

20 November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Empathy Assemblies

This week, in our assemblies across the school, we focused on the importance of one of our Lacon ME value empathy. Students were reminded that to have empathy is the ability to see the world from another's perspective and understand their feelings. The opposite of empathy is ignorance, and a lack of understanding can often lead to a route of prejudice and discrimination. Empathy is a key part of being a responsible and helpful community member both in and out of school. Research shows that young people who show empathy are less likely to be unkind to their peers and so it is important that this is a quality we foster in our students. Empathy can also be a route to academic and career success, because it helps people understand and work with others.

Children in Need

One of the most amazing things about Lacon Childe School is the generosity and willingness of both our students and parents to support our fundraising events. This year has been no exception, thank you all for your donations towards the BBC Children in Need fund. As a result of the non-uniform day and associated activities we have raised £429.32! This will go towards supporting thousands of young people across the UK. THANK YOU!

A special 'well done' goes to 9 Stretton for organising 'Luck of the Royals' where students had to draw a card and if they got a royal, they would then win a prize. They raised a whopping £45. A huge thank you to the students in this form that donated and volunteered.

The annual Children in Need staff v Year 11 netball match took place at lunchtime, and once again, it was a lively and unforgettable event, where teamwork and good sportsmanship took centre stage – though not without a few very competitive moments! Teachers fiercely defended their pride, while students brought boundless energy and cheeky tactics to keep them on their toes! In the end, the teachers triumphed with an impressive 11-4 victory. Both teams and supporters showed great teamwork and shared commitment in supporting a great cause. This event highlighted the spirit of the Lacon Childe community whilst creating memories for everyone involved.



Poetry competition results

Well done to everyone who entered last half term's poetry competition. We had nearly 100 entries from students and staff. This year's theme was counting, and it was a treat to read each and every poem and see the wonderful ways that this theme had been interpreted. We certainly have a host of budding poets with real talent here at Lacon Childe. The judges decided on the following winners:

- **Year 7:** Freddie Norman and Rory Evans with their poem 'Count the Stars' and Tibby Wooding with 'Two Chickens'
- **Year 8:** Arabella Loudwill with her poem '21 days till spook'
- **Year 9:** Ruby Britton with her poem 'Little Black Dress'
- **Year 10:** Oliver Eades with his poem 'The Last Count'
- **Year 11:** Phoebe Rogers with her poem '50 Women'



The staff winner was Mrs Hennessy with her moving poem 'Counting the Years'.

Ski Trip Meeting

Last Thursday evening, students going on the school ski trip in March and their parents met to get a good look at where students would be going. Everything was covered, from the resort and piste maps, how ski school will be run, information on accommodation and catering, kit lists, as well as apres-ski activities. The aim was to get students excited about going and start the countdown! Feedback from parents would suggest we did just that! The school ski trip is held every two years so for those new to school who might be interested, information for the 2027 trip will go out in the autumn term of next year. Huge thanks go to Mrs Harding for organising.

Bridgnorth Barbarians U16 Rugby

On Friday 1st November Bridgnorth Barbarians U16 rugby team travelled to Cardiff Arms Park (the home of Cardiff Blues) to take on Telford U16 in what was dubbed 'The Cardiff Clash'. Lacon Childe students representing Bridgnorth included Cody Hassan, Will Scott, Charlie Scott, Louis Bann, Ethan Homes, Isaac Wilson, Billy Smith and Zach Jordan. The standard of rugby played was complimented by both the Welsh affiliated referee, and the Cardiff Arms Park staff after the game. It was a very close encounter with Telford eventually taking the win 52-38. Well done boys, what an amazing opportunity to play rugby at such an iconic venue.

West Mercia Police partnership

This week we were visited by PCSO Jacqui Fletcher and PCSO Declan Miller as part of our ongoing work on anti-social behaviour. They will be visiting us on a regular basis moving forward and we will also be giving them the opportunity to meet our students during break and lunchtimes.

County lines and exploitation awareness training schedule for Parents/Carers

18th - 22nd November 2024

The West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership are pleased to provide the region with *FREE* county lines and exploitation awareness training sessions specifically aimed at parents/carers. Sessions can be booked through links embedded in the attached below and will take place from 18th – 22nd November 2024.

Letters and information for Parents/Carers:

[Autism](#)

[CMPS Field Consultation](#)

[County lines and exploitation awareness training](#)

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us via email admin@laonchilideschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely



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Dates to remember


Monday 25th November
Thursday 28th November
W/B 2nd December
W/B 9th December
Tuesday 10th, Wednesday, 11th & Thursday 13th December
Monday 16th December
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Friday 20th December

Year 9/10 Writing Workshop
Year 12 Presentation Evening
Year 11 Mock Exams – all week
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Book Swap - Library
Christmas Lunch
Christmas Concert
Last Day of Term

Monday 6th January
Tuesday 7th January

PD Day – No students in school
All students return to school

PE Fixtures

 LACON CHILDE SCHOOL ...more than just a school	Date	Year	Sport	Venue & Start Date	Staff
	Tuesday 26 th November	Yr10 Boys	Rugby	Away - Lacon vs Chantry finish 5pm	SA
	Wednesday 27 th November	KS3 Boys	Basketball	Away - Bishops Castle finish 6pm	PC

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