# Lancing Prep Hove A Lancing College Preparatory School

## **Newsletter**

Autumn Term | 13 October 2023

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## Message from Mrs Keep

It seems incredible that we are but a week away from the half term break, and yet here we are. As always, school has been busy for everyone and it is breath-taking how much the children have squeezed into the past fortnight since the last newsletter.

Beyond the normal curriculum, we have had a number of in-school events that have helped to remind us all that academic lessons are but a part of what we learn in school. A focus on Black History Month was led by Lawson (Y8) with the support of some classmates, and their assembly prompted some excellent questions from the children which were answered with an impressive combination of personal experience and wider knowledge.

For World Mental Health Day everyone was encouraged to wear something yellow, in support of the Young Minds 'Hello Yellow' campaign, which helps to show young people that they matter and that they deserve the support they need, when they need it, no matter what.

Today, posters created by the pupils around the school promoted Just One Tree... which not only continues our fundraising to grow our 'LPH Forest' of new trees and sustainability of resources but also focuses our attention of the need to care for the planet on a longterm basis.

This message chimes perfectly with that given to us by Father Felix at our Harvest Festivals, when we were all urged to think about the value of our planet and ways in which we can protect it as our universal home. Both our Harvest services were beautiful, and I would like to thank all those children who read or sang, as well as all those who brought in a donation for the church's chosen food bank.

With half term within sight, there is lots going on, right through to the end of term. Year 2 had an adventure this week as they toured London in search of history and Year 5's Geography-based visit to the official home of England Rugby at Twickenham just two impressive examples of our children going out and about. In school, our senior pupils enjoyed Shakespeare workshops... all in a day's work for an LPH pupil!

We have included information about half term events and courses at the end of this newsletter.

The term dates for the academic year 2024-25 are now finalised - they appear on the Diary Dates page and are also published on our website for anyone who would like to plan that far ahead!

We hope families will continue to take the opportunity to view some of the Shaun by the Sea trail in Brighton & Hove until the event ends in November.

Please do keep your photos coming in for all those house points and just a reminder that if anyone would like to donate to Martlets Hospice, our just giving page may be reached by the QR code below



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#### **Pre-School**

The children have been busy in Pre-School. In Forest School they made patterns out of natural materials. This was a continuation of their work in Maths, the children made caterpillar patterns using finger paints and they played interactive games to practise their skills. They had their own special assembly in Pre-School to celebrate Harvest Festival. They thought about why this is a special time, sang songs together and celebrated things to be thankful for in their lives. Then after reading the story of the Little Red Hen they even had time to bake their own bread!



















#### Reception

It has been another busy couple of weeks in Reception. We have begun to talk about the 'Characteristics of Learning' by introducing the 'imaginative unicorn'. This has led to an explosion of imaginative activities including creating 'Me Spoons' and using them for storytelling, making up target games and turning cardboard boxes into astronaut helmets, Power Ranger hideouts, houses, beds and trains, to name just a few!











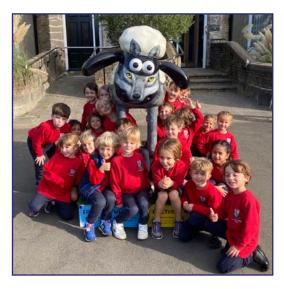


#### Year 1

The children have been learning about old and new toys this half term. They have experienced ample opportunities for cross-curricular topic learning, making the lessons exciting and meaningful. They visited Hove Museum and Art Gallery, for a museum staff-led combination of hands-on sessions, where the children could play with lots of toys, as well as teaching the children about the older, more fragile toys that were on display. It was very exciting for the children to see how toys had evolved. A highlight of the museum is a display of a modern bedroom, contrasted with a Victorian bedroom. We would thoroughly recommend a visit, not least to spot our little Lancing Prep Shaun the Sheep inside next to the café!







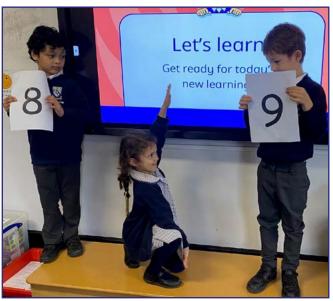
Meanwhile in the classroom the children have been busy with their Maths and Literacy learning.

They have been comparing numbers in Maths. They used their bodies to represent the symbols for 'greater than' or 'less than'.

During their daily workshop, the children practise reading and writing skills. Using our *Think Write* model for handwriting, they practised the 'Rupert Sheep' letters and should be commended for their excellent concentration skills.

The children know that focus is needed to remember to start on the grass and form each letter correctly.





#### Year 2

The children have been busy mastering football skills during their PE lessons on our lower field. They have learnt how to dribble at speed and perform a 'Cruyff' turn.

They now feel ready to play some small-sided games and put their new skills to the test!









**Year 3**The children enjoyed an Art lesson outside, drawing the trees on our fields in preparation for a larger scale work for their 'Birds in the Trees' project.















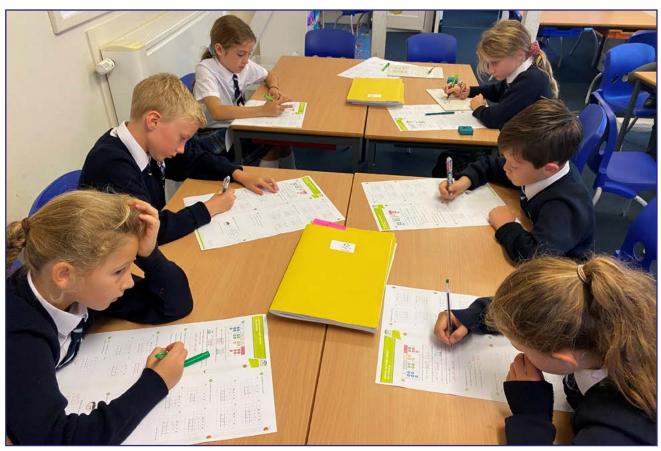


## Year 4

The children have been working on their subtraction skills in Maths. They have carried out investigations, solved word problems and enjoyed 'being the teacher' and correcting Mrs Ball's silly mistakes!







## **Pre-Prep & Prep News**

#### **Harvest Festivals**

The children in the Pre-Prep and Years 3 & 4 held their respective Harvest celebrations at the Church of the Good Shepherd. They had all worked hard to learn their songs and their parents enjoyed hearing the fruits of their labours.

The older children in Year 7 Art club made a fantastic job of creating some Matisse style stain glass windows with an Autumnal theme for the church. Well done and thank you to Henry B, Raphi B, Charlie H, Vikram G Betsy P and Maiya C!

It was lovely to see the generosity of our school community too, with a wonderful selection of goods donated to be distributed by Fr Felix to a local food bank.









#### Year 5

What a way to begin the programme of Year 5 trips for this year! With the recent success of the Women's Rugby World Cup, where England reached the World Cup Final, and the men's tournament currently taking place, it could not be a better time for the children to be inspired by an elite sports environment.

The children experienced a behind-the-scenes directed tour of the home of English Rugby and completed a 'Build Me A Stadium' workshop where they considered the environmental impact, financial necessities, and interior design considerations for such a project. The children's ability to work as a team and consider each other's opinions shone through. We will never forget the awe and wonder on their faces as they entered the stadium for the first time!













#### Year 6



The children headed off to Hampton Court Palace, and what fun they had! The weather was absolutely fantastic, and learners had the opportunity to meet a Tudor servant and to explore what jobs would have been like for children in Tudor times. They looked around the kitchens and gardens, as well as seeing some real tennis in action. We didn't manage to lose any in the maze this year, but they did enjoy finding their way out in record time! As ever, it was a wonderful opportunity to see history at its finest, and Mrs Ridge is looking forward to exploring with the children what happened next for Henry VIII as they continue their studies this term.



In the classroom, the children have been 'Hot Seating' in English. This is a chance to 'meet' our main characters from 'Private Peaceful' and ask them questions about their lives so that we can determine how much sympathy we have for them.

The children acted as the characters really well and gave us a deep insight into what life must be like for Charlie, Tommo, Mother, Big Joe and Molly.



In addition, the children have been busy preparing for their trip to see the work of David Hockney and have had a go at creating landscapes using a sketching app on the ipads.

They have made a great start and are naturals when it comes to this medium!





#### Year 7



A group of our Year 7 choir members took part in a choral workshop led by the Director of Music at Lancing College.

The pupils worked very hard to prepare the anthems and hymns for the evening service in the Chapel. Music included *For the Beauty of the Earth* by John Rutter, *Londonderry Air* arr. by Bob Chilcott and *Mater Ora Filium* by Charles Wood.

Well done to Liza D, Beau H-H, Betsy P, Raphy B, Grace B, Maiya C and Bella H for your beautiful singing!

#### Hello Yellow!

World Mental Health Day began with glorious sunshine and added a lovely touch to the school which was awash with yellow!

All children and staff were encouraged to wear something yellow as an accessory to their school uniform, to help promote positive mental health in our school.

'Young Minds' is a national charity who support young people and their mental health through the Hello Yellow campaign. Assemblies and activities in school discussed the importance of looking after our wellbeing and valuing ourselves in every way.



#### **Just One Tree**

Our non-uniform day has raised funds for *Just One Tree* - in the last academic year, the school raised enough to plant a further 253 trees, which brings our total 'forest' up to 1,244. How many more will be added this year?







#### **Black History Month**

During assembly this week, Lawson from Year 8 and a team of friends presented Black History Month to the Prep school.

They shared the history of the month itself, and they delved into the lives of prominent men and women of colour from across the world. The children spoke of well-known white figures in our history, including Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Edison, and then gave a detailed account of how they were supported by some incredibly talented individuals whose history has never been shared.

Both staff and students were in awe of what Lawson and his team had to say and they can be very proud of the confidence that they showed!









## **Sports News**

Football Results			Hockey Results		
Wednesday 4 October		W/D/L	Wednesday 4 Octo	ober W/D/L	
1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v Shoreham College	W	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Cott	esmore W	
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v Shoreham College	W	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Cott	esmore W	
$3^{rd} XI$	v Shoreham College	W	Colts A v Cott	esmore L	
Colts A	v St Christopher's	W	Colts B v Cott	esmore W	
Colts B	v St Christopher's	W	Colts C v Cott	esmore L	
Colts C	v St Christopher's	W			
Colts D	v St Christopher's	W			
Thursday 5 October		Thursday 5 October			
U9A	v St C's/HXP/BC/Hurst	D	U9 v Cotte	esmore & Pennthorpe D	
U9B	v St C's/HXP/BC/Hurst	D	U9 v Bran	nbletye D	
U8A	v St C's/HXP/BC/Hurst	D	U8 v Bran	nbletye D	
U8B	v St C's/HXP/BC/Hurst	D	U8 v Bran	nbletye D	
Friday 6 October					
Colts A	v Kent College	W	w w		
Colts B	v Kent College	W			
Colts C	v Kent College	L		<b>6 8 9 9</b>	
Colts D	v Kent College	W			
Wednesday 11 October					
1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v Ardingly	L	<b>-1334</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v Ardingly	L			
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	v Ardingly	D		Ţ.	
4th XI	v LC Tournament	QF	Wednesday 11 October		
Colts A	v Ardingly	W	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> LC N	letball tournament 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Colts B	v Ardingly	W	Colts A v Burg	gess Hill Girls D	
Colts C	v Ardingly	L	Colts B v Burg	gess Hill Girls L	
Colts D	v Handcross Park	D	Colts C v Brigl	hton Girls & BC L & L	
Thursday 12 October		Thursday 12 Octob	per		
U9	v Sompting Abbotts	L	U9 v Cop	thorne D	
U9	v Sompting Abbotts	W	U9 v Cop	thorne D	
			Wednesday 27 Se	ptember	
			U9 v Burg	gess Hill Girls D	
Fixtures are co-ed where the schools we play can also field co-ed teams					

### **Notice Board**

## **Diary Dates**

#### Week 7 - Lunch Menu Week 1

Monday 16 October

EYFS All About Me Week

Wednesday 18 October

08.00 Year 7 Coffee Morning

14.00 Hockey v Great Walstead Colts A, B & C @ Lancing College

14.30 Football v Sompting Abbotts & LPW 1st XI (**H**)

14.30 Football v Sompting Abbotts & LPW Colts A & B (A) @ Sompting Abbotts

14.30 Football v Sompting Abbotts & LPW 2<sup>nd</sup> XI **(A) @ LPW** 

15.00 Hockey v Dorset House & LPW 1st & 2nd teams @ Lancing College

15.00 Pre-Prep parents workshare

**Thursday 19 October** 

14.30 Hockey v LPW U8 & U9 (A)

Friday 20 October

Change to Lunch Menu - Taco Day!

Half term begins

Please check the online calendar for the lastest information, particularly venues for Sports fixtures

## **Term Dates**

### Autumn Term 2023

Half term from Friday 20 October usual collection times, re-starting Monday 6 November Term ends Friday 15 December 12.00noon

#### Spring Term 2024

Inset Day Friday 5 January
Term starts Monday 8 January
Half term from Friday 9 February usual collection
times, re-starting Monday 19 February
Term ends Friday 22 March

#### **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

#### Week 8 - Lunch Menu Week 2

#### Monday 6 November

Term begins

Primary Maths Challenge (Years 5 & 6) during the week

17.00 Year 5 Parents' Evening

#### **Tuesday 7 November**

Year 2 London Workshop

17.00 Pre-School to Year 4 Parents' Evening

### Wednesday 8 November

09.00 Remembrance Service @ CoGS

14.00 Hockey v St Christopher's 2<sup>nd</sup>, Colts A & B @ Lancing College

14.15 Hockey v St Christopher's Colts C (H)

14.30 Football v Brambletye **(H)** 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, Colts A & C

14.30 Football v Brambletye (A) 1st XI, 3rd XI, Colts B, D & E

17.00 Pre-School to Year 4 Parents' Evening

#### **Thursday 9 November**

Year 1 visit to Herstmonceux Observatory

14.15 Hockey v St Christopher's U8 & U9 (H)

14.30 Football v Cumnor House (A) U9 A & B, U8 A & B

#### Friday 10 November

Flu vaccines Years 7 & 8

EYFS Woods Mill Autumn Walk

11.00 Two minute silence Remembrance Day

#### **Autumn Term 2024**

Inset Days Monday 2 & Tuesday 3 September 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

Inset Day Monday 6 January 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**

Inset Day Tuesday 22 April
Term starts Wednesday 23 April
Bank Holiday Monday 5 May
Half term from Friday 23 May usual collection
times, re-starting Monday 2 June
Pre-Prep Term ends Thursday 3 July 12noon
Prep School Term ends with Prize Giving
Thursday 3 July

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

A multiplayer 'social deduction' game set in outer space, Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (globally, around 60 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature, simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception – and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.



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### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

## SENSITIVE PREMISE

In Among Us, up to three players are secretly assigned to be alien imposters, tasked with murdering their colleagues while the survivors try to unmask them. While the concept's not far removed from traditional games like Wink Murder or TV shows such as The Traitors, some parents may feel uncomfortable about their child playing a video game in which deception and killing are prioritised.



The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the animations depicting this are deliberately cartonish and only appear very briefly. However, it is worth bearing in mind that the game has a PEGI age rating of 7 – meaning that certain elements (however heavily stylised they may be) could still upset some younger players.

## CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

With up to 15 people participating in each game online, a large part of Among Us' appeal is speculating with fellow players who the imposters might be and making accusations. This dialogue through the in-game text chat can occasionally become heated – and could, of course, involve your child being put into contact with people (including adults) who they don't know in real life.



## GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic ways to communicate, many gamers prefer to use external services such as Discord: a popular app which offers voice and video chat functions. These undeniably make cooperation easier, but also create a potential route for children to hear inappropriate language – or for strangers to message them privately in an environment which isn't regulated by the game itself.

### IN-GAME **PURCHASES**

Among Us is free to download on mobile devices, and costs less than £5 to obtain on console and PC. A related longer-term pitfall, though, is that the game also includes options to pay for upgrades such as removing ads on the mobile version or adding cosmetic touches to characters (such as different costumes). It's certainly possible that a child could spend a significant sum without realising it.



#### **CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES**

Although Among Us is hugely popular with young gamers, it's possible that some children might find the murder themes unsettling. If so, plenty of similar social deduction games are available (in both digital and traditional board game formats) which downplay the potentially grislier elements: some centre around undercover spies, for instance, and there's even a Marvel superhero-themed variant.

## **CHAT ABOUT CHATTING**

You might feel it's prudent to talk to your child about the risks associated with voice chat while gaming, explaining in particular that strangers online aren't always who they claim to be. Keeping the conversation relaxed will reinforce your child's confidence that they can always come to you with any online concerns – not just about Among Us, but any potential future issues as well.

#### **DISCUSS DISCORD**

In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping online communities together because of its use of dedicated individual servers, which allow comprehensive control over who can join – and who can't. Once you're familiar with the platform, you could set up a secure server for your child and their friends to communicate during games of Among Us, with no access for people they don't know.

#### AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS

When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by choosing a 'local' lobby – that is, only people connected to the same WiFi (your home network, for example) can enter. This prevents any random online users – who may be total strangers – from joining and removes the need for voice chat, as the players are all physically in the same location.

#### STOP SURPRISE SPENDING

If you're concerned about the possibility of your child racking up an unexpected bill on Among Us' microtransactions, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could specify in the game's options that adult authorisation is required for every purchase – or you could make sure that no payment methods are enabled on the device that your child plays the game on.

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#### **Notice Board**



This week (16th October) on The Wellbeing Hub This month's theme is: Self-harm, suicide and bereavement

This week's content: Webinar on Grief 101 for Adults Supporting Grieving Children and Young People Wednesday 18th October, 6:30 pm With Winston's Wish, the UK's first childhood bereavement charity, supporting grieving children, young people, and their families



Workshops cost £40 (or £72 siblings) and start at 9am and finish at 3pm Please note that you can book as few or as many workshops as you want.

#### **OCTOBER HALF TERM WORKSHOPS 2023**

EARLY DATES (includes St Christopher's, Roedean and Windlesham schools)

Thursday 19th October: Supermario Doodle Art! Friday 20th October: Surrealist Snoopy Art!

## MAIN WEEK - ALL SCHOOLS ON HOLIDAY

Monday 23rd October: Pokemon Doodle Art Tuesday 24th October: Sponge Bob & Britto Mash Up! Wednesday 25th October: PIXAR & Star Wars Mash Up! Thursday 26th October: Harry Potter & The London Police Street Art

Friday 27th October: Pokemon & Supermario Mash Up!

#### LATE DATES (includes Brighton Girls, LOGS, Hurst and Lancing)

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: Supermario Doodle Art! Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: Surrealist Snoopy Art!





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Look out for the pumpkins and eyeballs hidden around the collections this half term on our Halloween Hunt. The tea rooms will be getting in the spirit too serving up spooky hot chocolate with mini ghost marshmallows, pumpkin and bat biscuits as well as some special halloween cup cakes.



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