



LONG CLOSE SCHOOL

# PEGASUS NEWS

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## THE HEADMASTER WRITES...



When I think back over my four years at LCS and think about the highlights then events such as the Summer Fayre this weekend are going to feature right at the top of the list. The atmosphere on Saturday was wonderful and it was a real testament to the hard work of the PTA and all the volunteers who made the occasion so special. Having the time to enjoy each other's company and for

the whole LCS community to come together was superb! It was a great surprise and a great pleasure to welcome back both past pupils and past staff to join in the festivities. The class of 2009 (whose pictures appear elsewhere in this newsletter) had used social media to contact one another and used the occasion for a reunion. Furthermore there were various members of staff who had worked here in the recent past who also took time out of their weekend to come along to say hello to old friends. There are still some parental grumblings around how I took full advantage of this to find the fifth person for our football team! Some even believed that it was stretching the definition of 'staff' if they had either left over 3 years ago or if they happened to be married to someone who was once on the staff! But nonetheless the final result of the keenly contested five-a-side football competition was not affected by my team management. And when I say 'keenly contested' – well I consider myself to be a competitive individual but the parent teams seemed to be taking 'competiveness' to a new level and were certainly doing everything they could to make their children proud! I was certainly impressed! But I was also relieved to have the four members of staff who had played (including myself) in at school on Monday morning able to walk and work! Aside from this it was great to see stalls being run by students, children having fun and eating far too many sweets, and the whole day came together in a way which would not have been possible without the wonderful family values that so many in the community hold dear to their hearts. Everyone involved should be extremely proud to have been a part of it. My only hope is that I will be able to be one of the former members of staff invited to come back in years to come – but I may have to find an excuse not to be dragged into the football!

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### AFTER SCHOOL CARE MOBILE NUMBERS

*ASC team members can be contacted on the following numbers between 3.30pm and 6.00pm each day.*

*If you are running late to collect your child from ASC, please give the staff on duty a quick call to let them know. Thank you!*

**Nursery, Reception,**

**Yrs 1 & 2:**

**07783 198 998**

**Years 3-11:**

**07986 316 132**

## EARLY YEARS UPDATE BY MRS HARRIS

Many thanks to all of the 59 Daddies/Grandfathers and Uncles that were able to attend and support our Father's Day celebration in the Nursery this week, we hope you had fun with your children! The Reception Father's day Lego challenge afternoon also led to lots of fun as is clear to see on our Firefly virtual learning environment blog. We also wish the Fathers who couldn't make it to the event a super Father's day on Sunday and hope they enjoy their special gifts from their children. We have quite a few EYFS events coming up next week in the EYFS so do look at Firefly/check the school calendar and speak with your class teacher if you are unsure of details. Tuesday the 20th of June Literacy and activities Day Little Red Riding Hood as per the schoolcomms sent to you. We have our school educational visit for Reception and Red and Blue Room children which will be going to Bucklebury Farm on Wednesday the 21st of June, please see the website link below for more details of the venue. <http://www.buckleburyfarmpark.co.uk>. On the Wednesday the 21st of June Yellow and Green room children are all invited to a Teddy bears picnic lunch, your class teachers will communicate further details on timings. Thursday the 22nd of June Nursery and Reception Ballet and Dance performance with their teacher Miss.Abhi from 2.30pm-3pm. If you can attend and wish to take your child home after the performance then you may otherwise the children will continue their school day as usual. If you cannot attend staff will support your children as they enjoy performing and will upload lots of videos and photos on Firefly that evening for you to look at with your children.

### YELLOW ROOM

The children were very excited when they were told that their Daddy's would be coming to play with them at nursery as a Father's Day treat.

We read a well-known story about a bear family in the Yellow room called, 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears.' The story prompted the children to use the language of size when talking about their own families as we played with our cultural puppets by making family groups with them.

The children in Yellow room enjoyed having their Daddy's come into nursery to have a play and join in with a Scrumy's Gym session. We had a warm up first as we flexed our muscles and stretched up high and then we were ready to participate in the various activities Coach Patrick and Dev had planned, including a game of 'Tag.'

All the children had a wonderful Father's Day Celebration in the sun.

### GREEN ROOM

Everybody had such great fun this week celebrating Father's day. The children invited their Daddies into nursery to participate in a fun filled morning. The Daddies participated in a Scrumys session along with a variety of other activities such as icing biscuits and decorating trophy's. We hope you have an amazing Father's day and enjoy the gifts! Following our event the children have been exploring sports and the importance of exercise. The children have been using 'the fun wheel' each morning to select what form of exercise they will participate in. They have had lots of fun jumping like rabbits, wiggling like worms and dancing to their favourite songs using the pom poms! We have been discussing how exercise affects our body and how we feel afterwards. The children have also enjoyed exploring mark making on the playground using chalk. The children used their imagination to think of what they would like to draw along with drawing around their different shadows. They explored the different shapes that the shadows made and compared which shadow was the biggest, we all agreed it was the shadow of the tree.



## THIS WEEK IN EARLY YEARS

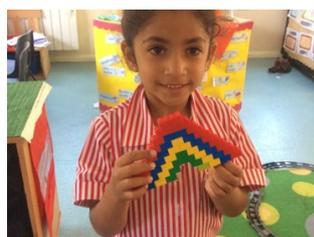
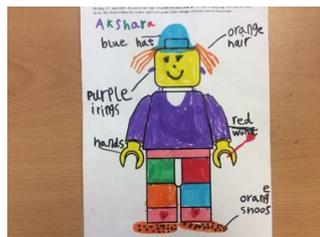
### RED AND BLUE ROOMS

There were lots of cheers and excitement in the nursery on Tuesday morning as some Daddies joined us for our Father's Day celebration! Icing biscuits, designing and decorating a tie or playing football were among the exciting activities our Daddies enjoyed taking part in with their children. The children were proud to show their Daddies all the skills they had learnt during their Scrumys sessions with coach Patrick and coach Dev. The children have been 'Sun Safe Super Stars' this week remembering to wear their hats and apply their sun cream and drink lots of water as they spend lots of time outdoors making the most of our lovely weather.



### RECEPTION

This week Reception have been enjoying Lego! We began the week by finding out how this incredible construction is made. We saw how small plastic pellets are melted and then moulded into different bricks, and discovered how our favourite mini figures are assembled. We loved the mini figures so much, we decided to design some of our own. We enjoyed watching mini Lego movies and then directed our own using scenery, cut out figures and iPad, they were very funny! We designed and then built a Lego house and completed many Lego challenges through-out the week. Some challenges we completed were: making a Lego rainbow, ordering numbered Lego bricks to 20, going on a Lego figure hunt and making a Lego bridge. We finished the week with a wonderful Lego inspired Father's day celebration. Our daddy's joined us for an afternoon full of Lego activities, we even had a competition, looking for the most creative Lego creation. The children loved having their daddies taking part in all the fun, decorating biscuits, printing with Lego and building with our much loved...Lego!



## PREP SCHOOL NEWS

### KEY STAGE 1

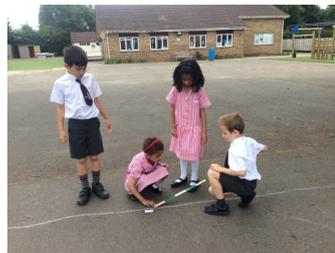
#### Year 1

This week the Year 1 children have been preparing for their assembly Jack and the beanstalk by rewriting the story and discussing what the magic beans needed to grow. The children were extremely excited to receive their lines and have a go at reading them alongside their peers. All the children are very excited to perform in a few weeks time! We have also been getting ready for sports day next week by running lengths of the track with the Year 2 children which has been great fun. We would also like to wish all the dads a very happy Father's Day on Sunday.

# Happy Father's Day

#### Year 2

Year 2 popped their SATS hats on this week and ploughed through the remaining papers from last week. The children showed great maturity, working in silence and applying their knowledge to the different areas of the curriculum being tested. Both Mrs Woodcraft and Miss Moss are extremely proud of each and every child and look forward to a fun filled week next week, they truly deserve it! The children have been busy stretching out their muscles in preparation for the KS1 Sports Day, next Friday the 23rd June. The children have shown such keen dedication that they have even started to practice their racing skills on the track during their break times! Year 2 ended the week finishing off their measurement topic in maths. The children investigated the concept of capacity looking at various sized containers and estimating the measurement of water in each one using millilitres and litres. This task was also a great excuse to go outside and cool down in the lovely summer sunshine, SPLASH!



### FORM & VICE CAPTAINS FOR SUMMER TERM 2017:

#### W/C 22 May

1H Minal Sharif  
1S Noor Ibrahim  
2M Aaminah Naveed  
2W Safa Majid  
3I Josh Varaitch  
3R Saaheb Basi  
4M Rajan Basram  
4R Saloni Baig  
5B Alisha Chaudry  
5C Jithvin Jayasinghe  
6F George Sil  
6O Palash Rajput

#### W/C 5 June

1H Zakariya Manir  
1S Eshaan Kaiser  
2M Hector Madumere  
2W Ammiel Meer  
3I Ayan Haq  
3R Smaran Kesireddy  
4M Manas Pallem pati  
4R Arya Bharadwaj  
5B Gabriel Joly-Panayatiou  
5C Jasmine Bath  
6F Faizan Subhany  
6O Aariz Mujib & Ibrahim Majid



## PREP SCHOOL NEWS

### KEY STAGE 2

#### Year 3

The Year 3 have continued to work very hard this week. In between exams, the children had revision lessons as well as Science sessions where they were learning about shadows and how they are created and how they change shape and direction depending on the movement of the Earth around the Sun. They carried out an experiment and were happy to see that their predictions were pretty accurate. The exam fortnight ended with a blast! Not only was it Sports Day, but the pupils were excited to finish off their shields and to test them out on the school playing field. They had so much fun and were overjoyed to be able to take their master pieces home!

#### Year 4

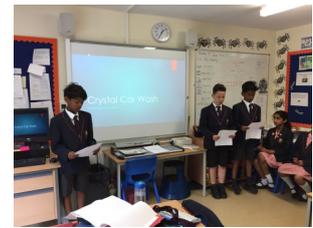
Wow! What a busy week the children have had! Everyone has worked so hard and been so enthusiastic with their revision that the classrooms have been buzzing! In Science, we have started our new topic of Circuits and Conductors and the children have loved trying out different circuits and experimenting. Creative writing lessons have involved story writing and including the apostrophe to show possession. The children wrote some excellent descriptive pieces that had us all gripped and on the edge of our seats! Well done to Prabhveer Mundra for winning the Amazon voucher with his excellent drawing for the school Fayre.

#### Year 5

Year 5 participated fully in a fantastic Summer Fayre! We were very proud of how they organised and ran so many stalls. It was a great effort from all the pupils and parents and the children thoroughly enjoyed raising money through their ideas. We were very happy to hear that the winning stall was run by Nikita Saini, Anisha Naidoo and Malvika Kaujalgi. Their duck and balloon game proved to be very popular! Following this exciting weekend, this week the children have worked extremely hard on their end of year exams. As well as completing a range of assessments, the children also took part in a variety of exciting lessons as well as rehearsing for the production of Oliver. The week culminated with an exhilarating Sports Day which created a lot of excitement and fun. First, the pupils attended the Opening Ceremony organised by the Senior Girls. The assembly focused on the values of the Olympic movement and the origin of it. The Cheer-leading Club also had the opportunity to share their skilful routine and the winning senior dance team displayed their moves for everyone in KS2. After lunch, the children took part in their traditional races at Lascelles Park and, as always, the day resulted in cheers!

#### Year 6

What an exciting week for Year 6 – five days away from school and parents! Monday morning Long Close waved off a coach full of extremely excited pupils with three ( not quite so hyper) staff members off on their way to PGL: 'Parents Get Lost' as it affectionately known. It was a week of none - stop activities for all concerned and the pupils had a marvellous time. Apart from the first afternoon/night, when it poured down continuously, Little Canada was kind to its inhabitants. The children explored, problem solved, sang, climbed, dragon - boat raced, abseiled, fenced and most importantly of all had fun! As has been tradition, over the years, the week ended with a disco. Mrs O'Connell and Mrs Barnes tested out their latest moves, however, Mr Jones could not quite be persuaded! May be next time.....



PREP PUPIL WORK SHOWCASE

# Chances

*By Avinash Naidoo (Yr. 5)*

**We are given a chance to show who we are**

**We are given a chance to look at the stars.**

**We are lucky to be alive**

**In life you must always rise, not dive**

**To do well, inside you,**

**there needs to be a drive**

**Time is valuable, precious and rare.**

**Don't stand around to stop and stare.**

## WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH

TEMPEST  
PHOTOGRAPHY

Order forms for the whole school photo were sent home earlier this week. The photo is on display in the main school reception area for pupils/parents to view ahead of placing any orders.

**Please note that latest date for the return of any orders via the school will be Monday 19 June, 4.00pm -**

as completed order forms will be collected by the courier company first thing on Tuesday 20 June. This will enable Tempest to ensure our orders are returned by the end of term.

## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

How wonderful it was to see some many ex-Long Close students (19!) at the Summer Fair. It was lovely catching up with all of them and finding out what they have done with their lives since they left; one of them is even getting married in December. They were and remain excellent ambassadors to our school. They even helped the staff get their revenge on the fathers in the tug-of-war! Thank you to the PTA, the staff and everyone else who helped out on the day. We had glorious weather and the day was very successful.



**VICTORY IS SWEET! Four of our original GCSE students. Jagraj, Gazia, Nazia and Khrishan who left in 2009.**

### Year 8 Fieldtrip to Slough High Street

On a beautiful Thursday morning Year 8 set off on their fieldtrip to Slough Town Centre to examine urban land uses along the High Street. This makes up an important part of their Common Entrance 13+ syllabus that we have been following this year. For many students this is the first time that they have been introduced to the concept of research methods, analysis of results, drawing conclusions and evaluating results. We had five different areas that we were looking at; land use, building height, environmental quality, pedestrian levels and public opinion (using a questionnaire survey). Slough High Street is an area that has seen many changes over the years and is likely to see many more in the near future. In a few years time these students will be doing GCSE geography and they are likely to be looking at urban regeneration and so their experience yesterday morning will make for a fascinating comparison to their future work. I am delighted to say that we gathered some excellent data, the children's behaviour was impeccable and we are now looking forward to completing our write-ups during our final 5 lessons of the year!



## SCHOOL NOTICES AND MATCH REPORT

### U11As Cricket vs Thorpe House School

On a very warm Wednesday afternoon LCS U11 A team took to the field against Thorpe House School U11s. Aron Lall wasted little time as he opened the batting, scoring 33 runs at a very quick rate.

As for the rest of our batting players came and went with Simardeep Singh next top scorer with 5. Fortunately for us the extras column was also very productive and we finished with a very competitive 93 for 6 from 15 overs.

In reply Thorpe House never looked like reaching the target and finished on 54 for 5 from their 15 overs, with all of our own players having at least one over each. The pick of the bowlers was Daood Saba who took two wickets from his two overs without conceding a single run! Well done to the whole team on an excellent victory!

#### PUPIL MEDICATION

A reminder please that no child in school should be in possession of medicine. All medication should be handed into the School Office, first thing in the morning, by a Parent, clearly labelled with the pupil's name and instructions. Parents should also complete and sign a Medication form. We also ask that if you are leaving 'liquid' medicine at school – that the correct size spoon is provided.

#### Thinking Skills

Thinking Skills is cancelled for  
Tuesday 20 June.

Prep has been offered as an  
alternative which will take place  
in Room 5C.

### SCHOOL EVENTS FOR W/C 19 JUNE 2017

**Mon 19 June** —U15 Cricket v Thorpe House (h)

**Tues 20 June**—Yellow & Green Room Activities Day in Nursery  
U9 Rounders v St. Bernard's (h)

Yr.2 Parents Information Meeting—Moving to KS2

**Wed 21 June**—Red/Blue Rooms & Reception Educational Visit  
U10/11 Rounders V Dair House (a)

**Thurs 22 June**—Early Years Ballet & Dance Performance  
Reception Parents Information Meeting—Moving to KS1

**Fri 23 June**— Yr. 5 Trip to Gurdwara  
KS1 Sports Day

## PTA NEWS

Firstly a huge **thank you** to everyone that lent us a hand both preparing the school for the fayre and also on the day. We cannot do this without the help of volunteers so every minute you gave us of your time is appreciated! And to everyone who came we hope you thoroughly enjoyed the day. We certainly did and have written a few verses to sum up the day from our eyes!

### *Summer Sports Carnival*

*One sunny Saturday the school opened its gates*

*There was a fun filled event known as a school fete*

*People ate pizza and played games galore*

*The year 3 dads got the best football score!*

*There was movie madness for the early years*

*People enjoyed a few cold beers*

*The tuck shop sweets went down a treat*

*By the end of the day the PTA had aching feet!*

*We hope you all had lots of fun*

*And enjoyed the prizes and treats you won.*

We are pleased to confirm that we have raised an impressive **£2,900** from the fayre, this is on par with previous years! This is great news as this money allows us to invest more into those things that enrich our children's school day.

**We have had a short rest (of a few days) and are now planning our next events:**

- \* The PTA tuck shop on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of June
- \* The year 6 leavers event on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of June

Look out for more details soon on how you could become part of the PTA committee for the next school year, the AGM is usually held at the end of September.



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