

LOCKERS PARK NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER

Mon 27 th	7.00 pm	Boarders & Flexi-Boarders return
Tue 28 th	8.20 am	Day Boys return
Wed 29 th	2.30 pm	1 st XI & 3 rd VII (h), 2 nd XI (a), Colts A, B & E VII (h), Colt C & D VII (a), Under 9 A & B (a) v Westbrook Hay
Thu 30 th		Felsted Technology Day

OCTOBER

Fri 1 st		Jeans for Genes Day
Sat 2 nd	2.30 pm	1 st XI & 3 rd XI (a), 2 nd XI (h) v Aldwickbury
Sun 3 rd		Boarders' Trip to Science Museum
Wed 6 th	2.30 pm	1 st XI & 2 nd XI (a) v York House. Colts A & B VII (a), colts C & D (h) v Beechwood Park
Thu 7 th	2.00 pm	U9 Football Festivals A & B VII at Westbrook Hay. C & D VII at Lockers Park
	7.00 pm	Poetry Competition
Fri 8 th	2.30 pm	Colts A, B C VII (a) v Manor Lodge
Sat 9 th	10.45 am	1 st VI National Sixes
	12.00	FoLP Meeting
	2.30 pm	2 nd XI & 3 rd XI (a) v Haileybury
Wed 13 th	2.30 pm	1 st XI & 3 rd XI (a), 2 nd XI (h) v Aldenham Colts. A, B & C VII (h), Colts D VII (a) v Aldwickbury
Thu 14 th	2.00 pm	Opro Mouthguard fittings
Fri 15 th	7.00 pm	Drinks Party for parents of Chestnuts & Years 3 – 5
Sat 16 th	11.00 am	Open Morning
Sun 17 th	10.00 am	Parents' Technology Competition
	6.30 pm	Chapel: Henry Price, Housemaster, Rugby School (A7D & A7S to attend)
Tue 19 th	9.00 am	A8G & A8M to Gaugin Exhibition at the Tate Gallery
	4.00 pm	Marketing Committee meeting
	5.30 pm	F & GP meeting
Wed 20 th	2.30 pm	Colts A & C VII (a), Colts B & D VII (h) v York House
Thu 21 st	9.30 am	Jungle Jo Animal Talks
	11.00 am	Parents' reception for C3G, Chestnuts and all New Boys
	12.35 pm	Half Term begins

FROM THE HEADMASTER

It comes as something of a shock to be referring already to our first Exeat and with it an early indicator into how the boys have settled back into school life in terms of their effort grades. The hope and expectation is a strong showing across the academic front which bodes well for the remainder of the half term.


Our last two Monday morning assemblies have been something of a treat thanks to Cathy McGregor and her English Department. Nearly 25 boys so far have recited a poem of their choosing to the whole school, in the hope of making it through to the finals of this year's Poetry Competition. All of them deserve enormous credit for having the courage to stand up before their peers and perform, something most boys their age would shy away from. I am confident that every boy in the school will take up the challenge in the coming weeks.

On behalf of all the boys, staff and parents of Lockers Park I would like to take this opportunity to pass on our congratulations to Charles and Sue Phillips who got married in the school's chapel during the summer. It was a very special day and we wish them health and happiness in the coming years for what I am sure will be a wonderful journey together.

It is my very sad duty to inform you of the death of Peter Dudgeon, a man of wit, wisdom and panache who devoted his entire career to Lockers Park. Peter joined the school fresh from university in 1972 and, in the following 34 years, dedicated his every waking moment not only to the boys in his care but also to the staff, all of whom counted on him as a true friend and pillar of strength. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his beloved Pam at this very difficult time.

GOOD HOMES NEEDED FOR BABY...

COCKROACHES!

Ahhh!  Our Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches have been making the most of the warm summer weather. We now have about 20 small (1-2 cm) cockroaches, as well as our 8 adults. If they all grow to adulthood – about 8 cm long – we will have a serious overcrowding problem. Madagascar Cockroaches are undemanding pets – all they ask is a secure aquarium (glass or plastic) with some compost in the bottom and bark or leaves to hide under. They must be kept indoors and eat lettuce, fruit, carrots, dry pet food – they don't mind when it goes mouldy! You don't need to clean them out very often, once every 6-8 weeks is fine. Provided they have enough water, they can be left unattended for several weeks. Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches don't bite or sting – they just hiss when they are annoyed. Nor do they smell, though their food might, if it rots! They enjoy walking over your hands.

If anyone is interested in taking some off our hands, please contact Mrs Dungworth – they come supplied with a test tube for water and full instructions. **JD**

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Please note that it is "Jeans for Genes" Day on Friday, October 1st. On that day, boys may wear jeans or other casual clothing (except football tops), on payment of a minimum donation of £1. We look forward to your continued support for this worthwhile charity. Thank you. **JD**

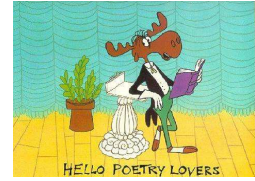


SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure that all of your son's uniform is clearly marked with their name. Name tapes should be sewn on the outside for any games kit, and inside for normal school uniform. Thank you. **BTF**

POETRY COMPETITION

**Thursday 7th October
7.00 pm**



Last year's competition was a huge success: the range of poems chosen and the spread of boys from across the school showed the enjoyment and satisfaction that can be achieved by reading (and memorising!) poetry.

All the boys from Years 3 to 8 have been challenged to choose and learn a poem for recital to an audience and Form and English teachers are busily encouraging their classes. The competition will be held on Thursday 7th October (National Poetry Day) in the Centenary Hall at 7pm. All parents and boys are welcome to attend, whether they're involved or not!

Good Luck boys! **CMG**

DRINKS PARTY

**For parents of Chestnuts & Years 3 – 5
Friday 15th October - 7.00 pm**

Please let us know if you are able to come either by calling 01442 251712 or emailing secretary@lockerspark.herts.sch.uk

Thank you.

LOCKERS PARK SKI TRIP – COURMAYEUR

2nd – 9th January 2011



After two very successful years in Tignes the Lockers Park Ski Trip will move to Courmayeur, Italy in 2011. Full details are included with this mailing and please could I ask that those wishing to join the trip return the form as soon as possible.

Final numbers have to be declared to the tour operator by the end of month, and any additions after this date cannot be guaranteed. **SJG**

LOCKERS PARK WEBSITE

Our current website is starting to show its age and some areas cannot be updated. We are working hard to get our new website up and running later this term. In the meantime, we will keep the old one as up to date as possible and thank you for your patience.

O-PRO MOUTHGUARDS

With the Rugby and Hockey season fast approaching the O-Pro dentist will be visiting the school on Thursday 14th 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

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



QUIZ NIGHT – Saturday 27th November

Please note that, by popular demand, the first FoLP event will be a Quiz Night and will take place in the evening of Saturday 27th November (not Friday 13th).

THE GREEN POWER CAR AT GOODWOOD

We arrived at Goodwood racing circuit at 08.30 and the circuit was already a hive of activity. Our dynamic team consisted of Akhil Seth, Harry Molloy, Ned Loder, Joseph Ross, Jasper Williamson, Oakley McNulty and finally Joshua McNulty. Mr Shoebridge was co-ordinator, Mr McNulty was chief mechanic and, of course, we had the loyal Lockers support posse of parents.

The first race of the day was The Drag Race. As the boys took it in turns and began to win each race it gave them great confidence, but still a good time was needed for the overall team performance for the end of the day

Next up, The Timed Lap. By now the team was winning all of their heats. Suddenly one of our drivers clipped the inside curb but recovery adjustments were made and, with a sigh of relief, the race was over with the bonus of a strong win.

The Gates Test. Joshua was the first of our team to drive. Having put in a blistering faultless drive he set the standard for the other team members. Then on to the Slalom Race and, once again we did extremely well with every driver putting in a clean fast run.

The day culminated with the Race of Champions. To prevent total carnage the organisers set the drivers off in batches of five at a time. The circuit took about 10 minutes to complete (if you made it to the end). As we all waited nervously for the sight of our car we could hear regular feedback (via the marshals) that the race had taken quite a few casualties. At last we spotted our car overtaking two cars on the inside of the bend, a gutsy move that gained us two more places. We passed the chequered flag and the day's racing came to an end.



At prize giving, Lockers Lambo team (as they had called themselves) were proud to collect two trophies. These were awarded to Joshua and Oakley McNulty for first and third place in the Gates Test (a first for Lockers Park).

A very pleasant day was had by all.
Mrs McNulty

FRENCH TRIP 2010

Puits, là nous sommes, yet encore un French Trip fait et dusted, le best ever dans mon opinion. Les pupils étaient extremely gentils et gentle, happily contents. Le weather était un grand deal better aussi que l'année dernière quand il bucketait every flaming jour.

Les activités étaient beaucoup les same que the autres years avec some jolly jolies filles who aidaient nous. Ils ont made mosaics, sculptures, ont joué aux Français games et ont reconstruit the bataille d'Agincourt, firing flêhes at balloons instead of French knuits. (ouch) Le hike par la forêt était un très grand hit et grâce à un storm terrible, there was loads of eau in la rivière pour le kayak.

Nous sommes returned to Vezelay after un an's absence et nous étions delighted to re-see la cathédrale dans sa full beauté. We were incroyablement lucky to avoid another gigantesque (neologism) orage avant de ransacking les magasins to acheter les cadeaux for les parents (qui kept sending les texts, wondering si leur offspring were missing eux – désolé, mais ils ne vous missingaient pas, trop busy ayant fun!)

Ils ont stuffé leurs faces at le restaurant. Ils ont joué sur les swings, ils ont fait le hunting et gathering pour le pique-nique déjeuner, le cooking clafoutis, le foot pendant les breaks, aussi bien que some nouveaux things like le Hunt de Treasure.

Un huge merci to mes chers colleagues sans whom le trip ne would have pas been possible, ni as enjoyable, ça est pour sûr.

BOARDERS' WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Trip To Butterfly World



On Sunday afternoon, nine of the boarders went to Butterfly World with Mrs. Dungworth

and Valda. It is still being built and, in a year's time, it will be the biggest butterfly dome in the world, but now, it only has about twenty different species! They have already built a lot of it, like a lake shaped like a chrysalis and a butterfly shape cut out of a hedge. In a year's time there will be a huge dome in the middle of the site, with tons of butterflies.

When we arrived, we bought our tickets and each got a map of the whole place. Then we split up and went in different directions. I first saw the tropical butterfly house, the only place with actual butterflies. At the back, you got a really good view of the hedge and the lake. Then I went to the insect study centre where you got a magnifying glass and saw ants and dead wasps. If you wanted to, you could also handle a giant Madagascar Hissing Cockroach, a large stick insect and a very long and fat, green caterpillar. There was a breeding house, where we could see lots of chrysalises hanging up and some of them had just hatched into butterflies. After that we played hide and seek in the flower maze. We had lots of fun and would like to say thank you to Mrs. Dungworth and Valda for taking us.

Karamvir Kumar, A7S

BBQ



Traditionally the first weekend of the Autumn term always has a barbecue on the Saturday evening. I always look with trepidation at the weather forecast, relying more on the BBC than Mr Dawes, who seems to have gone on strike this term! Rain in the morning – correct, but relatively optimistic for the evening. In this they were also right. The Boarders sat down to a delicious meal, prepared by Sarah Timmons, the weekend chef.

Once they had eaten, there were several chasing games, followed by the Saturday films. **SG**



Cupcakes & Kayaking

Some of the boarders made (and ate) cupcakes with Miss McGregor on Saturday...



...and then worked all that energy off with a spot of kayaking with Mr Elliott on Sunday at Apsley Lock, the home of Hemel Hempstead Canoe Club. Here they were given a safety briefing and instruction session before warming up by imagining they were a chef and making "pizza"! Once fully equipped and outfitted they launched on to the canal, much to the amusement of some local fishermen. As they made their way up the canal to a wide turning point they managed to avoid any passing canal boats by crashing into the bank. James Hughes even managing to get himself stuck under a railway bridge. Once in the expanse they proceeded to learn about kayaking, which several seemed to believe, involved capsizing and going swimming. The shock of the cold water certainly awakened a number from their slumbers.

A great time was had by the boys with requests that they go kayaking on a regular basis.



1st XI FOOTBALL



The 1st XI season kicked off with a highly entertaining 2-2 draw at Edge Grove. Missing two key players the side showed great determination and produced a fine all round performance. Ben Ramsay and George Panayi were superb at the centre of the Lockers defence countering some neat Edge Grove play. Some strong play from James Sibley, Joe Ross and Jamie Jordache ensured that Lockers continued to create plenty of chances from midfield. However the outstanding performance of the day belonged to Lockers goalkeeper Clay Ostrer who produced a string of excellent saves. Not only did these keep Lockers in the game, but also spread confidence throughout team that they could achieve a result. Both sides had chances to win but two goals from Jamie Jordache, one a superbly crafted slice into the top corner, gave Lockers a well deserved draw. **SJG**

SHREWSBURY SIXES

Shrewsbury School once again hosted their annual six-a-side competition.

1ST VI

After a slow start against Shrewsbury High Prep, the team soon began to find some attacking form as Verkhoturov went close to opening the scoring. In a game of few chances Jordache hit the post and Sibley was denied by an excellent save as the score remained 0-0. Two very tough games then followed against The Priory and Terra Nova. Being physically much smaller than the opposition, Lockers stuck to their style of play, and a goal from Verkhoturov had the team ahead against The Priory. Despite some fine saves from Ostrer they couldn't quite hold on as the game finished 2-1. It was very much the same story against Terra Nova as Lockers again took an early lead through a neat Verkhoturov header. Harvey, Lupton and Jordache all worked tirelessly, but the speed and strength of the opposition proved just too much. A good team performance ended in a narrow defeat, but the strength of the group was underlined by the fact that both these teams went onto to reach the final.

Solebo scored twice as Lockers beat Packwood to move into the semi-final of the plate competition. In a very competitive match against Yarlet the team continued to play some neat passing football. After falling behind early in the first half a deserved Lockers equaliser saw the game move to extra time and penalties. Unfortunately it was Yarlet who progressed, however the boys thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the quality of their football had made the journey very worthwhile. **SJG**

COLTS A

Our first game in the pool matches was relatively easy against Shrewsbury Prep. and we won 6-1, what a start! Next up we played The Ryleys and, after a slow first half, we perked up and scored straight after the restart, eventually winning 2-0. The final pool game against Old Hall (of Wellington) was quite tough and even though we went 3-1 up, they scored against to set the nerves jangling. We did respond to win 4-2 and to enter the quarter finals as pool winners.

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In our game against St John's (of Chepstow), our defensive inadequacies were exposed as they scored three times. We did, however, manage to equalise in extra time to force a penalty shoot-out, which we won with the last kick to put us into the semi-final v Packwood Haugh (Oswestry).

Again, we could not keep a clean sheet, but we were good going forward to eventually draw 2-2 after extra-time and, once more, had to endure a penalty shoot-out. This time, we were the unlucky ones and we lost on the final kick.

Our attitude and behaviour was excellent throughout the day and we were able to travel home with high spirits. Many thanks to those family members that travelled up to support the team and especially Wendy Foster for acting as 'shotgun' in the minibus.

MRD

COLTS A



Following a resounding 5-1 success against Beechwood in a training game, we came down to earth with a very large bump against Edge Grove in the first of our local fixtures. 3-0 down in the first two minutes meant that spirits were low and our teamwork and ability were tested to the full. Again, defensive inadequacies were highlighted and our back players were put under severe pressure by a lack of support from midfield. We did rally somewhat but Edge Grove emerged very worthy winners.

Squad: Woodley (Capt), Arthur, Latham, Garrett, Campbell, Ostrer, Gardener W., Lintott.

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U9 C, D, E FOOTBALL



For a change the football season started off with the more inexperienced players having the first matches. 18 U9s went up to Westbrook Hay and competed ferociously and enthusiastically against the Westbrook teams. It was a close run thing: The Cs drew 1-1, the Ds were winners in a close run match, 1-0 and the Ds came out on top winning 4-1. The spectators really enjoyed the football – less quality and much more enthusiasm! **SG**

TOUCHLINE SUPPORT

Lockers Park parents have always been among the very best in the way that they support the boys from the touchline. Indeed a large support is always most welcome and brings a great deal to the atmosphere of a match day. In order to maintain our well respected reputation could I please remind parents that their support should encourage and praise good play, by both teams, and should not involve direct coaching. Many staff spend a great deal of time working with the boys during games afternoons and mixed messages from the touchline serve only to confuse and distract those who are playing. **SJG**

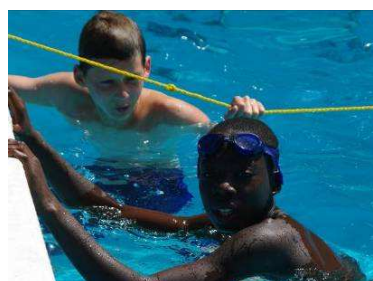
ESSKIA – NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

The artificial slope at Welwyn wasn't quite the corduroy piste we all like to associate with skiing, but it did provide the venue for the English Schools' competition. With Lockers Park returning to the event after a few years break, both the under 12 and under 14 team skied really well. Ned Loder (6th) and Jonty Reid (7th) were well supported by Nick Sheaf (12th) and Jamie Harvey (19th), as the Lockers team finished 4th in the under 14 event.

Justin Reid (7th), Robert Arthur (12th) and Luke Campbell (22nd) all skied well as they finished 3rd in the under 12 competition. **SJG**

SWIMMING GALA (SUMMER TERM)

This year's gala took place in glorious sunshine. Nearly all of the boys had participated in the qualifying heats and two thirds took part in some role on the actual day. Two records were broken: Kwaku Antwi shaved 0.61 seconds off the U11 one length record to set a new record of 13.92; and the Set Relay was won by Roberts with a new record of 4'53.01, a huge improvement of 24.54 seconds.



The Antwi brothers again dominated throughout and praiseworthy though this was, it hid a wealth of talent. Notable here were first, Nyall Hayford who, in the Under 13 category, came second (in a number of cases closely) to Nana Antwi in no less than five races, and James Attenborough and Robert Arthur in the Under 12 and 11 respectively who also regularly came a close second.



The two most exciting races of the day were the Set Relay and the Drummond Cup. The former was a fight to the finish between Roberts and Mountbatten and was one of the most exciting races I can remember. It helped, of course in having Nyall Hayford as not only the final participant to swim for Roberts but also as one of the most competitive and determined set leaders I have seen in this sport for many a year. It was a pleasure to see him clinch the victory and hence Roberts the Set Swimming Cup.

Likewise, the Drummond Cup in which the boys triumphed against an equally determined and very talented parents' team. That race too was a true fight to the finish and again enabled Nyall Hayford as the team captain to collect yet another trophy on his team's behalf.

In short therefore, a "well done" to all who took part and to the winners but particularly to Nana and Kwaku Antwi who clearly dominated the day. **CJM**

Quote of the week

"I went to see Matron today: 2 veruccas, no nits – lovely eyelashes!"