

## LUCKLEY HOUSE AWARDED ECO-SCHOOLS GREEN FLAG

We are delighted to announce that we have become an International Green Flag Award Eco-School. This is an accreditation that has recognised and rewarded young people's environmental actions for over 25 years. The programme is designed to raise awareness among young people and is run by the charity, Keep Britain Tidy. Internationally, the programme is the largest educational programme in the world present in 67 countries and 52,000 schools. Luckley is now part of this global community working to create environmental change for the benefit of future generations. Find out more at [www.eco-schools.org.uk](http://www.eco-schools.org.uk)

On Thursday 23 June, the Eco Group put on activities after school to celebrate **Eco-Celebration Day**. Activities included digging a hole to create a stag beetle stumpery, building a new bird feeder, a litter pick and planting up tomato plants and other vegetables. An Eco-Schools Raffle raised £173 - a tremendous effort!

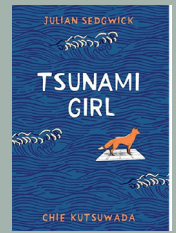
*Katie Clutterbuck, Eco-Schools Leader*



## LUCKLEY LIBRARY LOVES...

### Tsunami Girl

Yūki is fifteen years old and a quarter Japanese. Unhappy and troubled at school in the UK, she travels to stay with her beloved Japanese grandpa on the Fukushima coast, arriving on the eve of disaster. Written by Julian Sedgwick and illustrated by Chie Kutsuwada, *Tsunami Girl* is a beautiful mix of prose and manga and sensitively deals with themes of loss and love. Fantasy and fact are blended together in a respectful dedication to the people of Oodaka, who in 2011 suffered from the catastrophic triple event of earthquake, Tsunami and radiation disaster. The manga drawings add depth to the writing and link this world to the spirit world and the present to the past. Yūki must navigate between these worlds to find her own way. *Tsunami Girl* can be found in our Junior section of the library.

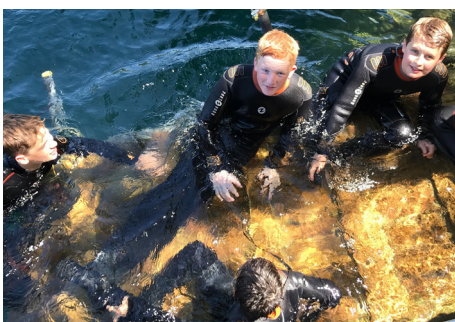
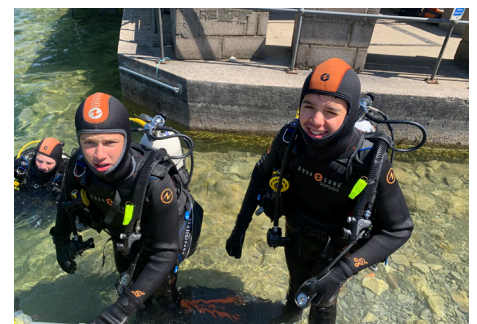


*Charlotte Mesley, Librarian*

## SCUBA DIVING IN VOBSTER BAY

Last week, Luckley House Scuba Club travelled to Vobster Quay, near Bath to complete the 'Open Water' section of their PADI dive training. This was a lot more daunting than their previous 'Confined Water' training, which took place in the safety of a swimming pool. Here, they completed more complex dives, including deep dives, wreck dives, and, for the advanced students, the use of more complicated technology such as dry suits. All the students did brilliantly on their technical skills, and yes, Rory A may indeed have helped save a teacher's life underwater!

*Seb Phillips, Scuba Diving Leader*



## PRE-U PROGRAMME

Year 12 students took part in the Pre-U Programme this week. Sessions included talks from various universities, interview practice with visiting 'prospective employers' and discussions with our recent alumni about life beyond Luckley. I am extremely grateful to everyone who has given up their time to support, mentor and advise our students as they continue to build towards completing their university applications and exploring career pathways.

*Richard Battrick, Head of Sixth Form*

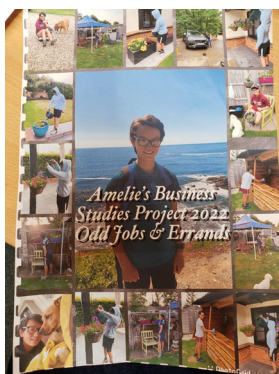


*Luckley Alumni offering support with advice and guidance for our students*

## CELEBRATING ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Well done to the Year 9 GCSE Business group and Year 7 pupils who have taken part in the £10 Challenge over the last few weeks! The School provided start-up loans to individual pupils who were then challenged to use their entrepreneurial skills to make profits by setting up businesses on their own or in small groups. An amazing arrange of goods and services has been provided, including car-washing, dog-walking, ice cream and tuck sales, greeting cards, bird feeders and personalised coasters. Counting of the Year 9 profit is still ongoing but this entrepreneurial bunch have already raised well over £500 to be split between a range of charities – a great experience and start to their GCSE Business course. Special congratulations to Akshaj J, Samuel N and Joshua N for winning the Year 7 competition!

*Linda Stephens, Head of Business and Economics*



## BRONZE DofE EXPEDITION

Last weekend was the final DofE expedition of the season for Luckley and what a lovely sunny weekend it was! Not only did our participants perform excellently during their walk, but they also had a great time on the camp site and behaved impeccably - they were a real credit to the School. They even managed to get plenty of sleep; quite a contrast to the cold weekend of their practice several months ago. Congratulations to all, now they just need to sign off their remaining sections over the summer to receive their Bronze DofE certificate and badge. We hope to welcome many of them back to take on the Silver award in the autumn. As always, these expeditions cannot run without the generosity of the staff who give up their weekends to help our pupils so a big thank you to Mrs Simmonds, Dr. Jones, Mr Hill, Mr Battrick, Mr Hills, and Mrs Blackmore. Well done everyone!



## STRAWBERRY DELIGHT

A lovely afternoon was spent with Year 7 pupils walking down to Grays Farm to go strawberry picking. It was amazing how many strawberries some pupils managed to pick - Boh and Josh!! Hopefully some of these made it home and weren't all eaten enroute! The perfect way to end the summer term! I wish you all a restful and sunny summer break.

*Mrs Brown*



## MUSICAL INTERLUDE *By Janice Ellwood Director of Music*

### An Evening of Rock, Pop and Jazz

We recently held our Summer Concert of Pop, Rock and Jazz in The Whitty Theatre. It was a fantastic evening of music, led by the Rock School, featuring songs ranging from Bruno Mars to ABBA to Coldplay and Oasis! There was something there for everyone and the evening was a fabulous way to the end the year, showcasing the outstanding and varied musical talents across the whole school.



### Music Pre-Tour Concert

The Music department is looking forward to the tour to Dorset at the end of term, with the choir and woodwind ensemble. This week they gave the first of four concerts for parents at Luckley. It was a lovely evening with both popular and sacred songs from the choir and famous classics from the wind ensemble.



## SPORTS UPDATE *By Matt Humphrey, Director of Sport*

### Sports Day

Our inaugural offsite Sports Day at Bracknell Athletics Track was a huge success, with excellent participation and some amazing performances. A huge congratulations to House Captain, Connor and Team Randle on their win!



## SPORTS UPDATE *By Matt Humphrey, Director of Sport*

### Celebrating Achievements

It has been an outstanding year for Luckley Sport and it was a real pleasure to invite some of our pupils back to celebrate their achievements and thank them for their efforts throughout the year.

#### Junior Sports Awards Dinner

At the Junior Sports Awards dinner we were treated to an excellent hot food buffet and celebrated the below award nominees and winners\*

##### Year 7 Sportswoman

Isla B\*  
Emily G  
Ellia W

##### Year 7 Sportsman

Noah B\*  
Brayden S  
Elijah K  
Kamran G

##### Year 8 Sportswoman

Flo M  
Darcey B\*  
Bea M  
Evie R

##### Year 8 Sportsman

Marcus C\*  
Will W-E  
Max L  
Marcus B  
Thomas S

##### Year 9 Sportswoman

Millie B  
Erin H  
Anya R  
Grace E  
Madi V

##### Year 9 Sportsman

Keogh S  
Ellis R  
Rowan A  
Barney D  
Ben R\*

##### Junior Sports Personality of the Year

Marina A  
Alex H-L

##### Junior Team of the Year

U13 Rugby A Team

##### Warren Award – ADP

Year 7/8 – Harrison E  
Year 9 – Keogh S

##### One to Watch – ADP

Jacob M



#### Senior Sports Awards Dinner

At the Senior Sports Awards dinner we were treated to a fantastic two-course dinner picked by our Games Captain and celebrated the nominees and award winners\*

##### Year 10 Sportswoman

Sophie S  
Shira B\*  
Millie D

##### Year 10 Sportsman

Lucas C\*  
Connor R

##### Year 11 Sportswoman

Sophie R\*  
Octavia P  
Freja S

##### Year 11 Sportsman

Max P  
Jake F\*  
Ethan H

##### Senior Sportsman

Sam W  
Joe W\*  
Caleb L  
Kamran K

##### Warren Award – ADP

Shira B

##### One to Watch – ADP

Kamran K

##### Senior Sports Personality of the Year

Sam W

##### Senior Team of the Year

U18 1st XI Football Team

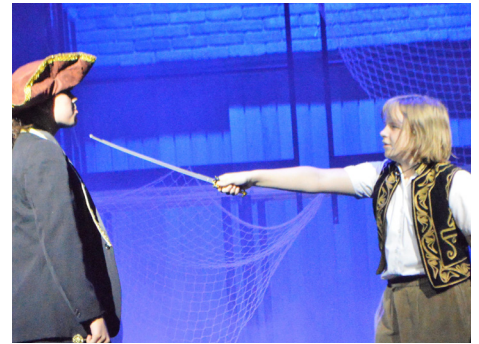
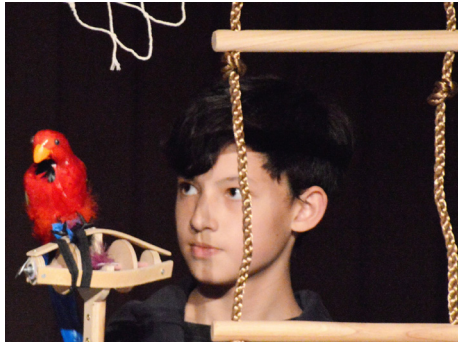
##### Outstanding Achievement Award

Millie D – Gold and Silver, National ISA Athletics  
Kofi E – 7th in the country (U17) trampolining



## SPOTLIGHT ON DRAMA *By Esther Brown, Director of Drama*

Well done to the Junior Drama Club for their fabulous production of *Treasure Island*. The pupils portrayed the swashbuckling tale of Jim and her adventure to find Captain Flint's buried treasure. Accompanied by the eclectic crew of *The Hispaniola*, Jim and her best friend Long John Silver sailed across the ocean on a journey filled with sword fights, storms, and of course, treasure.



## SPOTLIGHT ON DRAMA *By Esther Brown, Director of Drama*

We enjoyed a wonderful evening of monologue and duologue performances by the Trinity Speech and Drama students last week. The showcase of work was staged in the woods, providing the perfect setting.

Congratulations also to those pupils who have just passed their speech and drama examinations - what a stunning set of results!



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LECTURES  
presents


# ALEX HIBBERT

## Cold Journeys, Thoughts & Visuals

THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 7.00pm

THE WHITTY THEATRE at LUCKLEY HOUSE SCHOOL, WOKINGHAM

**An evening with ALEX HIBBERT:**  
world-record-holding polar traveller  
who has skied further on an  
unsupported Arctic journey than  
anyone in history

A photograph of Alex Hibbert, a polar traveller, wearing a bright yellow and black winter jacket. He is looking down at a white dog, possibly a husky, in a snowy, mountainous landscape. The jacket has several patches, including one that says "BLACKFRIARS" and another that says "SNOW DIGITAL MEDIA".

Highly active in the polar and cold regions, Alex has led independent projects every year since 2006. Journeys since the Long Haul have included a high-speed icecap crossing (330 miles in less than 12 days), an on-going Dark Ice Project (North Pole in winter) and nearly half a year living with the Polar Eskimos.

He is a prolific speaker, with clients such as Grant Thornton, Rolls Royce plc and Aberdeen Asset Management, and an author of four books; The Long Haul, Maybe, Kalaallit Nunaat and Polar Eskimo. Other media has included appearances on primetime Sky News, BBC, Channel 4, FIVE and guest columns for national newspapers. His photographic collection has been published in every corner of the globe and he has been a BBC Wildlife Photographer of the Year finalist three times - this passion for the natural world leading to a degree in biology from Oxford University.

**Tickets £10 from:**  
[ticketsource.co.uk/thewhittytheatre](http://ticketsource.co.uk/thewhittytheatre)