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LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Tuesday 27th February – Energise Rehearsal – Year 4
Tuesday 27th February – Football Tournament – Year 1
Tuesday 27th February – Basketball – Year 3
Wednesday 28th February – Values Assembly – Year 2
Thursday 1st March – World Book Day
Friday 2nd March – World Book Day Dress Up

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

In Foundation Stage a crime has been committed! We have been investigating and have found a broken chair, 3 porridge bowls, one of which is empty, and a bed that hasn't been made. We have our suspicions and have been taking photos and writing reports about what we have seen. More news of this next week! We have also been working on 1 more and 1 less and have been doing this practically with teddy bears. We have looked at teddy bears and used adjectives to describe how they feel.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Phase 2 activities

Crime Scene Photographs



Year One

English - This week Year 1 have been introduced to their new class author and illustrator; Valerie Thomas and Korky Paul. They worked together to create the 'Winnie the witch' books and Year 1 have been really enjoying these stories. This week Year 1 have identified the characters, setting and plot of some of these books. They also enjoyed writing descriptions about Winnie using adjectives that described her appearance and her personality. Year 1 also learnt about verbs and looked at pictures from two books and made lists of the verbs we could see Winnie doing.

Maths - In Maths our focus has been on multiples of 2. We sorted numbers into those that were multiples of 2 and those that weren't. We carried on number sequences where the pattern was counting on or back in 2's. We also solved word problems, we had to identify if they were addition or subtraction problems and then add or take 2.

Topic - A busy week practicing for our class assembly! We found out that our new topic is called Sensational and know that we will be learning all about our senses. We named the 5 senses and identified which body parts match our senses.

http://www.ictgames.com/fairyfog2s_v2.html

<http://ictgames.com/poopDeckPirates/index.html> (choose any of the phase 3 or 4 games)

Common exception words

I have put a list of the Year 1 common exception words in book bags.

These are the words that the children need to be able to read and spell by the end of Year 1

Year Two

In Year 2 this week we have been enjoying the poem 'The Sound Collector' by Roger McGough. We have performed the poem by heart and have planned and written our own versions using sounds collected around our school. We have also been focusing on our reading comprehension techniques. In Phonics, we have been revising learned sounds such as s spelled with a c, and the sound tion. In Maths, we have been learning how to represent multiplication problems as a picture, an array, repeated addition and multiplication. This will help the children to understand that multiplication is adding the same number a specified number of times. If you would like examples of how we record this, please ask and I will be happy to help. In Topic, we have begun our new topic called 'The Earth: Our home'. We have explored the definition of the word habitat and listed different habitats around the world. We have also begun to think about how animals adapt to the habitat in which they live.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zcrvr82>

Year Three

This week in Year 3 we have been working hard to improve ourselves in all subjects. In English, the students have shown great knowledge of their book 'The Fox and the Star' by writing a brand new ending for the book, putting on a drama that retells the story, and also writing a book review. In Maths, our focus has been on Subtracting numbers up to three digits. The children have shown great use of strategies in order to be successful. The students have worked hard in PE and have shown wonderful individual dances in the style of African dancing. This is our last week of our topic Gateways to the World, and the students have done great in creating a birds-eye view map of their very own airport. Good Job everyone! Check out this website for some great online math games that focus on addition and subtraction!

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/addition-and-subtraction>

Year Four

In English this week we have started reading our new book for this half term: 'Coraline' by Neil Gaiman. We have read the first few chapters in the book, in which Coraline goes exploring in her new surroundings and finds a mysterious door which leads to an alternative world. We have looked carefully at the character of Coraline and written a detailed character description for her.

During our maths lessons we have begun looking at fractions. We have learnt what the numerator and denominator represent in a fraction as well as learning what an equivalent fraction is. We used this information to find equivalent fractions using maths equipment and later in the week used multiplication and division to find equivalent fractions.

During our topic lessons this week we have started our new topic Turn It Up. We have discussed what we already know about sound and have completed short investigations using different equipment to discover how sound is made.

<http://kidshealth.org/en/kids/ears-movie.html>

Year Five

This week in English, Year Five have been looking at a poem called The Dreadful Menace and the film clip which goes alongside it. We have focused on figurative language such as personification and simile, and have used dictionaries and thesauruses to improve our vocabulary.

In maths, Year Five have been finding equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages. We have also started to find percentages of amounts and solve problems using this. We have also been continuing to practise simplifying fractions, and converting between fractions and decimals.

In Topic, we have been looking at the impact the Romans had on Britain, and some of the different things they introduced such as coins, language and rabbits!

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/ztqg4wx>

Year Six

This week in English we have started to read a new novel called the 'Eye of the Wolf' by Daniel Pennac. This is a fantastic story which was originated in French. We have read the first sections of the book which has generated lots of questions. We have also used the text to help us explore the details of the wolf's life, his feeling and character and his attitude to humans. We have researched wolves and have begun to write a non-chronological report. In Maths we have been exploring fractions by using common factors to simplify fractions, comparing and ordering fractions and adding and subtracting fractions. In Topic we have completed our chocolate investigation and have evaluated our learning during the Mayan topic. On Friday we visited the Hazard Alley Safety Centre in Milton Keynes.

Website: pre-reading for next topic

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/science/general-science/charles-darwin-and-the-mystery-of-life/#!/register>

Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
9.02.18	Elizabeth	Caitlin	Ellie B	Baylee	Ryan	Ella	Oliver
23.02.18	Tilly & Lara	Whole Class	Logan W	Ruby B	Amaya	Aaminah	Class out on trip

The following children have been recognised in achievement assembly for their good behaviour:

	Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
9.02.18	Tilly George	Jacob Tyler	Amber Logan S	Xandros Afia	Amelia Thomas	Jack Miguel	Aaron Jessica
23.02.18	Elizabeth Jack	Harley Alfie	Khamarion Hollie	Baylee Mason	Riley Ayaan	Max Gabrielle	Class out on trip

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
9.02.18	98%	98%	96%	91%	96%	96%	97%
23.02.18	95%	95%	94%	93%	91%	97%	98%

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
9.02.18	0	0	3	1	0	1	1
23.02.18	1	0	2	0	2	1	0

House points for this week

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
9.02.18	414	339	295	325
23.02.18	316	303	312	352

Annual Consent for Local Trips and Walks

You will remember that earlier this academic year we set the Gateway so that you are able to give a 'one off' consent for local trips and walks. If we have your consent through this system you will only need to send a letter to 'opt out'. We will always inform you of the details of any trip that we would like to involve your child in.

Please go to the Gateway 'Consent for Local Trips and Walks' to give consent if you haven't already done so.

Energise Rehearsal – Year 4 only

Year 4 will be attending the Energise rehearsal once again and we will be using your online consents as last time. The children should be back to school for normal pick up time.

World Book Day

For the World Book Day information please see Mrs Olcot's letter at the end of this newsletter.

Basketball and Football – Tuesday 27th February

The children involved with the Basketball and Football activities will have already received an information letter via their class teacher.

After School Clubs

We arranged a number of after school clubs to start after half term. The outside providers need to be contacted direct online. For your information a full list of After School Clubs is attached to the bottom of this newsletter.

Year 3 Teaching Arrangements

Mr Neighbour has confirmed that he will be returning to school on Monday March 5th. We have arranged for Mr Courtney to stay on with us for a further week in order that Year 3 receive a smooth transition. We would like to thank Mr Courtney for his hard work and commitment over the past months.

FOL's Lottery winner

Congratulations to, Jacqueline Subhan who was this month's Lottery winner – Please visit the school office to collect your cheque.

Yours faithfully

Clare Cunningham

Mrs C Cunningham
Head teacher

Newsletter, consent forms and payments

We are now only sending out the newsletter via email so do please ensure that you inform the office of your current email address if you have not already done so – contact: office@loudwater.bucks.sch.uk

Disclaimer

From time to time we are asked by a range of organisations to give out leaflets. We always agree if we think this could be of interest or benefit to the children. However we do not endorse any of these organisations and parents should always check their credentials carefully to make sure children would be safe and well looked after.

LOUDWATER COMBINED SCHOOL Calendar of events for 2017-18

		February 28 th Values Assembly Y2
March 2 nd World Book Day Dress Up 6 th School Photographs 22 nd Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 23 rd Red Nose Day and School Disco 27 th & 28 th Parent/Teacher Consultations Y6 28 th Values Assembly Y5 29 th School closes at 2pm for Easter Break	April 16 th Children return to School 25 th & 26 th Parent/Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5)	May 3 rd Values Assembly Y4 7 th Bank Holiday 10 th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 14 th Year 6 SATs Week 21 st Year 5 Assessment Week 24 th Values Assembly Y5 25 th School Closed Training Day for teachers 28 th – 1 st Half term break
June 4 th Children return to School 11 th -14 th Residential Visit to Green Park Y6 21 st Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 28 th Values Assembly FS 29 th School closed teacher training day	July 3 rd Secondary School Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting 6 th Annual Reports 12 th Sports Day 14 th Summer Fete 17 th Reserve Sports Day 19 th Values Assembly Y6 23 rd 7.00pm Y6 Leavers Production 24 th 9.30am Y6 Leavers Presentation Assembly 24 th School closes at 2pm for summer break	Class Assemblies Spring term 9.05 Start 8 th March - Year Three 15 th March - Foundation Stage 22 nd March - Year Four

Clubs organised for after Half Term

Monday 3.30 – 4.30	Dance Club	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	PE kit needed. Maximum of 20 children There will be a cost for this club. Please book online at www.premier-education.com
Tuesday 3.30 – 4.30	Dodge Ball	Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	PE kit needed. Maximum of 20 children There will be a cost for this club. Please book online at www.fabacademy.co.uk
Tuesday 3.30 – 4.30	Netball	Years 4, 5 and 6	PE kit needed. Maximum of 20 children
Wednesday 3.30 – 4.30	Play Active Club	Years FS, 1 & 2	PE kit needed. Maximum of 20 children There will be a cost for this club. Please book online at www.premier-education.com
Wednesday 3.30 – 4.30	Football	Years FS, 1 & 2	PE kit needed. Maximum of 20 children There will be a cost for this club. Please book online at www.fabacademy.co.uk
Thursday 3.30 – 4.30	Football	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	PE kit needed. Maximum of 20 children There will be a cost for this club. Please book online at www.fabacademy.co.uk
Friday 3.30 – 4.30	Smart Raspberry Cooking Club	Y1 – Y6	Maximum of 12 children There will be a cost for this club. Please book online at helentucker@smartraspberry.com



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Dear Parents,

On Thursday, the 1st March, it is World Book Day!
World Book Day is an annual celebration that encourages children to read for pleasure. In the UK, it is celebrated on the first Thursday in March.

This year we are going to be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 2nd March** by having a dress up day! Come to school dressed as your favourite book/comic character and bring along the book/comic you feature in. This is just for fun, so we will not be asking for any money. Please do not feel you need to buy a costume or spend hours making one! It really is just for fun and not a competition.

On this day your child will be given a £1 World Book Day token. The token can be exchanged for one of 10 exclusively written World Book Day books at participating stores or used as part payment towards any full priced book or audio book of your choice (priced £2.99 or more). The token is valid until 25th March 2018.

In addition to Dress Up day we will be organising a Book Swap. We invite your child/children to bring in a book/s that they no longer wish to keep, which they will then swap for a different book to bring home.

Thank you for helping your child to enjoy World Book Day by supporting them to dress up as their chosen book character and to enjoy reading for pleasure.

If you would like more information about World Book Day, ideas for reading and writing activities, videos and much more, visit www.worldbookday.com

Yours sincerely

Jackie Olcot

Mrs J Olcot

(English leader)