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LHS MATTERS

Lady Hawkins' School
Newsletter

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As I write this, our latest Ofsted report has just become available on their website for the world to see. We are all obviously delighted that the inspectors recognised the hard work that everyone has put in to bring about considerable improvements in our school and this is reflected in the comments in the report. I would urge you to read the report in full, as it really shows how the involvement of the community adds to the quality of provision that we deliver. I would like to offer my personal thanks to all of you who have been in touch, got involved and supported us so far this academic year. While it is important that we have been recognised as “Good” in all categories, we cannot afford to be complacent and, indeed are already working to address the areas for improvement. Our aim now is to use this as a foundation on which to build further and show just what is possible in our corner of the county.

The snow on the ground this week makes summer feel like it is a long way away; however there are only 45 school days before the first GCSE examination. We are working hard to ensure that Year 11 in particular are having every opportunity to perform at their best, with workshops, revision sessions and interventions all well under way and we look forward to sharing their success.

It has been a busy but productive half term and we are all ready for a break, so I wish you all a restful week.

Mr P Jennings
Headteacher



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

On Sunday 4th February students took part in a day walk at Gwaunceste Hill near Llandrindod Wells as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. The students demonstrated map reading skills as they walked through some very muddy but stunning countryside. It was a very cold but enjoyable day with all the students working together as a team.



School day walks have started in preparation for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition season.

This year over 30 Year 10 students have signed up to take part in the award scheme. They will need to complete 4 sections to gain their award; Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition.

The present Year 11's have finished their award sections and we are completing the formal assessment paperwork so they can claim the awards that they have worked hard to achieve.

Thanks to all the staff and other adult volunteers involved in helping our students.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

There are lots of exciting things to look forward to as British Science Week Approaches:

- Year 11 and 13 students are visiting our link school in Poland 15th–21st March as a final part of the ERASMUS project which was all about sharing science between 3 European schools.
- The Big Bang Trip 14th March, Year 7 will experience the biggest Science Exhibition in the UK at Birmingham NEC
- Medical Mavericks return, 15th March, all year groups will have hands on experience of the role science plays in sports.
- Big Demo 12–16th March LHS staff who don't belong to the science department will be demonstrating exciting science experiments. Last year Mrs Cecil dissected parts of a pig and Mr East created a huge ball of fire.
- Tutor quiz 12-16th March, school council will be running a science related quiz to raise money for some of their causes.
- University Challenge 12-16th March, teams compete to win the highly desired science trophy.
- Photography Competition 12-16th March, identify the science behind the photograph.

SCHOOL GAMES SUCCESSES

Congratulations to both our KS3 badminton teams.

Our girls team won the Hereford School Games Badminton Tournament and will now go on to represent Hereford and Worcester in the Regionals.

Our boys team also came away with runners up medals for coming second in their tournament.

Unfortunately due to the bad weather the hockey was cancelled.



LEOMINSTER DISTRICT CROSS-COUNTRY

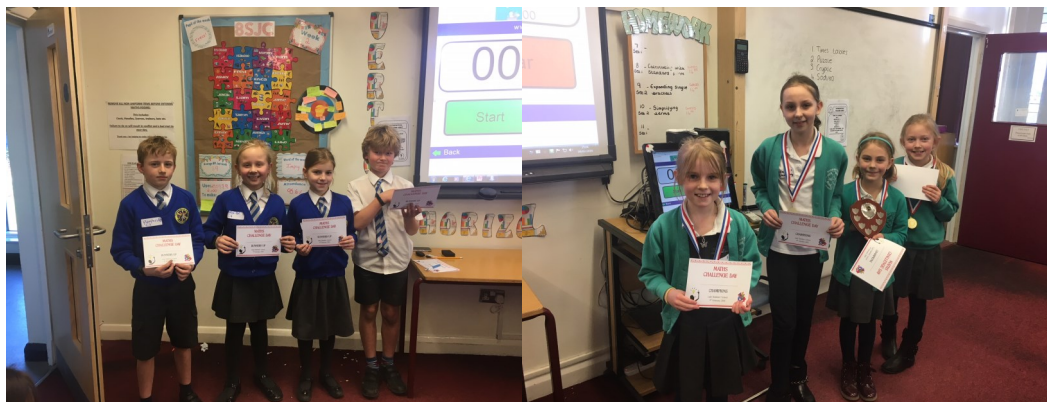
Here in the LHS grounds we hosted the Leominster District Cross Country Event.

In the following regional Cross Country Event Sam Jones (Yr 11) came 7th and may now qualify for the nationals. Aderyn Carter came 11th and Luke Westlake 18th place.

MATHS CHALLENGE

Primary school students from many of our local schools spent the afternoon with us working on various mathematical themed puzzles, quizzes and even treasure hunts!

Congratulations to Gladestry Primary for winning the event and to Pembridge who were runners up overall.



ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

As it is our duty to safeguard students it is vital that parents/carers inform us if their child is going to be absent from school for any reason.

To report an absence you can email absence@lhs.hereford.sch.uk or call the school office on **01544 230 441** before 9:30am so after this time we can follow up on any unexplained absences.

PARENTPAY - ONLINE PAYMENTS

We would like all parents who haven't signed up yet to do so on the ParentPay website as we are aiming to move all payments for trips to this system by September.

If you need another copy of your sign up codes please email parentpay@lhs.hereford.sch.uk or call the school office.

UNIFORM REMINDERS

Piercings - Only one stud type earring is allowed in each ear. Hoops or dangly earring are not permitted. No other piercings will be allowed in school.

Trousers - Denim trousers / jeans and skinny style trousers are not school uniform.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Half Term - Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February

Return to school on Monday 26th February on Week 2 of the timetable

Friday 9th March - Year 10 Reports issued

Wednesday 14th March - Big Bang trip to the NEC

15th - 22nd March - German Exchange students at LHS

15th - 21st March - Erasmus science students in Poland

19th - 23rd March - Mock Exam week Year 11 & 13

Tuesday 27th March - Macbeth production at LHS

Term Ends - Thursday 29th March (Non-Uniform Day for Sport Relief)

SUMMER TERM 2018

Return to school on - Monday 16th April on Week 1 of the timetable

Half Term - Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

Term Ends - Friday 20th July

A Level Results Day - 16th August 2018

GCSE Results Day - 23rd August 2018