



Loudwater Combined School

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LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Earlier today we had our end of term achievement assembly and the award winners are listed below

Citizens of the month for July

Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Bella Ryder	Rohan Patel	Elliot Wing	Macy Bridle	Aaron Patel	Amy Randall	Theo Tekindag

Friendly Fox

This award is given to reward children who are excellent friends to their classmates and others.

Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Natasha Zielinska	Paige Fish	Lily Cleere-Horwood	Gabrielle Sarl	Erin Timberlake	Teagan Burnham	Maliha Ali

Building Learning Power Awards

These awards focus on the skills children have developed to build their learning power. A Resilient Learner always tries their best, enjoys a challenge and never gives up. A Resourceful Learner uses different resources to help them as well as using what they already know to solve new problems. A Reflective Learner learns from their mistakes and uses this information to improve their learning. A Reciprocal Learner is a good listener and works well with others in a team.

Class	Resilience	Resourcefulness	Reflectiveness	Reciprocity
Foundation Stage	Dylan Lambourne	Ticha Martins	Ellie Badger	Lucas De Mendonca
Year 1	Urszula Bauza	Kobee Barszcz	Keira Robak	Oscar Leary
Year 2	Riley McGrady	Sri Addada	Crystal Jamieson	Kyle Chambers
Year 3	Ell Lewis	Jennifer Billing	Kamileshia Gittens	Tyler Merry
Year 4	Muqet Ahmed	Leah Bunce	Christina Vintu	Kiona Robinson
Year 5	Jake Green	George Boon	Remy Bashir	Tiah Barszcz
Year 6	Holly Lewington	Jay Parkin	Aleesa Natthan	Lily Wakelin

Learning Champions

This is awarded to the child in each class who has made the most progress in the Summer term.

Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Logan Sheppard	Jack Curtis	Oliver Stevens	Kayin Taylor-Weekes	Luke Golton	Emma Merry	Romany Whitmore

Attendance

Congratulations to Years 1 and 3 who had the best attendance this term at 97%. The best attendance for the year award goes to Year 1 at 97%. Well done!

Individual Attendance Awards for the Summer Term

Gold awards are for 100% attendance, Silver awards are for 98-99% and Bronze awards are for 97% attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Gold Awards	Adna Adegbulugbe Reece Anns Samuel Barton Dylan Lambourne Ticha Martins Logan Sheppard Milla Smith	Kobee Barszcz Urszula Bauza Amber Bernard Henry Bridle Ruby Bunce Paige Fish Rohan Patel Romilly Scouse-Davies Amelie Wakelin Nate Weber Grace Wise Faith Yearwood	Muaaz Ali Nayah Allen Jessica Billing Adam Maaref Riley McGrady Teyha Richards Jaiden Roseje Thomas Sheppard Lara Sohrabian Oliver Stevens Lexie West	Madison Anns Shay Barszcz Jennifer Billing Rosie Brewer Pia Collinao Pierce Max Floyd Kamileshia Gittens Ella Green Kyle Lane Tyler Merry Joshua Robinson Gabrielle Sarl Jack Stevens Kayin Taylor-Weekes	Mackenzie Anns Tia Armstrong Maia Banaszkiwicz Oscar Browning Maya Ghailan Luke Golton Arianne Johnson Freya McNeill Aaron Patel Charlotte Timson	Stefan Enache Jessica Harpin Spencer Harrop Karolina Kukhta Grace Leary Emma Merry Amy Randall James Steeple Oliver Taylor Holly Watmore	Emily Goring Sadie Horsley Skye King Keiran Kurd Karyss Moore Calum Panayiotou Devon Patel Alex Peapell Theo Tekindag Lily Wakelin Romany Whitmore
Silver Awards	Blake Clarke Lucas De Mendonca Khamarion Gittens Ruby Kingsmill Munopa Mugandani Lily Rees-Curphey Harley Shurety-Gibbs	Mason Bates Zach Burch Afia Ditta Xandros O'Connor Harry Samways Lucy Sarl Kyla Taylor	Harrison Clarke Ibrahim Ditta Romisha Sanwa Dominic Siwecki	Macy Bridle Alanna Butcher Paris Roseje Stanley Staines	Muqee Ahmed Lilly Coope Sarah Fedorowicz Harry Fiander Oliver Fiander Kiona Robinson Skye Simpson Christina Vintu	Raqeeb Ahmed Tiah Barszcz Remy Bashir George Boon Jake Green Mahlee Lelyveld Tianne Shurety-Muturi Leah Taylor	Zeeshan Akhtar Jamie Fraser Dayna Irwin Katie Lewington Jay Parkin
Bronze Awards	Leah Hartstean Logan Willis	Joey Timson	Amy Avery Joshua Hawkins	Eleanor Andrews Francesca Cohn	Maddison Webb	Chelsea Newell	

Swimming Awards were given to the following children:

Year 6	Skye King Andrew Tilbury Jamie Fraser	Year 5	Malva Collinao Pierce Grace Leary Raqeeb Ahmed
Year 4	Aaren Patel Tia Armstrong Oliver Fiander	Year 3	Ami-Mia Tilbury Paris Roseje Hewa Farag
Year 2	Elliott Wing Kyle Chambers Jaiden Roseje		

House points for the term

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
Summer term 2015	2981 (3 rd)	3029 (2 nd)	2862 (4 th)	3194 (1 st)

It hardly seems possible that we have reached the end of another academic year. It has been a year of many challenges and changes all of which have been embraced by the staff and pupils with enthusiasm and in a few cases with resilience. I think it is fair to say that as a staff our resilience was tested by the new assessments the children in Year 2 and Year 6 have been subject to this year. However the children coped with these exceptionally well and we are all very proud of what they have achieved.

The assessments this year for Years 2 and 6 cannot be compared to those of previous years at the standard the children are expected to reach is now more challenging and levels have been replaced by scaled scores; a score of 100 represents children who have attained the "expected standard".

For the Year 6 results, we now have a national comparison showing that the following percentages of pupils achieved the expected standard:

	Loudwater School	Other schools nationally
Reading test	80%	66%
Grammar, punctuation & spelling test	80%	72%
Writing teacher assessment	73%	74%
Maths test	86%	70%
Achieving the expected standard in reading, writing & maths	70%	53%

I would like to thank all staff who helped in achieving these results – it is a team effort and reflects everyone's dedication and commitment to ensuring that the children achieve the best they can.

Questionnaires

During the last few months we have asked parents and pupils to complete questionnaires seeking views on a range of aspects of the school. This information is analysed by staff and governors and is used to identify our priorities for improvement. Thank-you for participating in this; below are the headlines from the surveys.

Parents' survey (April 2016)

92 responses were received

- 97% rated teaching in the school as good.
- 99% agreed that children were safe in school.
- 96% agreed that the school encourages and motivates pupils to achieve their best.
- 89% felt that the school kept them well informed.
- 95% of parents agreed that incidents of poor behaviour were dealt with effectively.

Whilst responses were overwhelmingly positive we recognise that there are several areas to prioritise next year:

- Providing clear advice to children and, in particular, parents what the next steps in learning are and what can be done to support this at school and at home.
- Providing information about parents as to the role of the governing body and the part they play in ensuring that the school is performing effectively.

Children's survey

The children in Key Stage 2 completed the survey.

- 89% of children said they thought teaching was good, whilst 6% did not know.
- Over 90% of children said that they felt safe in school and knew who to talk to if they had a problems.
- 93% said that they learned a range of interesting things at school.
- 95% agreed that teachers helped them to understand what the next steps were in their learning and how to achieve them.

Overall the children's responses were also very positive although there are a number of areas to develop next year.

- We want all children to feel safe in school and know who they can talk to if there is a problem.
- We want to further explore with children what they think good teaching and conditions for learning are and ensure that these are maximised in each class.

Children's technology survey

Last week we asked Key Stage 2 pupils to complete a short survey on their use of technology, gaming and use of the internet.

The headlines were:

- It is clear that they are part of a generation who are embracing technology and who already possess a wide range of skills to use different devices; this grows as the children get older with 83% of Year 6 pupils having a mobile phone compared to 27% in Year 3.
- Approximately 80% of pupils said that they played games online and used a games console to access games. The majority of children are accessing a wide range of games which are largely age appropriate. Over 80% of children were accessing You Tube regularly.
- In one year group almost half the pupils said that they played games which were restricted to 15 year olds or 18 year olds. The games these children were most often accessing were Grand Theft Auto, Call of Duty: Black Ops and the Halo Championship series.
- Around 40% of children reported that someone had been unkind or sworn at them online and a number of children were concerned by what had been said to them online and that this could be by someone they had never met.
- A significant number of children reported that their parents imposed some restrictions on their use of the internet or their devices. When asked to describe what they were it is clear that parents are giving their children very good advice about what they should avoid and where they should not go online. In the main children were not aware that their parents had set parental controls to protect them, although of course this could have been done without their knowledge.

In our computing lessons next term all classes will have a focus on keeping safe online. There is some information on our school website which parents may find useful and we have invited representatives for CEOP and Think U Know to visit school next term to provide information for teachers, pupils and parents. We will let you have more information when dates are confirmed.

Goodbyes

Our Year 6 pupils will be leaving school tomorrow and we wish them well in their new schools. During their time at the school, they have grown and developed into young people we are proud of. Their achievements are not only academic; within the class there are some great musicians, artists and sports people. They will be going to a range of schools next year where I am sure they will become an asset to their learning community. I hope that they will make the best of all opportunities open to them and come back to visit us and tell us of their successes.

We are also saying good byes to Mrs George and Miss Townsend. Mrs George has worked at the school in a range of roles for 26 years. She has had a positive impact on the lives of many children during this time and I thank her for her great contribution to Loudwater School over the years. We wish her a long and happy retirement and hope that she will keep in touch. Miss Townsend has worked at Loudwater School for 6 years and during this time has worked as a teaching assistant in Year 5 & Year 6. She too has made a great contribution to the learning of pupils she has worked with and to the school as a whole. We wish her every success in her new career working for Action for Children.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Cunnington
Headteacher

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