



## Loudwater Combined School

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# LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

## Friday May 11th 2018

Dear Parents,

### Important Calendar Dates

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs Week

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Swimming starts for KS 2 and Year 2

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Dance Taster (Premier Sports) session for Years 3 and 4

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Year 1 Phonics check meeting with Miss Weston (3.10pm)

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Green Park Meeting for Year 6 parents (7.00pm – hall)

News from the classes this week:

### Foundation Stage

In Foundation Stage this week we have been making the most of the weather and have been painting, measuring, using our pet shop and sandpit outside.

We have listened to the story of the 'Bad tempered Ladybird' and used this story to help us write our own stories and to act out what the ladybirds said to each other. We have also used ladybirds to help us with our maths which has been about doubling. We have used ladybirds that only had spots on one side to work out our number doubles.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SH05IyHGGV0>

A song about number doubles.

Preview YouTube video Addition Doubling Numbers Song 🎵



### Year One

In English we have been really enjoying the story of 'The 3 little wolves and the big bad pig' by Eugene Tivizas and Helen Oxenbury. Year 1 wrote questions to ask the big bad pig. We wanted to know why he had behaved so badly and if he really had changed at the end of the story. We also wrote descriptions of the houses that the 3 little wolves had built. We have also been learning about words that have been contracted and why they need an apostrophe.

In Maths our focus has been on volume and capacity. The best part of our maths lessons this week has been working outside with water and a variety of containers! We had fun measuring the capacity of lots of different sized and shapes containers.

In topic we undertook an investigation to find the best material to block out light. We used torches and tested different materials. We found out which was the best material and had to explain the reasons why this was the best at blocking out the light.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> (focus on number bonds)

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/SentSubPhase5a.html>

### **Year Two**

This week, Year 2 has been reading the story 'Penguin in Peril' by Helen Hancocks. We have written instructions on how to disguise a penguin, created a missing poster describing the penguin, given directions on how to return to the zoo and written a letter of apology from the cats. In Phonics, we have been revising the rules for adding suffixes beginning with a consonant e.g. ment, ness, ful, ly and less. In Maths, we have been exploring data and using given data to create block graphs and pictograms. We have interpreted the data to answer questions about what we have found out. In Topic, we have observed the growth, so far, of our sunflower seeds and recorded our observations giving reasons for what we saw.

<https://www.bbc.com/education/clips/zg4d2hv>

### **Year Three**

This week in English, Year 3 has been writing instructions and directions for Lucy to find her Pig Puppet doll in the wolf infested house. Towards the end of the week we planned a recount of the story and used this to write fantastic story boards.

We have started a new unit on lines and turns in Maths. We started the unit by investigating lines and turns and where we could find them in everyday life. We discussed parallel, perpendicular, horizontal and vertical lines.

In Topic, we have been discussing the harmful effects of cigarettes and alcohol on our bodies. We created some fantastic posters on this. We have also been discussing different signs and logos that we see. We created our own and included the most important things in our lives within our logos.

<https://www.bbc.com/education/clips/z42w2hv>

### **Year Four**

During English this week we have planned and written a newspaper report based on the events from the story 'Why the Whales Came'. We have interviewed the characters and written the report based upon Gracie's and Daniel's adventure on Samson Island. During maths this week we have learnt how to read coordinates and plot coordinates on a grid. We have had fun working out codes and writing our own codes using letters placed on a coordinate grid. During our Topic lessons we have learnt about electrical safety and made a start on our working lighthouses.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=coordinates>

### **Year Five**

This week in English, Year Five has met the character of nosy-neighbour Mr. Parker. We have written formal reports for the local police about what he saw in Granny's bungalow. We are really looking forward to finding out what happens in the story next.

In maths, we have been revising formal methods for column addition and subtraction. As well as this, we have been working to convert different units of metric measures and solve problems using time. We have also been looking at converting between fractions and decimals and finding fractions of amounts.

In topic lessons, Year Five has been learning about the carbon cycle, and the reproductive cycles of flowering and non-flowering plants. We have drawn diagrams to illustrate these, and have explored the outside area to collect different examples of seeds, which we will look at under the microscopes next week.

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living\\_things/plant\\_life\\_cycles/read/1/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living_things/plant_life_cycles/read/1/)

### Year Six

In English this week, we have written persuasive letters to the Council to ask permission to reproduce some of our amazing graffiti art work and also to request a small grant to purchase paint and other equipment needed. We have also started to consider the negative sides and effects of graffiti. In preparation for our SATs next week, we have also revised many aspects of grammar and the spelling strategies for ie/ei, hyphens, adding suffixes to words ending -fer. In Maths we have been revising and consolidating our learning of arithmetic and problem solving and reasoning. In Topic we have continued our forensic training by conducting scientific investigations into the absorbency of different types of paper and which material is the best insulator.

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

### Value of the month for May

Following on from last month's value of perseverance the value of the month for May is Self-belief. Our inspirational person is Thomas Edison, an inventor who needed a great deal of perseverance and self-belief to develop and perfect his inventions.

During assemblies we will develop the theme of Self-belief through stories and in PSHE sessions the children will be discussing the following questions:

- What are some of the best things about you?
- What are the qualities you would like to develop?
- What is your ambition?

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May, Year 5 will be leading our end of month values assembly.

### Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
4.05.18	Nathaniel	Jasmin	Logan H	Xandros	Adam	Max	Jessica
11.05.18	Emily Rose	Ben	Natasha	Zach	Vanessa	Kami	Luke

The Head teacher's award this week goes to Year 6 pupils, Maya, Lilly, Skye, Keeley, Mackenzie, Harry, Arianne, Maia and Nikola for their regular attendance and hard work at additional maths sessions, before school and during lunchtimes. Well Done!

### 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
4.05.18	Esa Mia	Emy Karolina	Liyana George	Henry Joseph	Vanessa Adam	Rosie Ell	Muqet Maddie
11.05.18	Alice Eleithyia	Afia Shayley	Rachel Keira	Keira Amelie	Kyle Ryan	Jennifer Tyler	Nikola Tia

### Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
4.05.18	97%	98%	97%	99%	95%	97%	99%
11.05.18	98%	100%	96%	98%	92%	99%	98%

### Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
4.05.18	3	0	7	0	1	0	1
11.05.18	0	0	2	0	0	1	2

**House points for this week**

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
<b>4.05.18</b>	208	218	159	180
<b>11.05.18</b>	168	140	157	202

**Teacher training days – school closures**

A reminder that this term there are two dates when the school is closed for teacher training. These are Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

**Phonics check meeting**

The meeting to explain the Year 1 phonics screening check will take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 3.10 in Miss Weston's room.

**General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)**

You will no doubt be aware or have heard of the forthcoming GDPR process coming in to operation later this month. In preparation for this we will shortly be sending out various notifications / documents that will require your prompt attention and action once received. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this.

**Swimming**

The school pool will be ready for children in Years 2 to Year 6 to start swimming lessons from next week (w/c 14<sup>th</sup> May) – weather permitting. Consent for your child to wear goggles must be given on the School Gateway as soon as possible. If you are able to help supervise the children when they are changing we would very much like your help – particularly any parents in Y2 or Y3. Please let the class teacher or the office know if you are able to help for some or all of an afternoon.

Afternoons when the classes are swimming are:

Monday – Year 5

Tuesday – Year 2

Wednesday – Year 4

Thursday – Year 3

Friday – Year 6

**Recycling Batteries**

The School Council are still collecting your old batteries. We have a collection box in Reception and one in each of our classrooms.

**Whole School Legoland Visit**

This trip will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. The cost for the visit will be £15.00. You can give consent for your child to attend the trip and make payment on the school gateway. Payments can be made in instalments of £5, or if you wish the whole amount can be paid at once. If you are able to support us by coming with us on the day to help supervise the children, please see your child's class teacher or the school office.

**Year 6 Green Park Meeting**

A reminder that the Year 6 residential visit to Green Park is fast approaching and we have arranged an information evening for parents and children. During this meeting the itinerary for the trip will be shared and our expectations of the children made clear. Parents will be asked to provide contact information, medical and dietary information at this time. It is important that all Year 6 parents attend and we ask that you sign up for the meeting on the School Gateway. The meeting will be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm in the school hall.

### **Bag 2 School**

Thank you to all parents who took part in the 'Bag 2 School' collection last week, through your kind donations the cash value amounted to £272.00. The next collection will be in October.

### **FRIENDS OF LOUDWATER SCHOOL**

We are in need of some more willing volunteers to give up a few hours of their time to help keep Friends of Loudwater School going. As the name suggests, you don't have to be a parent of a pupil, you can be an Aunt, Uncle, Friend, Nan, Granddad; anyone who could give us some time.

Previously we have raised funds for the Web Explorer, playground equipment, school coaches etc. and are in the process of helping the school with contributions towards:

- *Wireless Network*
- *New playground equipment for KS1 & KS2 (balls, skipping ropes etc.)*
- *Larger playground equipment (goal posts, netball posts etc.)*
- *Science equipment - A motion camera, Snake scope (underwater camera) etc.*

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm (location to be confirmed).

Please see a member of FOLS if you would like to attend.

**PANTO TIME ..... OH YES IT IS!** This year's pantomime at the Wycombe Swan is Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. The date for your diary is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7pm. Tickets are priced at £21 each. To reserve your tickets come and see us and collect a form from Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May and every Friday morning thereafter. We are now able to accept payment via debit/credit card along with cheque or cash.

**SUMMER FESTIVAL.** Our annual summer fete is set for Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July. This is our annual and most profitable fund raiser of the year but sadly is under threat of being scaled down or cancelled unless we have more volunteers come forward. We require volunteers to help organise, set up, help during the day and clear away. So, if you can label a jar, fold a ticket or sizzle a sausage please, please, please see a member of FOLS to put your name down.

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](mailto: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**

<b><u>May</u></b>	<b><u>June</u></b>	<b><u>July</u></b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b> Year 6 SATs Week <b>16<sup>th</sup></b> Year1 Phonics check <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> Green Park information meeting <b>21<sup>st</sup></b> Year 5 Assessment Week <b>24<sup>th</sup></b> Values Assembly Y5 <b>25<sup>th</sup> School Closed</b> Training Day for teachers <b>28<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup></b> Half term break	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b> Children return to School <b>11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup></b> Residential Visit to Green Park Y6 <b>21<sup>st</sup></b> Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) <b>26<sup>th</sup></b> Whole School Legoland visit <b>28<sup>th</sup></b> Values Assembly FS <b>29<sup>th</sup> School Closed</b> Training Day for teachers	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> Secondary School Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting <b>6<sup>th</sup></b> Annual Reports <b>12<sup>th</sup></b> Sports Day <b>14<sup>th</sup></b> Summer Fete <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> Reserve Sports Day <b>19<sup>th</sup></b> Values Assembly Y6 <b>23<sup>rd</sup> 7.00pm</b> Y6 Leavers Production <b>24<sup>th</sup> 9.30am</b> Y6 Leavers Presentation Assembly <b>24<sup>th</sup></b> School closes at 2pm for summer break



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