and the opportunity for some time in the playground before returning to school!



Pre-Prep News

Year 2

The children have been very 'hands on' and enjoyed being instructed in the art of Origami, making hats from newspaper! They also enjoyed making kimchi, which was packaged up to be given as gifts at the Mother's Day afternoon tea. We hope the mummies enjoyed it!



World Book Day



Prep News

Year 3

The children had a fantastic trip to Drusilla's and they learnt more about many endangered animals from the rainforest as well as searching for their favourite animals around the park. They were wonderful ambassadors for LPH with exemplary behaviour throughout the day, respecting other visitors there too.



Prep News

Year 4

Two exciting science experiments took place in one week for the children to celebrate British Science Week.

According to the children the experiment to find out which teeth they were using was the 'best lesson EVER!' They tried a host of different food items from celery to Fruitella and from carrots to popcorn, and thought carefully about which of our teeth we had to use.

Later on in the week the children were set the challenge of creating a pendulum that had to stop swinging at exactly 30 seconds. Whilst no one achieved it, they came close and the resilience, determination and scientific conversation were a joy to see.



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Year 5

The children attended an online university lecture!

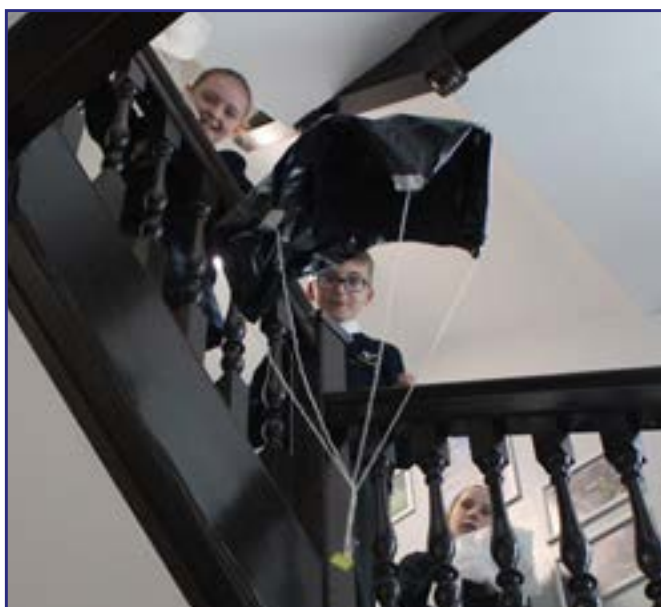
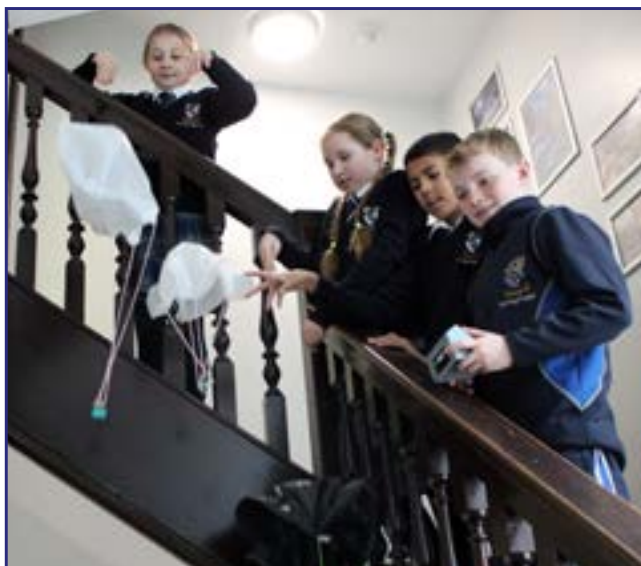
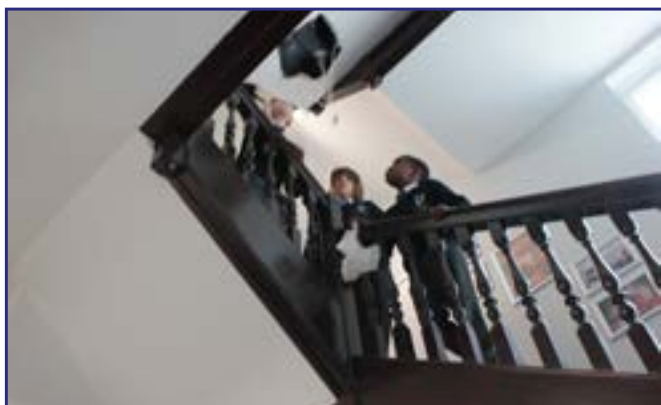
They heard from Dr Oliver Andrews, from the University of York, a climate scientist and oceanographer. He described to them some of the methods used for researching the climate and how the world is mapped using blocks, just like in Minecraft!

They asked some fantastic questions and he was really impressed by their level of interest and understanding.



The front hall became an unusual laboratory for an afternoon when the Year 5 scientists took over. They have been studying 'forces' recently and the force in question on this occasion was 'air resistance'.

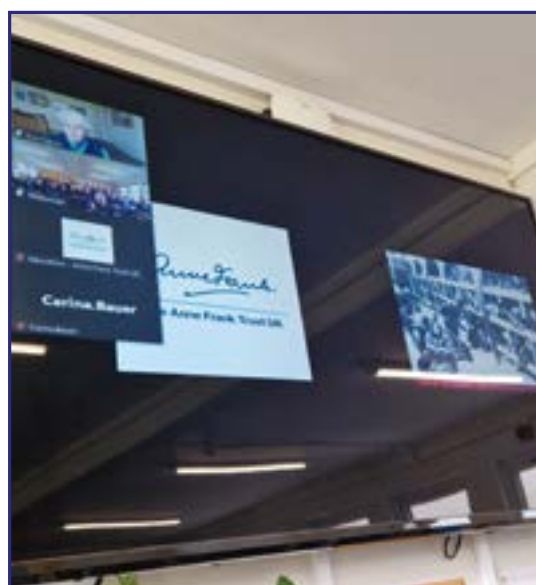
Each group made three different parachutes and tested them by launching them from the stairs and timing how long it took for them to 'touch down'. Some serious science was done and much fun had as well!



Prep News

Year 8

The pupils listened to an online talk by Eva Clarke who was born in Mauthausen concentration camp in 1945. She delivered an astonishing presentation of her family's story and described their experiences in an unimaginable situation. Pupils had the opportunity to ask questions and gained a unique, first-hand insight into history.



The children performed brilliantly in their evening concert. An impressive range of abilities was on display, from interpretative dance to the harp. They're such a talented group and this demonstrated their individuality as well as their ability to come together to put on a great show as a cohort!



Prep News

Able, Gifted & Talented

It has been an exceptional term so far for our Able, Gifted and Talented students. Our weekly AGT challenge clubs have included a computing challenge, a gardening challenge, a lecture from the head of history at Lancing College, a science experiment, a music challenge, a sports challenge, a french challenge, two geography challenges, a vocab challenge, and a maths challenge!

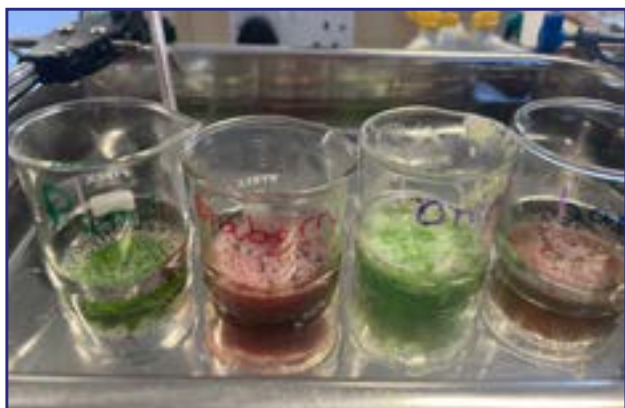
A second new initiative encourages pupils from the whole school to be more independent with their learning, and to explore our curriculum enrichment document. It suggests various ways for pupils to be creative with their learning and aims to motivate and inspire pupils to delve deeper into their favourite subjects. Pupils will be rewarded with house points and postcards for anything they complete from this document, so please encourage them to explore it!

There were some brilliant entries for the new Science and Art competition. In a fantastic cross-curricular initiative, pupils in Years 1 to 7 created a piece of art that inspires a science conversation. The best of these is being sent off to be judged externally and the winners will be published on the Explorify website to be used by 100,000 teachers worldwide in their lessons, as well as win £50 in book vouchers!

Here is Luca's (Year 7) entry which is being sent off to be judged. What science does it inspire you to talk about?

Year 6 AGT Club

There was a new Year 6 AGT after-school club this term in which pupils took part in a variety of different challenges, such as chess, coding, extracting DNA from strawberries, learning how to play ukulele, Mensa questions, and a climate change debate! This club has been great fun and similar initiatives will be offered in the future.



DNA being extracted from fruit



DNA under a microscope

English

Pupils in Years 7 & 8 took part in Miss Bowdler's 500-word horror story competition. All the submissions were fantastic. The pupils with the most creative and scary stories won a trip to Chichester theatre to see 2.22: A Ghost Story, to inspire them further with their future creative writing. Well done to: Jude, Bea, Willow, Thomas, Mason, Maeve, Raphi, Luca, Betsy, Seb, Henry, Bella, Grace and Maiya. It was a fantastic trip and we have all been sworn to secrecy about the ending!

Prep News

The opening of Raphi's bloodcurdling ghost story can be read [here](#).

Horror in Heimlich Hospital

Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaah! Was the blood curdling screech of every poor unconscious child visiting Miss Behave. Miss Behave was a demon-like woman with black beady eyes that would shatter the strongest of men. Miss Behave had a pet piranha which was one of the deadliest animals you would ever see in your time on earth which will be ending shortly. If you dare enter the horror that lurks behind Miss Behave's doors, be warned for your life would be on the line. I had to visit Miss Behave once it was the worst moment of my life.

Art



Entries for the House Art competition this term have been impressive.

The theme was set by the Independent Schools Art Competition and was 'Faster, Stronger, Higher, Together', which is also the motto for the forthcoming Olympic games.

All entries gained five house points, and the best three have been selected to be entered for the IAPS National Art competition.

Geography



Both Geography AGT clubs have been fun and challenging for pupils! Keen geographers from Years 6 and 8 discussed the different factors to be taken into account when considering stadium location, including accessibility and transport, relief of land, impact on local communities and the natural world. They then tried to identify sites in Brighton for the proposed new stadium women's football stadium. Children from Years 3 to 5 enjoyed their session on coastal erosion. They created models from Play-Doh and to see the influence of the sea on the land.



Prep News

Debating

Six pupils in Year 7 and 8 attended the first debating workshop and competition at Windlesham House. They learnt about debating skills in quick-fire rounds and participated in two debates against other schools ('Animals should not be used for human gain' and 'Fast food should be banned'), receiving positive feedback from their peers and teachers. The final of the house debating competition was contested by Youngs and Blundells. Congratulations to Youngs who won, arguing that 'gaming is bad for you.' Well done to Leon (Year 8), George (Year 4), Noah (Year 5) and Henry (Year 7). Well done, too, to runners up Blundells, who put up an excellent fight!

Speech and Language

Two of our pupils Ellie (Year 4) and Martha (Year 3) competed in the Springboard Speech and Language Festival in March. Martha won 1st place in Verse Speaking and Prepared Prose Reading, 2nd place in Acted Solo Scene and Ellie won 1st place in Verse Speaking, Prepared Prose Reading and Acted Solo Scene. Congratulations to both girls! Ellie also qualified for, and took part in the subsequent Junior Championship.

Sport

Our U13 team went to the Bardolph Cup 7s Rugby tournament hosted by Windlesham House. They came 2nd in the bowl competition, which was a great achievement for the team. Boys' Hockey has been a real success with the U13 team achieving 3rd place in the Lancing College tournament and with the U11 team runners up competing against seven other schools. Our pupils did extremely well in the Dorset House Cross Country meet, with the U11 Girls' team coming 2nd and the U11 Boys' team coming 3rd out of eight teams.

Five girls took part in the Sussex Super Swimming League and got through to the A final and our U11s took part in an ISFA tournament.



Luca in Year 7 walked a half marathon, and his sister Isla in Year 6 walked the 10km race in London this term as part of the Ultra Action Challenge series, so a huge congratulations to them both.

Four of our pupils also ran the mini mile this term - well done to Shiloh, Kenzo, Emma and Velvet!



Mrs Gardener is always open to suggestions for our AGT pupils and feedback is welcome, so please feel free to get in touch with her via email on egardener@lancing.org.uk

Music & Drama News

ABRSM and Trinity Music Examinations

Instrument	Grade	Pupil	Year Group	Result
Cornet	2	Bobby V	Year 7	Merit
Flute	Prep Test	Shiloh D	Year 5	Pass
Guitar	1	Theia W	Year 6	Pass
Guitar	3	Mason K	Year 8	Pass
Piano	Prep Test	Nicole P	Year 3	Pass
Piano	Initial	Caspar B	Year 4	Pass
Piano	Initial	Elise C-T	Year 3	Pass
Piano	Initial	Elizeh B	Year 4	Pass
Piano	Initial	Emile F	Year 4	Merit
Piano	Initial	Oliver C	Year 5	Pass
Piano	Initial	Peggie S	Year 4	Merit
Piano	1	Cassian R	Year 5	Merit
Piano	1	Jessica O	Year 5	Pass
Piano	1	Noah A	Year 3	Pass
Piano	2	Zerya O	Year 6	Pass
Piano	4	Ben B	Year 8	Pass
Singing	1	Elise C-T	Year 3	Merit
Singing	1	Martha B	Year 3	Distinction
Singing	1	Mya S	Year 4	Pass
Singing	1	Xanthe M M	Year 2	Merit
Singing	4	Raphi B	Year 7	Merit
Trumpet	2	Charlie H	Year 7	Merit
Trumpet	2	Stanley R	Year 6	Distinction
Trumpet	5	Hugo M	Year 8	Merit
Violin	Prep Test	Mia B	Year 5	Pass
Violin	Prep Test	Mya S	Year 4	Pass
Violin	1	Theia W	Year 6	Pass

NEA Drama Examinations

Category & Grade	Pupil	Year Group	Result
Speech & Drama - Grade 3	Sophia Lin	Year 8	Distinction
Acting Duologue - Grade 1	Lily H	Year 4	Merit
	Eva L	Year 4	Merit
	Freya H-H	Year 4	Distinction
Group Acting - Grade 1	Lara P	Year 4	Distinction
	Layla G	Year 4	Distinction
	Millie A	Year 4	Distinction
	Rose B	Year 4	Distinction
	Emma S	Year 4	Distinction
	Mia S	Year 4	Distinction
	Tilly R	Year 4	Distinction

Notice Board

**Summer Term Calendars were sent home at the end of term
Please check the online calendar for the latest information, particularly venues for Sports fixtures**

Parking at Drop-off and Pick-up

Just a reminder that parents must not park on the zig-zag lines outside the school entrance in The Droveaway.

There have also been some communications earlier in the school year about LPH parents parking in the tennis club's driveway/parking.

We understand of course that the roads get very congested at the peak times of the day. Please take time to park safely where you can. No child will be in trouble for being late if it takes a little longer to get into school in the morning as a result of having to park a little further down the road.

Thank you for your support with this.

Mrs Keep

Term Dates

Summer Term 2024

Inset Day Monday 15 April
Term starts Tuesday 16 April
Bank Holiday Monday 6 May
Half term from Friday 24 May usual collection times, re-starting Monday 3 June
Pre-Prep Term ends Wednesday 3 July 12noon
Prep School Term ends with Prize Giving Wednesday 3 July 13.00

Autumn Term 2024

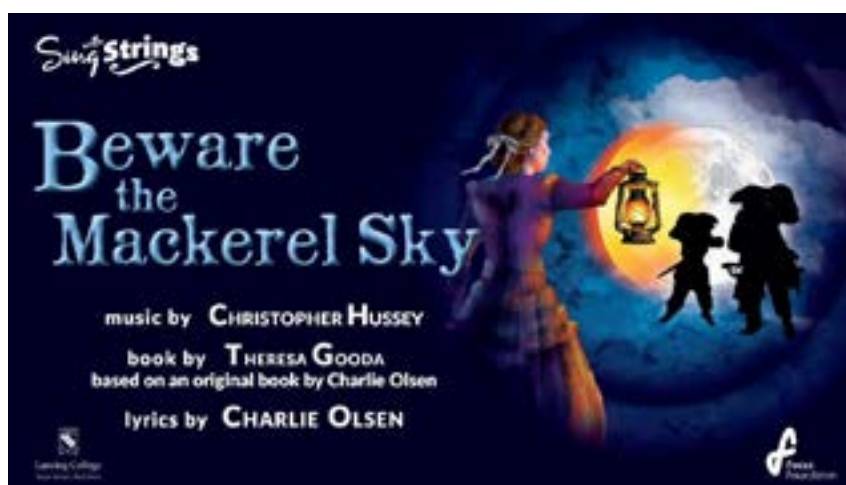
Term starts Wednesday 4 September
Half term from Friday 18 October, usual collection times, re-starting Monday 4 November
Term ends Friday 13 December 12.00noon

Spring Term 2025

Term starts Tuesday 7 January
Half term from Friday 14 February, usual collection times, re-starting Monday 24 February
Term ends Friday 28 March

Summer Term 2025

Term starts Wednesday 23 April
Bank Holiday Monday 5 May
Half term from Friday 23 May usual collection times, re-starting Monday 2 June
Term ends Thursday 3 July
12noon for Pre-Prep & after Prize Giving for Prep



This April, 180 local Sussex school children from primary, prep, including Lancing Prep Hove, and secondary schools unite with musicians from the Yehudi Menuhin School, Bernardi Music Group String Academy and Lancing College Choir alongside professional Opera soloists for a musical spectacular presented by Sing with Strings and performed at Lancing Chapel. Performances are on 27 & 28 April. See booking link for details.

Tickets available from www.bernardimusicgroup.com/events/ on a first come, first served basis. Adults (aged 19+) @ £12.50, Children (aged 5 – 19) @ £5, Children under 5 are free.

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Level 1 – Riders must be able to ride independently with confidence and without stabilisers.

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