



Loudwater Combined School

Learn, Create, Succeed

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LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd May 2019

Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Monday May 6th - Bank Holiday – School closed for one day

Thursday May 9th – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Information Meeting 3.10 pm

Thursday May 9th – May Anxiety Course with Jackie Boyce

Friday 10th May – Bubbles and Bingo 7pm (FOLS event – please see a member of the committee for further details)

Value of the month

Our value of the month for May is Collaboration. In our assemblies and PSCH sessions our questions of the week will include:

- When do we work together best?
- What are the key roles in an effective team?
- What are the benefits of working together?

Our inspirational person for the month is Bill Gates; we will be exploring his life and achievements and what we can learn from them, in particular we will be focusing on his charitable work. At the end of the month Year 1 will be leading our values assembly to share their learning – parents and carers are warmly welcomed to attend.

News from the classes this week:

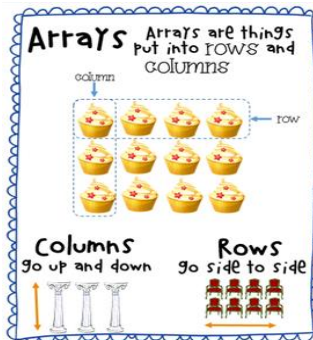
Foundation Stage

In Foundation Stage this week we have been reading and writing about "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". We have got some real caterpillars in our classroom and we have been watching them start to grow. We also have some tiny eggs which we are watching. We will let you know what is inside, when they pop out. In Maths, we have been finding numbers that are more or less than a given number and we have been playing Bingo! We have read a Non-Fiction book about insects and have been learning how to label insect diagrams.

Year One

This week in English we have been enjoying the story of Hansel and Gretel. We know that this is a fairy tale so we investigated the features of fairy tales. We found quite a lot! We loved listening to different versions and answering questions about the story. A real highlight of our English this week has been retelling the story. We used different sentences starters to make our stories very interesting and we are looking forward to sharing them with the Foundation Stage children. This week in maths we have been subtracting. We tried to be as accurate as possible and we made sure that we started with the biggest number. We have also been enjoying learning about arrays. We walked around the school to investigate arrays and found quite a lot!

This is an example of an array...



As part of our topic on Houses and Homes we have been looking at the different features of our homes. We have also been learning about how homes were different 100 years ago and sorting objects which we would have found in the past and in the present.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> (start with number bonds to 10, when these are secure move to bonds to 20 and then to 100!)

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/DragonsDen.html> (revise phase 5)

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/zpggk7>

Year Two

This week, in Year 2, we have been reading 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson. We thought about the character of Plop and described his appearance and personality by writing a character profile. We also thought about how poets use descriptive language by writing a senses poem about the dark. In the story, Plop wants to be a day bird so we wrote instructions to tell him how to be a good night bird. Then we wrote a recount as Plop, describing the visits he had with the humans under his tree. In Phonics, we have been revising the rule for adding suffixes to words ending in a y e.g. hurry, pry and marry. In Maths, we have been revisiting multiplication and division. We have used arrays, number lines and sorting circles to solve \times and \div number problems. In Topic, we have been learning facts about nocturnal animals and sorting the facts into sets.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/mental-maths-train>

Year 3

This week in English, Year 3 have been watching the multimedia text called 'The Black Hat.' They started the week by creating tension for their audience by using short, sharp sentences, similes and metaphors along with ellipsis. We have also used descriptive language when writing imaginatively and afterwards, used our editing skills to improve our work. Towards the end of the week we learned how to have a reasoned debate. In Maths we have been working on lines and turns. We have recognised how angles relate to turns and how to identify and describe these. We also looked at 3D shapes in different orientations and how to turn them using vocabulary such as, clockwise, anti-clockwise, quarter, half, three quarters and full turn. We then applied this understanding to a board game that involved lines and turns.

We have started a new topic called Green Fingers. At the beginning of the week we weeded one of the beds up by the outside classroom and turned the soil. After, we planted sunflower seeds and will be monitoring the progress of these until the end of the year. We have also started our own seed diaries, starting with writing instructions on how to plant the sunflowers.

<https://www.almanac.com/plant/sunflowers>

Year 4

In English this week, we have been using a multimedia text called The Lighthouse. First, we explored the feelings of the lighthouse keeper through hot-seating, before we began to write the story. We wrote an opening and middle to the story, including detail and description, then we thought about how the film might end.

In maths this week, we have been working with money. Leading on from working with decimals, we have looked at ordering, rounding and comparing amounts of money. We have learnt how to estimate amounts of money by rounding to the nearest pound, and solved problems for money involving all four operations.

We all enjoyed our river workshop on Wednesday! Ceri from The Chilterns Conservation Board came to work with us for the day and was very knowledgeable, teaching us about the complexities of chalk streams. The best part of the day was going into the river and searching for creatures on the river bed using nets. Among other things, we managed to find river shrimp, tiny fish, may fly larvae and even a small crayfish!

Year 5

This week in English, Year Five has been exploring the wordless text 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan. We have written either recounts or narratives to retell what is happening in the opening of the story, and we are now planning non-chronological reports about the strange creatures that are encountered in the new world.

In maths, we have started a new geometry unit on shape and angles. We have been learning how to use a protractor to measure and draw angles, and have been finding missing angles on lines and around a point. We are also using these skills to find missing angles in triangles.

In topic, we have started a new unit, which is linked to our English work, on Journeys. We have looked at the push and pull factors which may lead someone to leave their country and move somewhere different, and we have also started to look at the life and work of the abstract artist Frank Auerbach who moved to Britain as a Jewish refugee at the beginning of World War Two. This will then inspire us to create an abstract self-portrait in the style of Frank Auerbach.

Preview YouTube video The Arrival Part I



The Arrival - Shaun Tan (Part One)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1nJKse-UCFM>

Year 6

In English, this week we have started a new unit of work based on the issue of graffiti. We have researched the history of graffiti and have written a non-chronological report, giving information on its origins, how modern graffiti developed, the different styles of graffiti and Banksy, the well-known graffiti artist. We have also created our own graffiti 'Fill in'. We have written persuasive letters to the local council detailing the positive aspects of graffiti and street art. In Maths we have been consolidating our understanding

of percentages, solving reasoning questions and time. In our Topic lessons this week we have started a new unit of work about the human body. We reviewed our knowledge and understanding of the skeleton and vital organs. On Tuesday we performed our last class assembly - on the value of kindness. It was lovely to see so many of our parents there to watch it.

KS2 Maths Quizzes

<https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/maths/>

Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
03.05.19	Ryan	Sidney	Tyler	George	Amber	Amelia	Madison

The Head teacher's award this week went to Munopa in year 3 for writing a super set of instructions about how to plant sunflower seeds - well done!

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

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
03.05.19	Kelci Jenson	Nathaniel Sulaymaan	Harry Tegan	Chloe Keira	Nathan Mason	Jessica Dominic	Rosie Paris

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
03.05.19	98%	99%	99%	99%	98%	99%	100%

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
03.05.19	0	0	0	1	1	0	1

House points for this week

	Beethoven	Mozart	Tchaikovsky	Elgar
03.05.19	289	348	273	348

Under 11 Netball Tournament

Team: Gabrielle, Ella, Aaminah, Lucy, Jennifer, Rosie, Amelia, Jessica



On Saturday 27th April, our under 11 netball team took part in a tournament at Kingsmead netball courts. We started strongly, however had a narrow 4 – 3 defeat in our opening game. We gained some confidence as the tournament went on, with our highlight of the tournament being a 10 – 1 win in our sixth game! Overall we finished 7th out of 8, however everyone put all their effort in and gained some great experience from the day.

Netball coach required

We are still looking for one replacement netball coach to work with Mrs Heather Dodsworth from September onwards. If you are able or you know of someone who is please let us know a.s.a.p.

Year 4 Football

Team: Zach, Jack, Harry, Mason, Rohan, Joey, Kobee, Paige.



On Tuesday 30th April, Year 4 took part in a football tournament at Cressex Astroturf. In the first round of games we played against three other teams. We started the tournament well and won our first game 5 – 0! After that, we played a well organised team and drew 1 – 1. In our final game we earned a deserved 1 – 0 and went through as group winners! We were now up against all the other winners from the other groups. We continued to play well in this round, however a couple of tough games saw us lose 2 – 0 and 3 – 0. We went into our final game hoping for a win and managed to win 1 – 0 to place third in our group and third out of 16 teams on the day! Well done to everyone that played.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Information Meeting

On Thursday 9th May at 3.10 in the Year 1 classroom there will be a short meeting to explain the purpose and format of the Phonics Screening check which will take place in June.

Book Recommendation

During the week of world book day all of the teachers chose a book they had enjoyed to recommend to the children. This was really well received by the children so we have decided to make one recommendation each week in our Friday Achievement assemblies. This week's recommendation from Mrs Welland is outlined below.

Photographs

We have a change of date for the class photographs. We will be expecting Mr Cliff Harris on July 1st 2019. Mr Harris has confirmed that this will be ample time to distribute the photos before the end of term. All orders will of course be dealt with via the online order service.

After School Clubs

Unfortunately, we needed to cancel a number of u-Sports clubs this week due to lack of interest. We try to arrange clubs that will interest the children, if we are missing the mark please let us know. We have once again included the u-Sports after school clubs letter at the end of this newsletter. U-Sports is offering a number of new activities that your child may enjoy.

There are a number of items on the Gateway waiting for your attention.

Shakespeare Workshop

Stationery Contribution

Year 6 – Green Park Residential

Bags 4 Schools

Your full collection bags need to be returned to school on May 14th but not before please, as we have nowhere to store them.

FOLS Lottery

Congratulations to Tyler in year 2 whose parent has won April's FOLS lottery. Your cheque is in the school office waiting for collection.

Emails

We have become aware that some parents, with BT Internet addresses, have not been receiving their weekly newsletter. This is because the newsletter may be going to their spam folder. This is a BT issue but we are exploring ways to combat the problem. Please remember to check your emails as this is one of our preferred ways of contacting and informing our parents.

Incident Today

For your information, we would like to clarify that we did not have a Stranger Danger incident today. A visiting parent tried to make contact with their child, through the side gate, when leaving the premises. This was unfortunately upsetting to a number of children who did not realise quite what was going on. Please reassure your child if they mention it and please take on board that an innocent action of calling over the fence or waving and calling through the gate can have an unwanted outcome.

Yours faithfully

Clare Cunningham

Mrs C Cunningham
Head teacher

Newsletter

As you are aware we have moved to sending out our newsletter via email. Due to the GDPR, we are only able to continue sending out to those of you who have agreed, by email, for us to do so. If you know of anyone not receiving their weekly newsletter please make them aware of this procedure.

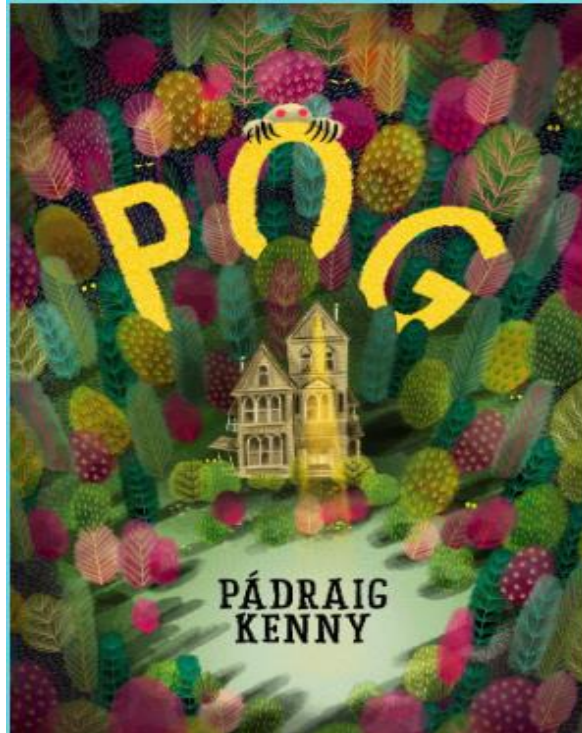
Disclaimer

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 2018-19

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>May</u></p> <p>6th Bank Holiday 9th Year 1 Phonics Screening Information Meeting 3.10 pm 9th May Anxiety Course with Jackie Boyce 13th Year 6 SATs Week 16th May Anxiety Course with Jackie Boyce 20th Year 5 Assessment Week 23rd Anxiety Course with Jackie Boyce 24th School Closed Training Day for teachers 27th – 31th Half term break</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>June</u></p> <p>3rd Children return to School 4th Parents Forum Meeting 7.00 pm 5th Coffee Morning with Jackie Boyce 6th – 10th Science Week – Kew Gardens visit 6th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00 – 3.00) 10th Foundation Stage Eye Test 11th – 14th Year 6 Green Park Residential 28th School closed training day for teachers</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July</u></p> <p>1st Class Photographs – Whole School 1st – 5th Assessment Week Y1, Y3 & Y4 2nd Secondary School Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting 3rd Coffee Morning with Jackie Boyce 5th Annual Reports to Parents 12th Sports Day – Greek Theme 17th Reserve Sports Day 23rd 7.00pm Y6 Leavers Production 24th 9.30am Y6 Leavers Presentation Assembly 24th School closes at 2pm for summer break</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Values Assemblies</u></p> <p>All Start at 9.05am 30th April - Kindness Y6 23rd May - Collaboration Y1 27th June - Respect Y5 18th July - Happiness FS</p>

Weekly Book Recommendation



I chose this book because I am currently reading 'Tin' by Padraig Kenny, which was this author's first novel, to Year 6. Tin is a great book and I wanted to see if 'Pog' (Kenny's second novel) is as good. And it is!

David and Penny Cresswell arrive, with their father in a strange new home in a forest. The story is of Pog, one of the First Folk, a mythical being, two-foot high, animal-like and a warrior. He lives in the loft of the Cresswells. Pog is supposed to remain hidden from the tall ones and the children of tall ones - which is what he calls humans. While David and Penny adapt to their new life and home, Pog hops out of the loft every now and again and inevitably is spotted by David and Penny. Pog explains his mission is to prevent The Necessary - a portal to another world - from opening and allowing evil into the world. David and Penny help Pog in his task to protect the boundary between the worlds. But David is drawn into the forest, lured by a darker entity...

Packed with fantastical monsters, vibrant characters and heart and I would recommend this book to Upper Key Stage 2.

Mrs Welland

Parents Anxiety Course

Overcoming your child's fears and worries

Is your child struggling with anxieties?

Would you like you and your child to be able to take back control of your lives?

This practical course sets out to help you identify the patterns or cycles that you and/or your child may have got stuck in and equipping you with additional skills and strategies either to break these cycles or prevent them from occurring.



This is a 5 week course, 2 hours per week, we aim to create a safe, non-judgemental and supportive environment for you to learn and share experiences.

Course dates

Thursdays 9.15am to 11.30am

9th May 16th May 23rd May

If you have any questions or would like to book onto this course please contact

Jackie Boyce Family
Support Advisor through
the School Office on
01494 524919



WORRIER POSE

Gemma CORRELL

Coffee Mornings



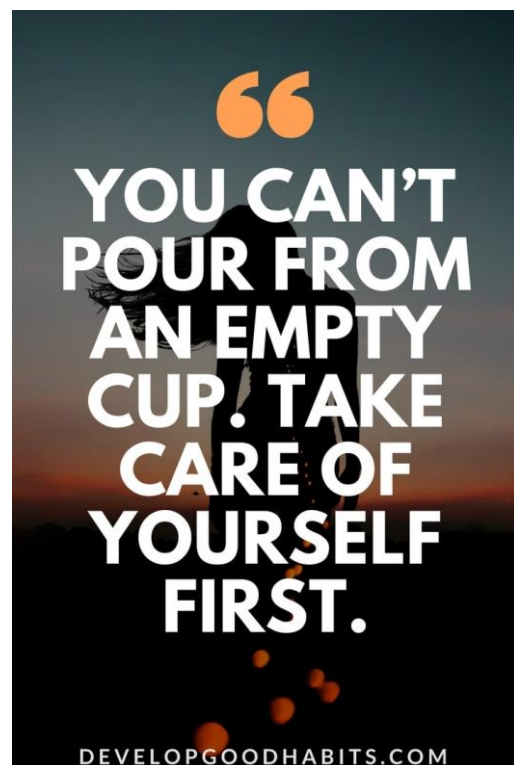
Come and join me, Jackie, for an informal chat over a coffee at Loudwater School on the first Wednesday of every month from 9am to 10am.

June 5th July 3rd

It's easy to get caught up in the continuous cycle of work, sleep, and more work. After a while, your body screams in protest and demands you pay attention to its needs. Your body and mind deserve some rest. In just a few minutes a day you can find small ways to take care of yourself that don't cut into your busy schedule.

Here are 10+ ways to take care of yourself every day.

1. Exercise your body for a happy mind.
2. Quick morning meditation
3. Read a book or a magazine.
4. Call an old friend.
5. Schedule time for yourself.
6. Unplug from technology.
7. Take a pre-made meal to eat for lunch.
8. Get enough sleep.
9. Make your weekend about you, not work.
10. Remind yourself that you are fabulous.



**For more information contact me through the School office,
Jackie Boyce Family Support Advisor**

Loudwater - Summer 2019 Clubs

Dear Parents/Guardians,

uSports are pleased to announce that we will be delivering the following after-school clubs at Loudwater Combined School for the Summer term.

Football:

- Year 3-6 | Wednesdays | 3.15 – 4.30 | 11 sessions
- Year 1-2 | Thursdays | 3.15 – 4.30 | 12 sessions

Indoor Archery:

- Year 1-2 | Tuesdays | 3.15 – 4.30 | 11 Sessions
- Year 3-6 | Thursdays | 3.15 – 4.30 | 12 sessions

Summer Multi Sports: Including; Rounders, Cricket, Tennis and Athletics

- Year 1-2 Wednesdays | 3.15 – 4.30pm | 12 sessions

Athletics:

- Year 3-6 | Tuesdays | 3.15 – 4.30 | 11 Sessions

Table Tennis:

- Year 3-6 | Mondays | 3.15 – 4.30 | 11 Sessions

Prices:

After school clubs | £5.25 per session

All bookings can be made by:

1. Going to 2019 <https://usports.class4kids.co.uk/term/92>
2. Scroll down to Loudwater Clubs
3. Click 'Book now' – This will take you to our bookings page
4. Find the club for your child/children
5. Add your child's details
6. Pay (booking will not be confirmed until payment is made)



BOURNE END JUNIOR SPORTS CLUB

The Sports Hall, New Road, Bourne End SL8 5BW

OPEN DAY

Saturday 18th May 2019

09.00 to 13.00 (see timetable below)

at

Bourne End Junior Sports Club

The Sports Hall, New Road, Bourne End

Free Entry.

Come and join us for sampler sessions of various sports plus information and children's activities.

TIMETABLE

Tiny Kickers Football (2 to 4yrs) - 9.00 to 10.00

Canoeing, Climbing, Badminton, Basketball & Table Tennis - 10.00 to 11.00

Mini footballers (5 to 6yrs) - 11.00 to 12.00

Wildcats (Girls) football – 12:00 to 13:00

For details call us on

01628 528110 (answerphone service)

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