



Loudwater Combined School

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LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Open Day Thursday November 9th

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

This week we have started listening to stories by Judith Kerr. She has written lots of children's books, many of them about the cat Mog. We have enjoyed the stories and have been describing Mog. We have noticed the change in the weather and have been talking about the four seasons and made a season's clock.

We have also started thinking about our new topic, "People who help us." We discussed all the people who help us, at home, at school, and when we are out and about. We have a doctor's surgery in our playground now and the doctors and nurses have been helping all the patients who have visited the surgery.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-TC4VEyeUI

[Come OutsideThe Dentist](#)

Year One

In English this week Year 1 have been introduced to David McKee, our new class author. We have enjoyed listening to stories about his most famous character; Elmer the patchwork elephant. We made an amazing collection of adjectives to describe Elmer and we used some of these when writing sentences. We also used the word **and** to join 2 adjectives together in one sentence. We have enjoyed writing our own Elmer books which we are going to share with the Foundation Stage class.

In Maths, we have been learning about multiples of 10. We now know that they end in 0. We have sorted numbers into those are multiples of 10 and those that are not. We also been finding 10 more and 10 less of 2 digit multiples of 10.

Our new topic is called "Let's Celebrate". We have been thinking about what we like to do when we celebrate. This weekend is Bonfire Night and we have made firework safety posters. We also really enjoyed making firework pictures using chalks and pastels.

[Website for some fun Elmer activities....](#)

www.andersenpress.co.uk/elmer/activities

Year Two

This week Year 2 has been learning about The Gunpowder Plot. We have posed questions that we would like to ask Guy Fawkes, if we had the chance to meet him! Also, we have created a Wanted poster to describe Guy Fawkes, written a recount of the events and composed a bonfire night poem. In Topic, we have written a letter to King James I to tell him about the plot and created a firework display picture using chalks and pastels. In Phonics, we have revisited the rules for adding the suffixes -s or -es to create plurals or present tense verbs. In Maths, we have been naming 2D and 3D shapes, describing patterns, extending patterns and creating patterns of our own.

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/shapes/play/

Year Three

In English this week we started looking at an animation called 'Dragon Slayer.' To start the week we developed our understanding of how and why characters change. We have also been discussing characters' thoughts and feelings at different points throughout the story as well as writing setting descriptions and diary entries.

In Maths, we have been revising addition and subtraction calculation strategies. We have used Mathematical apparatus such as base 10 and place value counters to help us before moving onto adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers using the extended column method. Towards the end of the week we looked at problem solving and reasoning questions involving these ideas.

We have started our new Topic of the Nature of Life this week. We have started talking about our targets and discussed how plants and animals grow. The children were very enthusiastic to show their brilliant Home Learning projects that they had completed over half term. We had great fun looking and discussing them.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living_things/

Year Four

In English we have started reading "The Spiderwick Chronicles" this week. We have used this as inspiration to write with lots of description, with a focus on using strong adjectives effectively. We have also written diary entries for the main character, Jared.

In maths, we have been learning to use the grid method of multiplication to multiply a one digit number by a two-digit number. We have also solved two-step problems involving multiplication and addition.

During our topic lessons we have been learning about our new topic, Land, Sea and Sky. We have begun to compare aquatic plants with land plants and find out how aquatic plants have adapted to their habitat.

touroopia.com/prehistoric-cave-paintings

Year Five

This week in English, Year 5 has started to read the narrative poem "The Highwayman" by Alfred Noyes. We have learned about some notorious real-life highwaymen who operated in our local area, and have begun to explore the characters of The Highwayman, Bess and Tim.

In maths, Year 5 has been using mental methods for multiplication and division. We have been finding multiples and factors for different numbers, and have been investigating square and cube numbers. We have also been using these skills for problem solving and reasoning.

Year 5 has started a new topic called Space Explorers. This week we have presented our fantastic home learning projects to the class and have also worked in teams to create a rocket to transfer vital supplies from Earth the International Space Station. We are really excited to learn more about space in the next few weeks.

<https://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub/index.html>

Year Six

In English this week, we have discovered that there has been some unusual activity around the rings of Saturn. Upon closer inspection, we have noticed that there is evidence of alien activity. We have been subsequently approached by Sir Matthew Floyd Weaver, the Head of SPREAD (Society for the Protection and Relocation of Extra-terrestrial Alien Dwellers) to apply for the prestigious position of researcher. We have written formal persuasive letters of application and have shown our research skills by writing a biography on Galileo Galilei, the famous astronomer.

In Maths, we have been using factorising to support our mental calculations, multiplying and dividing decimals, calculating the mean and using the bar method to develop our understanding of ratio and proportion.

In Topic, we have been looking at how natural disasters impact on tourism. In pairs, we have researched a natural disaster and presented our finding to the rest of the class.

kidshealth.org/en/kids/heart.html – The heart and circulatory system.

Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
6.10.17		Tyler	Ticha	Afia	Oliver	Rishie	Maddie
13.10.17		Harley	Lily	Harry	Lara	Stanley	Jesus
20.10.17		Teagan	Ruby	Lucy D	Thomas	Tishana	George
3.11.17	John	Jacob P	George	Joseph	Jessica	Eleanor	Maia

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
6.10.17		Kristina Joshua	Leah Dylan	Oscar Faith	Sri Riley	Jennifer Max	Aaron Jess
13.10.17		Stanley Alfie	Amaaya Rhys	Urszula Henry	Ryan Amy	Breanna Aaminah	Lee Arianne
20.10.17		Ella Jacob	Rachel Logan	Rohan Lucy	Alice Romisha	Alanna Miguel	Erin Alice
3.11.17	Emily Esa	Emily Freya	Charlie Rachel	Jacob Grace	Lara Amaya	Gabrielle Rosie	Luke Skye

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
6.10.17	99%	98%	94%	100%	99%	98%	100%
13.10.17	98%	99%	97%	93%	98%	97%	99%
20.10.17	91%	93%	92%	98%	98%	99%	98%
3.11.17	97%	97%	95%	98%	99%	99%	98%

Year Six enjoyed their Mufti Day today for achieving 98.92% attendance during October.

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
6.10.17	0	1	0	0	2	1	1
13.10.17	0	1	0	1	3	3	4
20.10.17	1	0	1	0	0	2	1
3.11.17	0	0	4	0	3	3	1

House points for this week

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
6.10.17	367	310	353	538
13.10.17	150	161	166	244
20.10.17	158	156	172	158
3.11.17	174	196	160	220

House points for the month

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
October 2017	849 (3 rd)	823 (4 th)	851 (2 nd)	1,160 (1 st)

The **Head teacher's Award** this week goes to; Foundation Stage for their super behaviour when attending their first whole school assemblies - well done!

Swimming Pool – update

During the half term break the pool had its new liner installed - the final works will be completed over the course of the coming week giving us a great new facility ready to use in the summer.

We were very fortunate to have been sponsored by a local charity: Kyrece's Legacy who kindly donated £2,000 to the refurbishment.

Following a tragic swimming accident in July 2014 in the River Thames where Kyrece Francis tragically lost his life, his family and friends set up a Legacy Trust. Their mission, to raise funds to be used in supporting water safety awareness within the local community.

We would like to say a big, "Thank you" to Simone, Olivia, Kyrece's sister and close friends who all came to our school last Monday afternoon to present the cheque – it is very much appreciated.

For more information on Kyrece's Legacy please visit the website below.

<https://www.ky22.co.uk/>



Our swimming pool having been refurbished and a new liner inserted - ready for next summer.



Mrs Cunningham with Kyrece's sister receiving the cheque.

Pudsey – Round Pound

Children in Need are collecting again this year, starting with the appeal show on November 17th 2017. We are going to help this great cause by collecting old round pound coins. There must be millions to be found and as they are no longer legal tender how better than to collect and donate. Check out bbcchildreninneed.co.uk As of this Monday please feel free to send in your old pound coins via your children for them to put into our collection box.

Dolce

Due to our Street Art Day, please be aware that on 16th November there will be a sandwich lunch.

Parents' Forum Meeting

The next Parents' Forum meeting will take place on Thursday 16th November at 7pm in the Year 6 classroom. All parents are welcome to attend. The purpose of Parents' Forum is to find out more about how the school works, to share your ideas about how an aspect of the school could be improved and to raise any questions you may have. Please note that if you have any questions which relate specifically to your child these should be discussed with the class teacher initially and not at the Forum.

More about the Parents' Forum can be on the school website by following the link:
<http://www.loudwater.bucks.sch.uk/website/parents-forum/37596>

If you have any items you would like to add to the agenda, please contact your class representative whose details are on the website, or email the school office.

Remembrance Assembly

In school on Thursday, we will be having an assembly focusing on Remembrance. Prior to the assembly all children will be making a poppy in class and the assembly will explain the significance of these in an age appropriate way. At the end of the assembly, we will be observing a two minute silence.

Choir

Reminder-There is still an opportunity to order your O2 tickets through the Gateway if you have a child performing with the choir.

Bikeability-Years Five and Six

Level 2 cycle training at: Loudwater

A cycle training course will be run at the school on: 28th 29th and 30th November. Level 2 Bikeability takes place on local roads, giving your child a real cycling experience. Children will be taught how to deal with traffic on short journeys.

This course is part funded by Bucks County Council and open to Years 5 and 6 – see additional details in email.

My First Term

Both editions of the My First Term supplement have been printed with the second part still available to buy until Friday. There is a private account for parents, guardians or relatives to purchase pictures and prints as of today- see email for log on details.

FOLS News

Pantomime tickets for Thursday 14th December are still available via School Gateway, at the special price of £18 each (normal price £26). This year the Wycombe Swan panto is Jack & the Beanstalk. If you would like to purchase tickets, please do so as soon as possible, so you don't miss out!

Curry night at Mr India is coming soon! Tuesday 21st November, 7:30pm. Tickets are £20, and include mixed starters, main and naan. For more information or to buy tickets, please contact Natalie Ross [\(07770\) 763330](tel:07770763330). If you have already let Natalie know you will be attending many thanks, please make your payment from next week.

Next Friday (10th) is mufti day. Instead of money we are asking for tombola donations for the school bazaar. Please bring a bottle for the adult tombola (could be wine, bubble bath or ketchup!) or sweets/chocolates for the children's tombola. FOLS will be collecting all donations at the top of the school hill on the morning of the 10th.

Children's artwork Christmas cards/mugs - please return your form and payment to a member of the FOLS committee on **Tues 7th or Weds 8th November**, this is to ensure the items arrive in plenty of time. Volunteers will be visible at the top of school hill at school drop off/pick up times to collect your forms and money.

And finally.... our spooky cake sale raised an amazing £170 which FOLS will donate to the new art wall project. Thanks to everyone who baked or bought a cake, it all makes a huge difference!

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.

LOUDWATER COMBINED SCHOOL Calendar of events for 2017-18

		<u>November</u> 9 th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 17 th Children in Need 23 rd Values Assembly Y6 24 th Flu Vaccinations for FS – Y4 children
<u>December</u> 1 st Christmas Bazaar 7 th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 12 th Key Stage 2 Christmas Production 2pm & 7pm 13 th 9.30am Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 14 th 2.30pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 18 th Christmas Service am Christmas Activities pm 19 th School closes at 2pm for Christmas break	<u>January</u> 3 rd Training day for teachers 4 th Children return to School 31 st Values Assembly Y3	<u>February</u> 7 th & 8 th Parent/Teacher Consultations 12 th – 16 th Half term break 19 th Return to School 28 th Values Assembly Y2
<u>March</u> 22 nd Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 23 rd Red Nose Day 27 th & 28 th Parent/Teacher Consultations Y6 28 th Values Assembly Y5 29 th School closes at 2pm for Easter Break	<u>April</u> 16 th Children return to School 25 th & 26 th Parent/Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5)	<u>May</u> 3 rd Values Assembly Y4 7 th Bank Holiday 10 th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 14 th Year 6 SATs Week 21 st Year 5 Assessment Week 24 th Values Assembly Y5 25 th School Closed Training Day for teachers 28 th – 1 st Half term break
<u>June</u> 4 st Children return to School 11 th -14 th Residential Visit to Green Park Y6 21 st Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 28 th Values Assembly FS 29 th School closed teacher training day	<u>July</u> 3 rd Secondary School Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting 6 th Annual Reports 12 th Sports Day 17 th Reserve Sports Day 19 th Values Assembly Y6 23 rd 7.00pm Y6 Leavers Production 24 th 9.30am Y6 Leavers Presentation Assembly 24 th School closes at 2pm for summer break	<u>Class Assemblies</u> <u>Spring term</u> 9.05 Start 18 th January - Year Six 25 th January – Year Two 1 st February – Year Five 22 nd February - Year One 8 th March – Year Three 15 th March – Year Four 22 nd March - Foundation Stage

Forthcoming Events:



GET READY FOR



PUDSEY'S ROUND POUND COUNTDOWN

**THE HUNT FOR
ROUND POUNDS IS ON**

From 15 October, round pound coins will be going out of circulation.

There are still millions to be found, so join the treasure hunt and check your jam jars, money boxes and down the back of the sofa to see how many you can find. Head to bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/resources for more ideas.

Get involved and put your round pounds to good use. Donating them to BBC Children in Need will help us to change the lives of children and young people throughout the UK.

Bring your pounds to:

by:



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