



Loudwater Combined School

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LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Wednesday 21st November – Foundation Stage First Term Bucks Free Press Photo

Wednesday 21st November – Year 2 Barrowcroft Sing-a-long

Thursday 22nd November – Open Day (9-10 & 2-3)

Thursday 29th November – Y6 Values Assembly (9.05) (change to date originally notified)

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

On Monday, Foundation Stage walked from school to the war memorial. Following on from the Remembrance Service that we took part in at the Church on Friday, we went to see the "Names on the stone" that we had learnt about. It was a beautiful morning and everyone walked along chatting happily. At the stone we paid our respects and saw the poppies that we had helped to make. The Foundation Stage staff were extremely proud of us, we were sensible and safety conscious, well behaved and respectful, both at the war memorial and of the local residents who were also out and about. The adults were proud to walk with the children.

We have been reading a story about "The tiger who came to tea" by Judith Kerr. We were shocked to find that a tiger had come to tea in our classroom and had eaten all OUR food, so we had to make shopping lists of all the food that we needed to replace. We were careful to write Tiger Food on our list, just in case he was still hungry! In maths we have been counting and adding tigers and in phonics we have been learning to read High Frequency Words.

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

Year One

This week, in English, we have been learning about how to write questions. We now know that they need to start with a question word and end with a question mark. We also talked about how they need to make sense. We wrote our own questions about elephants and we had some super ideas which we shared with Miss Brown. We did some research to try and find the answer to some of these questions and we then wrote our own information about elephants. We looked at the difference between fiction and non-fiction writing.

In Maths we have been focusing on the names and properties of 3d shapes. We used the words curved and straight in order to sort a selection of 3d shapes. We also learnt about edges, faces and vertices! On Thursday we had great fun being 3d shape detectives around the school.

In our topic learning we have loved learning about Diwali. We learnt how and why this colourful festival is celebrated. Year 1 loved creating our own firework pictures with pastels to show a Diwali celebration.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk dragons den phase 3 (revise all phase 3)

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/mental-maths-train> (subtraction from 20)

Year Two

This week, in Year 2, we have been enjoying the story 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes. We have focused on using our comprehension skills to gain a deeper meaning of the story and to understand the author's choice of vocabulary. We have sequenced events in the story, created a 'Lost' poster describing Dogger, written a letter to Dave from Dogger and devised a set of instructions about 'How to look after a favourite toy'. In Topic, we are using our learning from our trip to Wycombe Museum to help Iggy the Alien to learn about toys in order to get his dream job as one of Santa's helpers! In Phonics, we are revising compound words. We are identifying, reading, writing and understanding compound words, so that we can use them in our reading and writing.

<https://www.learninggamesforkids.com/vocabulary-games/compound-words/break-it-up-compound-words.html>

Year Three

In English this week, we have been continuing the story of the Dragon Slayer. At the beginning of the week, we discussed the structure of narrative stories and planned what we wanted to write. We then used our plans to structure our writing into an introduction, build up, problem, resolution and end. At the end of the week, we used our editing skills to make our writing even better.

In Maths, we have been looking at Multiplication and Division. We discussed words like product, sharing, and grouping in great detail. We found products of multiplication sentences and calculated division statements too. We looked at dividing by 3 and dividing by 4 along with solving problems including these ideas at the end of the week.

In the afternoons we have been starting to talk about Hadrian's Wall. We watched part of a BBC documentary and took notes to help us with our writing. We then looked at how the Romans introduced Christianity and then wrote narratives with imaginative description.

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/clips/zhq76sq>

Year Four

In English this week, we have been planning and writing the next chapter of our book 'The Firework-maker's Daughter'. For this, we have looked at how we can include different writing elements in our chapter such as a setting description, speech and action scenes. We have also looked at resolutions and endings for the chapter.

In maths this week, we have looked at different methods of multiplication. We have learned how to multiply three digit numbers and learned how to identify factor pairs of a number. We have then used this to help us solve multiplication calculations more efficiently.

In topic this week, we have planned and carried out an investigation to find out what happens to the volume of sound as it travels over a distance. We thought of the variables that we needed to change and what we needed to keep the same in order for the test to be fair. We then carried out our investigation and presented our results as a line graph.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/multiples-and-factors>

Year Five

This week in English, Year Five has been working hard to write a diary entry for a World War One soldier during the Christmas Day truce in 1914. We had to think carefully about the different emotions a soldier would be experiencing, and we worked hard to develop effective similes and metaphors to include in our work.

In maths, Year Five has been continuing to explore multiplication and division. We have been using square and cube numbers, as well as practising multiplying and dividing any number by 10, 100 and 1000. We have also been developing our methods for mental calculation and using these to solve problems.

In topic lessons Year Five has been investigating how to separate different materials using sieving, filtration and evaporation and have also been learning how propaganda posters were used during World War One and Two for campaigns such as Dig for Victory, Make Do and Mend, and the Women's Land Army.

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/learning/resources/what-was-d-day>

Year Six

In English this week we have been focusing on a new unit of work called 'Pandora'. We have been exploring the planet of Pandora, as seen in the film 'Avatar'. We have started to write a non-chronological report on this fascinating planet. We have written an introductory paragraph and have created a creature that could live on the planet. We are now going to write about its diet and habitat. Our grammar focus has been on relative clauses, fronted adverbials and fronted subordinate clauses. Our spelling focus this week has been words ending -ant, -ance and -ancy. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of long division. This is a challenging Year 6 objective and we would all benefit from further practice of this method. On Tuesday we took part in the Primary Maths Challenge. Certificates for this challenge were issued in Friday's assembly. On Monday we walked to the Loudwater War Memorial to pay our respects and to see the wreaths and poppies laid during the Remembrance Service on Sunday. On Friday we had our final Mini-Enterprise Competition practice in preparation of the actual competition next Wednesday. The children selected to attend will bring home letters on Friday.

[Website:- Word Mania – children have logins](#)

Achievement Award Winners

| | Foundation Stage | Year One | Year Two | Year Three | Year Four | Year Five | Year Six |
|----------|------------------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 02.11.18 | Kelci | Kata | Kristina | Ruby | Lucy D | Romisha | Max |
| 09.11.18 | Kendall | Jack | Isabelle | Logan W | Jacob | Oliver | Pia |
| 16.11.18 | Denise | Eleithyia | Harry | Natasha | Jack | Harrison | Jennifer |

The Head teacher award this week goes to Kami, Tyler, Kayin and Alanna for representing our school at the Remembrance Service at St Peter's Church last Sunday - well done!

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 |
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| 02.11.18 | Isla Matilda | Emily Sulaymaan | Jasmin Harley | George Blake | Grace Jacob | Riley Isabelle | Stanley Breanna |
| 16.11.18 | Jenson Evalyan | Leo Charlie | Ella Mason W | Rachel Logan S | Henry Romilly | Ayaan Lexie | Louie Ell |

Attendance

| | Foundation Stage | Year One | Year Two | Year Three | Year Four | Year Five | Year Six |
|----------|------------------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 02.11.18 | 95% | 98% | 99% | 99% | 100% | 92% | 96% |
| 09.11.18 | 97% | 98% | 95% | 93% | 98% | 96% | 93% |
| 16.11.18 | 94% | 96% | 99% | 97% | 96% | 94% | 96% |

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am

| | Foundation Stage | Year One | Year Two | Year Three | Year Four | Year Five | Year Six |
|----------|------------------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 02.11.18 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 09.11.18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| 16.11.18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

House points for this week

| | Elgar | Beethoven | Tchaikovsky | Mozart |
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| 02.11.18 | 100 | 97 | 122 | 130 |
| 09.11.18 | 89 | 83 | 81 | 71 |
| 16.11.18 | 171 | 141 | 131 | 160 |

Gateway

Please note that there are a number of items on the Gateway that require your attention, including:

Year 2 – Wycombe Museum Visit
Year 6 – Green Park Residential (deposit ASAP)
Years 1-6 World War One History Workshop
Year 5 & 6 Bikeability

Whole School - Pencil case Contribution
Whole School - Local Walks and Trips Consent
Selected Pupils - Guitar Lesson Payments
Years 4, 5 & 6 – RE Workshop

Year 5 Football



Team: James, Thomas, Dominic, Jessica, Romisha, Oliver, Ryan, Joshua

On Tuesday 13th November, our year fives took part in a football tournament at Cressex AstroTurf against lots of other schools. We unfortunately lost our first match against Courthouse 1-0, however our next two matches we won 4-0 and 2-0 against Foxes Piece and Hamilton. This meant that we finished second in our group and would go into a group against all the other second-placed teams.

We started the next round of matches strongly, with a hard-earned 1-0 win against Danesfield. This set us up to play Kingswood, who we beat, again without conceding a goal. We went on to win our remaining two matches of the group and finished first in the group overall!

They team played really well and to only concede one goal in seven matches is a fantastic achievement.

School Football Year 5/6

Due to the onset of the more wintery weather and earlier darkness, football for years 5 & 6 has now finished for the foreseeable future. We anticipate that we will restart in the second half of the Spring Term.

Bikeability

As you know we have once again been offered subsidised lessons by Bikeability for our Year 5 and 6. The two classes have received a talk about the scheme, in school, today. We attached further details, as to the cost and requirements, to the Year 5 and 6 newsletters last week. Consents are required, by completing the Spokes form, and the fee of £10.00 may be paid through the Gateway.

Singing at Barrowcroft

On Wednesday November 21st Year 2 has been invited to sing at Barrowcroft retirement home, on the Queensmead Road. They will be entertaining the residents with their repertoire of songs and carols. We will be using the 'Local Walks' consent, already given, for this activity.

Radio Club

There will be no Radio Club after school this coming Wednesday, November 21st, due to the Mini – Enterprise Competition.

KS2 Christmas Play

This year we are involving all Key Stage 2 children in the Christmas play. Their performance is entitled 'The Stars Come Out For Christmas'. Each class will perform a section of the production with Year Five children taking a role in linking all the sections together. All rehearsals will take place in school time, so after school clubs will be unaffected. Performances will take place on Thursday 13th December at 2.00pm and 7.00pm with tickets available nearer the time.

Pudsey Visit and Children in Need

Pudsey arrived on Monday, as planned, to greet all our very excited children. He supplied the school with a range of merchandise to sell, with the money going towards his very worthwhile charity via the Bourne End and Cookham Rotary Club.

Year 6 organised a Bring and Buy sale with all the pre-loved books and toys donated by our generous children. We will let you know the amount raised as soon as we are able. And finally, the lucky winner of the very large Pudsey Bear was Jack in year 4.

If anyone left an umbrella at the Church on Friday, we have it in the school office.

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 so please do ensure that you **register your consent on the gateway**.

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

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| <p align="center"><u>November</u></p> <p>21st FS First Term Photo for the BFP 22nd Open Day (9.00 – 10.00 & 2.00 – 3.00) 29th Year 6 Values Assembly 29th – 30th Bikeability</p> | <p align="center"><u>December</u></p> <p>3rd Bikeability 7th Christmas Bazaar 11th 9.30am FS & Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 12th 2.30pm FS & Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 13th Key Stage 2 Christmas Production 2pm & 7pm 17th Pupils' Christmas Lunch 18th Christmas Service am Christmas Activities pm 19th School closes at 2pm for Christmas break</p> | <p align="center"><u>January</u></p> <p>3rd Children return to School 10th Open Day (9.00 – 10.00 & 2.00 – 3.00)</p> |
| <p align="center"><u>February</u></p> <p>4th – 8th Science Week 12th & 13th Parent/Teacher Consultations 18th – 22nd Half term break 25th Return to School</p> | <p align="center"><u>March</u></p> <p>14th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00 – 3.00) 18th -22nd Shakespeare Week 22nd Red Nose Day 26th & 28th Parent/Teacher Consultations Y6</p> | <p 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 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 – 31st Half term break</p> | <p 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 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 align="center"><u>Values Assemblies</u></p> <p>All Start at 9.05am 29th November - Peace Y6 30th January - Responsibility Y5 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 align="center"><u>Class Assemblies</u> <u>Spring term</u></p> <p>All start at 9.05am 24th January - Year Six 31st January - Year Two 7th February - Year Five 7th March -Year One 14th March - Year Three 21st March - Year Four 28th March - Foundation Stage</p> | |