

LPS NEWSLETTER



A message from the Head

As we reach the end of the Spring Term I find myself reflecting on, what has been an extremely busy term at the LPS. Even though it has been a relatively short term staff and students have been able to pack a lot into it. This newsletter contains information about the events that our staff and students have been involved in, including Knife Crime Awareness Week and World Book Day. We also hosted visits from Narrative Alcomy Theatre Group and Lyon Woodstock [WBO European Boxing Champion.] We were delighted to receive positive news relating to our Tesco Community Grant Application, when we were informed that we had come 2nd and will receive £1,000 to spend on care packages for our students and their families over the Summer holiday period. Our Key Stage 4 Team have developed their C-CAP 30 programme, which provides students with the opportunity to engage in a range of cultural events and activities. We also received some very positive feedback from some of our students, which is very much appreciated and also makes all the hard work worthwhile.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and enjoyable Easter break

Shaun Whittingham [Head Teacher]

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Dates for your Diary:-

**Students break up for the Easter Holiday on
Friday 22nd March 2024**

**Students return to school, after the Easter Holiday, on
Monday 8th April 2024**



NEWS & UPDATES



Community Grants

LPS came 2nd in the recent round of Tesco Stronger Starts Voting that took place in a number of stores across Leicester. Because of the kind generosity of customers, we have been awarded £1,000 to spend on care packages of food, clothing, toys etc which families will be able to apply for before the summer holidays. Keep an eye out for communications about this nearer the time!

APT TEAM

RETURN CLOTHING APPEAL

Please could Parents/Carers ensure that any clothing that has been lent to their child/ren is returned to the APT Team office as soon as possible .

Thank you!



KNIFE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK

Former WBO European Boxing Champion Lyon Woodstock came to Carisbrooke for a talk with our students during Knife crime awareness week.



WBO Boxing Champion Lyon Woodstock speaking to some of our students about how boxing has helped him to live a positive life

Lyon talked about how Boxing steered him away from gang life and how committing to a sport gave him focus and drive to live a positive life and avoid getting into trouble.

Lyon also brought in his championship belt to show off and some of our students and staff were eager to have a hold of it.



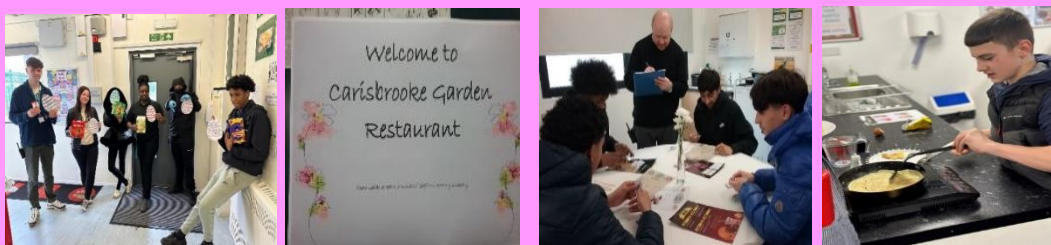
Lyon also took a couple of our students on the boxing pads for a quick work out and invited all of the students to the Unity boxing gym in Leicester to give a session a go. Unity boxing club is where Lyon has trained for over ten years learning his craft and the skills that helped him become a European champion.-

Kelso Simons
Youth & Family Support Worker

KEY STAGE 4 UPDATES

C-CAP 30 PROGRAMME

After Christmas the KS4 team launched their **C - CAP 30 Programme**. This programme has been designed to offer our students the opportunity to experience cultural awareness events and to participate in both on and off-site events.



Pictures of some of our key Stage 4 Students taking part in our new C–CAP Programme

The programme has recently given our students the opportunity to gain further insight into Shrove Tuesday, more commonly known as Pancake Day. Our students have also gained further knowledge and experiences of the Easter Festival.

More recently we have used the wisdom and knowledge of our resident Irishman, Ultan Rafferty, to educate our KS4 cohort about the history and back story for the St Patricks day celebration.

There is a planned visits off site in half term 5 to va local Gurdwara. This event involves the young people being involved in planning the offsite visit, risk assessing and attending a tour of the Gurdwara to gain improved knowledge into the Vaisakhi Festival and its heritage.

All that remains is for me to thank the KS4 team for all of their hard work and dedication to the constant evolution of the programmes of study.

We also want to thanks and wish Ultan well and the best of luck on his next adventure as he leaves the LPS to move back to Ireland over the Easter period.

Andrew Barrett – Assistant head of School (KS4)

Raising Money for Gaza



Some of our staff made food and provided refreshments to help raise money for Gaza

We managed to raise an amazing £400 for the disaster in Gaza. This was donated to The Palestine Red Crescent Society Charity and will go towards providing Emergency medical services, pre-hospital health care, disaster risk management, psychosocial support, rehabilitation services, primary and secondary health care and community-based programmes.

GOOD LUCK MEERA



We would all like to wish Meera Popat, our KS3 SENDCo & Senior Teacher, Good Luck – Meera will be leaving us at Easter to take up a new job as an Advisory Teacher with the Local Authority – Meera has worked for the LPS for over 20 years and she will be greatly missed by everyone.

STUDENT VOICE @8~?/



During the Autumn and Spring Terms we have hosted a number of visits from an Education Consultant, who came to look at the quality of our education and provision offer. During one of these visits the Consultant met with a number of our students and asked them for their views in relation to the quality of the education provision and support that we provide for them. The feedback was very positive and in his report the Consultant wrote ...

" Students are overwhelmingly positive about their education they note that relationships, group sizes, calm environment, and use of rewards all help. The personal development programme makes a difference. Students are taught how to be safe through a contextual programme that meets their needs. This includes county lines, conflict resolution and age-appropriate sexual health. Students note that their behaviour has improved. One noted they are now calmer at their mainstream school and more able to stay in lessons. The school deals with bullying immediately and each pupil can identify a member of staff who they can approach with any problems".

TIME TO REFLECT

During the Spring Term we have had contractors in doing a lot of work on our old Key Stage 3 Reflection Rooms – They are being re-designed to provide students with a more reflective and sensory environment in which to relax and regulate themselves when they are feeling stressed or anxious – These rooms have been designed to complement our new approach to behaviour management, which now places more emphasis on the reasons why students might behave inappropriately or find it difficult to comply and regulate themselves. Our new Reflection Rooms will provide students with a safe space in which to reflect on the reasons why they acted or responded in a particular way and to reflect on how they could have managed the situation in a more positive manner – The rooms will be fully completed after the Easter holidays.

KS3 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

This term, via our Personal Development Programme, our students have been learning about Knife Crime, Child Sexual Exploitation & Child Criminal Exploitation (Including learning about County Lines Gangs and the dangers of becoming involved in gang related activities). As part of this programme "Narrative Alcomy Theatre Company" performed two hard-hitting plays relating to these topics, which helped to raise our students awareness of these important topics and the dangers associated with them.

Performers
from Narrative
Alcomy Theatre
Co. delivering
one of their
performances to
students



WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION

On World Book Day our students wrote and performed their own stories. It was a real team effort. In English lessons the students wrote their stories, in their Art lessons students created costumes and props and in their Digital Skills and Computing lessons students created their story books. Below are some pictures of our students performing their stories. Prizes were awarded for the best performances and the prize winners were as follows ...

1st prize went to Elm with "Skeggie under siege" – PRIZE = £50 voucher

2nd prize went to Willow with "The Tunnel" PRIZE = £25 voucher

3rd prize went to Maple with "The FNCS Tragedy" – PRIZE = Murder Mystery Pack

4th prize went to Cedar with "Adventure at Madame Tussauds" – PRIZE = Escape Room Game



Pictures of our staff & students performing their World Book Day Story Plays

