



Loudwater Combined School

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LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Shakespeare Week – Perform Workshops Tuesday March 13th and Thursday March 15th
Parents' Forum Meeting Wednesday March 14th 7.00 pm
Foundation Stage – Height and Weight Screening Wednesday March 14th
Year 5 and Year 6 – Show Racism the Red Card Assembly & Workshops Wednesday March 15th
Foundation Stage Class Assembly – Thursday March 15th 9.00am
Year 4 - Energize Dress Rehearsal Thursday March 15th
Year 4 - Energize Performance Thursday March 15th and Saturday March 17th

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

In Foundation Stage this week we have enjoyed the story "We're going on a bear hunt" and we went on our very own bear hunt! (We're NOT going on a bear hunt again because we found a bear!) We have also been learning about grizzly bears and have been writing facts about them. In maths we have been learning about more and less and telling the time.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7h_DrITS_4

Facts about grizzly bears.

Preview YouTube video Grizzly Bear - National Park Animals for Kids



Year One

We have had a very exciting week in Year 1 as we had a visit from Hunter the hearing dog. Year 1 wrote questions so that we could find out lots about hearing dogs.

After the visit we wrote a recount of the visit and then made and wrote thank you cards. We made sure we wrote who the card was for and who it was from.



Hunter having a well-earned rest.

In maths this week we have been doing some more work on repeated addition. We had to work out the answers to repeated addition sums and then we wrote repeated addition sums to match a selection of pictures. We have also been solving problems which involve repeated addition.

In topic our focus this week has been on the sense of hearing. Year 1 learned about the problems that people can face when they can't hear. Hunter and the ladies from the hearing dogs for deaf taught us a lot about how a hearing dog can help a deaf person. We loved Hunter's visit!

Next week we will be doing our sponsored silence in aid of the hearing dogs. Please see letter in book bags for more details!

www.winnieandwilbur.com/play/

www.phonics play phase 4.

Year Two

This week, in Year 2, we have been enjoying the story 'Stuck' by Oliver Jeffers. We have sequenced the events in the story, created our own story ending, written instructions for how to escape from the tree, created a diary entry as the milkman and a descriptive list poem about what was stuck in the tree. In Phonics, we have been learning about homophones, words that sound the same but are spelled differently and have different meanings e.g. there, their and they're. In Maths, we have been using sorting circles to help us to divide numbers into equal groups. We have used this method to help us to solve some division word problems. In Topic, we have been finding out about the micro-habitats found on our school grounds. We have explored what might live there and why this is a good home for its inhabitants. We have also enjoyed our delayed World Book Day!

www.snappymaths.com/division/earlydiv/interactive/sharing/sharingframe.htm

Year Three

This week in year 3 Mr. Neighbour has returned! It has been a week of change. In English, we have started a new book called The Legend of Spud Murphy. In Maths we have explored how we use fractions in everyday life. We worked very hard at the beginning of the week on our Class Assembly. Mr Courtney and Mr Neighbour were very proud of the fantastic assembly! On Friday we showed off our world book day costumes and everyone looked incredible! Congratulations to Year 3 for a Superb week!

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

Year Four

During our English lessons we have continued to read the book Coraline. We have written a setting description using some of the writing skills that we have found in the book. Throughout the week we have also planned and written newspaper articles to report Coraline's parents going missing.

During Maths we have continued our work on fractions. We have found fractions of different quantities and we have also worked out how to find a quantity when given the fraction. Later in the week we have begun to look at tenths and hundredths and how to write these as decimals.

During topic this week we have planned and carried out an investigation into sound. Our aim was to find out who has the loudest scream in year 4. We had to consider how to carry out a fair test and how we were going to present our results.

phet.colorado.edu/sims/html/fraction-matcher/latest/fraction-matcher_en.html

Year Five

This week in English, Year Five have been using the figurative language techniques which we have been learning, to write descriptive narrative openings and poetry following the syllable pattern for 'The Dreadful Menace.' We have also been supporting each other to proof read and edit our work in order to make it more engaging for the reader.

In maths, we have been revising fractions, decimals and percentages by finding different fractions and percentages of amount. We have used equivalences in order to do this, and have applied these skills to solve problems. We have now started to look at scaling numbers.

In topic lessons, we have created PowerPoint presentations to explain some of the reasons why the Roman Empire collapsed, and have been introduced to the Anglo Saxons. We have started looking at some of the Anglo Saxon treasures found at Sutton Hoo, and have discussed what this tells us about the invaders.

www.earlybritishkingdoms.com/kids/sutton_hoo_index.html

Year Six

This week in English we have been analysing writing to see how we can improve our own writing. We have finished and edited our letters to Year 5 about our trip to Hazard Alley. Finally we wrote the letters in neat and sent them to Year 5. Hopefully they have enjoyed reading them. We have also completed a Smart Write activity. We were able write in a genre of our choice about either Hazard Alley or about our current text 'Eye of the Wolf'. We had to write our own lesson objective and chose our own success criteria. In Maths we have continued to exploring fractions by converting improper fractions into mixed number fractions and vice versa. We have also found percentages of amounts and found pairs of numbers that satisfy an equation with two unknowns.

In Topic we have started our new unit 'Out of Africa' which is about evolution and adaptation. We have thought about what humans might look like in 10,000 years and how life started in the sea.

www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/mental-maths

Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
2.03.18	Alice	Alfie	Keira	Jack	Dominic	Gabrielle	Leah
9.03.18	Eleithyia	Freya	Milla	Whole Class	Amy	Rosie	Tia

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
9.03.18	Callum Kacee	Jasmine Rayaan	Blake Chloe	Ryan Grace	Amaya Lily	Pia Kamileshia	Arianne Luke

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
9.03.18	98%	98%	95%	99%	97%	100%	98%

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
9.03.18	1	0	2	0	0	1	2

House points for this week

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
9.03.18	409	350	475	400

We have two Headteacher Awards to acknowledge – Louie (Y5) from last week for his amazing use of figurative language to create a setting description - well done!

This week's recipient is Kayin (Y5) for recognising how the maths he has learned in class is used in the real world - Well done to you too.

Energise Rehearsal – Year 4 only

The last rehearsal for Energize is on Thursday March 15th as outlined in our recent letter.

Please make sure your child has their costume in school for this dress rehearsal. The performances are Thursday and Saturday evening of this coming week.

Please note, collection time after the performances finish is 9:15pm at the Town Hall.

Shakespeare Week

There are a number of activities arranged for Shakespeare week starting March 12th. We have previously informed every one of the Perform workshops to be held on Tuesday and Thursday. The Gateway is now open for your £3.00 contribution; consents are not required as the children will not be leaving the premises.

World Book Day

Staff and children alike made a great effort for today's dress up parade – thanks for supporting us in sending them to school in such fantastic costumes! The children now have their tokens ready to use before Easter. World Book Day have extended the redemption period for their tokens to the 31st March.

'Pet Hygiene'

We do not mind dogs being walked in School Way on the proviso they don't enter the school grounds or premises. We would also ask that you do not become distracted and unaware of your dog's behaviour. (Not everyone is happy around our furry pals). On this note we have had an issue with dogs fouling our pavement. As the offending deposit was not cleaned up we had a few distressed children with soiled shoes and irritated parents. We are sure you will agree when we say we find this behaviour to be discourteous and disrespectful.

Parents Forum Meeting

As advertised earlier in the week, we have planned for a meeting to take place on Wednesday evening at 7.00 pm at school, in the hall. We will be focussing on our school development priorities together with reviewing our recent Ofsted report. If parents have any items for the agenda, please let your class representatives know or email the school office. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

Collecting children from after school clubs

This week there have been a number of parents who have driven up school way or used the school carpark when collecting their children from after school clubs. Please note, that for everyone's safety we cannot allow parents to drive up School Way at 4.30 and the Kingsmead public carpark or roadside parking must be used. If there are exceptional circumstance why you need to drive up School Way to collect children please let the school office know.

FOLS update

DISCO - FRIDAY 23rd MARCH 6.00pm-7.15pm (FS & KS1), 7.30pm to 8.45pm (KS2).

A quick reminder that payments are now being taken for the school disco on the Gateway system, entrance is £3. Remember to add your contact number for the evening.

QUIZ NIGHT TAKE 2! - FRIDAY 20TH APRIL 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Following on from our successful quiz night last year FOLS are holding their next one! With a sausage and chip supper (veggie option available) and a bar it will be a fun evening helping raise funds for the school. Tickets are priced at £6 per person or £30 for a team of 6. Can't make a team? No worries we can sort that out on the night. Entrance forms will be coming out in the book bags next week and FOLS will be collecting entrance forms and fee every Wednesday and Friday morning. Alternatively hand it back to any FOLS member. It promises to be a fun evening.

Year 3 Teaching Arrangements

Mr Neighbour has now returned as of Monday March 5th. We are therefore saying, "Goodbye" to Mr Courtney and once again we would like to thank him for his hard work and commitment over the past months and wish him well in the future.

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

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



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TUESDAY 3RD APRIL 2018
WEDNESDAY 4TH APRIL 2018
THURSDAY 5TH APRIL 2018



**VENUE: GREEN DRAGON LANE PLAYING FIELDS
 FLACKWELL HEATH HIGH WYCOMBE HP10 9JZ**

TIME 9am - 3pm (Drop off from 8:30am)

**All
Welcome**

Prizes!

PRICES - (DAYS CAN BE SPLIT)

1 Day	£20.00
2 Days	£35.00
3 Days	£50.00

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