



Loudwater Combined School

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LOUDWATER UPDATE

Friday 25th October 2019

Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

October 28th to November 1st - Half term break

Thursday October 31st - Last day to apply for secondary school places online (Y6)

Monday November 4th - School reopens for the autumn term

Y6 walking to Flackwell Heath Library

Thursday November 7th - Open Day (9.00 – 10.00 & 2.00 – 3.00)

Sunday November 10th - Remembrance Sunday

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

In Foundation stage this week we have been reading the story 'Not Now Bernard' and have been role playing the things that Bernard might have said to the monster. We have then tried to use the letter sounds that we know to write speech for the characters.

We have also been using the characters from the story to practise our counting and start to carry out additions. We have been doing really well with our PE lessons and we are getting more independent at changing. In Phonics we have learnt the sounds b, f, h, and l, and we have been learning to recognise the tricky words - the, I, no, go and to.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Phase2Menu.htm>

Year One

In English we have been planning for our rumpus! We have made jelly and jam sandwiches. We had to follow and write instructions. We also learnt that instructions need to start with an imperative verb. We wrote a postcard to mum in the role of Max. Lots of us apologised to mum for being so grumpy!

In maths we have been learning about the names and properties of 3d shapes. We went on a 3d shape treasure hunt around school which we all enjoyed. We spent some time sorting 3d shapes according to their properties. We focussed on using the vocabulary curved and straight.

In topic we talked about what things have happened in the past and how we can find out about them. We worked together to make a questionnaire to find out how life was different for older members of our family

Useful websites

In ICT we have been using the programme <https://thisissand.com> to improve our mouse skills. Also please revisit the websites mentioned on previous newsletters.

Can I please remind you that the children do need jogging bottoms and sweatshirts for PE as we will be outside whatever the weather if possible.

Year Two

This week, in Year 2, we have been continuing to write our Great Fire of London information books in English and Topic lessons. We have written the different chapters and created a front cover, back cover, contents page and glossary. In Phonics we have been revising the rules for adding the suffixes -s and -es to create a plural. In Maths we have been focusing on 1/10 more and 1/10 less than a number, as well as learning how to add a 2-digit number and single digit number by bridging the tens. E.g. $26 + 7 = 33$.

We can work this out by partitioning the 7 into **4** and **3**, so $26 + 4 = 30$ and $30 + 3 = 33$.

On Thursday we presented our facts about Bernard Harris, the astronaut who was the first African-American to walk in space, to the rest of the school in our Black History Month assembly.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/kids-activities/fun-maths-games-and-activities/>
Please practise the add and subtract to/from 20 activities.

Year Three

This week in English, we have planned, written and edited our newspaper reports for Mr Wolf's trial from our text of 'The True Story of The Three Little Pigs'. In Maths, we have consolidated our learning of column methods by completing missing number problems, and using the inverse to check our answers. In art we have been making poppies. We have used collage materials, pencils and crayons. In History we have made our research projects about Roman life and we are looking forward to presenting them to each other. In Science, we have investigated the different features of a range of rocks such as slate, marble, granite, sandstone, basalt and limestone using magnifying glasses. We used terminology such as smooth, rough, hard, soft, shiny and permeable to describe what we observed.

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Romans.html>

Year Four

We had a great time on our school trip to the Living Rainforest on Tuesday! We learnt about all the different adaptations that plants and animals have in order to survive in such a complex environment such as a tropical rainforest. We saw a great variety of animals including a two-toed sloth, pygmy marmosets, a yellow-knobbed curassow, a channel billed toucan and many more! In our English and topic lessons, we have been using what we learnt at the Living Rainforest to write explanations about the adaptations these animals have developed to live in rainforests. In our maths lessons this week, we have been looking at mental and written methods of addition and subtraction. We have learnt when we would choose to use a mental method versus a written method and practised both of these methods, before applying our addition and subtraction knowledge to solve problems.

<https://livingrainforest.org/resources-categories/plant-animal-profiles>

Year Five

We have focussed on proofreading, editing and improving our final balanced arguments in English. We will continue to practise the art of scanning our work for punctuation and spelling errors, and know how important it is to show we are striving to include high quality vocabulary and structure in our work. We have ended the week by comparing two real-life evacuee experiences and writing a letter home from a child in a similar situation. We discussed how interesting it is to listen to older people discussing their wartime experiences, some of which have been very emotional. In Topic we created informative posters reflecting the life and work of Katherine Johnson, who we celebrated in our sharing assembly on Thursday. We also made a rationing recipe; 'syrup loaf' which, despite having no eggs or fat, was surprisingly tasty! We were able to link our cookery to our recent Science work around irreversible changes. In Maths this week we have continued to practise our addition and subtraction skills. We revised RUCSAC for word problems and know that this helps us to choose the operation we need to use. We have started to look at two and multi-step word problems and are learning how important it is to carefully read and really understand the question before choosing our solving method.

How to write a fantastic book review: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/writing-tips/writing-tips-for-teens/how-to-write-a-book-review/>

Year Six

In English we have written a sci-fi/fantasy narrative based on the short film 'Eye of the Storm'. We have written about the pilot flying into the eye, what happens inside the eye and also what happens when he comes out the other side. We have tried our best to include the features and skills we have been practising such as: amplification, expanded noun phrases, varied openers, powerful verbs and figurative language. In Maths we have been multiplying whole numbers up to 4 digits by a two digit number using long multiplication. We have also been calculating mentally with larger number using factorising. In Topic we have been developing our

understanding of the impact of common drugs and other commonly consumed substances.

After half term, please could the children bring in a shoebox – details of how this will be transformed will follow!

Website:- Anglo Saxons – Great for pre-topic research

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/story-of-britain-anglo-saxon-britain/zdh2t39>

Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
04/10/19	Did not attend Assembly	Aoife-Rose	Freddie	Mason S	Milla	Rohan	Ryan
11/10/19	Did not attend Assembly	Max	Finlay	Ayaan	Amaya	Ryan	Thomas
18/10/19	Did not attend Assembly	Kelci	Michael	Kristina	Raza	Oscar	Kyle
25/10/19	Did not attend Assembly	Mannan	Callum	Tyler	Lucas	Mason	Oliver S

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
04/10/19	Did not attend Assembly	Kendall Scarlett	Breagha Callum	Harry Jasmin	Lucas Chloe	Amber Romilly	James Niruja
11/10/19	Did not attend Assembly	Denise Mannan	Tilly Kacee	Stanley Amy	Keira Ruby	Grace Paige	Ryan Alice
18/10/19	Did not attend Assembly	Brooklyn Imogen	Evan Ellie-Louise	Isabelle Jacob R	Amber George	Zach Zahra	Jessica Harrison
25/10/19	Did not attend Assembly	Amirtaa Evalyn	Joseph Rose	Jacob R Caitlin	Amaaya Nisali	Lucy S Afia	Dominic Lexie

The Head Teacher Award this week goes to Cameron in Year 6 for showing great kindness towards a younger child and Lucy D in Year 5 for writing an amazing balanced argument.

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
04/10/19	95%	98%	99%	100%	99%	99%	99%
11/10/19	88%	99%	95%	100%	98%	98%	97%
18/10/19	90%	100%	98%	100%	99%	99%	96%
25/10/19	88%	99%	99%	97%	96%	99%	98%

Well done to Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 as they all achieved 99% attendance in the month of October. Their award for this will be a Mufti Day on Friday November 8th 2019.

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am.

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
04/10/19	2	4	3	3	4	0	2
11/10/19	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
18/10/19	3	4	3	0	4	2	4
25/10/19	2	1	1	1	2	0	3

House points for the week

	Beethoven	Mozart	Tchaikovsky	Elgar
04/10/19	214	262	245	289
11/10/19	193	124	185	201
18/10/19	84	65	88	93
25/10/19	108	117	135	116

October - Citizens of the Month

Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Kendall	Mia	Ciaran	Keira	Paige	Harrison

Flackwell Heath Library Visits

After half term, each class will be taking turns to visit Flackwell Heath Library. The visits will take place on a Monday morning. The children will have the opportunity to borrow books for their classroom and learn how a library operates. This is a very exciting opportunity and I am sure the children will value this experience. Your child will require appropriate warm or waterproof clothing for the walk depending on the weather.

Year Six	Year Five	Year Four	Year Three	Year Two	Year One	Foundation Stage
4 th November	18 th November	25 th November	2 nd December	13 th January	20 th January	27 th January

Kingsmead Carpark Resurfacing

Please note that the Kingsmead carpark will be resurfaced through half term and into the first week of our return. This will have an impact on parking when dropping your child at school. Although we realise the difficulties we would remind you that it is unacceptable to park or drive in School Way and please do not block our neighbours' drives or the crossing area.

Energize 2020

The choir will be taking part in Energize 2020 at the Wycombe Swan. Along with around twelve other schools they will be performing a musical called 'Out of this World'. The performance dates are March 19th and 21st 2020 at 7.00pm. We will be giving further information to our choir nearer the time.

Book Recommendation

Our book recommendation this week comes from Miss Weston. We have added her review to the end of this newsletter.

School Uniform

After half term children should no longer be wearing summer uniform: shorts and summer dresses. I would also like to draw your attention to the clear guidelines regarding the length of girls' skirts as detailed in previous newsletters. After half term we will be expecting all skirts to be no shorter than knee length.

Bags 2 School

You should have received your empty Bags 2 School ready to fill over the half term break. We will be collecting your full bags on Tuesday 19th November. Please do not bring the bags into school until the collection date as unfortunately we have nowhere to store them.

Flackwell Heath Bonfire Association

All tickets ordered and purchased via the Gateway have now been distributed. Have a fabulous time!

Parents' Forum

The minutes for the Parents' Forum meeting held on 3.10.19 are attached to the newsletter

An Invitation from Chiltern Rangers:

Join us at Carver hill to help with scrub management to improve the habitat for warblers, thrush and butterflies.

Our task is to keep time from claiming the chalk grassland and turning it into less valuable secondary woodland. We achieve this by cutting down scrub and cutting and raking the grass. This keeps the sward open, removes thatch (dead grass). Thus prevents the soil becoming enriched as the grass rots down. Therefore allowing the delicate wildflowers to germinate.

We would love for you and your family to join us and help us continue to improve the environment for wildlife.

Meeting point is the footpath adjacent to 45 Carver Hill Road, High Wycombe HP11 2TZ
Wear supportive shoes as we are working on a slope. Bring a packed lunch if staying all day.

All Tools, gloves, hot & cold drinks supplied.

For more information, contact: info@chilternrangers.co.uk

Message from the School Council

After half term the School Council will be launching their wrapper free Wednesday initiative to try to cut plastic waste. Please look at the end of this Update for further information.

It has been a busy and exciting half term and the time has flown by! I hope that next week you will all have a super half term and enjoy spending time with loved ones and friends. All the staff and children have worked very hard and I hope they will enjoy a well-earned break.

School re-opens for the second half of the autumn term on Monday 4th November.

Yours faithfully

Clare Cunningham

Mrs C Cunningham
Head teacher

Update

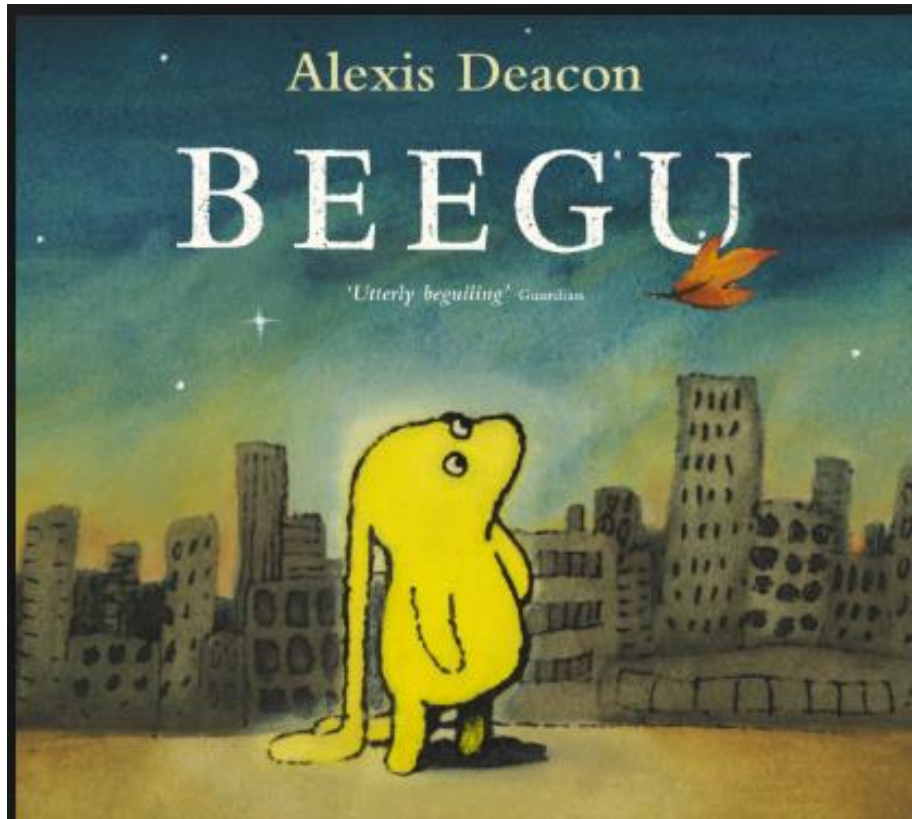
As you are aware we have moved to sending out our update via email. Due to the GDPR, we are only able to continue sending out to those of you who have agreed, by email, for us to do so. If you know of anyone not receiving their weekly newsletter please make them aware of this procedure.

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.

This Week's Book Recommendation

Beegu by Alexis Deacon



Beegu is a really lovely picture book about a small lost alien who is far away from home and her family. She wanders around a city and meets lots of earth creatures but none of them are very friendly or helpful until she finds herself in a school playground. The children are very welcoming but then a grumpy grown up comes along and spoils the fun!

For me, this book really demonstrates the importance of our values of kindness, compassion and friendship. It is a book that I love sharing with my family and although it is a picture book I would recommend it for children and adults alike as it has a really important message.

The illustrations are beautiful and it is a story that you will remember for a long time.

I hope you enjoy it as much as I do.

Miss Weston

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Calendar of Events for 2019-20

	<p><u>October</u> 28th – 1st Half term break 31st Last day to apply for secondary school places online (Y6)</p>	<p><u>November</u> 4th Return to school 7th Open Day (9.00 – 10.00 & 2.00 – 3.00) 10th Remembrance Sunday 11th pm Visit from Pudsey 15th Children in Need TBC 19th Bags 2 School 20th Year 6 Height and Weight 28th Y6 Values Assembly 28th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00 – 3.00)</p>
<p><u>December</u> 6th Christmas Bazaar 10th 2.30pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 11th 9.30am Key Stage 1 Christmas Production, 2.00pm & 7.00pm Key Stage 2 Christmas Production 16th Pupils' Christmas Lunch 18th Christmas Service am Christmas Activities pm 19th School closes at 2pm for Christmas break</p>	<p><u>January</u> 7th Children return to School 9th Open Day (9.00 – 10.00) 29th Y1 Values Assembly</p>	<p><u>February</u> 10th & 13th Parent/Teacher Consultations 17th – 21st Half term break 24th Return to School 27th Y2 Values Assembly</p>
<p><u>March</u> 9th – 13th Sport Relief 12th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30) 16th – 22nd Shakespeare Week 30th & 2nd Parent/Teacher Consultations Y6</p>	<p><u>April</u> 3rd School closes at 2pm for Easter Break 20th Children return to School 27th & 30th Parent/Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5)</p>	<p><u>May</u> 8th Bank Holiday 11th Year 6 SATs Week 18th Year 5 Assessment Week 22nd School Closed Training Day for teachers 25th – 29th Half term break</p>
<p><u>June</u> 1st Children return to School 1st – 5th Art Week 4th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00 – 3.00) 9th – 12th Residential Visit to Green Park Y6 15th – 19th Assessment Week Y1, Y3 & Y4 16th – 19th Art Exhibition 22nd – 29th Science Week</p>	<p><u>July</u> 3rd School closed training day for teachers 6th – 10th Greek/Olympic Week 7th Secondary School Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting 9th Annual Reports to Parents 10th Sports Day 14th Reserve Sports Day 20th 7.00pm Y6 Leavers Production 21st 9.30am Y6 Leavers Presentation Assembly 21st School closes at 2pm for summer break</p>	<p><u>Values Assemblies</u> All Start at 9.05am 28.11.19 – Thurs – Generosity Y6 29.01.20 – Weds – Honesty Y1 27.02.20 – Thurs – Love Y2 31.03.20 – Weds – Forgiveness Y6 30.04.20 – Tues – Perseverance Y4 21.05.20 – Thurs – Self-belief Y3 25.06.20 – Thurs – Creativity Y5 16.07.20 – Thurs – Individuality FS</p>

WRAPPER FREE WEDNESDAY!!



Have your pack lunch with no plastic in at all!!! You can bring your own lunch box. Will you be able to do it children vs teachers! Every Wednesday if you have a pack lunch then come in without any plastic wrapping for your food. You can enjoy new food that has no plastic. You can also buy paper bags to put your sandwiches and nibbles in. Now for your drink don't worry you can bring a plastic reusable water bottle and maybe a carton of juice. The best things to use are tin foil, paper and even beeswax!! Plastic free Wednesdays aren't just good for the environment it's also good for you. Come on plastic busters are you up for the challenge!!!!



As many of you will know **Loudwater Combined School** is registered with Easyfundraising.

Easyfundraising is a great website where you can help Loudwater Combined School raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 3,600 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S.

Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you' and it's completely free too!



However, FOLS have recently become aware that the way that donations are raised on Amazon purchases has changed and we are losing out on valuable donations! If you link to Amazon via the Easyfundraising website or the Easyfundraising App then there is no issue, but if you go direct to the Amazon website or use the Amazon app on your smartphone/tablet, then this is where the change means donations are no longer being received.

When you click to Amazon via Easy Fundraising it will take you to AmazonSmile website. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices and shopping features as [Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk). The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to your chosen charity.

We have now registered the Friends Of Loudwater School (FOLS) charity on AmazonSmile to be able to collect donations. When you first visit AmazonSmile, please select Friends of Loudwater School as your chosen charity. After this all your future Amazon purchases will raise money for the school.

Whilst there is no AmazonSmile App, it is easy enough to make sure that you use the AmazonSmile website to make your purchases. Please see the instructions below how to [change and select the school as your chosen charity](#) and [add the shortcut for AmazonSmile to your smartphone/tablet](#)

How to use AmazonSmile on your iphone / IOS

1. If you have the Amazon App installed, you should remove it. To do this, tap and hold the app icon until it starts jiggle. Tap the cross at the top left of the icon and confirm that you want to delete it. Don't worry, this will not delete your Amazon account or any of your settings.
2. You now need to go online via Safari (the iPhone internet browser) and go to smile.amazon.co.uk. Select Friends of Loudwater School as your charity. If not prompted to do this, click the three lines in top LH corner



Scroll down to **Your AmazonSmile**, click change your charity, type Loudwater School in the search box and press search and select **Friends Of Loudwater School**



3. Now, tap the square shaped 'share' button on the bottom of the screen.
4. Tap the 'Add to Home Screen' icon. You may need to swipe to the left to see this:
5. You will now have an AmazonSmile icon on your home screen which you can use in exactly the same way you used the Amazon App.

How to use AmazonSmile on your android phone

1. If you have the Amazon App installed, you should remove it. Don't worry, this will not delete your Amazon account or any of your settings.
2. You now need to go online and go to smile.amazon.co.uk. Select Friends of Loudwater School as your charity.
3. Now, you need to click the three dots in the top right corner and 'Add to Home screen'
4. You will now have an AmazonSmile icon on your home screen which you can use in exactly the same way you used the Amazon App.

Calm down and have some fun

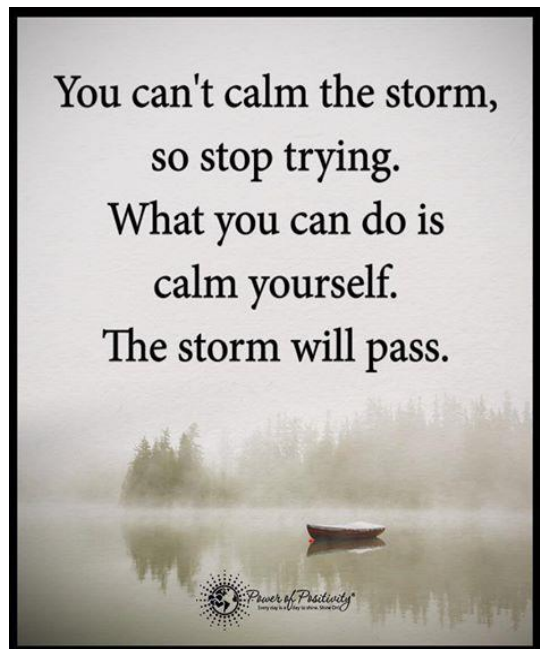


Learn calm down, relaxation and breathing techniques you can use with your children to help them better manage their emotions. Mindfulness delivered in a fun and accessible way. Ideas and activities for helping children (and adults!) to calm down Stories, Craft, Songs, Music, Drawing, Imagination, Physical exercise, Nature

Where: Loudwater School
When: Wednesdays
What time: 3.30pm to 4.15pm
Next date: 6th November 2019

For more information contact
Jackie Boyce Family Support
Advisor through the School office
01494 524919

You can't calm the storm,
so stop trying.
What you can do is
calm yourself.
The storm will pass.





HALLOWEEN Competition

It's time to get
creative!

We are looking for fun, spooky Halloween pictures, great ghoulish book covers and/or scary short stories!

Prizes for - Under 7yrs and 7yrs to 11yrs
Remember to give your name, age and contact details [phone or email] and hand your entry into
Flackwell Heath Community Library



Competition closing
date

Thursday 31st

October





South Bucks Children's Book Group



SPACE CRAFT

Come and join us
for some fun,
space inspired,
crafts and activities
for ages 6-11



Date-
**Saturday 2nd
November
2019**

Time-
1.30-3.30 pm

Venue-
**Wrights Meadow
Community Centre
Wycombe Marsh
HP11 1SQ**

Tickets-
£5 non members £4 SBCBG members

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Refreshments available and books for sale.
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December Sunday 22nd December
Saturday 14th December



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