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Autumn 2010

the Leighton Park School newsletter



Farewell to John Dunston
Quaker Schools Week
International Travel Extravaganza

Headlines



This edition of "The Park" will be the last for which I contribute this column, so I put finger to keyboard with very mixed

emotions. Still, I can only marvel at all that has taken place during this unusually busy term. I hope you will enjoy reading about it.

Some of the events, though superficially resembling similar occasions in other schools, seem to me nonetheless to reflect the distinctive quality that pupils at Leighton Park bring to everything they undertake. By way of illustration, we need only look at the outstanding achievement of the 1st XV in winning the Final of the Super Seven Shield so emphatically (25 - 6) against Licensed Victuallers'. Winning, yes, but it was the manner of it that was so striking: full of dignity, exuding an instinctive sense of decency and fair play, and revelling in the bonds of friendship that made such a strong and united team.

Or consider the energy with which pupils threw themselves into their creative charitable work in Malawi and Uganda; or the fiercely independent spirit they showed in

the debate after the Michael Foot Commemoration Seminar; or again, the inspired brilliance of the finalists in Leighton Park's unique JBH Speech Competition; or, of course, the range of powerful emotions conjured by the events of Quaker Schools' Week. And then, at the time of writing, there was the Christmas Evening Meeting still to come, that wonderful, moving celebration which somehow, within the context of a Quaker school, brings together those of all faiths and none, and those who wonder if they should have one or not, drawn in by the music and the words - and the silence.

Oh yes, and we had an ISI inspection, too, and a very successful one.

As I approach my final days at Leighton Park, the myriad memories of my forty-three terms as Head jostle for pole position. Looking back, there have of course been changes (Oakview; no more Saturday lessons; the International Baccalaureate; a co-educational Field House; a school growing by 48%), and particularly memorable events (Sir Richard Rodney Bennett's 70th Birthday; runners-up in the Daily Mail Vase Competition; Quaker Sunday Worship broadcast live on BBC Radio 4; Cabaret, Grease, West Side Story, Under Milk Wood, The Crucible and so many more productions; the national "Quakers in Education"

Conference). And academic excellence remains at the heart of our endeavours. But I hope and trust that through it all, the values that led those Quaker families to set up Leighton Park in 1890 remain as strong and determining a feature of our community as ever, and contribute genuinely to the healing of our world.

Thank you all for your support over these past years. I will miss Leighton Park, even as a new life begins in Oxford. For my family and me, spending this part of our lives on the Park has, at times, been nothing short of idyllic. We wish you all and the Leighton Park community God's blessing in the years ahead.

John Dunston
Head

Important Dates

Friday 7th January
Sunday 23rd January 7.30pm
15th -19th February
18th - 27th February 6pm
1st - 4th March
Friday 4th March
10th - 12th March

Tuesday 15th March

Friday 18th March
Saturday 19th March
Sunday 27th March 7.30pm
Tuesday 29th March 6.30pm
Tuesday 5th April 1.15pm

Beginning of Term
Sunday Evening Meeting
Senior production of "Evita"
Long Leave
World Book week
PTA Quiz Night
Middle School Drama Production 'The everyday'
Visit from Newtown School Choir, Ireland
Mufti Day
Leighton Park General Meeting
Sunday evening meeting
House Music
Term ends

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PTA Summer Ball

This year, the PTA will join with the Old Leightonians membership to create a Family Summer Event on Sunday 19th June 2011. More details to follow...



Boarders' Activities



On 12th September a group of boarders took a sight seeing and art trip to London.

Mariya Geneshlea (Year 10) reports: On Sunday morning a coach full of mainly new boarders set off to London. When

Rebel within the System

To commemorate Michael Foot, Old Leightonian, who passed away earlier this year, a seminar took place at the school on 3rd December, for Sixth Formers from Leighton Park as well as The Abbey, Reading Bluecoat, Sidcot and Wellington. No less than four MPs came to give fascinating

addresses and insights into the man, the politician, and the impact his Leighton Park education had on him: Tony Baldry, Old Leightonian; Denis MacShane, former Labour Minister for Europe; Rob Wilson MP for Reading East; and the Leader of the House of Commons, Sir George Young. The seminar was followed by an intense debate on student fees and private education. More in the next issue of "The Park".

World Philosophy Day

On the 18th November **Mitch Whitehead**, philosophy and TOK teacher, made an ambitious attempt to summarise 'A Complete and Utter History of Philosophy', in an hour!

The inspiring lecture was integrated with 'Bearded Bingo', where the audience had to cross off certain philosophers with significant beards on a philosopher bingo card. From Plato and the Ancient Greeks, to the slightly more contemporary Tycho Brahe with his pet dwarf and drunken moose, all significant turning points and philosophical landmarks seemed to be concisely covered (even if only one female philosopher got a look in!).

It was an inspiring event with invited guests from other schools. Having followed his previous lectures 'Luck, Magic and Superstition', and 'Do You Really Think What You Think You Think?' We're all keen to see what Mitch comes up with next!

we got there we could either visit the National Portrait Gallery or the National Gallery. After that we had some free time in groups to visit some shops.

This was a good experience for all the new boarders, many of whom had never visited London before. In addition to the trip to London, this term the boarders have been Dry Slope Skiing, Ice Skating and to Coral Reef swimming. More activities are planned for next term.



Fryer News

Year 8 trip to Portsmouth

In November Year 8 visited Portsmouth where they visited HMS Victory, HMS Warrior, the Mary Rose Museum, Trafalgar re-enactment museum, the Sail Museum and Action Station.

Victoria Roberts writes: Year 8 set off on a voyage to Portsmouth to learn about life aboard a Tudor ship. We learnt about how captains were treated as royalty compared to the average crewman and how war at sea worked.



Following the trip the pupils wrote diaries about life aboard a ship such as HMS Victory or HMS Warrior. Here are a couple of extracts:

Alice Ollerhead: Our last meal is the ships cookies and half a pound of cheese, we had to hit them hard on



Year 8 visit Reading Synagogue

On 16th November Year 8 went to the Reading Hebrew Congregation to help them gain a better understanding of the Jewish rituals and festivals.

Asha Sumroy writes: First we went to the prayer halls to listen to the Rabbi talk about the services that go on during the week and on weekends. All the boys had to wear Kippah, which is a skull cap.

We learnt about Shabbat, Sukkot, Pesach, Rosh Hashanah and Chanukah. We also learnt about the events in a Jew's life, for example a Brit Millah and a Bar Mitzvah.

As I am Jewish I enjoyed seeing how my friends reacted when they heard about my religion.

the table to knock out the maggots and insects from inside.

Asha Sumroy: As we are only 12 Tom and I are what we call "Powder Monkeys". We have to bring the gun powder to the guns when they ask.

Manu Sidhu: The worst thing was his medicine to help him recover (from lashings); they poured vinegar over his back and if they did not have any more, then they used salt! I heard screams and cries from the other side of the ship!

Dig It Fryer

Kate Humble look out, a new Fryer activity 'Dig It Fryer' is on a mission to take the wildlife watching world by storm! Through the generosity of the PTA 'Wish List', we've been able to purchase some brilliant filming equipment including a motion-detecting night vision camera, so that we can unveil the secret world of wildlife on the Park.

The group are busy editing footage from the cameras and creating their own mini-documentary to share with the community, look out for news of their discoveries on the school website!

Many thanks to the PTA for helping get this project up and running.

Year 7 Activity Day



In September Year 7 took a trip to Longridge Outdoor Activity Centre in Marlow. They spent the day doing team building and water based activities.

The aim of the day is to help the new pupils to integrate and learn about the importance of working as a team, along with encouraging others to help them succeed.

Year 7s Taste Extravaganza!



Doing exercise while making a smoothie



Learning about how smell affects our sense of taste



In September Year 7 pupils took part in a Healthy Eating Workshop run in Oakview. The pupils were given demonstrations and tasting sessions to discover new tastes from around the world. They participated in a session learning about a balanced diet and what foods contain and were also treated to a session on making tasty smoothies using pedal power.



Finding out about different fruit and veg from around the world

Middle School

Global Citizens Day



On 4th November Year 9 took part in Leighton Park's first ever Global Citizens Day.

Sarah Ledger, ReachOut coordinator writes "I

wanted to introduce pupils to the concept of Global Citizenship in an active and fun way, raise awareness of some of the issues relating to being a global citizen, as well as trying out some new activities with friends".

During the day pupils were able to learn new languages such as Tamil and Croatian, try African Drumming (led by Rhythm Zone), Bhangra dancing (led by dance teacher Summreen Shiekh) and take part in cookery workshops with the help of our international students who shared recipes from their home countries.



Year 9s outdoor Adventure

On 17th September Year 9 went to Oakwood Activity Centre in Wokingham. The pupils took on seven different challenges: rock climbing, team challenges, archery, mountain biking, crate stacking, leap of faith and low ropes.



By the end of the day they had learned about the importance of working together and encouraging each other in order to achieve their goals. They also learnt a lot about themselves and their capabilities, if you push yourself further and find the courage then you can achieve more than you thought possible.



Anya Rider added "On the leap of faith the climbing was easy, but when you got to the top it was really hard to stand up because the whole thing was wobbling and the platform was so small. Once you had stood up and jumped you really felt that you'd achieved something and you felt really proud!"

Alexander Withers said "My favourite activity of the day was the crate building because whenever you get too high you fall off and you get to knock over the crate tower."



Pang Tastic

In September Year 11 GCSE Geography pupils embarked on their controlled assessment task. Pupils chose to either study how the River Pang changes downstream from Compton to Bradfield or to analyse how the land use in Reading's central urban area changes with distance from the central business district.



Pupils worked enthusiastically and diligently to collect their primary data. The team work played a pivotal role in the success of these tasks where the students worked

admirably to achieve their best! Well done Year 11!

Marwell Zoo

The Biology module 'Variation and Classification' came to life for Year 9, as they travelled to Marwell Zoo for a visit to the education centre and a chance to see some incredible creatures up close.

Leo Butler said "When we went to the zoo, we had a 45 minute lesson and we learnt about different species and how they are linked. After that we were allowed to go around the zoo in groups to see all the reptiles, mammals, amphibians, and best of all, PENGUINS!"

News

'Images of the King' World Champion at Leighton Park

Ben Portsmouth, who teaches electric and acoustic guitar, has just been crowned World Champion at the 'Images of the King' contest in Memphis, Tennessee against 27 other finalists.

Ben went through to the final in Memphis after being announced as a winner in a Europe-wide search for the Best Elvis Performer earlier this year. The competition is to find the best all-round interpretation of Elvis in looks, moves, voice, stage presence and musical ability.

Ben has been teaching at Leighton Park for four years and has passed on his passion for the guitar and Elvis to many pupils during this time. **Henry Colbourne**, a Year 11 pupil, said "It's



not a surprise how Ben won the Elvis award. He is such a great technical player and is always solid through jamming around the Guitar".

John Dunston, Head, added "We are hugely proud of Ben's achievement in this competition. We have always known of his immense talent here at Leighton Park and pupils taught by

Ben often comment on his enthusiasm and amazing ability. Music is an exceptionally important part of the community here at Leighton Park and to have a member of staff achieve such a prestigious award makes us all very proud."

Maths Inspiration 2010

On 30th November, a group of Sixth Form Mathematics students attended a lecture at the Concert Hall in Reading.

The lecture entitled "**Maths Inspiration**" was hosted by well known experts in their field, including David Spiegelhalter, Professor at the University of Cambridge. His talk entitled "**The Subtle Science of Uncertainty**"

explored how living with uncertainty can be unsettling. David tried some probability tricks and gave examples of risky behaviour to help the students understand, and even enjoy, their own uncertainty.



"**Maths in a Spin**" was presented by Hugh Hunt, Lecturer at the Engineering Department at Cambridge. Hugh tackled questions such as; Why does a spinning top stand up? and Why doesn't a rolling wheel fall over? In this lively talk, Hugh demonstrated the mechanics of spinning.

The third speaker, Matt Parker, described himself as a stand-up mathematician. His talk "**The Maths of the Simpsons**" explained how Homer Simpson is associated with Mathematics. There are mathematical jokes hidden all through The Simpsons

episodes. The writers of The Simpsons and Futurama have hidden references to everything from prime numbers to four dimensional objects in their TV shows.

Bronze DofE

This term has seen the following pupils from Year 11 being awarded their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh awards: **Anna Burrows, Louise Cherrill, Charlie Cocoran, Amie Ellison, Kiran Eyre, James Godwin, Alex Hall, Oliver Hewson, Henry Ireland, Emmott Leigh, Oscar Liebert, George Lloyd, Ollie Lungley, Josh Mulivill, Thomas Mullett, Sayona Nakanja, Chris Sabine, Jack Sanchez, Charlotte Smith, Jordan Smyth, Josh Stack, Chris Tomsett and Jenni Westoby.**



Oliver Hewson writes: The Best part by far was walking through the swamp. I would definitely do it all again. It was great fun.

Sixth Form

The 'Wight' Stuff

Is this supposed to be fun? It all went fine on the way out to sea, but now the Solent is awash with the wreckage of kayaks. Leighton Park Sixth Formers, stunningly dressed in the finest flotation devices, wrestle with their upturned vessels, hoping that the girls won't see.

In addition to that epic afternoon on the high ocean, our first 'induction outing' to the PGL centre at Little Canada on the Isle of Wight proved to be great fun all round. Our efforts at dragon boat racing was a white knuckle experience too. We knew the task was to take on the dragon boats of other visiting parties, perhaps the Wasps Rugby Team, the Coal Miners' Convention, the Olympic Water Sports Committee (who knows what they



might throw at us)... but we were truly petrified by the only team who would take us on, matching us for skill and stamina and edging victory against our breathless and valiant athletes...yes, I am sorry to say The Brownies beat us.

Oh well, chivalry and all that! We climbed, we played aeroball, we zip-wired, we karaoked (is that a word?), we played ridiculous games and got to know one another better.

By **Ken Sullivan**, Head of Sixth Form

regularly dancing for TV shows. Last year, she obtained her RAD Intermediate Ballet Diploma.

Money collected from tickets and programmes were donated to the Me2 Club charity which gives children and young people with special needs the opportunity to play and socialise alongside other children.

Well done on a great performance for all that were involved.

CAS Dance Show

As part of their CAS (Creativity, Action, Service) project of the IB Diploma programme **Elspeith Wilson** and **Marie Horseele** (Upper Sixth) choreographed and staged a dance show which they performed in front of their fellow students.

Elspeith has been dancing since she was 3 years old. She mostly does ballet, but has recently started doing contemporary and musical theatre.

Marie has also been dancing since she was 3 years old. In Belgium, she danced in a professional dance group,



IB Group 4 Project: Clocks

Could you construct a clock using simple scientific principles, based on biology, chemistry or physics, as part of a research team within a competitive research environment?

For the first time at Leighton Park, all of the Upper and Lower Sixth IB Diploma students united to carry out a Group 4 (Science) Project. This is as close to a real collaborative piece of research as you get.

After the planning sessions, a whole day was put aside for the project. The project ended with a triplicate time trial of the fabulous constructions! So, how did it go?



Lottie Dodwell (Upper Sixth) writes: In a team with some very creative minds I felt I was able to give some scientific basis to the ideas we had. I think we'd make a good research team as we were welcoming of each other's ideas and able to cope with frustrations and remain focused. Everyone worked extremely hard on the day; I never saw anyone without something to do. The day has given me a greater respect for science, as I realised it is not as simple as teaching from a syllabus may make it seem. I came to realise what a real research team faces.



JBH Speech Competition



26th November saw the perennially popular JBH speech competition return for 2010. This year's event was hotly contested, with the original ten candidates whittled down to four on the night. In the end, the following spoke, taking on the crowd with their topics:

Will Earl-Aherne (Lower Sixth)

"Prisoners should not have the right to vote."

Ryan Bright (Lower Sixth) "Say no to single sex schools."

Naomi Alderson (Upper Sixth) "There should be no transport but public transport"

Louis Patel (Lower Sixth) "Prisons should reform, not punish"

The competition was close from the outset, with some assured and confident debate from Will and Ryan in the face of spirited and persistent heckling. Naomi Alderson in particular faced a barrage of points, which were dealt with coolly and assertively, clearly edging her in front in the eyes

of the judges. Nevertheless, Louis Patel's quietly assertive approach and his "Killer punch" of a conclusion heightened the competition further.

In the end the judges decided on a joint award to both Louis and Naomi for their equally strong performances.

The event was judged by **Marjory Morris** (former Head of Sixth Form) and **Ken Lovesy** (Former teacher of English and Politics), both returning to Leighton Park to see the competition was as keenly competitive as ever.



ReachOut

'Upcycling Fashion' Workshop

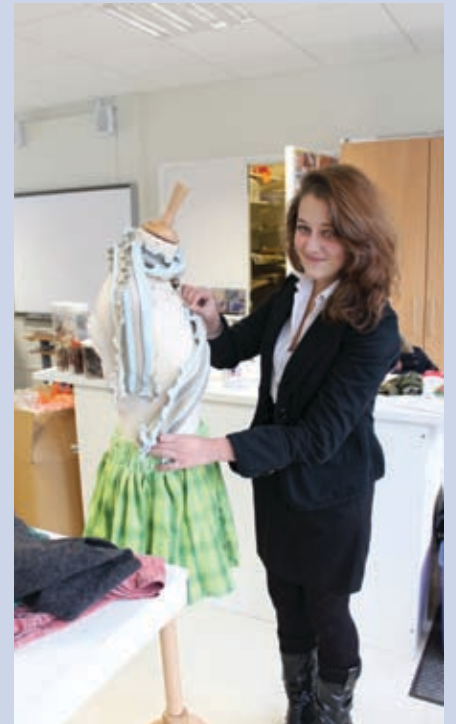
Leighton Park was so pleased to be able to have local artist Jane Glennie join us for some 'Upcycling Fashion' workshops.

Staff had donated unused clothing for the workshop, which gave pupils the chance to create new and updated outfits from them.

Jane said 'the beauty of using old fabrics takes the fear out of making mistakes, and enables pupils to be more creative without the fear of going wrong'



Pupils made handbags out of dresses and necklaces out of unwanted ends of material, along with re-designing dresses into shorter and more modern versions of what they once were.



We are looking forward to their designs being on show in the up and coming Fairtrade Fashion Show on 13th January.

Food Collection for ReadiFood

On 1st October, students came to school in mufti as part of the year's first ReachOut event. The theme

for the mufti day was food, and we had several carrots and at least one pumpkin walking round school that day, with all donations for non-uniform going to ReadiFood, a local charity which provides emergency food parcels to people in need across the Reading area.

As well as donations of money for ReadiFood, we also had a food collection, with pupils and staff bringing in items from beans to biscuits. The response to the food collection was outstanding, and demonstrated not only the generosity of the Leighton Park pupils, but also a willingness to

get involved in donating in a different way.

ReadiFood were delighted with the eight enormous cardboard boxes of food they collected from us, and thanks are due to the pupils and students on the Good Causes committee who collected, sorted and packed food all break and lunchtime.



Quaker Schools' Week 2010

The theme of this year's Quaker Schools' Week (4th-8th October 2010) was 'Forgiveness'. The week saw the inclusion of all pupils in workshops which would highlight all aspects of Forgiveness and the work contributed by Quakers today.

The F-Word Exhibition

An exhibition provided by 'The Forgiveness Project' enabled students to consider alternatives to conflict and revenge. It made students regard the potential power of forgiveness as a tool for bringing about peace. Pupils reflected on and discussed the stories, sometimes traumatic and tragic, which moved them most.



Forgiveness Workshops

The notion of Forgiveness was explored in workshops run by **Sarah Ledger** and **Chris Wheeler** through the use of film and television clips, music and discussion.



Pupils in Years 7 to 11 produced a fantastic array of creative writing, essays and artwork in response to the workshops.



A small team of students, led by **Lottie Dodwell** and **Matt Winkless** (both Upper Sixth) ran peer-to-peer lessons for Year 7 students, introducing them to Quakerism through drama, role play and discussion. The enthusiasm of senior pupils really shone through, and their positive, informative approach helped Year 7 pupils to better understand the relevance of Quaker values to their day-to-day lives.

Ron Waddams Art Exhibition

The display of some of Ron Waddams' artwork throughout Quaker Schools' Week gave pupils a chance to enjoy and consider his works and the issues that they represent.



The Sixth Form Peace Conference

The Peace Conference welcomed keynote speakers Jo Berry, whose father was killed in the IRA bombings, and Michael Henderson, renowned global 'forgiveness advocate', journalist and author of "Forgiveness:

Breaking the Chain of Hate" and "No Enemy to Conquer: Forgiveness in an Unforgiving World".



Michael Henderson and Jo Berry

Kate Green (Lower Sixth) said "I found the Sixth Form Peace Conference an incredibly moving experience due to the heartfelt testimony from Jo Berry, which showed the strength she demonstrated in forgiving the man who killed her father. Overall, I think the conference made me realise how trivial some of the things we don't forgive are, and how beneficial forgiving the wrong-doer can be."

Alex Cheng (Lower Sixth) added "Being educated at a Quaker school has made me more open to new ideas and more accepting in all aspects of life".

'Quakerism Demystified'

Hosted by the PTA, led by School Governors **Stephen Wright** and **Simon Best** and introduced by **John Dunston**, Head.



Simon Best and Stephen Wright

John introduced the evening following a short period of silence. Stephen outlined his research into Quaker history and explained how the values and beliefs have evolved over the centuries. He demonstrated how many of the early arguments and thoughts are relevant today.

Simon spoke of his work with young adolescents and the impact on young Quakers, of the Quaker testimonies and beliefs. The power of reflective thinking proves as important today as throughout history.

A Farewell to John Dunston

To mark **John Dunston's** retirement from Leighton Park, a portrait was commissioned, as for his predecessors. The artist Shela Nye completed the painting shortly before the end of term, and it features on the front cover of this issue of "The Park".

We asked **Lottie Dodwell**, Deputy Head Girl, to interview John about his time at LP, and Paul High, Chair of the Board of Governors, writes about John's time as Head.

An Interview with John Dunston by Lottie Dodwell (Deputy Head Girl)

What first attracted you to Leighton Park?

I was at Sibford before coming here, my first experience of a Quaker school and Quakerism. So after I'd had a few years at one Quaker school there was



Christmas Concert, 2010

nowhere I would rather have moved than to another Quaker school.

What will you miss most?

Oh, that's such a difficult question. I will

miss the pupils, because that's why we're all here, and it sounds maybe a little trite, but it is true. The pupils and the staff here have such qualities, because they're qualities that are brought out by the very atmosphere of the school. I will certainly miss this park, which has been my home and my family's home. It's been a wonderful place for a family to grow up. I think I will also miss my daily involvement with a community that is so naturally Quakerly.

How do you feel Leighton Park's Quaker roots have changed you?

I've thought about that a lot. I've begun to understand the power of silence, what a very calming, restorative, healing part of life it can be and how one can get to know oneself better through silence. I think everyone who goes through this place, myself included, may become slightly

kinder people, more tolerant people. Quakerism is in part about tolerance.

What has changed most at the school in the time you've been here?

I think fundamentally, in the real essentials, thank goodness, nothing. It's still recognisably a Quaker school, and it's still recognisably Leighton Park. But of course there have been changes: moving away from Saturday



The building of Oakview, 2004

morning lessons; the move to central dining in Oakview; the introduction of drama to the curriculum; the arrival of the IB Diploma, and the growth of the school, for example.

Is there a particular event you'll remember at Leighton Park?

There are so many, but here are three: Celebrating the life of Michael Foot (Old Leightonian): we learnt so much about the effect of Quaker values on a great parliamentarian, with four Members of Parliament present. Another is the three days that Sir Richard Rodney Bennett (Old Leightonian) spent here, working with students, and enjoying a 70th birthday concert of his music. And I think something else I'll be proud of



Monthly Open Morning

always was the broadcast of Sunday Worship on Radio 4 from Leighton Park to about 1 ¾ million people, one of the biggest acts of Quaker outreach ever. We had some good ministry and wonderful music, it had Quaker integrity, and that is something I think the school can be really proud of.

Do you have any words of wisdom to pass onto Alex Mcgrath?

Wisdom, no, I will leave that to him! I will just remind Alex when I next see him to be open to what a Quaker school can offer a head. I think he'll be very successful, and I wish him well.

Can you sum up Leighton Park in three words?

I would feel that of Leighton Park one could say that it's a school with integrity, it's a school of hope and imagination, and it's a school that, although imperfect, tries to do what it sets out to do with great honesty and sincerity, and the fact is that it's often rewarded with success. Now that's slightly more than three words, but Lottie, you know that I have a problem sticking to three words!

Fryer Sports Festival



Below is an extract from an address given by the Chair of the Board, **Paul High**, at a **Governors' Dinner** to mark **John Dunston's** retirement:

"We should take great joy as governors, past and present, that John, as our appointed Head, who is not a Friend, has espoused and lived out a profoundly 'Quakerly' approach to his headship. He has understood (probably better than many Friends) those elements of our Quaker values and ethos that it is our responsibility as governors of a Quaker school, to try to ensure underpin all that we do for the children in our care.

Above all John you have shown a special leadership of young people. "Advices and Queries" asks us to examine how we share our deepest beliefs with children and young people, while leaving them free to develop as the spirit of God may lead them. You have enabled, through your leadership of Leighton Park, so many young people to grow up and be touched by a sense of the spiritual, that will be with them throughout their lives. I know that you have often been moved by

the depth of spirituality expressed by pupils. You have celebrated diversity at Leighton Park not just by the letter but in the way you have allowed the whole school to be enriched by that inclusivity.

When unacceptable behaviour has been witnessed you have provided a framework for re-inclusion and where that has been rejected by a pupil you have considered the needs of the whole community first and you have shared your understanding of why the behaviour was unacceptable with the pupils in school.

You have encouraged your pupils to express their lives in the way they feel led to and not to be compelled by academic excellence alone. You have enabled the world to hear how they have expressed their experiences of community and tolerance, in a Quaker School in words, music and silence, through the medium of the BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship programme, live from Leighton Park, in April 2005.

You have allowed pupils to demonstrate against war, you have encouraged a multidisciplinary

approach to the curriculum and I hope that all of us here appreciate your success in persuading governors, parents, pupils staff, and not least the IB Organisation, that Leighton Park was absolutely the right place to introduce the International Baccalaureate.

And not only that, you have been a tireless defender and promoter of our Quaker values and their application in Quaker schools with countless letters to the serious press, to the Friend and to anyone with ears to hear. For that we thank you, and lastly I must thank you on behalf of the Society of Friends for the contributions that you have made to dialogue through your landmark address to Ireland Yearly Meeting, your involvement with New Jordans, your writing for Friends Quarterly and probably many other.

Thank you John and Susie for living with your family in the centre of our campus for 14 years and being the patterns that George Fox invited us all to be and we hope that you will continue to walk cheerfully over the world."

A Welcome to Alex McGrath

In January Alex will be joining Leighton Park School as Head following his time at Trent College. Here are a few words from Alex about his views on joining our community.

It is a great honour to become the next Head of Leighton Park following John Dunston's successful years in office.

In the nine months since my appointment I have spent time learning about the school and developing a leadership vision: work which will continue in the coming term as I spend as much time as possible listening to students, parents and staff.

It is so important to come into a role like this with sensitivity and an open ear, as well as with energy and a sense of purpose.

George Fox exhorted friends to "walk cheerfully over the World, answering that of God in everyone".

It's an excellent basis for education, and for humanity. Walking suggests independence and self-direction. To do so cheerfully is an outward demonstration of the joy of living. By spanning the World in our concerns, our interests and our activities we learn and grow. Answering is an action, and a reflection of that which we see as good in others – a demonstration of that of God in ourselves. Seeing God in others, of course, engenders respect and love.

It is within this context that Leighton Park has become the flourishing



community it now is. Within this context I believe it can continue.

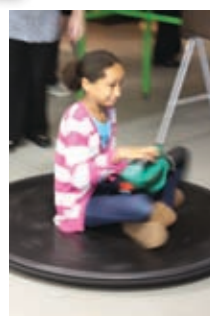
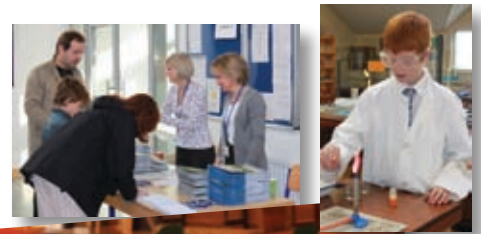
John Dunston leaves a school which is full, thriving and distinctive – anchored in the Quaker values which it professes. Our task now is to be rigorous in upholding these values in order that the whole community will demonstrate that of God within Leighton Park, and remain academically strong, culturally rich, physically healthy and above all happy.

I look forward to being with you all.

Annual Open Morning

On Saturday 2nd October we held our Annual Open Morning for prospective parents and pupils to come and look around Leighton Park with some 110 families attending. All departments contributed magnificently with some wonderful displays and demonstrations. The feedback from the event was excellent.

As always, pupils rose superbly to the occasion, reflecting the best of Leighton Park. Thank you!



News

Fireworks Night 2010

The Park burst into life on an otherwise quiet Friday evening when 700 visitors enjoyed the PTA fireworks evening.

Whilst the main focus of the event has always been to bring the community together, a sell-out audience meant that money was raised to help the **Children's Burns Trust** and the **School Pavilion Project**.

The weather did not daunt our stoic visitors who were warmed by hot soup and a BBQ. Young Enterprise were out in force enticing us with Christmas goods and edible treats and the darkness was penetrated by the glow of bracelets and necklaces.



Parents and pupils were invited to pre-event workshops to create atmospheric lanterns that were on display outside Oakview.



Many thanks to everyone in our thriving school community for continuing to make the annual fireworks event so successful.

Quiz Night 4th March 2011

This fun quiz night will be extended to include a not-to-be-missed auction. Enjoy supper with friends and family whilst you pit your wits against the assembled company (questions will cross all subjects and suit all interests).

The Fundraising effort will benefit the School Pavilion Project and, by attending, you will also be supporting Cricket for Change. This UK charity works hard in urban environments to encourage young people to devote energy to worthwhile activities, away from crime and less fulfilling hobbies. Please view the website to learn more: www.cricket4change.org.uk

More great PTA news...

The PTA approached school departments and invited bids for equipment to promote school activities/hobbies. **Ken Sullivan** is now leading a very successful publishing venture with pupils. **Sally Pearce** and pupils are developing a nature trail for all to enjoy on site and will be setting up wildlife observation equipment. Other departments will be reporting back in the near future.

The Summer Ball Charity Donations totalled £3521 which will be split equally between the **Joshua Orphan Care Trust** and **Music for Autism UK**. Thank you to you all. By supporting our events you make a difference.

Kate Angwin and your PTA

Dreamcatchers Publishing launched



In January Leighton Park started a Creative Writing Group, with the aim to allow pupils to develop their writing skills in a very creative and free manner. From the start it quickly became obvious that we had pupils who were talented, motivated and original, at all stages of the school. I wanted to push it as far as we could, and what could be more ambitious than our own publishing house? Our PTA gave us a float to finance the project and we were lucky to find a local, environmentally-friendly printer in Conservatree.

The book titled 'Stories for Friends' is a collection of short stories which started from Quaker values and then ran wild. The cover design, the logo,

the typesetting; everything about the imprint was done by members of the group, which takes the 'after-school club' concept to a new level. The book is being sold within the school community and is also available on Amazon Books and Waterstones' website. Several members of the group have already gone, or hope to go on, to study creative writing at university.

If you would like a copy of this book please email kensullivan@leightonpark.com with the message 'Please supply my child with one copy of the book "Stories for Friends" and charge my next account with the sum of £4.99'.



The Arts

Desert Island Challenge

During the summer holiday, Year 7 pupils were invited to design their own desert island, based on a favourite book, series or the work of an author, to be presented in the form of a map. They were also asked to write either a field guide to the island's flora and fauna, or a log book recounting their adventures on the island.

Nearly all of the pupils responded, resulting in a fantastic collection of maps, models and illustrations,

accompanied by an equally impressive range of beautifully presented writing. Congratulations to the following students who were awarded prizes for their outstanding work: **William Allen, Joshua Hankins, Bethany Jenkins, Will Mackay, Ben Pearson, Laura Richards-Goosey, Ellie Washington** and **Jack Wood**.



Departments United

With the opening of our new Textiles department and the senior school production looming it is with excitement that the school departments of Drama and Textiles unite to make the production of *Evita* even more inclusive across the school.



Ellen Few (Lower Sixth) has been tasked with designing and making the main costume for Eva Peron, the lead role. The dress appears in the famous balcony scene where Eva

appears in an elaborate dress and sings 'Don't cry for me, Argentina'.

The main role is being played by **Frankie Taylor** (Lower Sixth), it is important that Frankie feels confident in the dress, and so has been consulted in every part of the design process. The dress has a fitted bodice and it is really important that Frankie can still sing in it, so a lot of thought had to go into its cut and construction.

Ellen is using this as part of her AS course. With the quality of her work so far, I have no doubt this exciting project will earn her top marks.

By **Joanna Jones**, Textiles



'The Everyday'

The Middle School Production has just been announced for 2011. It will be a showcase of a variety of extracts of theatre, including some newly devised pieces by the company. There is a cast of 20 Year 9 and 10 pupils, and will be directed by **Tom Naylor** (Upper Sixth) with **Chris Memmott** (Upper Sixth) and **Chris Wheeler** (Drama Assistant). The performances will be on the 10th-12th March in the Drama Studio.

Bringing history alive through fiction



Author, Paul Dowswell, spent the day in school talking to pupils in Year 7 and 8, meeting and chatting informally with members of the senior book clubs and running a writers' workshop for the Creative Writing Group. Having worked as an editor and writer of non-fiction for both adults and children, as well as being an author of fiction for young people, Paul has an impressive wealth of experience to share about 'being a writer'. However, it was his knowledge of history which made his talks especially interesting, particularly in relation to the Sam Witchall series about naval warfare during the Napoleonic Wars, and the chilling thriller *Ausländer*, which is set in Nazi Germany, during the Second World War.

'Evita'

As we write, we are just over halfway in the rehearsal process and we feel the omens are good. "Evitas" complex political themes, set as it is in post war Argentina, and powerful emotional relationships demand an intense response from the whole cast.

The score is daunting as there is almost no spoken dialogue. The central role is an enormous challenge and the ensemble participates actively throughout the entire performance.

Musical Notes

This has been another exciting term in the music department. The students have been working very hard and have produced another set of excellent performances. The **Ensembles concert** again featured many of the larger groups within the department, including the Orchestra, Senior Choir, Fryer Voices and Brass Ensemble as well as the Chamber Choir, Wind Ensemble, Violin Duets, a Trombone Trio and a video presentation of the recent Music Tour of The Netherlands and Belgium. With around 125 pupils involved on stage during this event the standard and range of music was outstanding.

Following Long Leave, we were treated to a wonderful **Soloists' concert**, with 23 willing volunteers. The standard was exceptional and many in the audience commented on how this was possibly the best Soloists' concert that they could remember. There were representatives from every year group in the school. I would also like to thank the **Friends of Leighton Park Music**, who have continued to provide the interval refreshments at our concerts throughout this term.

The end of the autumn term always features two important events; the Christmas Concert, a fun and light-hearted evening of festive fun and the Sunday Christmas Evening Meeting, which is always a memorable and moving event to bring this term to an end. Community carol singing in Peckover Hall following Evening Meeting, is always a lively and happy event.

The work is full of great songs but the narrative is driven by complex patterns of sung dialogue which are testing the mettle of all of the principals. "Evita" is rarely performed in schools.

The cast have immersed themselves in the culture of this haunting tale of triumph and downfall. Already, the finale is producing a strong emotional reaction. We hope that by 15th February 2011, we will have a performance to be proud of.

Geraint Thomas and Rosemary Scales

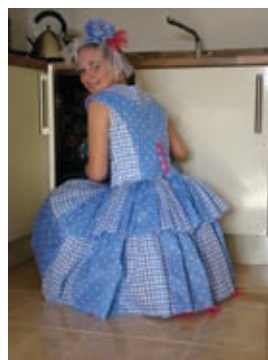
J-cloth inspiration



Ellen Few (Lower Sixth) recently entered a nationwide competition to design a dress based on a 50s Vogue pattern.

Ellen combined two types of J-cloth in her design which gained her a runners-up prize.

John Dunston, Head, said 'This September we introduced textiles into our curriculum. We hope that Ellen's achievement will inspire others to pick up some fabric and see what wonders they can create.'



'No Exit'

A number of students and staff have been involved in the new youth theatre company 'FreeRange Productions' which was formed during the summer by **Chris Wheeler** (Drama Assistant). Their first production, a highly visual new take on Jean-Paul Sartre's "No Exit", was performed to a sell-out audience at South Street Theatre in Reading on 9th November, and then at Leighton Park on 17th November.

'No Exit' is an intense psychological and philosophical thriller set in a windowless room where three individuals are thrown together with only each other for company and no way out. The production was directed by **Chris Wheeler** (Drama) and **Mitch Whitehead** (Theory of Knowledge, Religion and Philosophy).

The company was made up of Sixth Form students (**Tom Naylor, Naomi Alderson and Lucy Heath**) and **Damon Young** (Drama), but far from it being a 'student play'; they brought a raw energy that transformed the production into an extraordinary event.

www.freerangeproductions.co.uk



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 2nd February 7.15pm
15th – 18th February 7.30pm
Wednesday 9th March 7.15pm
Tuesday 15th March
Wednesday 23rd March 7.15pm
Tuesday 29th March 6.30pm
Wednesday 30th March 4pm
Sunday 10th April

Soloists' Concert
"Evita" Senior Production
Music Scholars' Concert
Visit from Newtown School Choir, Ireland.
Small Ensembles Concert
House Music Competition
St Matthew Passion rehearsal
St Matthew Passion concert

Sport

Rugby Success



The **1st XV** has capped another successful season by winning the finals of the Super Seven tournament.

Final result: Leighton Park 26 v 5 Licensed Victuallers

With the Super Seven Final delayed from the previous week the 1st XV looked forward to the final with anticipation and the right level of confidence. The team had suffered considerably during the first half of term with niggling injuries keeping key players on the side lines. However, this gave some of the younger players an opportunity to establish themselves in the team and gain experience.

This has resulted in a stronger squad through November when key matches have had to be won for us to maintain our progress.

In the final good disciplined build up play saw **Theo Masters-Waage** dive over for the opening try after just six minutes. **Jake Elias** converted to make it 7 – 0.

This was always likely to be a close encounter and any thoughts we had of walking away with the match were erased shortly after when LVS scored a try themselves after a break from their scrum half. 7 – 5.

The next score saw an almost repeat effort and build up to the first try leading to **Tristan Aherne** going over and then, shortly before half time, a planned back row move saw an excellent solo effort from Theo end in a try near the posts. **Jake Elias** converted both tries to make the half-time score 21 – 5.

The match was sealed when **Theo Masters-Waage** crossed in the corner for his hat trick. 26 – 5. The match was effectively won there and then. The whole squad deserve credit for their efforts during the term. A key feature of our play, especially since half term, has been our ability to stick to a game plan to win a tight match.

The disciplines required for this are great and, to their credit, the players have managed this and now reap the reward. Well done lads!!

The **2nd XV** has had a similar season in so much as they lost players in the first half of term. However, a full squad in the Super Seven run during the second half of term saw the team play some outstanding rugby as they also reached the play-offs. Unfortunately they lost 34 – 10 to Gordon Boys. The team should take heart from the season as a whole because a number of individuals have grown into good senior players and, as a team, they have gelled well. The core of senior rugby looks to be in good shape for the next year or so.



Berkshire Elite Football Squad



During the summer holidays five Leighton Park students represented their county as part of the Elite Football Squad by attending the Gothia World Youth Cup in Gothenburg, Sweden. **Manu Sidhu** (Year 8), **Reece Mowlem** (Year 8) **Tiaan Coetzee** (Year 9) and **Oli Portch** (Year 9) represented Berkshire U13, while **Mitch Gutteridge** (Year 11) was part of the U16 squad.

The boys were given the opportunity to play matches against teams from around the globe and to attend the opening ceremony with the 50,000 other players and supporters.

The U13's had an eventful tournament playing six matches in three days. They gave a solid performance coming from two goals down only to lose out with defeat in the last minute of the game. The U16's also played well winning all three of their group games

against opposition from Lebanon, Sweden and Malaysia. They took on ATL Roma from Italy in the last 64 playoff, but unfortunately lost 6-5 on penalties.

Mitch commented; "Gothia was an experience I will never forget. My game has developed in many ways due to it".

Oli added "Everything about Gothia was amazing; the opening ceremony, the facilities and the local people. We did really well in the tournament, which was an excellent achievement for our team".

Tim Green, sports resident, who also attended the tournament, said "It has been an incredible experience. They played against teams from all over the world and it's been an incredible opportunity for them to find out about different cultures and styles of football. The boys will never have taken part in a football tournament on this scale before and to be a part of it makes it an experience neither the boys nor I will ever forget"



In Brief...

Athletics: Funtó Fabunmi-Alade (Lower Sixth) came third in the final of the U17 girls 200m at the English Schools Athletics Championships at Alexandra Stadium in Birmingham.

Tennis: Ross Batten (Year 11) is ranked 176th in national tennis for his age group (U16) and fifth in Berkshire at the same level. He is ranked 320th in the national rankings for the U18 age group and 12th in Berkshire.

Football: Rawdie Marks, Scott Morgan and Conner Coutts, all in Year 7, have been selected to join the Berkshire Elite Football Squad.

Football: Tiaan Coetzee, James Tanner and Oli Portch, all in Year 9,

have recently attended Berkshire Football trials.

Cricket: Jake Elias (Lower Sixth) has gained more success this summer playing for Berkshire U16 and U17 teams, including captaining for the county at the annual football festival in Jersey.

Cricket: Guy Rawsthorn (Year 8) has played regularly as wicket keeper batsman for the Berkshire U12 team.

Rugby: Theo Masters-Waage (Lower Sixth) was selected for the Berkshire U17 squad.

Rugby: Ryan Bright (Lower Sixth) was selected for the Berkshire U16 squad.

Fryer Sports Festival

On 2nd October we ran our annual Fryer Sports Festival which consisted of two events, the inter-schools Football Tournament and the Hockey Masterclass.

Both events went down very well with the visiting schools and parents. The good weather helped things go smoothly with fun had by all.



The hockey participants were taught new hockey skills and finished with a friendly mini tournament. The football was run for both U11s and U13s; congratulations go to **St Neot's Preparatory School** who won the U11 tournament, winning 3-0 against **Yateley Manor** in the final, and to **St George's School** who won the U13 tournament against **Fryer House** winning 2-0 in the final.

John Dunston, Head, presented the final awards on what was his final Sports Festival at Leighton Park School.



U18 Berkshire Indoor Hockey

The U18 Girls Indoor Hockey team reached the playoffs of the British Indoor championships played in Pangbourne. The girls all played well and worked hard as a team, but unfortunately they failed to reach the final by a small margin.

International Travel

Malawi

During October Long Leave a group of Sixth Formers headed for Malawi in Africa. We headed for Pensulo, a small rural village near to Blantyre.

Under the sweltering Malawian sun in temperatures of up to late 30°C we embarked on our first project which involved visiting the feeding centre for orphans between the ages of three

when much of the food gets ruined so we built, with the assistance of local builders, a small kitchen next to the feeding centre.

Nearby there was the village of Milo. Here there was no feeding programme and so children as young as three try getting into school early just to get the one school meal a day. Due to the



and six. There we played, sang and danced with the children and helped cook and distribute their small meal of traditional sema. Many people found this an eye opening experience in particular seeing seven year old girls acting as parents, looking after the babies.

The feeding centre is small and has over seventy children on the register, so the women have to cook outside. This is an issue in the rainy season



extra money we had managed to raise, we were able to build a feeding centre here too from which 'Joshua Orphan Care' can distribute more food from our funds!



Our project leaders later told us that they'd never seen such an ambitious project attempted in such a short period of time. This reflected the incredible hard work and effort of the whole group. Through it all we all kept trying to chat to the locals in their language of Chichewa and teaching each other new songs to keep our spirits up!

Alice Herbert (Lower Sixth)





In the final days of our trip we were driven across Malawi to the Liwonde National Park, where we were lucky enough to stay for a night on our Safari. We were greeted by an even greater heat than we had felt before, and taken across the river to the cool guesthouse of the campsite, spotting a couple of elephants and hippos on our way! We had our first hot showers in a week and set off for our evening game drive, spotting animals in the light before watching the sunset over the water.

We would all say we've learnt something new from the experiences we've had in Malawi, but each of us would talk about something different when we say what it is that we've learnt. For many I know that meeting and talking to the builders on our worksites was an eye-opening experience that gave them insight into what life is like for Malawians. For me personally the thing that had the greatest effect on me was the opportunity I was given to work with the doctor in the Health Clinic, and be able to help a few of the people there.

We built strong friendships with all the people we worked with, and were so happy to be accepted as such



a blessing in their community. In the Meeting for Worship we held on our last morning in Malawi we remembered how lucky we were to have been on this trip, and hoped that we would all take the feelings we had while out there back into our everyday lives. In the words of a Malawian song we learnt, "we will never forget about you".

Lottie Dodwell (Upper Sixth)



Istanbul



In the October half term, nineteen Year 11 Beliefs and Values students embarked on a journey to experience religious expression first hand, in the cultural and vibrant city of Istanbul.

Istanbul being an Islamic State, the main focus was to explore the diversity in culture, and examine influences of Christian and Islamic arts, architecture, literature and the contemporary society itself.

We visited many symbolic places and attractions in Istanbul during

our stay, the trip itinerary was very comprehensive, and we managed to incorporate the following visits to: the Museum of Turkish and Islamic Art housed in the Vizier's restored Palace, Ancient Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, Saint Sophia Church, Topkapi Palace, Camlica Hill, Old City Walls, Kariye Museum (the Old Church of St. Saviour in Chora), Eyup district, Dolmabahce Palace, the Sadberk Hanım Museum, Spice Bazaar and the Grand Bazaar.

By **Shaz Taj**, Beliefs and Values

International Travel

Uganda

On 14th October, sixteen students, led by **Caroline Kirby** and **Mark Simmons**, arrived in Uganda. We arrived in the afternoon at the Nile River Guest House just a few miles away from Jinja, the local town. We were all struck by how friendly the people were: from the bus driver to the staff at the guest house, who greeted us warmly.

The charity we worked with was the Bujagali Trust: a local charity that supports education for children in the area. We met the local leader of the trust, Godfrey Kiganga and he explained our mission; to help renovate classrooms and broaden the curriculum of children at Valley View Primary School.

Over the next couple of days, we visited schools and orphanages in the Jinja area. Along the way we made donations to enrich the children's lives, from puzzles and footballs, to school uniform and toys. We also took time to visit the source of the River Nile.



Sports equipment was donated to Lakeside Secondary School

At Valley View Primary School we had several main aims: to renovate two of the school classrooms, refurbish the school library with books and new shelves, make twenty new desks for the school, and provide the school with new sports facilities.



Toys donated at Mama Jane's Orphanage

The two classrooms were

completely repainted, inside and out, and now include diagrams and murals to help the children learn.



Ben and Beth completing the world map

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Valley View Primary School

The school library was a great success; by the end of the week it was stocked with all the books the school owned previously, plus more books and educational materials donated from World Book Week at Leighton Park. The desks were excellent; solid and well put together by the team, who learned new and worthwhile skills with this project. They are now helping the children to be more comfortable as they learn and are expected to last for over twenty years!

With donations from Leighton Park the school now have new volleyball and netball posts, two volleyball nets, sports kit, footballs, volleyballs and netballs.

Possibly the most worthy contribution to Valley View came in the shape

of a new kitchen from where over 300 meals are produced each day. For nearly all children, this is the only meal of the day! The previous kitchen was nothing more than a dilapidated old shed.



The new library courtesy of World Book Week at Leighton Park

When the Leighton Park staff saw this they immediately consulted the charity to see whether or not our funds might stretch to construct a brick building for the school. Plans were drawn up, agreed and trees were chopped down to create space – building started in less than two days! Before we left Uganda the building was up to



The new Netball posts were installed



Desk making in progress

shoulder height and had proudly been named 'Oakview'. It was completed in the second week of November.



The leaving ceremony

On completion of our work the school held a large leaving ceremony to say a big thank you to our group. This included the rare treat of meat for the children (a commodity normally enjoyed just twice a year), lots of singing and dancing, coverage from the local media, and to top it off, games of volleyball and netball. It



The original Valley View Kitchen



Plaque for kitchen made by local craftsman



Oakview complete

was an amazing experience and helped us realise just how much of a difference we had made to the school and local community.

The following day, we departed to Queen Elizabeth National Park, where we spent two days on safari; a rewarding experience following our hard work.



The group stand on the Equator

Unfortunately the safari marked the end of our wonderful stay in Uganda. We left knowing that we, and all the people who had contributed through our fund raising, had made such a big difference to the lives of so many children.

By **Alfie Walker** (Lower Sixth)

UK students aid Jinja schools

Students from Leighton Park School in the UK have donated scholastic materials worth sh25m to two orphanages and three primary schools in Jinja district. The items that included text and exercise books, pens, pencils, blankets and footballs, were bought using funds raised by 16 students from the school. The beneficiaries included Lake Site Primary School, YMCA Nursery and Mama Jane Children's home.

Press clipping from local paper

China Trip



In October a group of pupils left for Beijing in order to increase their understanding of the Chinese culture, visit some of the important sights of the city and to expose themselves further to the language.

During the trip visits included: The Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, Beijing Zoo,

the Silk and Pearl Market, Tiananmen Square, the Capital Museum and the Summer Palace.

The pupils had a great time during their visit and have no doubt returned with a better understanding of life in China along with some of its heritage.



Old Leightonians

From Yurts to New York

Head Boys and Girls from 1996 to 2010, along with other former students, came back to Leighton Park to wish John Dunston well on his retirement. It was particularly appropriate that **Tom Dawe** (1997), John's first Head Boy was able to come, as well as **Duncan Dibiase**, **Naomi Alderson**, **Huw Tarry** and **Lucy Dodds**, from our current senior student team.

There was much news to catch up with. Tom Dawe runs a successful company Yurtel, described in The Guardian as "taking the mud and the misery out of festival-going". Medics **Lizzie Scotney** (2003) and **Lili Jablenska** (2001) are still in training, while **Emma Partington** (nee Hudson), **Chris Allinson** and **Zoe de Burkeville** are teaching. **Tom MacAndrew** (2005)

is a project manager for The Prince's Foundation for Children and the Arts. **Alex Dresner** (2004) whilst not able to attend, is working for a Hedge Fund in New York; this follows an interesting career in Washington DC, including an internship at the Pentagon and the White House. John was also delighted to see one of Leighton Park's first Bruneian students **Rashidah Rahim** (1997), who is back in the UK studying for a Masters.

By **Penny Wallington**,
Old Leightonians



Stamp of Approval

Old Leightonian artist **Robert Gillmor** (1954) was a keen birdwatcher at school; now a renowned bird artist,

we were delighted to hear that the Post Office are using a set of Robert's drawings for their first set of pictorial stamps to be issued from new "Post and Go" terminals in Post Offices. Robert uses linocut print techniques, a skill he learned while at Leighton Park.



What's On for Old Leightonians

We are undertaking a major update of its database, so if you are an Old Leightonian or know any, please do get in touch.

Saturday 5th March: Old Leightonian Football and Hockey

Saturday 12th March: Old Leightonian Formal Dinner in Oakview

Sunday 19th June: Old Leightonian Day. There will be the Old Leightonian/Leighton Park/Parktimers Twenty/20 Cricket, live music by Old Leightonians and many other activities.

September 2011 Date TBC: Class of 2001 and Pre 1971 reunion. For more information about Old Leightonians, please contact Penny Wallington on oldleightonians@leightonpark.com.

OLs Rugby 7s Tournament

The Class of 2006 Old Leightonians Rugby 7s team, aka "Blacks", picked up where they left over from their sporting successes at school, winning the second Old Leightonian Rugby 7-a-side Tournament at Leighton Park. In a highly competitive event, **Lawrence Hunter's** 2006 team, **Nick Hayles' team** from 2008, **Stuart Gough's team** from 2009 and **Phil Dunster's** 2010 team played one another leading to the final Blacks victory. A huge crowd of supporters, from across the community, with Old Leightonians and Old Leightonian parents, current Leighton Park boarders and staff made it a great event.



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