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Lady Hawkins' School
Newsletter

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A school is not a building, it is a community and it feels very strange to be writing this in an almost empty school. The closure of schools due to Covid-19 is one of the most extraordinary events that LHS has seen in it's 388 year history. We are, as ever, doing our best to meet the needs of our community. This edition typifies the energy, enthusiasm and talent shown by our students and staff and I hope that it reminds us all of what a vibrant and exciting place this is when we are all here.

Stay well, stay safe and I hope to see everyone back here as soon as possible!

Mr P Jennings
Headteacher



LHS Girls' Cricket Success

Lady Hawkins' School girls have been celebrating a double cricket success. Both the Under 15s and Under 13s are Herefordshire Champions in the 2020 Lady Taverners Girls' School Indoor Cricket Competition. The girls have all been training hard for several weeks with assistance from coaches Mr Dinsdale (Lady Hawkins' School and Kington Cricket Club) and Caleb Kent (Herefordshire Cricket). Both teams now progress to the regional finals at Edgbaston, due to take place in April.



British Science Week 2020

Students had an exciting week full of different activities.

A brilliant Science Magic Show with Dr Matt Pritchard;

Year 7,8 and 9 were learning how chemistry can produce some great products such as slime and bath bombs! They also used science techniques to find the murderer in a forensic workshop. Also with no Big Bang Fair - the Year 7's had a day of activities working in teams to find solutions to future problems such as housing on flood plains, transport and energy.

There were Big Demos each lunchtime including Mr Dinsdale mixing Mentos and Coke and Mr East dissecting a frog!

Thank you to the Science team for all your hard work.



Iceland 2020

After a long journey with a very early start this was the students first stunning experience of Iceland.



Day two in Iceland.

On arrival at our accommodation we were given a free upgrade because of the snow! Students settled in quickly into their rather swish rooms.

Itinerary for today : we visited Thingvellir, and saw a frozen waterfall. Students met some Icelandic horses en route for Gullfoss, which was amazing but the temperature there was about -12 with wind-chill...



Day three in Iceland

Students saw waterfalls, volcanoes and went on a spectacular trip to the coast. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful Icelandic sunshine.

Students got to see the sun over Eyjafjallajökull (volcano), and of course everyone had to have a picture in front of Mr Smith's favourite volcano.



Day four in Iceland

Students spent the day in very windy Reykjavik, with some free time to look around the shops before visiting the whale museum.



Final Day in Iceland

Students visited the blue lagoon spa for some time out before the journey home,

Mr Smith would like to say thank you to parents for their support in making this trip happen and for their thanks and presents since we returned. Also thank you to staff for their help and support as well (especially Mrs Cecil and Ms Edwards who came on the trip)

Students would like to thank Mr Smith too for organising such a fantastic trip!

Mr Smith is planning another Iceland trip in 2022 so more students can experience this amazing opportunity.



Good Luck to all Year 11 who had an unplanned end to their time at LHS. With exams cancelled and their prom put on hold, they still managed to have a leavers assembly with some very cute pictures from Year 6.



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School Association

Community Charity Shop,

Thank you to all those who volunteered in the charity shop, donated items and visited us in the shop.

We raised just over £600 which is fantastic!

World Book Day

It was great to see so many staff and students dressed up as their favourite characters. Thank you to the Library staff for all the activities at break and lunchtime. Congratulations to the winners with the best costumes.



School Nurse Service

The school nursing service will be working slightly different for the foreseeable future in the light of schools closing due to Covid 19. We are worried about our children and young people currently accessing support and the vulnerable children and young people who may need our support. Anxiety levels are likely to be very high right now. Reassurance can be given that we will still be accessible.

From Monday 23rd March 2020 children and young people can text us on:

07813 451034

Text service is available for support between 9am and 5pm

One to one service is still available

Confidentiality will be maintained under the current safeguarding criteria
(unless they are at risk of harm)

Alternatively they can phone the office 01432 363940 or email:

schoolnurse.service@nhs.net

Again this is manned from 9am until 5pm

Instructions for text contact to the school nursing service:-

Children and Young people can text 07813 451034 with their school and own name and we will ensure their named school nurse will text them back from their own work number to offer support either by phone or face to face contact if appropriate and safe to do so.

Stay safe!