



Loudwater Combined School

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LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Monday 25th September – Y6 Walk to the Rye

Wednesday 27th September - Values Assembly Year 1 9.00am

Thursday 28th September – E-Safety presentations for parents at 9:15am and 7:00pm

Friday 29th September - McMillan Coffee and Cake Morning from 9:00am

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

In Foundation Stage this week we have been staying for lunch and meeting the older children on the playground at lunchtime.

In class we have been practicing writing our names, listening to stories, counting and finding numbers and painting self-portraits. We have had two fantastic weeks to start our time at Loudwater School off, and are now excited about going full time next week.

http://resources.hwb.wales.gov.uk/VTC/ngfl/ngfl-flash/numbers_eng/numbers_e.html

Number recognition

Year One

This week Year 1 has been enjoying the story of The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl. We identified the characters in the story and talked about the good and bad characters. Year 1 has been learning about adjectives. We collected some super adjectives to describe the crocodile and then used these to make a poster to warn people about the crocodile. We have been learning the differences between fiction and non-fiction and have written information about real crocodiles. In maths we have had a busy week adding up using pictures, cubes and number lines. In topic this week we have been looking at similarities and differences between us. We came up with some super ideas.

Next week we are having a visit from Tesco where the emphasis will be on healthy eating. If your child has any allergies we are not aware of please let us know on Monday morning. Class page on the school website, your user name will be child's first name.surname Passwords will be a number which will be placed in their individual book bags.

<http://www.arcademics.com/games/alien/alien.html>

A great game for learning number bonds to 10.

Year Two

This week Year 2 has been enjoying the story of 'George's Marvellous Medicine' by Roald Dahl. We have written an imaginative description of Grandma, planned and written a recipe for a new medicine and constructed a letter to Roald Dahl to tell him our thoughts on the story! In Phonics, we have been learning about verbs and the suffixes used to

create present and past tense verbs. In Maths, we have been learning to recall and develop fluency of number bonds for 20. In Topic, we became archaeologists for the afternoon. We carefully dug in the sand to find the treasure! Then recorded what we had found. We have also been thinking about how we find out about events that happened a long time ago.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/rhyming_words/play/

Year Three

In English this week, Year 3 has been looking at and understanding the features of calligrams. We had a look at a variety of poems by Robert McGough and Gina Dowthwaite before planning and writing our very own shape poem about a volcano.

We worked particularly hard finding powerful adjectives and synonyms to put into our poems and experimented with different sizes and fonts of writing.

In Maths this week, Year 3 started the week measuring and estimating the length of objects in cm and mm. We used our understanding of place value and number to solve problems and have used Base 10 to recognise the value of each digit in a 3 digit number. Towards the end of the week we started to read and write numbers up to 500 in numerals and in words

In Topic this week, we have been using the Learnpads and Laptops to research information on different volcanoes. We have created our very own fact file that will be used next week.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/game/ma13tabl-game-tables-grid-find>

Year Four

Year 4 has enjoyed learning about the Just So Stories by Rudyard Kipling this week. In our English lessons, we have written in character, acted out the two different stories, and described the characters actions using a range of verbs and adverbs. In Maths we have continued our work on counting in 6s and 9s, as well as looking more in depth at place value in terms of thousands, hundreds, tens and units. We have also continued our work on negative numbers.

During our topic lessons we have completed research to find out how different homes around the world are adapted to their environment.

<http://www.ictgames.com/whackAMole/> for practising counting in multiples of 3, 6 & 9

Year Five

This week in English Year Five has been reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We have explored the different characters that we have met so far, have written balanced arguments about the factory closing, and even got to describe the sensation of eating chocolate!

In maths Year Five have been looking at place value and rounding. We have used our knowledge of place value to multiply and divide numbers by 10, 100 and 1000 and have begun to apply this to converting units of measurement.

In topic, Year Five has been investigating how long it takes different types of chocolate to melt, in order to advise the Prince of Pondicherry (from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory) what he should build his palace out of. We have also been researching some key scientific terms which we will be using throughout this unit.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zkqg87h>

Year Six

In English, we have started a new unit of work based on 'Boy – Tales of Childhood' by Roald Dahl. We have been reading about Dahl's school days at Llandaff Cathedral School and some of the mischief that he caused such as putting a dead mouse in the gobstopper jar in Mrs Pratchett's sweet shop. We have created our own sweet stories and have written 'The Great Mouse Plot' as a play script which we will perform next week. In Maths, we have been exploring fractions and percentages. Our activities have included: comparing and ordering fractions, using a fraction wall, identifying common factors in

order to simplify fractions, recognising fractions within a shape using tangrams and changing fractions into percentages. In Topic, we have been researching historical places to visit in the High Wycombe area and have worked collaboratively with our partners to create an informative leaflet using Publisher.
www.bbc.co.uk > Bitesize > KS2 > Geography

Achievement Award Winners

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
15.9.17	Shayley	Logan S	Jack	James	Miguel	Aayda
22.9.17	Dexter	Charlie	Oscar	Romisha	Francesca	Rhys

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

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
15.9.17	Mason S Mason W	Ellie Khamarion	Keira Lucy	Harrison Teyha	Macy Kyle	Mackenzie Tia
22.9.17	Harry Ella	Lucas Natasha	Romilly Kobee	Jessica Nayah	Shay Ell	Maia Oscar

The **Head teacher's Award** this week goes to; the whole of Year 6 for being excellent guides for the many visitors we had on Open Day – Well done!

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
15.9.17	100%	94%	99%	98%	99%	100%	93%
22.9.17	96%	93%	96%	97%	95%	98%	97%

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
15.9.17	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
22.9.17	0	1	1	0	0	1	2

House points for this week

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
15.9.17	235	180	228	254
22.9.17	173	179	192	258

Big Me

The cause that we are supporting is, "Action Aid" - it's still not too late for those who have not yet contributed, please do send in your donation next week.

E-Safety presentations for parents

If used well, the internet is a safe, fun and informative place. But caution is needed because the internet can also be a dangerous place. It's a place where fraud can happen, for example, a place where people can pretend to be someone they're not in order to trick other people (including children), or a place where people can stumble on something they would rather not see.

At school E-Safety is part of the computing curriculum and ensuring that the online material children can access in school is appropriate is part of our responsibility to safeguard all children. We want to ensure that parents also have access to up to date information about how the internet can be used safely and effectively by children at home and on a range of devices. To help you stay one step ahead of the children we have invited Alison Watts from Bucks County Council to visit school on Thursday 28th September.

During her visit she will be making two presentations to parents at 9.15am and 7.00pm as well as assemblies for pupils later in the morning. I would strongly urge you to attend one of these sessions so that you are fully informed and able to make the best use of technology whilst at the same time knowing how to protect your child from inadvertently accessing content which is not appropriate for their age group.

To give us an indication of numbers for the day, please visit the School Gateway to confirm your attendance at either AM / PM session.

Sickness - 48 hour rule

Again this week we have had a number of children off with sickness bugs which seem to be circulating at this time of year. In order to minimise the risk of infection please ensure that should your child become infected with a sickness bug then please observe the 48 hour rule; meaning that they should remain away from school for 48 hours from the last sickness incident. Refer to the general sickness policy on the website or in the case of new starters – in the guidance notes in the starter pack.

Buckinghamshire Family Information Service (BFIS) 30 Hours Free childcare scheme.

The 30 hours free childcare scheme will be available for 3 and 4 year olds from September 2017 in Buckinghamshire. The scheme aims to help eligible families to get back into work or extend their working pattern by offering an additional 15 hours free childcare per week. BFIS have put together a guide to help parents, carers, childcare providers and professionals understand the eligibility criteria and sign up process which we hope you find useful.

For further information please go to the website at www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/30hours or contact Sharon Edwards, Family Support Advisor via the school office or mobile 07792 142825.

Moving up to secondary school

A reminder for parents of children in Year 6 about the Timeline for entry in 2018.

September - October 2017 - Open Events for School visits (check the bcc.gov.uk website for up to date information)

12th September - Applications Open

13th October - Secondary Transfer Test results

19th October - Application recommended by this date (on-line or paper form)

20th October - LAST DATE to hand in PAPER applications.

31st October 3pm - DEADLINE Applications Close (on-line applications)

1 March 2018 - National Offer Day

If you need any help or advice in making your application, please feel free to contact Sharon Edwards on 07792 142825 or through the school office.

McMillan Coffee and Cake Morning

All parents and extended family and friends are welcome to join us on Friday morning at 9:00am where we will be having an open coffee morning. We look forward to receiving your homemade cakes which will be sold on the day with all donations going towards the McMillan Cancer Trust Foundation.

FOLS News

FOLS news - help us raise money to purchase a school defibrillator

This term, FOLS will be raising money to purchase a defibrillator for Loudwater School. This is a piece of medical equipment that gives a high energy electric shock to the heart, through the chest wall, to someone who is in cardiac arrest. In simple terms, a defibrillator has the potential to save a life.

We need to raise around **£2000** to purchase an easy-to-use defibrillator.

There are a number of ways you can help support FOLS raise this money:

1. Donate your unwanted clothing /textiles to our **Bag2School collection** on Monday 2 October. Please see the flyer in book bags for more details.
2. Enter the **school lottery**. School lottery deadline is fast approaching - don't forget to make your payment via school gateway. If you don't have access to School Gateway (or you have family/friends who would like to take part) then paper forms can be obtained from the school office or from FOLS committee members. It is just £12 per year and is drawn monthly, if your number is selected 50% of the monthly prize draw is yours!
3. Sign up to **Easyfundraising** (www.easyfundraising.org.uk) - internet shop with thousands of retailers, select Loudwater School as your cause and shop as normal. No cost to you, but money from purchases goes to the school. Last year we raised over £500. Easy!

Other dates for your diary:

5th October **FOLS AGM** (eve) - details to follow, all welcome. Come along and find out more about fundraising for our school!

FOLS Committee

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.

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Calendar of events for 2017-18

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>September</u></p> <p>6th Children return to School 11th Foundation Stage children start school 12th 11+ Practice Paper (Y6) 14th 11+ Papers (Y6) 15th "Big Me" dress up day 20th Open House 3.40 & 4.00 Week beginning 25th – Clubs Start 21st Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 27th Values Assembly Y1 28th Parents' meeting re Internet Safety (9.30am and 7pm) 29th McMillan Coffee Morning</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>October</u></p> <p>2nd Bag 2 School collection 5th 7.00 pm FOLS AGM 13th 11+ Results 18th & 19th Parent/Teacher Consultations 20th FOLS – Spooky Cake Sale 3.20pm 23rd – 27th Half term break 30th Return to school 31st Last day to apply for secondary school places 3.00pm deadline.(Y6)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>November</u></p> <p>9th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 17th Children in Need 23rd Values Assembly Y6</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>December</u></p> <p>1st Christmas Bazaar 7th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 12th Key Stage 2 Christmas Production 2pm & 7pm 13th 9.30am Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 14th 2.30pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 18th Christmas Service am Christmas Activities pm 19th School closes at 2pm for Christmas break</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>January</u></p> <p>3rd Training day for teachers 4th Children return to School 31st Values Assembly Y3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>February</u></p> <p>7th & 8th Parent/Teacher Consultations 12th – 16th Half term break 19th Return to School 28th Values Assembly Y2</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>March</u></p> <p>22nd Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 23rd Red Nose Day 27th & 28th Parent/Teacher Consultations Y6 28th Values Assembly Y5 29th School closes at 2pm for Easter Break</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>April</u></p> <p>16th Children return to School 25th & 26th Parent/Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>May</u></p> <p>3rd Values Assembly Y4 7th Bank Holiday 10th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 14th Year 6 SATs Week 21st Year 5 Assessment Week 24th Values Assembly Y5 25th School Closed Training Day for teachers 28th – 1st Half term break</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>June</u></p> <p>4st Children return to School 11th -14th Residential Visit to Green Park Y6 21st Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 28th Values Assembly FS 29th School closed teacher training day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July</u></p> <p>3rd Secondary School Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting 6th Annual Reports 12th Sports Day 17th Reserve Sports Day 19th Values Assembly Y6 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>Class Assemblies</u> <u>Spring term</u></p> <p>9.05 Start 18th January - Year Six 25th January – Year Two 1st February – Year Five 22nd February - Year One 8th March – Year Three 15th March – Year Four 22nd March - Foundation Stage</p>

