



Head's lines

Easter

Diary Dates

APRIL

12th Start of Summer Term

PTA Zoom Meeting: 7pm – more details inside

Year 11 Mock Exams continue

14th Parent Governor Nomination recruitment

We will notify parents/carers of further dates as soon as possible.

For millions of Christians around the world, tomorrow sees the start of the Easter Triduum, the three most important days in the calendar. The Last Supper, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Although most of us will focus on the third day and the giving and receiving of Easter eggs, many will share the joy of the resurrection of Jesus, new birth and new beginnings.

In school, I am hoping that this period sees a new beginning in terms of a return to normality, the beginning of the end to an awful twelve months. Many of the restrictions imposed upon us will be lifted and this, coupled with fairer weather, should see and feel much happier times. It has been a struggle for everyone, and I would like to thank all parents/carers who have supported their children and the school through the challenges.

When we return, we will be preparing our Year 11 students to provide the evidence that is being asked for by the Qualifications and Assessment Council, to support the Centre-assessed Grades that will be awarded our students. We cannot share those with parents and students because it is the responsibility of exam boards to approve them; however, we will provide clear guidance to parents and students as to the grades their work suggest we give. There should be no surprises.

We have sent out a ParentMail about the continuation of home testing, especially the reporting of positive cases, and you will also receive an email from Mrs Guise about pastoral expectations on return to school.

It only remains for me to wish you all a very happy, restful and peaceful Easter.

School Admissions: 2022/23

The admission arrangements 2022/23 for community and voluntary controlled schools in the Shropshire local authority area were determined by Shropshire Council Cabinet on 8 February 2021.

A copy of the arrangements are published on the Shropshire Council website at:

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/media/17492/shropshire-council-arrangements-2022-2023.pdf>

Determined arrangements for admission authority schools in Shropshire Council's area appear on the school's own website but will also be listed on Shropshire Council's website in due course.

Following determination of arrangements, if it is believed that the admission arrangements are unlawful or do not comply with the mandatory requirements of the School Admissions Code, objections can be made to the Schools Adjudicator. Any such objections should be submitted in writing by 15 May 2021 to: The Secretary, Office of the Schools Adjudicator, Mowden Hall, Staindrop Road, Darlington, DL3 9BG or by email to OSA.TEAM@osa.gsi.gov.uk.

THANK YOU
for supporting Red Nose Day

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Wow! We were absolutely blown away by your generosity and support for Comic Relief, particularly in these difficult times.

We can't thank you enough for helping us to raise a total of £529.84!

Mrs Croxton-Broome

Parent Governors

We have vacancies for two Parent Governors and will start the recruitment process on the 14th April 2021.

If you would like further details, please contact Mr Reynolds.



Thank you!



Shropshire
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Educational Trust

Lacon Childe School

Part-time Cleaner required

Lacon Childe School is seeking to appoint a permanent part time cleaner to join its team for 2 hours daily between 3.30pm and 5.30pm (actual working pattern may be negotiable).

NJC pay point 1 : £9.25 per hour plus occasional overtime

Term-time only plus 2 weeks

For further details and an application pack, please see our website or contact admin@laonchildeschool.co.uk

Lacon Childe School and The Shropshire Gateway Educational Trust are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Rigorous child protection procedures are in place. Appointments are subject to an Enhanced DBS check and appropriate pre-employment checks.



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Covid-19 Testing Area

THANK YOU



We started the mass testing on Monday 8th March with Year 11s. It soon became apparent that the area we had set up in the café area of the Sports Centre was not large enough and it would take too much time to get everyone through. We then set-up 7 tables in the Sports Centre – thanks to the PE Department for loaning us their space and for making other arrangements for lesson!

This proved much better and, once pupils got used to registering and doing the test, the whole operation ran smoothly. The pupils were brilliant!

We would like to say a huge thankyou to Mrs Richardson, Mrs Lupton (parents), Miss Powell (ex-pupil) and Mrs Crosbie (retired nurse) who volunteered to support with the testing. Their help meant that less of our staff were needed. We are very grateful to them all.

Finally, a massive thanks to the school staff, too numerous to mention, who helped in many capacities with the whole process. I think we all felt that this was something we would never be doing in school, but everyone stepped up to the challenge magnificently!



Thank you to Elliot from our local CO OP for the donation of hand sanitiser and tissues, which helped us out while we have been doing the Covid-19 Lateral Flow Tests in school.



We would like to invite you to our next PTA Zoom Meeting, which is taking place on **Monday 12th April, at 7pm**. It's our first day back after the Easter break, so we wanted to be able to give you plenty of notice as we would really appreciate your support going forward. The details for joining are below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82224612304?pwd=VytoQIEreGwwMUh1dDZGNEtjSGFMDz09>

Meeting ID: 822 2461 2304

Passcode: 5gs0vZ

Can we also take this opportunity to remind you about our new lottery. The first draw is on **Saturday 17th April**, so please make sure you have signed up before then if you would like to support it. Please follow the link below for all the information you need.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/lacon-childe-school>

Thank you for your continued support!

Lacon Childe School PTA



Descriptive Writing

- Ascending golden sunlight.
- Pure, pearly, powdery snow
- Glimmering, shimmering snow
- Picturesque field
- Lonesome and motionless snowman
- Unsteady, miniscule rocks
- Naked trees extend to the atmosphere
- Sunshine peering over the horizon
- Snow glistened under the sunlight



By Laruen Simpson: Year 7

Summer 2021 PE extracurricular timetable

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
YEAR 8 AND 9 BOYS AND GIRLS HOCKEY	YEAR 9 AND 10: ROUNDERS CRICKET SOFTBALL	YEAR 7 GIRLS FOOTBALL YEAR 7, 8 AND 9 ATHLETICS BOYS AND GIRLS	YEAR 7 AND 8: ROUNDERS CRICKET	YEAR 7 BOYS AND GIRLS TENNIS Tennis will be run by an external coach and will be £3.00 per session. Parentmail will be out soon.
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Science

The annual British Science Week takes place every year, even during a global pandemic, and 7 Cleve were lucky enough to be able to take part in a live streamed Science show from the comfort of their own homes! On Friday 5th March, the pupils logged on to not only watch but also take part in a show put on by the Royal Institution, in conjunction with University of Worcester. The theme of the show was 'Sustainable Power' and included demonstrations of how electricity is generated, the burning of fossil fuels and the effect of carbon dioxide on the planet.

In addition, pupils were invited to join in with the experiments from home, with one experiment called 'Curious Carbon Dioxide', where pupils had to use vinegar and bicarbonate of soda to produce carbon dioxide gas and test whether it could extinguish candle flames. The second was called 'Good Vibrations', where pupils constructed a tower and applied shaking forces to it to simulate an earthquake. Aden Cooper has provided some photographs to document the experiments and to show his results!

The show was very enjoyable to watch and made a nice change to the Teams lessons!

Mrs H Gilder

British Science Week Experiments

Here is a step-to-step guide on how to simulate the effect of the earthquake on a building:



First you will need the following equipment:
Pipe cleaners (number depending on the structure of the house), a 30cm, cello tape and two tin cans (full), and a cutting board or a rigid portable surface you can build your structure on.



Place down your cutting board on a hard surface and build a base for your building. Then start to build upwards, adding structural support to the bottom of building so it does not collapse. Make sure the structure is at least 30cm tall.



Once you have finished building your structure, using the cello tape, stick down the building to the cutting board or hard surface firmly. Then, place the surface along with the building on top of the two tin cans that are spaced evenly.



Finally, shake the surface back and forth quickly but steadily. Your end result will decide if your structure was strong enough to withstand a simulated earthquake.

Here is how to set out candles using Carbon Dioxide gas:



First of all, you will need to gather: one or more small candles, Bicarbonate of soda, Vinegar, a tablespoon, a lighter or match and $\frac{1}{2}$ a litre jug.



Slowly light your candle/candles so that they are all fully ignited.



Using the tablespoon, measure $\frac{1}{4}$ of bicarbonate of soda and put it in the $\frac{1}{2}$ litre jug. Carefully add 100ml of vinegar and then stir the solution with a spoon. There will now be Carbon Dioxide being put off so let the jug stand for approximately 1 to 2 minutes to let the jug fill up with it.



The final step is to now gently tip the jug over the candle/candles. Make sure that none of the solution pours out of the jug and into the candle. It may take 1 minute to extinguish the flame however it could also happen in a matter of seconds.