



Loudwater Combined School

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LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Y4 Oxford Science Workshop: Wednesday 17th May
Open Day: Thursday 18th May – 9am to 10am & 2pm to 3pm

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

In Foundation Stage this week we have been "Going on a bear hunt"! First we read the story, then we went on a bear hunt and found a bear cave in our playground, with a bear inside. (We're NOT going on a bear hunt again!!!)

In maths we have been building bear dens with 3D shapes, and writing digital times.

We have also been making rain hats for teddy bears, using materials that are waterproof, and we have learnt a lot of facts about giant pandas.

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/animals/general-animals/ten-panda-facts/>

Year One

In English this week we have loved the story Of 'Good little wolf' by Nadia Shireen. We had fun giving Rolf, the good wolf, instructions on how to be a big bad wolf. We made sure we used imperative verbs to start our instructions. We also wrote some super information about big bad wolves and enjoyed adding labels to our pictures. The ending of this story is a little bit sad and we had to write the reasons why we thought it was quite a sad ending. We have been busy!

In Maths this week we have been focussing on a counting in 5's. We know that multiples of 5's end in 5 or 0. We counted objects in groups of 5, found 5 more and less than multiples of 5 and counted in 5p's.

In Topic we had fun investigating which material would be the best to block out light. We tested 3 different types of paper using them to try to block out light from a torch. We found out that the thick black paper would be best because it didn't let any light through. We also looked at some special buildings from around the world. We looked at La Sagrada Familia in Barcelona. This is a very interesting building! We made sketches of different parts of this building in our sketchbooks.

[www...topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?f=SpringNumber](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?f=SpringNumber)

Year Two

This week Year 2 has been using their knowledge of Owls to write their own information text. They planned, wrote and evaluated their texts, which they then shared with the Year 1 pupils. In Maths, they have been naming and describing the properties of 3D shapes and using this information to sort shapes using different diagrams. They have also learned about tessellation and tangrams. In Topic, they have explored food chains; thinking about why each link in the chain is important. They have also learned about the life cycle of a frog; creating their own frog life cycle on paper plates. In Phonics, they have been revising the rules for adding s/es to create plurals and present tense verbs.

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/PondLifePlurals.html>

Year Three

In English this week the children have finished the story of 'Wolves in the Walls.' They have been very enthusiastic about this text and have written fantastic recounts of the story with pictures to go alongside. They have also written a set of instructions for Lucy on how to get the wolves out of her house. Towards the end of the week the children completed their Smart Write.

In Maths this week, the children have been exploring and representing number in different ways. They have represented numbers and tenths using a variety of resources and Mathematical equipment as well as solving number and practical problems involving measures. Towards the end of the week they gathered and interpreted data using frequency tables.

In Topic we started the week off by looking at the 'Healthy Eating Plate' and food pyramids. We then discussed what they had eaten the week before and how healthy their choices had been. We have also looked at the harmful effects cigarettes and alcohol have on our bodies. Next week we will be looking at our teeth!

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living_things/teeth_eating/read/1/

Year Four

This week in English, Year 4 have been identifying how an author uses description to make a story interesting. They have planned and written their own stories, making sure that they include paragraphs, fronted adverbials and descriptive language. In Maths the class has been looking at fractions with their equivalents and how to turn a fraction into a decimal. They have used this knowledge in a practical way to measure and weigh items in centimetres and millimetres, kilograms and grams using decimals. In Science the children have made circuits which include a light bulb, buzzer and switch.

www.topmarks.co.uk

Year Five

This week in English, Year Five have been working really hard on their writing. They have written balanced arguments about whether Ben in Gangsta Granny should have lied to his parents and newspaper reports about the theft of the Crown Jewels from the Tower of London. They have also completed a smartwrite activity where they get to choose the piece of writing they do; including playscripts, stories and poetry!

In maths, Year Five have been exploring equivalent fractions and have started looking at volume and capacity. They have made their own fraction bars, have ordered and compared fractions with different denominators and found fractions of different amounts, including measures.

In topic lessons, Year Five have investigated the different flowers and plants growing wild around the school grounds. They have then completed some botanical drawings of these and have dissected tulips in order to study the different parts of the flower under the digital microscopes. They will be learning about the life cycles of plants next week.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zc234j6> A short video on plant life cycles.

Year Six

This week, Year 6 has taken their Statutory Assessments Tests (SATs) in reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling and maths. They have all worked incredibly hard over the last few weeks in preparation of these tests.

In English, they have completed their persuasive letters to the local council.

In Maths, Year 6 has been revising co-ordinates and algebra.

In Topic, Year 6 has continued their training as Forensic Scientists. They have conducted an investigation into the absorbency of different paper and which materials are the best insulators.

<http://sats.highamstjohns.com/bsite>

Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
05.5.17	Ella Bowler	Raza Akhtar	Baylee Seymour	Adam Maaref	Rosie Brewer	Skye Simpson	Emma Merry
12.5.17	Ciaran Cleland Mason Weber	Ellie Badger	Kyla Taylor	Riley McGrady	Ella Green	Oliver Fiander	Whole class

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
05.5.17	Emy Lewis Ciaran Cleland	Lilly Weedon Chloe Bowden	Xandros O'Connor Kyla Taylor	Lily Cleere-Horwood Ayaan Younis	Breanna Carter Hewa Farag	Lee Bampton Tia Armstrong	Jake Green Holly Watmore
12.5.17	Joshua De Mendonca Benjamin Tate	Lily Rees-Curphey Milla Smith	Aundrea Johnson Rohan Patel	Nikhil Kumar Sri Addada	Gabrielle Sarl Tyler Merry	Nikola Czajkowska Lilly Coope	Raqeeb Ahmed Woody Abrams

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
05.5.17	98%	91%	99%	97%	99%	99%	96%
12.5.17	96%	95%	100%	98%	99%	97%	100%

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
05.5.17	0	1	0	0	2	1	0
12.5.17	0	2	0	0	0	0	0

House points for the week

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
05.5.17	187	193	187	147
12.5.17	319	279	274	325

The **Head teacher's Award** this week goes to Malva Collinao Pierce for a well thought out science investigation – Well done!

SATs

I'm pleased to report that we have now completed the statutory Year 6 tests for this academic year with 100% attendance – well done to Year 6 for all their hard work.

Term Dates

Please see below chart which outlines the new term dates for the coming academic year commencing in September 2017 through to July 2018

School Open Day

This is planned for Thursday 18th May; we have two sessions, the first is from 9am till 10am and the afternoon session runs from, 2pm till 3pm. All visitors are welcome to come and see the school at work.

Green Park Residential Trip

Reminder to all Year 6 Parents – with the trip to Green Park just around the corner, I would ask that all outstanding payments are settled by Friday 19th May to enable us to agree the final numbers with the centre.

Fidget Spinners

We have noticed over the past few weeks a number of children bringing in, “Fidget Spinners” – whilst we appreciate these are aimed at assisting those children who find it hard to concentrate, they have now become a distraction to others in the class. We ask that your child does not bring these in to school, thank you.

Hot School Meals

In the near future we will be renegotiating the provision of hot school meals with our catering company. If you have any feedback to help us in this process please email the school office with your comments by the end of May.

Yours faithfully

Clare Cunningham

Mrs C Cunningham
Head teacher

If you are receiving this as a paper copy and you would like to receive an electronic version please email office@loudwater.bucks.sch.uk to request this in future.

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 2016-17

<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u> 15 th & 22 nd Assessment Weeks (all years exc. Yr6) 18 th – Open Day 9-10 am & 2-3 pm 22 nd – 25 th Y6 Residential visit 26 th School Closed Training Day for teachers 29 th -2 nd June Half term break
<u>June</u> 5 th Children return to School 29 th Open Day 9.30-10.30am & 2-3 pm 23 rd Class photographs 30 th School closed teacher training day	<u>July</u> 4 th Secondary Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting 7 th Annual Reports to Parents 8 th FOLS Summer Fete 13 th Sports Day 14 th FOLS discos for pupils pm 17 th Reserve Sports Day 20 th 7.00pm Y6 Leavers Production 21 st 9.30am Y6 Leavers Presentation Assembly 21 st School closes at 2pm for summer break	

New items in green – the date of Sports Day has changes

<u>Values Assemblies 9.05am start</u> 25 th May – Collaboration Y1 29 th June – Respect Y4 19 th July – Happiness FS
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TERM DATES - SEPTEMBER 2017 - JULY 2018

Autumn Term 2017 Training Days Mon 4 th & Tue 5 th September Term begins Wednesday 6 th September Half-term Mon 23rd – Fri 27th October Term ends Tuesday 19 th December	Spring Term 2018 Training Day Wednesday 3 rd January Term begins Thursday 4 th January Half-term Mon 12th – Fri 16th February Term ends Thursday 29 th March
Summer Term 2018 Term begins Monday 16 th April May Day Monday 7 th May Training Day Friday 25 th May Half-term Tue 29th May - Fri 1st June Training Day Friday 29 th June Term Ends Tuesday 24 th July	Please note: Pupils should not be taken out of school during term time for family holidays



MAY HALF TERM WORKSHOPS 2017

Book your place for an exciting day of cookery this May half term. We will be running two different workshops; bread making and breakfast & brunch ideas.

All ingredients, cooking equipment, and packaging are included.
BOOK ONLINE at www.smartraspberry.com

WYCOMBE JUNIORS				
Wednesday 31st May	Ages 5-9	10.00-15:00	BREAD MAKING: Tear'n'share Tomato Swirls, Hedgehog rolls, Wholemeal loaf, Courgette & Carrot Bread	£45
Thursday 1st June	Ages 5-9	10.00-15:00	BREAKFAST & BRUNCH: Healthy Muffins, Granola Breakfast Bowls, Spinach & Pepper Frittata, Breakfast Pizza	£45
WYCOMBE TEENS				
Wednesday 31st May	Ages 10-15	10.00-15:00	BREAD MAKING: Tear'n'share Tomato Swirls, Olive & Rosemary Focaccia, Wholemeal loaf, Courgette & Carrot Bread	£50
Thursday 1st June	Ages 10-15	10.00-15:00	BREAKFAST & BRUNCH: Healthy Muffins, Granola Breakfast Bowls, Huevos Rancheros, Breakfast Pizza	£50

HENLEY-ON-THAMES JUNIORS				
Tuesday 30th May	Ages 5-9	10.00-13:00	BREAD MAKING: Hedgehog rolls, Wholemeal loaf, Courgette & Carrot Bread	£35
HENLEY-ON-THAMES TEENS				
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