Loudwater Combined School



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LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER Friday 16th March 2018

Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Tuesday 20th March - NSPCC Workshops for Years 5 & 6 Thursday 22nd March - Open Day 9.30am - 10.30am and 2.00am - 3.00am Thursday 22nd March - Year 4 Class Assembly Friday 23rd March 2018 - Sports Relief Friday 23rd March 2018 - FOLS School Discos

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

In Foundation Stage this week we have spent some time preparing for our very first assembly. All the adults were very proud of how well we did on the day and it was lovely to see so many parents managed to take the time to come and watch. We have also been listening to the story "I want my hat back", and we have used this story as a frame to write our own stories. In maths we have been sorting out an argument between the bears about who is the tallest. We had to measure all the bears to settle the dispute once and for all. https://vimeo.com/36749324

I want my hat back

Year One

Year 1 really enjoyed Shakespeare week. We learnt lots of facts about William Shakespeare and then wrote a biography of him. The Perform workshop was brilliant. We created freezeframes for various parts of A Midsummer Night's Dream. Our favourite part was when Bottom got turned into a donkey by Puck! We learnt about the 3 different types of plays that Shakespeare wrote. We also compared stories and plays and talked about the differences between them. It has been a great week as usual!

This week in maths we have been focussing on division. We have used lots of practical equipment to help us to divide and also to solve problems involving division.

This week in topic we have learnt a lot about our sense of sight. We learnt about the different parts of the eyes and the jobs that some of these parts do. We also considered the problems that people who are blind might encounter. We enjoyed learning about how a guide dog can help a blind person.

http://www.ictgames.com/funkymum.html

http://www.amblesideprimary.com/ambleweb/mentalmaths/numberbond.html Both of these games focus on number bonds to 10.

Year Two

This week in Year 2 we have been celebrating Shakespeare Week with the story of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. We have made a comic strip of the story, created a Wedding invitation for Theseus and Hippolyta's wedding, written a letter to Egeus persuading him to allow Hermia to marry Lysander and created instructions on 'How to make a love potion'. We have also learned many facts about William Shakespeare which we will use to create an information text next week. In Topic, we have been finding out about William Shakespeare's school days and compared them to our school days today. We learned about

the foods that rich and poor Tudor families would have eaten and created our own menus. In Maths, we have used the methods we have learned when multiplying and dividing to help us to solve word problems. In Phonics, we have continued to learn about homophones, looking at their spelling patterns and definitions. We have also enjoyed our Perform Workshop where we used drama to explore the story of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. <u>http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/division/play/</u>

Year Three

This week in English we have enjoyed learning about the Tempest! We started off the week by becoming familiar with the story; afterwards we spoke about the characters and what they were like. We have also written instructions, setting descriptions and created a profile of a significant character from the story.

In Maths we have continued our unit on Fractions. We have looked at comparing and ordering fractions as well as identifying and describing them. We are starting to solve number and practical problems involving what we have learned so far! We loved the Shakespeare workshop that taught us what it was like to live in the Tudor times! We learned all about the Monarchs and the differences between rich and poor people, what they ate, drank and the clothes that they wore! In the afternoons, we have been completing further research on this in order to write a fact file on Tudor life! https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/z7x2tfr

Year Four

Our focus for Shakespeare week has been The Tempest. We enjoyed acting out the parts of the different characters - there was lots of improvisation involved in this activity! We have also looked at descriptive language to describe a storm and written our own spell for Prospero to cast, which brings the storm to the island.

During our maths lessons we have continued our work on decimal places. We have written tenths and hundredths as fractions and decimals, and found out the effect of dividing one digit and two digit numbers by 10 or 100, when the answer will go into decimal places. In our topic lessons, we have planned and investigated what happens to the volume of a sound over distance. We have considered what we would need to do to make it a fair test and used the data loggers to collect our data before presenting our results in a graph and drawing conclusions based upon the results.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zppxfrd

Year Five

This week in English, Year Five has been learning about Macbeth. We have acted out key parts of the story and created story-boards to familiarise ourselves with the most important characters and scenes. We really enjoyed the drama workshop from Perform on Thursday and are now starting to retell the story using narrative, with a focus on the use of figurative language for effect.

In maths, Year Five has finished our work on percentages, fractions and scaling, and really enjoyed playing our end of unit game. We have now started work on a new unit which will involve 2D and 3D shapes, reflections and translation.

In topic, Year Five has started to learn about The Vikings. We have used maps to show the routes which The Vikings followed to invade Britain, and have started to make our own paper longboats. Next week, we will be taking a break from The Vikings to focus on our local environment for science week.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/ztyr9j6

Year Six

This week in English we have been celebrating Shakespeare Week by exploring Macbeth. We have watched an animated version of the story and have also read the story. We have identified the key events within the story and have begun to write our own version. We thoroughly enjoyed the Macbeth Perform workshop on Thursday. In Maths we have been solving problems involving fractions, decimals and percentages. We have also been drawing and translating shapes across a co-ordinate grid and finding missing angles. In Topic we have been looking at how amphibians evolved into reptiles and we have made dinosaur top trump cards. We have also started to explore the arrival of early humans. On Wednesday, we were visited by the Show Racism the Red Card team and we took part in some fantastic workshops to help develop our understanding of racism. <u>https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/mental-maths</u>

	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
16.03.18	Whole Class	Ruben	Raza	Keira	Lily	Kyle	Freya

Achievement Award Winners

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	Jasmine	Blake	Ryan	Amaya	Pia	Arianne
	Kacee	Rayaan	Chloe	Grace	Lily	Kamileshia	Luke
16.03.18	Leo	Harry	Rachel	Faith	Oliver	Shay	Lilly
	Rose	Mason S	Dylan	Kobee	Lexie	Tishanna	Erin

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%
16.03.18	99%	96%	98%	97%	95%	99%	99%

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
16.03.18	0	1	1	0	2	3	1

House points for this week

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
9.03.18	409	350	475	400
16.03.18	194	192	223	230

The Head teacher Award this week goes to Ruby in Year 3 for showing great resilience and reflectiveness whilst working on a mathematical problem - Well done.

World Book Day

We would like to congratulate the following pupils who are the winners of the World Book Day Quiz, each winning a £5 book token for working out the titles of books from pictures to make up the titles.

FS - George

Y1 - Shayley

Y2 - Charlie

Y3 - Joey

Y4- Vanessa

Y5 - Tyler

Y6 - Keeley

Sponsored silence.

On Thursday Year 1 completed their sponsored silence in aid of the hearing dogs. The children managed to stay silent for 17 minutes! Thank you for your support with this, if you

could please return any sponsor money before the Easter holidays it would be much appreciated.

Energise -Year 4 only

The first Energize performance was held on the evening of Thursday March 15th. The feedback has been very positive. Year 4 will be performing once again tomorrow, Saturday 17th, we wish them luck once again. Thank you to all concerned (parents, teachers and children) for making this event such a success.

Please note, the children should be dropped off at the Town Hall between 6.45pm and 7.00pm; collection time after the performance finishes tomorrow is from 9:15pm onwards. Please also be aware that the Handy Cross roundabout is again closed this weekend so your journey make take longer than normal.

Shakespeare Week

Shakespeare week has now been and gone with everyone having a wonderful time. The activities this week have inspired and brightened the children's learning. The Gateway is still open for your £3.00 contribution; contributions that we rely on to run this type of event.

KS1 Assessments

On Thursday April 19th 2018 we will be holding a KS1Assessment Information Session. Please see the letter from Mrs Olcot at the end of this newsletter for more details.

After School Clubs

We are once again in the process of arranging our after school clubs, this time for the Summer Term. I am able to inform you that the Smart Raspberry Cookery Club will be running on Fridays as usual. To register your child for this very popular club please go online to book. An information letter has been added to the end of this newsletter with all the details you will require.

Sport Relief

Next Friday 23rd March we will be celebrating Sport Relief. On Friday children can come to school in "Sporty Mufti". During the afternoon, weather permitting, the children will be completing laps of the school field, either walking or running. Parents are welcome to join us from 2.00pm. If the weather is wet children will complete activities in the hall during the afternoon – I am sorry but we are unable to accommodate parents if this is the case, due to limited space.

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. Don't forget to add your contact number for the evening.

QUIZ NIGHT TAKE 2! - FRIDAY 20^{TH} 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.

Yours faithfully

Clare Cunnington

Mrs C Cunnington 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: <u>office@loudwater.bucks.sch.uk</u>

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

February 28th Values Assembly Y2 May March April 22nd Open Day (9.30 - 10.30 & 16th Children return to School 3rd Values Assembly Y4 25th & 26th Parent/Teacher 7th Bank Holiday 2.00-3.00) 23rd Red Nose Day and School **10th** Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & Consultations (FS-Y5) Disco 2.00 - 3.0027th & 28th Parent/Teacher 14th Year 6 SATs Week **21st** Year 5 Assessment Week Consultations Y6 24th Values Assembly Y5 **28th** Values Assembly Y5 29th School closes at 2pm for 25th School Closed Training Easter Break Day for teachers **28th – 1st** Half term break June July 4th Children return to School 3rd Secondary School Induction **Class Assemblies** 11th -14th Residential Visit to Day (Y6) Spring term **New Parents Meeting** Green Park Y6 9.05 Start 6th Annual Reports 21st Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 22nd March - Year Four 12th Sports Day 14th Summer Fete 2.00-3.00) 28th Values Assembly FS 29th School closed teacher 17th Reserve Sports Day 19th Values Assembly Y6 training day 23rd 7.00pm Y6 Leavers Production 24th 9.30am Y6 Leavers Presentation Assembly 24th School closes at 2pm for summer break

LOUDWATER COMBINED SCHOOL Calendar of events for 2017-18



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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday 19th April 2018 I will be holding an information session about the end of Key Stage 1 assessments. The session will begin at 2.45pm and will finish in time for you to collect your child/children at the end of the day.

The session will include information about what is assessed and how it is assessed. It will also provide you with the opportunity to ask questions.

Please confirm your attendance via the Gateway.

Yours sincerely,

Jackie Olcot

Mrs Jackie Olcot







Dear Parents,

My name is Helen Tucker and I currently run a Smart Raspberry cookery club at Loudwater School on Friday's after school. I am now taking bookings for the cookery club starting Friday 27th April 2018. I have put the list of the scrummy recipes for you and your children to see, these are what the children will be making and learning about the ingredients that go into them.

Years 1-6

First half of term Friday: 27/04/18 – 18/05/18

No classes on 25/05/18, 01/06/18 and 29/06/18

Second half of term Friday: 08/06/18 – 13/07/18

£76.50 (9 classes)

Time: 15.30 - 16.30

Some of the recipes we'll be making this term: Vanilla Dreams, Chicken Quesadilla, Rhubarb Tart, Stuffed Peppers, Choc Chip Cookies, Tuna Fish Cakes, Summer Fruit Cobbler, Cheese Straws, Banana Cake, Veggie Pasta Bake, Apricot Crumb Squares, Creamy Coleslaw and Strawberry Cheesecake

If you would like to book a place for your child or ask a question, please go onto the website: Smartraspberry.com/booking

Places are allocated on a first come first served basis, so book online now!

Kind regards

Helen Tucker



