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LADY HAWKINS' SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
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Welcome to this edition of our newsletter. We've been as busy as ever since the Christmas break and I'm glad to say that our students and staff continue to impress me with their commitment to making the most of their time in school and with extra-curricular opportunities. A big 'well done' to students is deserved for their successes this half term with Sport and Maths Challenges and for fund raising for Macmillan Cancer Research and helping out with the recent Team Challenge Day for Year 6s.

I am also very appreciative of the support of parents. The well attended Parents' Evenings and Certificate Evening is good evidence of this, as is the supportive reaction of parents when I contact them to discuss any concerns I have over behaviour or progress of students.

This is an important term for all students and particularly those who are preparing for GCSE and Level 3 examinations. These students will benefit from making sure homework is completed thoroughly, attending revision sessions organised in school and beginning their independent revision by reading through notes and making revision cards. The mock examinations went well and students will have a better idea of how much work they need to do from now to avoid any disappointments on Results Day in July.

Have a good half-term break.

Mr J Kay
Headteacher

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

On Wednesday 20th January, Lady Hawkins' Sixth Form Students Imogen Fox, Megan Brown, Petra Prozlik and Shannon Griffiths, hosted events in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. School staff and members of the public were invited to attend a coffee morning, and at lunchtime there were cakes on sale for the school students to purchase. A special thanks to Kington Co-op and the manager Joe Morris for providing the tea, coffee, sugar and milk. Thank you to Border Bean, parents and staff for their generous donations of cake and goodies. The total raised for Macmillan is £322.24.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Congratulations to the Year 11s who have finished their awards, we are just waiting to hear confirmation from regional office, but I'm confident that we have another strong set of awards with well above national achievement. The Year 10s have done their first training day walk. This year we have introduced "Trekking" as a GCSE PE option, so the GCSE PE students joined us for the walk, it was really wet and muddy, the group gelled well and we had a good time.



VALENTINES DISCO

Year 7, 8 & 9 students had a Valentines Disco on Thursday 12th February in the school hall. Students followed 'Just Dance' videos on the big screen in the hall and as well as having a fun time they also raised over £70 towards the Year 7 summer residential.

YEAR 6 TEAM CHALLENGE DAY

29th January saw a Chinese New Year themed Challenge Day for the Year 6's here at LHS. Pupils from 6 local primaries attended and took part in many activities, ranging from the 'Chopstick Challenge' to building their own Chinese Dragons and creating a short play with them.



GERMAN EXCHANGE

15 of our students are preparing to host their exchange partners from Langenfeld, Germany. They will be visiting 7th - 16th March and will come into school to experience the school day in an English school and go on many trips around the local area. Our students will be visiting them in Germany 15th - 24th June.

HOCKEY SUCCESSES

On Friday 5th February we took part in the U12 County Hockey Tournament. We saw off St Marys 5-0 and Lucton 3-0 to eventually come runners up behind Cathedral School.



Following on from this success we took part in the U13 County Hockey Tournament on Wednesday 10th February, against 10 other schools we had many wins, leading us to runner up position once again. Congratulations to both teams for their amazing effort!



In the North Herefordshire Hockey League we are currently undefeated in U12, U14 & U16 age groups.

CROSS COUNTRY WINNER

Saturday 6th February was the Hereford & Worcester Cross County event. Congratulations to all our students who ran in what were truly awful conditions, Bethan Slade-Jones, Rhianna Slade-Jones, Aderyn Carter, Megan Phillips and Kieran Morgan. An extra congratulations must go to Sam Roberts who won the Junior Boys race and will now go on to the England Schools event.

BADMINTON SUCCESS

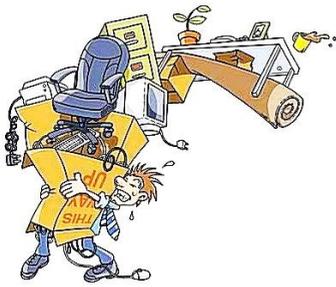
The County Badminton event was held on Wednesday 10th February with both our boys and girls teams doing very well. Our U14 boys team came runners up, as did our U16 girls team. Well done to all those students who took part.

SPORT RELIEF BADMINTON

Back due to popular demand... staff v student badminton tournament in aid of Sport Relief. Pairs are picked at random from all the entries and the tournament takes place during the lunchtimes in the final week of term. The overall winners of the tournament will win the much sought after Sport Relief Badminton Trophy.

There will be many other fundraising events, such as the Sport Relief mile around Kington, details to be announced nearer the date.





LHSA CHARITY SHOP

SUPPORT REQUIRED

FRIDAY 11TH - FRIDAY 18TH MARCH - Kington High Street

Raising money for the LHSA, supporting school projects

Having a Spring clear out? Items to donate?

Can you spare a few hours?

The LHSA have the charity shop in Kington High Street and are looking for donations of toys, bric-a-brac, clothing, household items etc to sell in the shop. If you have anything to donate it can be brought to school at any time or taken directly to the shop between 11th-18th March. Please contact the school if you have items that need collecting.

If you feel you may be able to spare a few hours to help out in the shop please contact the school.

GCSE & A LEVEL RESULTS DAYS

This year the A Level results day is **Thursday 18th August** and the GCSE results day is **Thursday 25th August**. Results will be available at the school from 8am-12noon. If you aren't able to collect your results you can leave your email address with Mrs Gadfield, phone the school or have someone collect your results for you (They must have your written permission to collect your results).

LADY HAWKINS' SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The LHSA is a committee of parents who organise fundraising events to raise money for many extra-curricular school projects and events. So far this term they have funded a public speaking skills trainer to work with our students and made donations towards the start up of lunchtime clubs such as the Lego Club, Film Club and the Puzzle Club.

If you feel you may be able to help the LHSA or join their committee please contact the school. The LHSA always needs new members and your help is much appreciated.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 22nd February - Back to school

Thursday 24th March—End of Spring Term

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 11th April - Teacher Education Day

Tuesday 12th April - All students back in school



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