

# LOCKERS PARK NEWSLETTER



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### OCTOBER

Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00 pm	Boarders & Flexi-Boarders return
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.20 am	Day Boys return
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 pm	1st XI (h), 2nd XI (h) v York House 3rd XI (a), Colts A VII (h), Colts B VII (h), Colts C VII (a), Colts D VII (a) v Beechwood Park
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 pm	U9 A & B VII Festival at Westbrook Hay, U9 C & D VII at Lockers Park
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>		Jeans for Genes Day
	3.45 pm	Colts A & B VII (a) v Manor Lodge
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	12.00 noon	FoLP Meeting
	2.30 pm	U11 Set Football league National Soccer Sixes (1st VI)
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 pm	Squash Match v Witham Hall and King's College, Cambridge (at Cambridge)
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 pm	Parents' Reception for B5D
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 pm	1st XI (a), 2nd XI (h), 3rd XI (a), Colts A, B & C VII (h), Colts D VII (a) v Aldwickbury
	6.00 pm	Boarders' Star Wars Theme Night
Thu 13 <sup>th</sup>	3.00 pm	Opro Mouthguards fitting
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Drinks Party for parents of Chestnuts & Years 3-5
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Open Morning
	2.30 pm	1st & 2nd XI (h), 3rd XI (a) v Haileybury, U11 Set Football Final
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>		Parents' Technology Challenge
	6.30 pm	Chapel: Mark Slater, Headmaster, The Leys School (A7P & A7S to attend)
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup>		Individual & Form photographs
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 pm	Colts A VII (h), Colts B VII (a), Colts C VII (h), Colts D VII (a) v York House
	5.30 pm	F & GP meeting
Thu 20 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Parents' reception for C3G, Chestnuts and all New Boys
	12.35 pm	Half Term begins

## FROM THE HEADMASTER

It has been a ferociously busy opening to term, yet what underpins everything is the happy and co-operative way boys and staff approach all that goes on at Lockers. It is that mutual level of support and engagement that allows all of us to cope with the devastating loss of Scott Gowing yet still have the strength and desire to carry on doing what we do best, to create a warm, happy and stimulating environment.

I hope that is what our guests next week will take away with them. On Tuesday and Wednesday, two inspectors from the Independent Schools Inspectorate will come in for the first of two visits, they will return the first week after half term. You will by now have received an E-mail from ISI asking you to fill out a Parents' Questionnaire tomorrow. The boys from Year 5 and above got a chance to air their views on Wednesday and Thursday.

I hope you all have what promises to be a hot and happy weekend and look forward to seeing everyone back excited and energised for an even more busy and fulfilling October.

### DRINKS PARTY

**For parents of Chestnuts & Years 3 – 5  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October - 7.00 pm**

If you haven't done so already, please would you let us know if you are able to come by calling 01442 251712 or emailing [secretary@lockerspark.herts.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@lockerspark.herts.sch.uk)

*Thank you.*



## **JEANS FOR GENES DAY**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

Genetic disorders affect more than 30,000 babies born in the UK each year. It's the biggest killer of children aged 14 years and under. Jeans for Genes provides funding for the care and support of these children.

Last year, we raised £280 and we would like to do even better this year. On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October, boys can wear jeans or other casual clothing (except football tops), on payment of a minimum donation of £2. We look forward to your continued support for this worthwhile charity. Thank you. **JD**

## **NEW LEARNING ENRICHMENT CENTRE**

On 15<sup>th</sup> September, we opened our new Learning Enrichment Centre. This dedicated area, right in the centre of the school, will provide a bright and welcoming environment for Mrs Penny and the boys to work in. Vin Buckley managed to pick his own name out of the hat (under the gaze of the Headmaster so no cheating!) and performed the ceremonial cutting of the tape.



## **OPRO MOUTHGUARDS**

The Opro dentist will be visiting the school on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October to take mouthguard impressions. Any parent wishing to use this service should complete and return the form enclosed with this mailing or apply on-line at [www.opro.com](http://www.opro.com)

This will be the only visit made by a dentist this academic year and Lockers Park School

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strongly advises that a properly fitted mouthguard should be worn at all times whilst participating in contact sports. Parents are reminded that mouthguards are compulsory for boys representing the school at all age levels (rugby and hockey), and whilst participating in full contact during Games sessions. Games staff will exclude boys from contact hockey and rugby training sessions if they do not have a mouthguard. **GT**



## **Gift Wrap Fundraiser**

Look out for the Northbrook gift wrap leaflet in your envelope with lots of lovely wrapping paper and cards for Christmas and birthdays. Lockers Park will receive a cash donation for every item sold and there is a fabulous prize on offer too. Please put your orders in the FoLP postbox in the Boys' Hall by 12.35 pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

## **Macmillan Coffee Morning**



This has been rescheduled for Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00 am – everyone welcome.

## **ECO SCHOOLS AND RECYCLING**

We are pleased to announce that, as a result of improvements in lighting throughout the school and new taps in some of the washrooms, our energy and water consumption have gone down and we now qualify for Eco-School Silver status. A new Eco-Committee has convened and will be pushing for further improvements. These will include planting a Jubilee Oak sapling in the school grounds and hedge around the pond, in the Spring term.

May I remind parents that if you are too busy to recycle your old printer cartridges, batteries and unwanted CDs and DVDs, you can put them in a box in the Old Gym and we will sort and recycle them, along with those generated in school. **JD**

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## THE CHESTNUTS

The Chestnuts have been thinking about the seaside. First they wrote a list of words about the seaside, then paired them up to have the same sound at the beginning, and then rhymed the last words in lines 2 and 4.

### THE SEA



Boats and beaches,  
Shells and sharks,  
Seaweed and starfish,  
Make a mark.

Cliffs and crabs,  
Whales and waves,  
Rocks and rock-pools,  
Hide in the caves.

Piers and pebbles,  
Sand and sun,  
Seagulls and stones,  
Enjoy the FUN!



## AIR AMBULANCE

Was that it? No! A circling jet going to Heathrow. Then, from the east the distant sound of rotors. Mr Doodson pointed (he must have good eyesight!). A bright light was approaching and, as it came nearer, a red and white helicopter could be seen. It circled the Hemel Hempstead Cricket Club ground once and then came in to land. The rotors slowed, stopped and then the doors opened. First a paramedic, then the pilot got out. I'm sure the boys were expecting a male pilot, but both the pilot and the doctor were female. The boys were given permission to approach

and approach they did – rapidly! Soon the crew were surrounded by small boys asking loads of questions. “Is it hard to fly?” “What does this do?” etc. Eventually, questions all asked, each boy was allowed on board – to sit in the doctor’s seat and to see what it felt like as a patient. Many thanks to the Hertfordshire Essex Air Ambulance for making Monday a special day. **SG**



## WAR MEMORIAL VISIT

On the 14<sup>th</sup> September, Mrs Capener took us to see two monuments in Hemel to help us with a monument competition that we're doing in art for an idea for a new monument. The first monument we saw was to honour World War II soldiers that died and had lived in Hemel. It was a magnificent structure, which had the four words valour, honour, victory and courage. We made sketches from different angles to give us an idea for the competition.



Then we walked up to the new Kodak building to see a modern monument. Since the company is about film and pictures, the monument had three wheels with tape coming out of them. It was not the type of monument you see every day! We took a sketch of it again, and returned back to school with a good knowledge of public monuments. All in all, a good day out!

**Mark Nichols and Aditya Gupta, A8H**

### **PANGBOURNE CHALLENGE**



Seven boys set out for Pangbourne on Tuesday morning not sure what to expect from an event labelled as a Junior Teamwork Challenge. The sight of Pangbourne's pupils all turned out in their Navy Number Two uniform only added to the boys' excitement and slight apprehension. However any lingering fears were soon dispelled by the opening address from Andrew Crossley, Pangbourne's Head of Adventure and Leadership Training, who certainly wetted the appetite for a fun day ahead. Our boys were split up to make teams of children from all six of the participating prep schools.

The next few hours flew by in something of a blur. I suspect the most memorable of the many events was either the high ropes course or the six metre pole. The boys not only had to climb up the pole but then get their three other remaining teammates to balance on the very small platform at the top. Command tasks, slalom skiing and an

orienteering course were other highlights of the day.

By 1500hrs the boys were exhausted and glad to be on the bus back to Lockers. Having said that the volume of noise coming through from the back of the bus never lessened the entire journey home, testament to how much the boys had enjoyed their Pangbourne Challenge and how well they had got on with one another. Well done to all the boys, they were fine ambassadors for Lockers Park. **DSF**



### **GREENPOWER RACING AT GOODWOOD**

Mr. Shoebridge took Jason Richardson, Jack Turnbull, Arthur Tapner, Freddie Deane, Oscar Merrifield and me to Goodwood racing track. We had to build our own go-cart to race with in tech at school.



Once we got there we went to start our races: the drag race; the sprint; and the slalom

Unfortunately we did not win any of these but did very well in the slalom and the sprint and we had a long break after because we did them really quickly. Right at the end Freddie did the whole lap of Goodwood, which was about two miles.

**Jamie Woodley, A7S**

## **SCIENCE TRIP – B5D, B5E & B6D**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> September, we visited the Royal Institution for a talk entitled “Surprising Science” by Dr Paul McCrory – a self styled “science magician”. After that it was a short coach journey to the Science Museum, where we took in a 3-D IMAX film about the Hubble Space telescope and then spent an hour in the hands-on Launchpad. Here are two accounts of the day from Theo Ward and Roman Volovik (who only arrived from Russia at the beginning of this term):

“The day of the trip came and we were all excited we got told our groups and then we went to the coach. I sat next to Jaden on the way. and we saw a BUGATTTI VEYRON! It was so cool. Then we arrived at the science show - we had refreshments and went in to the performance. After a long wait the man started to perform. The first trick he showed us was a tin with a rock on the corner so when he let go the tin went up the ramp instead of going down the ramp. Then he showed us these two bottles and the water went in one bottle really SLOW but when he shook it the water went really FAST! And last he showed us a paper plane but it did not look like one - it was a circle and it would fly the length of three football pitches. Then we went back on the coach to the museum and had lunch. So we went around the museum and looked around and we went to the shop and I bought a foam plane that did not work. Then we left on the coach back home. And everyone had a great trip!”

**Theo Ward, B6D**



“Last Friday we went to Science Museum. But first we went to Science lecture. That was fun. There were amazing things and nice jokes. Then we went to Science Museum. Well first we had a little snack. But then we went to cinema and watched 3D movie about space. Then we went to space place. Then we did a bit of shopping. And we went to science room - there were a lots of interstices flings (interesting things ?) like clocks that you can’t touch. We had a lovely day.”

**Roman Volovik, B6D**

## **BOARDERS’ ACTIVITIES**



On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September (the first weekend back) the boarders who were not involved in the Shrewsbury Sixes went to Chessington World of Adventure.

A great day was had by all, even a rather damp Mr Shaw (after braving Rameses Revenge).



### **NEWS FROM THE CUBS – NIGHT HIKE**

On Saturday 17th September, 14 1<sup>st</sup> Bennetts End (Lockers Park) Cubs set off for the County Cub Night Hike. Having set up their beds and rushed their supper, they boarded a coach in one of three teams. Once they had been disembarked they set off on their hike, just as dusk was settling. Team 21 came across the first base – multiple car crashes with 2 casualties needing assistance. This was not our best moment as we have only covered VERY basic first aid, but assist they did. Carl phoned for an ambulance and it duly arrived. On the hike went – across field and through spooky woods. It didn't help to receive a text from a parent saying that she was enjoying the peace with a nice chilled glass of wine! The Scouts are amazing. Who else would set up generators, lights and barbecues in a wood in the middle of nowhere? The Geography Department must be doing their stuff: 46/50 was pretty good on the Ordnance Survey symbols and then a welcome burger.

The area around Hemel is very countrified and the hike continued down tiny country lanes, with houses in the most unexpected areas. 3 more bases – making contours, using co-ordinates and reading maps

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followed. Hiking across fields and along canals (“This is where Mrs Maddern and Keeley fell in!” during a canoeing session) through more field and up country lanes, finally we were coming to the end. Disaster! The instruction sheet was wrong and Team 21 got lost. We just about made it to the coach at 11.40, then home to Hobbs Hill Wood School, and the Cubs were all tucked up and asleep by 12.15 a.m. Unbelievably they slept until 7.15 a.m. (I know what to do at Cuffley next year!) A quick breakfast and then the presentation of certificates to 650 Cubs. Home to Lockers for 9.35 a.m.



### **ENGLISH SCHOOLS' SKI ASSOCIATION**

A group of six boys went to Welwyn Garden City to take part in the regional qualifying event. Well done to the Lockers Park teams who came 4<sup>th</sup> in both the U11 and U13 age groups.



## **SHREWSBURY SIXES TOURNAMENT**



Shrewsbury School again provided a superb venue for the annual football sixes competition. In the senior competition the Lockers 1st VI played some good football but were very slow to start. This meant a loss in the first game against Packwood. James Sibley scored a wonderful goal from a through pass by Luke Campbell but the final score was 3-1. The second game against Beech Hall was a much better performance and goals by Jamie Woodley, Alex Verkhoturov (3), Luke Campbell, Heath Ostrer and George Garrett meant the game finished 7-1. The final game of the group was against a strong Formarke side. It was not our best performance of the tournament and quick goals by the opposition meant Lockers were always chasing the game. A good goal by Sibley was not enough and it finished 5-1.

After 2 losses in the group, Lockers went into the shield competition. In the quarter-finals Lockers were drawn against Elstree. Goals by Woodley (2) and Campbell gave Lockers the lead and Elstree were unable to break through the strong defence with the match finishing 3-0. The semi-final was against The Ryles. Lockers took the lead with a good goal from Campbell but The Ryles soon equalised. The game was won when captain Sibley took control of the game and scored a wonderful goal making it 2-1.

The senior shield final was against Prestfelde. Both teams had opportunities but it was Lockers who took their chance and Verkhoturov scored the only goal of the

game. A wonderful day was made even better with Sibley lifting the shield. **GT**

## **1ST XI FOOTBALL**

It was a difficult start to the season after the fine performance at the Shrewsbury VI's. In the opening match against Edge Grove the midfield struggled to keep the ball. With so much possession the opposition had plenty of opportunities and, if it wasn't for the strong centre back partnership of Jamie Woodley and James Harvey and fine goalkeeping of James Clark, Edge Grove would have scored a great deal more. The Lockers team never gave up and chased every loose ball but couldn't find the net and the opening match finished with a defeat.

After a tough first game, the next match was an even greater challenge against the much bigger Summer Fields. The pace of the attack caused plenty of early problems and chasing the long ball behind the defence meant they took an early lead. However the determined spirit of the Lockers team was finally beginning to show and they passed the ball around much better having a large amount of possession. Kwaku Antwi in goal was outstanding and his quick thinking and bravery were the only reason Lockers stayed in the game. The pace of the Summer Fields' attack was the difference between the teams on the day and they took their opportunities well winning the game convincingly. **GT**

## **3RD XI FOOTBALL**

### **Lockers Park 4 – Edge Grove 5**

Our opening match of the season against Edge Grove was by common consent something little short of a thriller. Any game which finishes 4-5 has by definition to be action packed and from the kick off there was never a dull moment for the following 50 minutes. Every Lockers player gave his all trying to save the game, not one of them stopped running or gave up and despite going down by the one goal conceded in the final two minutes they should be proud of the way they played the game.

With such an excellent team performance it is somewhat invidious to pick out one player but poor old Freddie Deane, to score four goals in one game and still come out on the losing side seems a little unfair. **DSF**

### **COLTS A FOOTBALL**

Term started with the usual long trip to the Shrewsbury Sixes. In our pool we won 2 games convincingly and lost 1 narrowly. This meant we were runners up and had to face a pool winner in the quarter final. We tried hard in this knock out game but were unable to overcome an early goal and so exited the main trophy. To finish in the top 8 is very creditable and the boys deserve much praise for all their efforts.

On the local scene, we have played twice against Edge Grove and Radlett Prep. As usual against Edge Grove, we came across an excellent individual and a well drilled team. Nevertheless, we found ourselves 2-0 to the good at half time! Lintott in goal had a marvellous first 20 minutes. After the interval, we collapsed somewhat, eventually losing 6-4. Again, a very commendable effort.



Radlett are new opponents and we rather stood off them to begin with. It was only when they were 2-0 up that we started to play and began to create chances. As the second half wore on, so we began to dominate and eventually emerged as 3-2 winners - thanks to a hat-trick from Mayokun.

Many thanks to the faithful and supportive parents for being there to watch us perform.  
**MRD**

### **WEBSITE NEWS**

Not only are there lots more photos on our website (regularly updated) but we are now also publishing details of sports teams for forthcoming matches.

Just click this link to go to the **Sport Teams** page.

<http://www.lockerspark.herts.sch.uk/sports-results.php>