

Lindsey House

At the time of writing this article, Lindsey has won the first set of Basketball matches and, aided by Year 6 pupils, they have also won the Public Speaking event. Very, very well done to all who contributed. I was talking to one of our German students who told me that in Germany, "Houses" within schools do not exist. I know that not everyone likes to take part in activities and not everyone enjoys competing, but I actually believe this can be so healthy and a great character building experience. I always feel for all the pupils who put their hand up before I even ask for help. They are often the same ones who are always prepared to step in to make up numbers and the same ones again who come up with initiatives to raise money or organise events. These pupils, at time, feel disheartened when, in spite of all their effort, they cannot reach their goals, mostly because other (few) individuals, in their House, are not as dedicated. The truth is, and everyone knows this, the real winners are those who adopt such a very positive attitude and this is something which will serve them, not only in school, but well into their future. I am sometimes seen as a "bully" because of my insistence to see as many pupils as possible taking part in House events. But, when I witness that those, who reluctantly agree to take part, are happy and proud of their performance, I know I was right to insist that they participate, because they always do SO WELL. Almost everyone from Lindsey House took part in our school assembly. Usually, the format is to have a group of pupils who will speak about a topic. However, this time, we decided it would be great if all Lindserians got together to talk about *World Day Against Child Labour*. There was a very big crowd on stage but the overall effect was truly fantastic.



A BIG Thank YOU to everyone who kindly donated Prizes for our Lindsey Raffle, which took place in December. This was, indeed, a very successful event and over £60.00 was raised. This money will be sent to the Local Charity "When You Wish Upon A Star" to enable a child to go to Lapland in December.

Next term, Lindsey House will hold their Own Clothes Day... Several ideas have been suggested as to which theme we should adopt...so wait and see..... It will be fun!

May I thank all of you LINDSERIANS who are always willing and prepared to **BE IN IT TO WIN IT!**

Wishing you all a good Easter Holiday from Lindsey House.

Mrs. F. Lambert, Lindsey Head of House

Walkerly House

chosen charity. Jan Lewis, a local lady, has come into school to answer questions about guide dogs. She brought her beautiful guide dog, Astra, with her and all the students present were invited to ask questions. We could have gone on all day; it was so interesting and informative. Hopefully Jan and Astra will come back and visit us again. She was presented with a cheque for £100 for the Guide Dog Association. We have now sponsored a guide dog for 1 year from our fundraising events and activities. We want to do more, so come on Walkerly, we need ideas to raise more money for this charity!

Competition wise, we have struggled to field teams as we are a small House. But, by pulling together, the senior and intermediate girls made up a team for the Inter-House Senior Netball. Well done, girls, on winning the tournament especially since some of the team were playing up an age group. The entire House came together in the Cross-Country event. Despite the cold and mud they were determined to run their best, and their combined efforts enabled us to win overall. A special mention must be made to Emma and Alice who came 1st and 2nd in their race, Sophie, Marianne and Winkie who took the first 3 places in the senior girls' race, Caleb, who won the Junior boys' race, and Christen who came 2nd in a hard fought Senior boys' race.

Well done to all who ran and finished!

The Walkerly Maths and Public Speaking teams all performed well and I thank them for their brave efforts.

The summer term will soon be here and with it comes the examination season. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Walkerly students, who are writing their examinations in May/June, good luck!

Happy Easter!

Mrs. J. Cassidy, Walkerly Head of House



Blakeney House

Blakeney House has continued to raise money for their House Charity, 'Cancer Research', by washing staff cars on a Wednesday lunchtime. Well done, in particular, to Kevin, Ceska, Nina, Gabbie and Jonathan, for leading the way! Members of the House will also be attempting a Sponsored Silence before the end of term. Highlights of the term include our victory overall, in the Junior Maths Challenge, with the Blakeney trio of Gabbie Radley, Eoin Nation and Ellis Gillbanks-Norton storming to first place in the team event. Our Senior Mixed Hockey side also pinched the honours, on goal difference, after two hard fought draws.



Well done to all those who have competed so well in the other events, too. We were so close in the Cross-Country, where Gabbie, Ceska, Henry, Harrison, Jonathan and Kevin really excelled. In the Basketball, Kevin led the team so well, and Orlaith certainly held her own against the boys. Well done to all those in the Public Speaking Competition, where all those who took part certainly did the House proud. Second places were achieved by three Blakeney House teams; Junior: Ceska, Gabbie and Nina, Intermediate: Jordan, Harrison and Alex and Senior: Freddie, Kevin and Chris.

Mr. J. Hampson, Blakeney Head of House

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