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LADY LUKE AT NEW SCHOOL



Lady Luke presents the Endeavour Cup to Peter Hyde.

Special emphasis was placed on the need for co-operation from parents by Mr. R. N. Alexander, headmaster of Etonbury School, Arlesey, when he presented his first report at the School Speech Day on Wednesday. The school was opened in April last year.

His first request for help was concerned with the road safety of children. He expressed concern at the way schoolboys and girls rode their bicycles along the roads. "Sooner or later something regrettable might happen," he added.

Mr. Alexander added that children continued to ride recklessly despite the fact that they received instruction from the police, and a regular reminder from their teachers.

ATTENDANCE

His second appeal was for co-operation in school attendance. The average attendance over the past four terms was 91 per cent. In his view it should have been 97 per cent. He said: "I discovered that the onset of illness nearly always occurred on a Friday. Attendances on a Friday are sometimes 20 to 30 below those of the first four days of the week."

To parents he said, "You will not help by keeping children away from school. Some of them may be a little backward, and often the reason is irregular attendance."

Speaking on the emphasis on technical education, Mr. Alexander said they must not neglect the cultural side. He added: "It will be a national tragedy if, in years to come,

tradition is thrown overboard."

Mr. Alexander said 90 per cent of the pupils wore school uniform. "I would emphasize that we do not believe in regimentation; we believe in encouraging individuality. We encourage a pride in the school, and a sense of belonging, and it is through the school uniform that we have achieved this."

Guest of Honour was the Rt. Hon. Lord Luke, chairman of the National Playing Fields Association who was welcomed by Mr. T. H. Johnson, chairman of the governors, who presided, supported by the governors.

Lady Luke presented the prizes, and she received a bouquet from 12-year-old Lesley Grimes.

A vote of thanks to Lord and Lady Luke was proposed by Mr. J. W. Andrews, vice-chairman of the governors, and seconded by Karen Keller, school captain.

Prize-winners were: Form prizes: John Page, Margaret Bywaters (1C), Alan Sayer, Patricia Lyons (1B), Roger Walker, Maureen Albone (1A), Keith Tingey, Patricia Bultitude (2C), Michael Statters, Sonya James (2B), George Oliver, Marise Charles (2A), Victor Barber, Margaret Foster (3B), Anthony Thompson, Maureen Hughes (3A), Thomas Brookes, Betty Noy (Remove), Anthony Matthews, Gillian Allen (4A). Progress prizes: Stuart Clark, Heather Cook (1st year), Barry Page, Wendy Wade (2nd year), Werner Lerchegger, Karen Keller (3rd year), Clive Albone, Janet Stone (4th year). Subject prizes: Pauline Sturgeon, Raymond Bultitude (art), Marion Gray, Betty Noy (housecraft), Mavis Yeomans, Mary Sturgeon (needlecraft), Anthony Matthews (science and maths), Maureen Hawkes (English), George Oliver (magazine prize), Peter Hyde (headmaster's prize).

The Endeavour cup was won by the Thatchers' House and was received on their behalf by Peter Hyde.

First speech day at Etonbury School

THERE was a large attendance of parents at the first speech day of the Stotfold and Arlesey new school, Etonbury, on Wednesday last week. Mr. T. H. Johnson, chairman of the governors, presided. The guest of honour was Lord Luke, who was accompanied by Lady Luke.

In his opening remarks the chairman said that this first speech day was a historic occasion for the whole district.

The report given by the headmaster, Mr. R. N. Alexander, covered the four terms since the school's inception in April 1955, when the number of scholars was 277. To date it was 385. Already, he said, the name of Etonbury was well known in many parts of the world, for quite a number of children of the personnel at the Henlow R.A.F. station had attended the school for a time and were now overseas with their parents.

invited to Etonbury for its first speech day. He congratulated the headmaster on his interesting report, and said that the county had much to be grateful for in the services given by Mr. Johnson in various ways.

A vote of thanks to Lord and Lady Luke was proposed by Mr. J. W. Andrews, vice-chairman of the governors, and this was seconded by the school captain, Karen Keller.

PRIZEWINNERS

Form prizes: 1c, John Page, Margaret Bywaters; 1b, Alan Sayer, Patricia Lyons; 1a, Roger Walker, Maureen Albone; 2c, Keith Tingey, Patricia Bultitude; 2b, Michael Statters, Sonya James; 2a, George Oliver, Marise Charles; 3b, Victor Barber, Margaret Foster; 3a, Anthony Thompson, Maureen Hughes; remove, Thomas Brookes, Betty Noy; 4a, Anthony Matthews, Gillian Allan.

Progress prizes: 1st year, Stuart Clark, Heather Cook; 2nd year, Barry Page, Wendy Wade; 3rd year, Werner Lerchegger, Karen Keller; 4th year, Clive Albone, Janet Stone.

Subject prizes: art, Pauline Sturgeon (junior) and Raymond Bultitude (senior); housecraft, Marion Gray (junior) and Betty Noy (senior); needlecraft, Mavis Yeomans (junior) and Mary Sturgeon (senior); sciences and mathematics, Anthony Matthews; English, Maureen Hawkes.

Magazine prize, George Oliver. Headmaster's prize, Peter Hyde. "Endeavour" cup, Thatchers (P. Hyde).

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It was gratifying to know that 90 per cent of the pupils wore full school uniform.

"We encourage a pride in the school, and a sense of belonging," he said, "and it is through the school uniform that this has been achieved." He emphasized that they did not believe in regimentation but in encouraging individuality.

In the realm of sport and athletics the school was doing well both in inter-house and inter-school games.

The award of an international cap to David Rowland was acknowledged, but it was true that the credit for his earlier training belonged to his old school.

The school library, which was already a great success, would be extended in the next two or three years, when it would prove to be a library second to none for a school of its type.

GOVERNOR'S THANKED

He asked for encouragement for the children to take part in out-of-school activities. They were, he said, prepared to provide as varied a programme as was demanded. Mr. Alexander spoke with appreciation of the generosity of the governing body, who had presented the cup known as the "Endeavour" cup for the house with the highest standard of work during the year. This year it was Thatchers house.

A highlight of the year was the continental tour of 1,000 miles, in which eight staff members, three adults and 40 scholars took part. It was a wonderful experience.

SAFE CYCLING

He asked for the parents' co-operation in getting the children to use more care on the roads. There was, he said, still far too much careless cycling along the road to school, and sooner or later something regrettable would happen. A word of warning might save a life.

Mr. Alexander also asked for the parents' help in the question of school attendance. The average attendance over the school's four terms was 91 per cent. It should be in the region of 97 per cent. Friday appeared to be the day when attendance fell 20 or 30 below average. It was, he said, a crime against humanity to keep children away from school unnecessarily. He concluded with an appreciation of the loyalty and co-operation he had received from his staff.

Lady Luke presented the awards and the "Endeavour" cup and was presented with a bouquet by 12-year-old Lesley Grimes.

Lord Luke, in a brief address, expressed the pleasure of both Lady Luke and himself at being

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