

LOCKERS PARK NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY

Mon 30 th	St Albans Scholarships begin 9.00 am Harrow, Winchester, St Albans, Merchant Taylors and Bedford Music Scholarships begin 7.00 pm Boarders & Flexi-Boarders return
Tue 31 st	8:20 am Day Boys return 2:00 pm Year 6 Maths Challenge at Eagle House School

FEBRUARY

Wed 1 st	2.30 pm 1st XV (a), 2nd XV (h), Colts A XII (a), Colts B XII (h), Colts C XII (h), Colts D XII (a – NOTE CHANGE) v Heath Mount
Thu 2 nd	2.30 pm SATIPS General Knowledge Quiz
Fri 3 rd	6.45 pm Dark Tower for Boarders 1.20 pm C4G to Roman Verulamium Museum, St Albans
Sat 4 th	9.15 am Scholarship Day
Sun 5 th	9.30 am Cubs Church Parade at St John's Church, Boxmoor 10.30 am Boarders' trip to Top Golf 2.00 pm Children's Trust Concert at St John's, Smith Square, London
Tue 7 th	2.00 pm B5D & B5E to lecture at Bedford School: "The Chemistry of Absolutely Nothing"
Wed 8 th	2.30 pm 1st XV v Tring at Lockers Park 2.30 pm Colts A (a), Colts B (h), Colts C (a), Colts D (h) v Aldwickbury
Fri 10 th	11.00 am Parents' Reception for Chestnuts 12.35 pm Half-Term begins

FROM THE HEADMASTER

A Year 6 trip to Oxford, a science lecture at UCL, a presentation by the David Shepherd Foundation, play rehearsals, Cubs in action on the swimming front, our new Scout troop brought to life, boarders' karting, Chinese New Year celebrations culminating in lanterns being sent up into the Hemel night air, the annual visit to Bedford School's Planetarium, skiing up at the Hemel Ski Centre, a Hollywood theme night, many rugby fixtures and of course a very busy and fulfilling academic timetable, have all been crammed into the last three weeks and mightily enjoyable and productive it has all been.

A couple of days now to draw breath before we dive head first into an equally industrious and exciting fortnight in the build up to half term.

Well done to all the staff for going that extra mile for the school and well done to the boys for throwing themselves into the myriad of opportunities laid on for their benefit.

FoLP The Friends of Lockers Park

FoLP dates for your diary.

- ❖ Friday 2nd March – Bunco Night
- ❖ Friday 9th March - Coffee Morning with Informal Concert
- ❖ Saturday 23rd June - The Summer Ball

CHILDREN'S TRUST LONDON SCHOOLS'
CONCERT

St John's Smith Square

Sunday 5th February 2012 - 2pm

The Chapel Choir will again be taking part in this prestigious and important concert. Those of you who have attended previous concerts will know that this is well worth making the effort to support, and of course it is a charity fund-raising event. If you would like to come and support us tickets are on sale at The Children's Trust Website:

[Savills London Schools' Concert in aid of The Children's Trust - The Children's Trust](http://www.sjss.org.uk/pages/Directions/directions.htm)

There is always a very high demand for tickets, so please purchase early to avoid disappointment. There will be NO ticket sales on the day. If you would like to know more about St John's the venue, and how to get there, please click the link below:

<http://www.sjss.org.uk/pages/Directions/directions.htm>

VGS

CHESTNUTS

This term, the Chestnuts class has welcomed a new, temporary member of staff. Mr Matt Dyson is working with them for six weeks as part of his Teacher Training on the Graduate Teacher Programme. He told us that..."

I am delighted to have been given the opportunity to work in such a special place. I am having a fantastic time with the Chestnuts, teaching everything from the History of Toys to how to make an Igloo, and have many more exciting things planned for the remainder of my stay. I am especially looking forward to getting involved with the Sports, Games and Activities in the next few weeks and getting to know more of the boys."

CHESTNUTS SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

Last weekend, Miss Pizzey and the Chestnuts made chocolate fridge cake. With ingredients including maltesers, biscuits, and chocolate, it was no surprise that the cakes were delicious.



SENIOR SCHOOLS' PRESENTATION

EVENING

Wednesday 7th March 2012

7.00 pm – 9.00 pm in the Library

Each year, we invite a different set of schools to this valuable and informative evening. This means that, over the course of their time with Lockers, parents can meet a variety of representatives to enable them to make the best choice of senior school for their son.

This really is a one-off opportunity and we strongly advise parents to come along if at all possible. This year, the following schools will be represented:

Bedford School	Sherborne School
Bradfield College	St Albans School
Bloxham School	Stowe School
Cheltenham College	Winchester College

Plus The School Fees Insurance Agency.

We look forward to seeing you there. **CJM**

DAVID SHEPHERD WILDLIFE FOUNDATION PRESENTATION

Kim Hale of the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation gave a fascinating talk about the work of David Shepherd (80 this year) and about his wildlife foundation. This has raised over £5million since it was established, but just listening to the statistics made it very clear that there is a great deal of work to do. Some of our Year 5s have entered his Global art competition - Oscar Merrifield was a finalist 2 years ago. **JC**

One of our entries



SCOUT DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA

I think the thing that most stood out to me was that, compared with the other participants, how lean and fit all of our boys were. The Lockers regime of good food and plenty of sport obviously paid off and the Lockers Cubs and Scouts were very competitive in EVERY race. The crowd of enthusiastic parents cheered on – as did all of the boys. Of special note were: Fergus Tyler who came 1st in the U9 ½ breaststroke, Henry di Monaco who came 1st in the over 9 ½ breaststroke, Jo Munro who came first in the over 9 ½ freestyle and the relay team of Carl Watson, Charlie Deane, James Gardener and Jo Munro who came first. In the Scout events, swimming against older boys, they didn't win any races but usually were second or third. The acoustics at the pool are very quirky and effectively 3 races were missed.

Overall, the Scouts came 6 out of 12 – not a bad score. When the two scores were combined, the 1st Bennetts End (Lockers Park) Scout group came a very creditable 2nd. **SG**



SKI TRIP – JANUARY 2012



On New Year's Day, the Lockers Park school ski trip set off for Italy (Courmayeur). As journeys go I've had better but at least we had the reward of snow on our arrival. The snow was as ever fantastic; Mr. Taylor eagerly went off in search of powder or failing that a coffee or hot wine; whilst Eva and Wendy kept the troops fully aware of their expectations with regard to correct ski attire. Equally, the boys, who conducted themselves with good grace and humour, certainly made real progress thanks to some expert tuition.

I will write a full report for the magazine but in the meantime I would like to thank Eva, Wendy, Paul Dalby and Mr Taylor for their help and expertise through the week. **TD**



ART TRIP

On Friday 13th January, B6D and B7T went on an art trip to the Natural History and Pitt Rivers museums. We went through the door of the Natural History Museum and staring straight at us was a huge skeleton of a dinosaur. One of the staff called us in and told us what was there and what we could touch. She told us what her favourite thing was in the museum and said we could touch it. A 4.7 billion year old meteorite.

After that we went to the Pitt Rivers Museum. First we went into a room where there were lots of different things that we had to guess what they were. After we finished doing that we went off in groups to do our own thing. The first thing that my group did was go and look at the guns. After a few minutes there were lots of people by the guns asking if we had seen the shrunken heads. So we did and they were made by cutting off someone's

head, scooping everything out and filling it with hot sand. We were just going to something else when Mrs Capener called us and said that we were leaving.

Eddy Maddern B7T



The trip was a complete success, we went to the Natural History Museum and the Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford. We saw two huge skeletons of dinosaurs and there were lots of exhibits that we could feel and handle. One of the best exhibits was the glow in the dark rocks.

After that we went to the Pitt Rivers Museum. There we were given a talk about some of the ancient tribes of the world. Then we were given a test on guessing what some objects were. Straight after that, we were allowed to go around the exhibits until it was time to go back to school. All in all it was a very exciting day.

James Dixon, B7T & Nikita Nazarkov, B6D

SPOOK LIGHTS LECTURE

On Wednesday the 18th January, Mrs Dungworth and Mr Parkin kindly led a group of Lockers Park boys on a visit to London, to a lecture given by the UCL chemistry department. It was called "Spook Lights" and the lights in the lecture theatre were often turned off. The first time this happened, to great anticipation, the experiment failed to work!



However, Professor Andrea Sella moved on and started telling us about theories of UFOs. He explained that people had seen UFOs in the sky and taken photographs of them, but scientists had worked out that it was actually due to ice on the road, on a cold night, reflecting light from the moon. After giving us theoretical concepts about a few other illusions and reactions, everybody in the room was given an envelope: we were told not to open this until the lights were turned off. Then, he told everybody to open their envelope and we saw something amazing! Each envelope seal started shining a faint greeny-blue colour as it was ripped open. This was due to light produced by the motion of the separation, which was also accompanied by X-rays. Another highlight of the lecture was a polo mint experiment, which we also conducted ourselves. There was a polo mint inside each envelope and when we snapped it in half, we saw the light again (and there were more invisible X-rays).

After a picnic supper, we made our way back to school by train and Mr. Shaw's minibus service.

Laurence Elgar, A7P

BOARDERS' ACTIVITIES

The boarders enjoyed a superb week with a veritable panoply of fun and games. On Monday night, after a feast of Peking duck, spring rolls, crackers, fortune cookies, noodles and the rest (kitchen staff dressed accordingly), we all trooped outside where box upon box of Chinese lanterns lay in wait. They paired up and soon over 40 lanterns were drifting into the night sky, a spectacular sight.



On Tuesday, the younger boys not involved in prep and play rehearsals enjoyed a 'cozy night in' with duvet, bean bags, movie, popcorn, hot chocolate, teddies and a home from home mood installed (minus sisters, brilliant!). This gave everyone some rest before the last of the extravaganzas, the Hollywood Theme Night, with fancy dress, special supper and more fun and games afterwards.

The next event is the Dark Tower game, on Friday 3rd February; sign up early to avoid disappointment! **CP**

GO KARTING

Last Sunday, the borders set off for Go Karting in Aylesbury. Mr. Stephens kindly organised this and all who went had a great time. In third place came England (Dylan Law providing some much needed sanity to proceedings); in second place came Asia with Timmy Pong nearly taking out both a car, marshal and chicane in pursuit of victory. Russia was the deserved winner with the Verkhoturov brothers consistently quick. This was a very pleasant and amusing afternoon. **TD**

HOLLYWOOD THEME NIGHT



We're not sure if the real Hollywood stars often have burgers and chips for their supper but the boys and staff, all suitable attired for the occasion, certainly enjoyed it.



defrost. The quality of the rugby in the first half was very impressive and it wasn't long before captain Antwi added to his try tally with a powerful run. Garrett added the conversion. Once the first try was scored Lockers dominated and ran in 4 more in the half. Williamson J, Verkhoturov A, Garrett G and Chadwick H all scored making the half time score 33-0. Edge Grove came back hard in the 2nd half and scored 2 tries of their own. These were counteracted with another 2 tries by Antwi. The game finished 45-12 with Garrett kicking 5 from 7.

With such a great start we all look forward to tougher games to come.

GT

1ST XV RUGBY



After a few training matches before Christmas it was great to get the rugby season underway. It started with a visit from Beadesert School. The scoring started quickly and continued throughout the game. Beadesert never stopped trying but they had a long afternoon defending as Lockers dominated possession and territory. The final score was 48 – 0. Tries from Antwi K (2), Chadwick H (2), Harvey J, McNulty O, Verkhoturov A and Williamson J.

After a powerful showing in our first game, confidence was high and everybody was keen to carry on the winning start. The next test was on a cold afternoon at Edge Grove. The game went ahead after everybody was worried that the pitch was not going to

COLTS RUGBY



COLTS A

The Colts A played their first match against Westbrook Hay. After an inauspicious start, we showed great improvement in the second half. The final score was a close 19 – 14 to Westbrook but there were some encouraging performances, especially from Leon Williamson who was awarded man of the match.

The second game was against Chesham Prep. Despite our best efforts and an excellent try from Carl Watson, we were again defeated. **DD**



COLTS B

The Colts B have had mixed fortunes this term but, throughout, have been a joy to coach.

In the first game against Edge Grove, we outperformed the opposition in all departments, with some fine breaks by Christian Tivey. We lost to a fine Westbrook Hay team, however it was impressive the way our heads never went down and in fact we might have come close to stealing it, had all the tackles been made.

Sadly (for me!), Tivey and Ashton Weedall were too good for the team and were pinched by Mr Doyle. No matter, for Jonathan Jarman from the Colts C stepped into the breach and helped us squeak a narrow victory against Chesham Prep in a real thriller.

The key to success has been down to some outstanding rucking – even against far bigger packs – and this is a vital attribute at this level. **CP**

COLTS C

Our first game of the season saw us playing against our local rivals Westbrook Hay. For some boys it was their first ever proper match and there were some nervous people, including the coach! Preparation and practice had been good, everybody had worked hard and we were all excited to be finally playing. The pitch was not very long but it was wide, which meant that tackling and finding space would be most important.

As the game progressed, it became clear that both teams had a “go to” runner and that the team that tackled the best would triumph. Recycling the ball following the tackles was also important. In William Lintott, we had our penetration and pace and in Charlie Garment and Jonny Jarman, we had our scrummagers, who regularly won great balls for the team.

We won the game by 6 tries to 4, with William scoring 5 times. Jonny got the other try. Other team members were William Hargreaves, Timmy Pong, James Gardener, Theo Ward, Justin Reid, Joshua Hafner and Freddie Tracey. Everyone made a massive contribution to the team and the behaviour was impeccable, both on and off the pitch. We can all look forward to our next game with a little more confidence.

Well played everyone and many thanks to the loyal band of supporters who came to watch and who seemed to enjoy the game as much as the boys! **MRD**

COLTS D

The Colts D started their season with a solid 35 – 35 draw against Westbrook Hay. Training has been going well with boys working on their rucking and honing their passing skills. Josh Lloyd and Ken Yin were highly influential, so much so that they were promoted to the Colts C for the next game. Thankfully stalwarts such as Watters and the Cooper brothers will hopefully hold the fort against Chesham Prep.

Well done to all who have joined in so enthusiastically. **TD**