



Loudwater Combined School

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LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Week beginning September 17th – Home Learning Club, Choir, Y5 & Y6 Football Team
Training and Smart Raspberry Cookery Club Start
Tuesday September 18th – Guitar Lessons Start
Tuesday September 18th - Open House 3.30 -4.30
Thursday September 20th - Rabbi Visit Y4 –Y6

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

The new children have had a fantastic start to their time at Loudwater School. They have all come in really happily and with very little fuss and look really smart in their new school uniform. This week we have been focusing on settling in and becoming familiar with our new surroundings and classmates. We have learnt names, had a tour of the school, heard lots of stories about starting school and explored all the many different areas of our classroom. We have had lots of fun and all the grown-ups are very proud of us for settling in so well.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories>

Year One

This week in English, we have loved sharing the beautiful wordless book 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. We looked very carefully at the pictures and retold the story. We enjoyed drawing our favourite part of the book and writing about it. This week we also had a lot of fun making our own wordless books which we shared with Year 5. In Maths we have been counting and ordering numbers. We have been focussing on the words more and less. We have also enjoyed learning some new number songs! This week in topic, we have been learning about the job of a map and the symbols on a map. We all made own maps to illustrate the journey that the little girl in our picture book went on. We also followed instructions to make lanterns and experimented with watercolour paints. We have been busy!

www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/caterpillar-ordering

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/teddy-numbers>

Year Two

In Year 2 we have settled back into school well and are ready to learn lots of new things! In English we have been enjoying the wordless text 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner. We have written a letter in the character of the boy to his Grandmother, invented a story for one of the strange photographs the boy found, created a poster to inform people of what to do if they find the camera, written a diary recount as the boy and created riddles about objects we might find at the seaside. In Maths we have been revising Place Value. We have partitioned 2-digit numbers into tens and units, as well as exploring other ways to partition each number. We have used this knowledge to solve some word problems involving money

and measures. In Topic we have been sorting plants, mammals and birds that can be found on the beach. It was interesting to find out what a porpoise is! We also explored ways in which humans can help protect the sea and the creatures that live in this habitat.

Our first full week back at school has been busy, but lots of fun!

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks1numeracy.html>

Year Three

All the children this week have settled well into their new classroom already. In English we have started looking at the wordless text, *Fossil*, by Bill Thomson. We have loved the illustrations and have used lots of imaginative description when predicting future events of the story. We have also planned and written our very own letter to the character outlining the dangers of the fossils in the story. We have started the year looking at place value in Maths. We completed a very interesting engage and explore activity to start the unit where we had some fantastic Mathematical discussions. We looked at counting forwards and backwards in multiples of 10 and used concrete resources to represent what we were trying to find out. We have started our new Topic 'Ancient Powers.' To start the Topic the children drew wonderful title pages of volcanoes and Romans. As we are primarily focusing on Volcanoes this side of the term - we have been researching what they are, using the internet, books and other sources to help us.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/natural-disasters/volcanoes/>

Year Four

In English this week, we have been getting familiar with a wordless text - *Flood*. We have told the story in our own words and written dialogue for the characters, based upon their feelings at different points in the story. Using the images from the story, we have also written setting descriptions using a range of adjectives and similes. Finally we have written the whole story using the images from the book as a starting point. In maths this week, we have started our unit on number and place value. We began by practising counting in multiples of 3, 6, and 9 and looked at patterns that can help us learn these. Later on in the week, we have looked at negative numbers, discussing where we use negative numbers in everyday life and how to find the difference between a negative number and a positive number. During topic, we have started our new unit of work for the autumn term - *The Living World*. We have designed, and built, our own survival shelters using materials found in the natural world. We worked hard at this and came up with some creative designs!

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?f=Temperaturev2>

Year Five

This week Year 5 have been settling in well to their new classroom and routines. In English we have been reading the wordless text 'Return' by Aaron Becker. We have really enjoyed predicting what is going to happen and interpreting different parts of the story to fit our own narrative. We have written narrative pieces in response to this, first collaboratively and then independently. In maths, we have started our first unit on number and place value. We have been learning to read, write, order and compare numbers with up to six digits. We have also been practising finding 10, 100 or 1000 more or less than any number, and rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10000 and 100000. In topic lessons we have been looking at the artistic style of Aaron Becker and are creating our own watercolour paintings in his style. We have spent time practising different watercolour techniques and doing observational drawings of different types of buildings. We have also designed and made paper lanterns to recreate the lantern forest from 'Return'.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Year Six

We have had busy first week in Year 6. In English we have started to read 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan. This is a wordless book in which we have had to 'read' the illustrations to understand the story. We have written a poem using some of the images as our inspiration. During the Grammar part of our lesson we have been consolidating our understanding of nouns. In Maths, we have been reading and writing numbers up to 10,000,000, identifying the value of each digit in a number given to 3 decimal places and multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000. Our current Science topic is Electricity and Light and we have spent this week

reviewing our current knowledge and understanding. On Tuesday and Thursday we took the 11+ Practice and Test Papers.

Electricity for kids - <https://www.explainthatstuff.com/electricity.html>

Achievement Award Winners

	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
14.09.18	Callum	Alfie	Adna	Lucy S	Isabelle Grace	Shay

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

	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
14.09.18	Kata Esa	Ciaran Isabelle	Liyana Lucas	Poppy Oscar	Harrison Amelia	Eleanor Kayin

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
14.09.18	100%	98%	98%	99%	100%	99%	95%

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
14.09.18	1	0	0	5	0	0	0

House points for this week

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
14.09.18	192	200	206	266

House Election Results

At the start of the Autumn Term all the children took part in an election to choose a member of Year Six to be their House Captain and their Vice Captain. The voting results are as follow:

<u>Elgar</u>	Captain: Aaminah	Vice-Captain: Alanna
<u>Beethoven</u>	Captain: Kayin	Vice-Captain: Stanley
<u>Tchaikovsky</u>	Captain: Tyler	Vice-Captain: Rosie
<u>Mozart</u>	Captain: Kami	Vice-Captain: Eli

School Council

The children have also been voting for their two School Council class representative.

Year One:	Mia and Sidney
Year Two:	Ella and Ciaran
Year Three:	Reece and Hollie
Year Four:	Ruby and Joseph
Year Five:	Lexie and Vanessa
Year Six:	Francesca and Jack

Lottery Winner

The FOLS Lottery winner for the month of August is Elaine Badger.

Everyone has received an information letter today, from FOLS, outlining this year's lottery. The Gateway will be open this evening for your registration and payment.

Open House

Just a quick follow up to our recent information letter concerning the Open House arranged for Tuesday. Presentations will be made at 3.40pm and 4.00pm so parents who need to attend for two children in different year groups can do so. Staff will be available to supervise children on the Key Stage 2 playground if required whilst the presentations are in progress.

Football Team

This year we are starting a Year 5 and 6 football team. We have entered a league to play against other schools in the local area, as well as a cup competition. Training will take place each Thursday after school 3:30 - 4:30. On Thursday 20th September trials will take place and anyone from Year 5 or Year 6 can attend. In future weeks the training sessions will only be for the football squad who will be chosen on Thursday. If you are interested in coming along then please email the office: office@loudwater.bucks.sch.uk.

School Uniform

For your information the Tesco website for ordering school uniform items is www.tesco.com/direct/ues/. Our local school wear providers PMG are unable to stock our new coloured PE shirts. We recognise that there have been some supply issues with the new school PE t-shirts from Tesco; if you have not yet received your order children may wear a plain white t-shirt for PE in the meantime. Please could you ensure that children have their PE kit in school throughout the week; bringing in their PE bag on a Monday and taking it home on Friday.

I hope the following uniform reminders will be helpful:

- Make sure that all items of uniform are named.
- Summer uniform may be worn until October half term.
- Long hair should be tied back.
- Hair bands, clips, bows or ties should be blue, black or white.
- Pinafore dresses and skirts should be knee length or longer.
- Black sensible shoes should be worn – trainers or boots of any kind, including ankle boots, may not be worn. An exception to this would be boots worn to walk to school during particularly bad weather; shoes will be needed to change into.
- Plain white, grey or black socks or tights should be worn.
- PE shorts are needed for PE in the hall; these should be plain navy or black.

Children should also bring a water bottle to have in class, in addition to a drink they may bring with their packed lunch. Whilst fruit is provided for a mid-morning snack for Key Stage 1 pupils, Key Stage 2 pupils need to bring their own fruit for their mid-morning snack.

Swimming Lessons KS2

As you are aware we have an outside provider teaching our children to swim. Due to staffing issues we have had to make amendments to the time and date of our sessions. Please check below as to when your child will be swimming from now on, weather permitting.

Starting w/b September 17th.

Year 5	Monday	Afternoon
Year 3	Tuesday	Afternoon
Year 4	Wednesday	Morning (9.15 am to 11.15am)
Year 6	Friday	Afternoon

Roald Dahl Dress-up Day

Today we all took part in dressing-up for Roald Dahl Day. Children came to school as one of his characters or to come wearing yellow as this was his favourite colour. We also had a visit from Charlie's Grumpy Grandmother. Thanks to everyone who dressed up – you all looked great!

After School Clubs

Our After School Clubs, provided by U-sports, started this week. There is still time to register your child in any of their clubs listed below:

For KS1 organised by U-Sports (please contact directly at <https://usports.class4kids.co.uk/>)

- Multi-Sports - Tuesday
- Football - Thursday

For KS2 organised by U-Sports (please contact directly at <https://usports.class4kids.co.uk/>)

- Football - Wednesday
- Gymnastics - Wednesday
- Tag Rugby - Friday

We also have the following KS2 clubs:

- Netball starting on Tuesday September 18th for children in Y3 –Y6.
- Radio Club starting on Wednesday 3rd October for 10 children in Y6. Children who are interested should speak to Mrs Welland.
- Choir starting on Thursday September 20th September for children in Y4 – Y6.
- Home Learning Club starting on Thursday September 20th for children in Y3 –Y6.

Please contact school by email, office@loudwater.bucks.sch.uk or in writing if you wish your child to be registered on any of these. We would also request your confirmation if your child is continuing from last year. Although numbers are limited, please assume that your child has a place unless you hear otherwise.

Finally, we have Smart Raspberry offering a Cookery Club for all age groups except, at this time, Foundation Stage. The club will run on Friday and start on September 21st. Please contact Smart Raspberry directly at info@smartraspberry.com or by telephone 07702700443 (Helen Tucker).

Music Lessons

If you would like to arrange music lessons for your child, through the Bucks Music Trust, (not Guitar) please contact them directly online at www.bucksmusic.org/instrumental-tuition or request the required form and information sheet from the school office. The Trust will then make arrangements with the school and you will be notified of the cost and time. All lessons are held during the normal school hours.

Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons for KS2 are once again being provided by Little Strummers and the sessions start next Tuesday. Lessons will be held during normal school hours. If your child would like to have lessons please contact school either by email or in writing and we will be able to advise you of the cost. If your child has previously had lessons at school please confirm that they wish to continue.

Consent for Local Trips and Walks

The Gateway is open for you to consent for your child to take part in local trips and walks. We found having consents already in place for these smaller events very helpful and less time consuming. We will of course always let you know of when we wish to use the consent and give you full details of the event. You have the option to withdraw your consent if you wish.

Contribution for Pencil Case Items

Thank you for your contribution towards last year's stationery for your child. We still have the budget restrictions that are well publicised in the media. Gone are the days of a pencil and exercise book now each child makes use of a number of individual stationery items. In Foundation Stage and KS1 it is a 'share and share a like basis' then in year 3, when the

children become more responsible, they are given a pencil case with everything they need.

Including:

Pencil	Whiteboard pen
Gluestick	Highlighter
30cm Ruler	Red Biro
Eraser	Black Biro
Sharpener	

Handwriting pens are provided once a child receives their pen licence.

We would rather purchase all the items for your child as then we are able to be consistent but as you will be able to see it would cost a lot more from W H Smiths or Tesco. We do of course replenish and renew items as needed. The Gateway is now open for your contribution of £4.50. (the same amount as last year).

Cards

Miss Harris still has plenty of greetings cards for sale. The image on the cards is of the collage that all of last year's Key Stage One and Foundation Stage worked together to produce in Art Week. The cards are blank inside and so could be used for any occasion. If you would like to purchase some they cost 50p each. Please see one of the Foundation Stage staff in the morning or after school.

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

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>September</u></p> <p>W/B 17th – Clubs Start 18th Open House 3.30 -4.30 20th Rabbi Visit Y4 –Y6 28th McMillan Coffee Morning</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>October</u></p> <p>4th Open Day (9.00 -10.00 & 2.00 – 3.00) 12th 11+ Results 16th & 18th Parent/Teacher Consultations 22nd – 26th Half term break 29th Return to school 31st Last day to apply for secondary school places (Y6)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>November</u></p> <p>1st Open Day (9.00 – 10.00 & 2.00 – 3.00) 5th – 9th Remembrance Week 17th Children in Need 22nd Open Day (9.00 – 10.00 & 2.00 – 3.00)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>December</u></p> <p>7th Christmas Bazaar 11th 9.30am Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 12th 2.30pm 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 style="text-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 style="text-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 style="text-align: center;"><u>March</u></p> <p>14th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00 – 3.00) 18th -22nd Shakespeare Week 24th Red Nose Day 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 20th -23rd Residential Visit to Green Park Y6 TBC 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) 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>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>

Values Assemblies

All Start at 9.05am
27th September - Trust Y4
24th 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