



Loudwater Combined School

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LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th February 2019

Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

18th – 22nd Half term break

Monday February 25th - Return to School

Thursday 28th February – Y3 Values Assembly 9.00am

After the half term break it is going to be World Book Day! Please see below for details

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

In Foundation Stage this week we have been listening to the story of Cinderella. We wrote invitations to her to invite her to the ball and we all made crowns. Having made all the Ball preparations, we had to have a Ball! We danced until the clock struck midnight... well 3 o'clock, actually! We all enjoyed the food and drinks at the Ball, too. We have been working on practical take-away in maths, and we have also used number lines to work out our answers. We enjoyed a great drama session from the Perform Drama Group.

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

Year One

This week, in English, Year 1 has been busy planting beans. We followed instructions very carefully and identified the imperative verbs that we used. Our focus book this week has been 'My bean diary' and we looked at the differences between fiction and non-fiction books. We have started to keep our own bean diaries so that we can record the changes that we observe as our beans grow.

This week we have been focussing on addition and subtraction problems in maths. We used a number line to help us to work out our answers. In topic we have been looking at the results of our cress investigation. We found out that the seeds needed water and light in order to grow healthily. We also thought about the reasons why we don't grow fruit such as bananas and oranges in the UK. We looked at a world map to find out where they are grown.

[www.phonicsplay](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) phase 5 focus on a-e/e-e/i-e/o-e/u-e

http://coolsciencelab.com/math_magician_addition.html

Year Two

This week, in Year 2, has been assessment week. We have been busy completing quizzes to assess our grammar, punctuation, writing, reading and maths skills; everyone has worked hard and been excited by the different tasks. In Phonics, we have been learning how to use an apostrophe to show possession. In Maths, we have been sorting regular and irregular 2D shapes based on whether they have a line of symmetry or not.

In Topic, we have been learning about big habitats such as polar, rainforest, desert, ocean and savannah. We have been researching the plants and animals that live in these habitats, and exploring what the habitat is like. The week ended with an exciting visit from Perform Drama who came to present a Superhero themed workshop.

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/zx9ydxs>

Year Three

It has been assessment week this week and we have been working really hard in our Maths, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. In between our assessments, we have been listening to 'Chariots of Fire' by Vangelis to inspire imaginative writing. In Maths we have been looking how to solve problems by drawing pictures and diagrams to help us understand what the question is asking us to do. To finish the week, we looked at applying our understanding of fractions in a game situation.

<https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/elibrary/resource/35396/digestive-system-experiment>

Year Four

Year 4 had a great trip this week to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford! During the morning session, we were taken to the Ancient Egyptian gallery where a workshop was put on for us by the staff at the museum. We first looked at a building that had been built by ancient Egyptians for the pharaoh Taharqa; the building had been excavated by archaeologists and brought to the museum, so it was great to see it in real life! We had to use the building to work out clues about Taharqa and the people who lived with him. Next, we were given three different real-life artefacts that we had to study carefully and say what we think they would have been used for. We had a part of a battle axe, a base of a statue, and a round metal disc that we discovered would have been used as a mirror. After that we looked at mummification; there were two real mummies at the museum: Meresamun, who was a singer and dancer in a temple, and Djeddjehutyieufankh (Jed for short!), who was a priest from the city of Thebes. It was great to find out about their lives and how they would have lived. During our afternoon sessions, we went on a scavenger hunt round the museum, to find other things linked to ancient Egypt. It was a great trip and a valuable learning experience.

<https://www.ashmolean.org/djed-djehuty-iuef-ankh-mummy>

Year Five

This week has been assessment week in Year Five and we have been working really hard to complete tests in reading comprehension, arithmetic, problem solving and reasoning and grammar, punctuation and spelling. We have also researched and written informative non-chronological reports about the Earth, using lots of the knowledge and facts that we have learned over the past half term.

In topic lessons, Year Five has been looking at the phases of the moon, and have been learning why the moon appears to change shape throughout the month. We have also started to look at why geology is so important in researching space, and have even been searching the school grounds for space dust!

<https://www.ducksters.com/science/physics/force.php>

Year Six

In English this week we have written flashback stories based on 'Eye of the Storm'. These flashback stories have enabled us to give the reader more information about the mystery pilot through the use of his memories. We have also continued the story; writing about what happens when he flies into the eye of the storm and what happens

when he comes out the other side. Our spelling focus has been homophones – words that sound the same but are spelt differently and have different meanings. In Maths we have been exploring linear sequences using a rule expressed in the nth term to find other numbers or patterns in a sequence. We have also been generating our own rules. In Topic, we have been researching the evolution of early humans and are writing a non-chronological report about early humans based on their findings.

Website:- PIXL vocabulary and times tables APPs – details given at Parents Evening.

Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
08/02/19	Jenson	Joseph	Whole Class	Whole Class	Paige	Whole Class	Madison
15/02/19	Samuel	Charlie	Joshua	Amaaya	Ryan	Thomas	Rosie

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
08/02/19	Darcy P Kendall	Callum Charlie	Jacob R Mia	Lucas Adna	Amelie Ruby	Oliver Riley	Francesca Max
15/02/19	Bonnie Isabella	Alice Elizabeth	Stanley Harry	Natasha Ruby	Kyla Oscar	Ryan Amelia	Jack Rishie

The Head teacher's Award this week goes to Leo in Year 1 for a super explanation of the word 'nephew' - Well done!

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
08/02/19	99%	100%	99%	99%	99%	97%	97%
15/02/19	99%	96%	99%	98%	98%	98%	99%

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
08/02/19	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
15/02/19	0	1	0	2	0	1	0

House points for this week

	Beethoven	Mozart	Tchaikovsky	Elgar
08/02/19	149	144	143	146
15/02/19	180	243	281	141

Matific Competition

As advised last week, our school will be participating Matific Maths Games. Matific has over 2,000 activities designed by mathematicians and early child education experts that build a deeper understanding of maths concepts taught in class. By participating, your child can go in the running to win fantastic prizes for the school. Your child has been provided with a username and password that will grant them access to Matific at home so they can reinforce their maths skills. Please see the attached parent/guardian letter for more information.

Parent's Forum

The Parents' Forum has not met for a while and I would like to invite all parents to a meeting on Tuesday 12th March at 7.00pm in the Year 6 classroom. For parents who are new to the school the purpose of the Forum is as follows:

- All parents, carers and friends of Loudwater School are welcome to attend.
- The meeting should not be used to address concerns relating to individual pupils - these should be discussed with the class teacher as soon as a concern arises.
- The agenda is set by those attending.
- In the past there have been class representatives who have acted as a conduit for gathering contributions and feeding back to parents. This is a system which could be discussed at the meeting.
- As the system of class representatives has not been updated all items that parents have for the agenda should be emailed to the school office.
- The meeting has in the past included updates on School and FOLS events as well as the work of the Governing Body.
- Some possible areas for discussion could be relating to: the school curriculum, information about how we teach a particular subject, school uniform, school trips – but it is up to you!

Please be aware

A parent has raised a concern with the local police about cars which do not always stop when the lights are red at the pedestrian crossing on the London Road. The police are limited with what they can do in such situations unless they have vehicle registration details. Therefore if you are impacted by this please do try and get these details and pass on to the local police on 101. We would especially urge any parents who allow their older children to walk this way alone to make them aware of the potential danger.

We have in the past mentioned that the school site is non-smoking and non-vaping zone and appreciate that parents have taken notice of this. There are a number of parents who are smoking on Kingsmead Road in the morning as the children are coming to school. Whilst I fully recognise that school rules do not apply on this road, could I please ask for parents to take the views of children into account who do not like walking through cigarette smoke. Thank-you.

News from FOLS

Please find the FOLS Newsletter, for this term, attached at the end of this newsletter. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that FOLS have nominated Loudwater School to take part in the "Quids for kids" scheme being run by Eden shopping centre in High Wycombe. We need help to win so please take the time to click on the link below for all the information. <https://www.edenshopping.co.uk/quidsforkids/>

Perform Workshop for FS and KS1

The drama workshops went well today with the Superhero theme. The giggles and laughter confirmed to everyone that our younger children thoroughly enjoyed their exciting time with Perform. We have added some information on the Perform Drama and Dance School at the end of our newsletter, for your interest.

RAF Tornado Flypast

Three days of farewell flypasts by RAF Tornados will take place as the jet is retired from service. The jets will criss-cross locations across the UK during half term between February 19th and 21st. If you are interested, further information may be found at <https://www.forces.net/news/tornado-flypast-dates-revealed>

I hope that you all have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing everyone back on the 25th February.

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>February</u></p> <p>18th – 22nd Half term break 25th Return to School</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>March</u></p> <p>5th School Photographs 7th Parents' Meeting to consult on MAT proposal 6.30pm 8th Year 6 Hazard Alley World Book Day – dress-up 12th Parents' Forum 14th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00 – 3.00) 15th Red Nose Day 18th -22nd Shakespeare Week 25th Shakespeare Workshop – Whole School 26th & 28th Parent/Teacher Consultations Y6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>April</u></p> <p>5th School closes at 2pm for Easter Break 23rd Training day for teachers 24th Children return to School 30th & 2nd Parent/Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>May</u></p> <p>30th & 2nd Parent/Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5) 6th Bank Holiday 13th Year 6 SATs Week 20th Year 5 Assessment Week 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 6th – 10th Science Week – Kew Gardens visit 6th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00 – 3.00) 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 – 5th Assessment Week Y1, Y3 & Y4 2nd Secondary School Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting 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 28th February - Empathy Y3 27th March - Compassion Y2 30th April - Kindness Y6 23rd May - Collaboration Y1 27th June - Respect Y5 18th July - Happiness FS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Class Assemblies</u> <u>Spring term</u></p> <p>All start at 9.05am 7th February - Year Five 7th March -Year One 14th March - Year Three 21st March - Year Four 28th March - Foundation Stage</p>	



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Dear Parents,

On Thursday, the 7th 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 8th 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 12 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 31st March 2019.

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,

J Olcot

Mrs J Olcot

(English leader)



Healthy School



Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform

Popular children's drama and dance school is offering a Free Trial Session and a **special introductory discount of £40 for members of Loudwater Combined School** if they sign up by Tuesday 7th May. Parents should quote LCST070519 when they book their free session by going to perform.org.uk/try or calling 020 7255 9120.

You can find out more about the classes at perform.org.uk/try. Alternatively, pdf flyers can be downloaded from [here](#) and [here](#).

The nearest classes to Loudwater Combined School are as follows (please click for a map and further details):

Perform High Wycombe (Drama for 4-7s)
(1.4 miles)
Fridays at 4pm

Micklefield Community Centre
Micklefield Road,
HP13 7FY

Perform Beaconsfield (Drama for 4-7s)
(2.8 miles)
Saturdays at 2.30pm

St Michael's Church Hall
Grenfell Road,
HP9 2BN

Perform Beaconsfield (Drama for 4-7s)
(2.8 miles)
Fridays at 4pm

St Michael's Church Hall
Grenfell Road,
HP9 2BN

Perform Beaconsfield (Drama for 7-12s)
(2.8 miles)
Fridays at 5.15pm

St Michael's Church Hall
Grenfell Road,
HP9 2BN

Perform Marlow (Drama for 4-7s)
(4 miles)
Mondays at 4pm

All Saints Church Hall
The Causeway,
SL7 2AA

There are others too. Click to find all the nearest [here](#) or view a list of [all areas](#).



THE UK MATIFIC MATHS GAMES

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To access Matific, follow these easy steps:

1. Go to www.matific.com or download the Matific Student App on your Apple, Android or Google device.
2. Log in with the username and password provided by your child's teacher.
3. Have fun playing!

Once logged in your child will have lots of pre-loaded content within the competition missions section that they can work through to gain stars that go towards their individual, class and school total for the competition.

We are excited the school is participating in the UK Matific Maths Games and hope that we have your support in making this a bigger and greater event at school.

Sincerely,

The Matific Team

Loudwater Combined School – Spring 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 spring term, starting w/b 14th January.

Football:

- Year 3-6 | Wednesdays | 3.15 – 4.20 | 10 Sessions
- Year 1-2 | Thursdays | 3.15 – 4.20 | 10 Sessions

Indoor Archery

- Year 2-6 | Tuesday | 3.15 – 4.20 | 10 Sessions

Multi Sports

- Year 1-2 | Wednesday | 3.15 – 4.20 | 10 Sessions

Prices:

After school clubs | £5.00 per session

All bookings can be made by:

1. Going to <https://usports.class4kids.co.uk/term/60/Loudwater+Combined+%257C+Spring+2019+>
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)

Kind Regards,

Charlie Hiscox

uSports



Vehicle Crime in Your Area

There has been an increase in theft from motor vehicles in the area over the past few weeks.

To help to try and prevent thefts and to ensure that your car/van is not an appealing target for a thief, we are asking you to be extra vigilant and consider your vehicle security.

1. Ensure your car/van is always left locked and secure.
2. Do not leave possessions in your vehicle, whether valuable or not. A thief wouldn't know the bag left on the back seat only contains a gym kit for example.
3. Remove sat navs from your car/van, including the cradle and clean the suction mark from the window. A thief will expect to find it hidden in the glove compartment or under the seat!
4. Do not leave valuables in your boot.
5. Anti-tamper proof screws for number plates are available from Vehicle Accessory shops. Also please register your valuables at www.immobilise.com. And for further crime prevention advice visit www.thamesvalleypolice.co.uk.

Thank you
Justine Pritchard

(Police, Neighbourhood Policing Administrator , Thames Valley)



School Parking

We all expect the volume of cars to increase when schools are open however we will not tolerate dangerous parking when you can simply park further away and make it safer for the children.

- Please make sure to not park on bends
- Leave room for pushchairs when parking partly on pavements,
- Please do not park over resident's driveways or on double yellow lines
- Please don't park within 10 metres of a junction
- Please do not stop in the road outside the school gates to drop children off

Please be aware that dangerous parking is an offence and can receive a fixed penalty fine. If someone is parked dangerously please call 101 and take note of the registration for us to follow up.

Many thanks

Wycombe Neighbourhood Team