

Dear Parents/Carers

I am relieved to inform you that, apart from increasing numbers of areas subject to leaks, our buildings have survived another winter month. On Friday 14th February **4 Bromley Councillors visited us** and were concerned to hear about and see the state of our buildings, particularly in terms of accommodation for Music. The Councillors visited some lessons to gain a flavour of life at LPGS and also spent about half an hour in discussions with student leaders – our student ambassadors, student council representatives and Sixth Form prefects – who impressed them with their articulate explanations of their favourite aspects of school life as well as their ideas about how the school might improve. They wished us success with our current bids to replace the roofs and windows in the main building.

We are pleased that the **Boulevard** we now share with LPSB offers our students some safety from traffic in the lane. However, I am sorry to say that we are still experiencing a number of upsetting incidents arising from **unnecessary traffic in the Lane**. I appeal to you, once again, if it is essential for you to drive your daughter to school, please to drop her off at the junction with Eden Park Road or the West Wickham end of the Lane, rather than driving to the school buildings at the end.



Bonnie Duncan, 8SF

Our own Bowman by Jane Percival



Bonnie Duncan is an under-14s barebow Bowman. She has achieved it without bothering with the usual third, second and first class steps.

She joined Bromley Archery Club in late 2012 and only shot two rounds, so did not get any classification. By September last year she had shot only three more - but they were all straight Bowman scores.

Well done, Bonnie!

School Meals: NO CASH PAYMENTS

We have told students before that they need to keep their meals accounts topped up, and should not expect to be able to pay cash at the tills. If they do that, it holds everyone up, slows down the service, and makes some people's food cold. This is particularly the case with the Sixth Form. Please remind your daughter/son that we have told the catering staff not to accept cash.

BIKEABILITY GROWS



We're indebted to our dynamic PE teacher, Ms Hamlett, for all she has done to promote cycling at LPGS. Her most recent success was helping organise the Level 3 Bikeability Course this January. All the girls who participated achieved Level 3, namely:

Amelia Walker, Emily Berirne, Jessica Golden, Chloe Beroud, Amelia Gregory, Amelia Blantem, Ella Hawkins, Miriam Carpenter, Ella Hawkins, Joanna Creasy, Zoe Martial, Isobel Duncan, Milly Shemmings and Rachel Young.

Congratulations and well done, girls! Bromley Cycle Training Officer, Lindsey Bryan, commented: *'Their commitment, concentration and behaviour throughout the course was exceptional.'* We're planning to offer more of the training in September.

I hope many parents will join staff and students on our annual
Family Bike Ride on Sunday 18th May

CHARITY FUNDRAISING

We have a long-standing tradition of trying to support those who are less well off than ourselves. Below are details of one of our fund raising activities.

WINGS OF HOPE SKYDIVE

Five very brave 6th form students attempted a skydive to raise money for the charity Wings of Hope in February. This children's charity believes in the 'transformative power of education.' They provide free education to poor and underprivileged children through their schools projects in India and Malawi.

Lydia, Rosie, Ian, Dante and Hannah said: *'We are all very nervous as we come closer to the skydive but feel that it is a great cause and we would really like to make a difference to children's lives. Every child should have the right to an education. It would be great if you could sponsor us and help this charity achieve their vision. Thank you!'*

To donate please go to their 'Justgiving' webpage.



Best Wishes

Anne Hudson

SUCCESSFUL MUSIC TOUR TO LEIPZIG



Congratulations to Ms Mehrabi, Head of Music, and her wonderful team, on a very well organised and successful tour to Leipzig over half term. Ms Brown, Head of Performing Arts, who participated, wrote:

'I thought I would let you know the tour was fantastic. It was definitely the best I have been on. Brilliantly organised. The students were amazing, and the manager of the hotel went out of her way to find me and tell me that not only were they well behaved but they were friendly and articulate. The concerts were excellent. Ms Mehrabi has done a fantastic job with this. My highlight was our tour of Dresden. Our guide was involved as a leader of the group which worked towards the reunification of Germany - a peaceful revolution. She gave a really interesting insight into her life under communism and the rebuilding of Dresden after the 1945 bombing. She was involved in the rebuilding of Dresden and its cultural heritage. As Amber Ward said - the best history lesson ever. Leipzig was full of musical tradition. We heard Bach being rehearsed in the church it was composed for. We went to the Handel house and saw posters for and pictures of concerts in the Crystal Palace.'

