



LORENDEN

Newsletter



Spring Term Newsletter 1 - Friday 14 January 2022

From the Head:

Our first full week has drawn to a close and our new term is already in full swing! We have had several staff absences to contend with since returning to school, but thanks to the flexibility and dedication of the Lorenden team we have still been able to maintain high quality, in-person provision. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all colleagues for their ongoing hard work.

I hope that everyone in our community is staying safe and keeping well. We have just received guidance that, from Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to school immediately on day 6. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace. If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.



Environmental Committee

This week Mr Norton convened the first meeting of our newly formed Environmental Committee. This group will be focused on environmental matters and will help to ensure that our practices are as sustainable as possible. We want Lorenden pupils to be globally aware citizens, and this committee is an excellent example of this. Mr Norton was joined at this meeting by Evie P, Faith B, Maiya N, Holly H, Isla D, Stella C-R and Charlotte C. Thank you to everyone involved for their excellent early contributions to this new initiative at Lorenden.

Class News



Nursery

It's lovely to be back together again after the Christmas holiday! The 'old' children walked back into class as though they had never been away and instantly started chatting and playing together. They also welcomed four new friends - Iyanu, Axel, Hector and Giovanna - who settled in beautifully and joined in all the fun without hesitation! What a great start to the new term!



Class News



Reception

In Reception we have been finding out all about animals that live in cold places. We made these fabulous penguins and followed some instructions carefully to draw these amazing polar bears.



Class News



Year 2



Year 2 enjoyed a walk in the sunshine to Painter's Forstal as they searched for the different uses of materials.

Match Reports



On Wednesday 12th of January Lorenden Netball U11 B-team played Ashford Prep. We won the toss and started with the ball. Everyone played really well and demonstrated some excellent passing, shooting and overall playing. Everybody kept going despite spirit dampening circumstances. Well done everyone!

By Saskia

On January 12th, the under 11s A team played Ashford at home. We won the toss , and started with the ball . The ball was passed quickly up the court to their goal and we scored. It was Ashfords center pass . They got it down to our goal and tried to score but Annabel did a great interception and got the ball. We got it down the court and scored. The final score was 13/2 to Lorenden. Player of the match was Evie. What a great start to the netball season!

By Maiya



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Congratulations to our newly elected Pupil Voice representatives from Years 2-5. They will work with our previously elected House Captains and Vice Captains to ensure that our pupils have an opportunity to shape the way that our school is run. Our Pupil Voice committee for this term is therefore as follows:

Year 6 - Saskia O, Evie P, Faith B, River F

Year 5 - Alfie R-S

Year 4 - Olivia S

Year 3 - Louis M

Year 2 - Felix R-S

My thanks to Mr Norton for leading this committee and working with them to help make Lorenden a better place.

Today's assembly also gave us the opportunity to announce our new Sports Captains for the term ahead. Congratulations to the following children, who were all chosen for their dedication to their sport and for being excellent role models on the netball court and rugby pitch:

Year 5 & 6 Girls' Netball Captain - Maiya N

Year 5 & 6 Boys' Rugby Captain - Ben P

Year 3 & 4 Girls' Netball Captain - Scarlett G

Year 3 & 4 Boys' Rugby Captain - Hamish S

Today's assembly also gave us the opportunity to celebrate some pupils' extra-curricular achievements. Congratulations to Annabel L (Acoustic Guitar Grade 1), Isla D (Cello Grade 1) and Clara S (Swimming: 25 metres) for their certificates - we are very proud of your accomplishments!



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Forthcoming Events

- Wednesday 19 January :** U11s Boys' Rugby v St Lawrence - Away
U11s Girls' Netball v Spring Grove - Away
- Thursday 20 January:** U9s Girls' Netball v Spring Grove - Home
- Wednesday 26 January:** U11s Boys' Rugby v Spring Grove - Home
U11s Girls' Netball v King's Rochester - Away
- Thursday 27 January:** U9s Boys' Rugby - Triangular Match - Away at Ashford Prep School

A message from Kent Police School Survey Team

As you are aware Kent Police have created a Schools Team. This will mean that when fully implement that every secondary, further and higher education provision will have their own Schools Police Officer. In order to understand how we can shape our role and our engagement with young people with have designed a survey that we would like children, teachers and parents to complete.

I have attached a copy of the QR code but also included it within the email along with the link.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SchoolsOfficers/>





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Thank you!

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



We raised £78.28 for the Royal
British Legion Poppy Appeal
helping to raise a grand total of
£30,830.17

Thank you for all of you
who donated towards the
Christmas Tree - we
raised £48.



I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing
everyone again next week.

Richard McIntosh

Head