



Loudwater Combined School

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LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th March 2019

Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Monday April 1st – Years 4 & 5 Visit to St Peter's Church

Wednesday April 3rd – Coffee Morning with Jackie Boyce between 9.00-10.00

Thursday April 4th – Year 5 Adams Park Visit

Friday April 5th – School closes at 2pm for Easter Break

FOLS Great Easter Egg Swap

This is a very simple, yet egg-cellent way to help our local charity, The One Can Trust. During next week we are asking the children to bring in an item that is on the list below that would be particularly useful to the Trust. On Friday all those who have brought in an item to swap will receive an Easter Egg as thanks for your support.

One Can Trust Shopping List: UHT milk, tinned ham or corned beef, tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables, peas or sweetcorn, tinned meatballs or hot dogs, tinned meat meals, round pies, pasta sauce, jam, rice, tinned fruit, soap, shampoo, shower gel, toothbrushes.

Value of the month

Our value of the month for April is Kindness. In our assemblies and PSCH sessions next week and after the holiday our questions of the week will include:

- What are the qualities you have which make you a kind person?
- Who has been kind to you recently?
- What are your responsibilities if someone else is not being kind?

Our inspirational person for the month is Tanni Grey Thompson; we will be exploring her life and achievements and what we can learn from them, in particular this will include resilience. At the end of the month Year 6 will be leading our values assembly to share their learning – parents and carers are warmly welcomed to attend.

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

In Foundation Stage we have spent some time rehearsing for our Class Assembly, which we performed to the whole school and our families on Thursday. It went very well and the whole class were given the Gold Award because the adults were very proud of all of us. We also had a drama workshop about Romeo and Juliet as part of Shakespeare Week. We worked with Year One to create the opening part of the story, where the Capulets and the Montagues show that they are feuding families. At the end of the day we performed our part to the school and then watched the rest of the story, performed by the other year groups. Watching and being part of this performance was an amazing introduction to Shakespeare for us.

We have also been writing about our favourite bears and counting bears.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freeIndex.htm> Phase 2 and 3 activities

Year One

Another busy week in Year 1!

This week has been Shakespeare week and we all enjoyed taking part in our drama workshop. As a school we retold the story of Romeo and Juliet. Year 1 had the task of setting the scene and introducing the main characters. We had a brilliant time.

We also created a class fact file about William Shakespeare. We learnt lots of interesting facts about him.

We watched the latest images from our 'Badger Cam'. We saw a close up of a fox and watched a badger collecting material to make his sett nice and comfy. We enjoyed collecting and writing information about badgers after this.

We have been learning even more about fractions this week in Maths. We were able to solve problems involving halving.

In topic we have been learning about the seasons. We went for a spring walk around school and talked about all the changes that we have noticed. We have especially noticed that the birds are now singing more. We have been lucky enough to see robins, blue-tits and great-tits using the birdfeeders from out of our classroom window.

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

This is great for quick recall of number bonds to 10 and 20, doubles and halves of numbers.

Year Two

This week, in Year 2, we have been celebrating Shakespeare Week! On Monday we took part in a West End in Schools workshop based on Romeo and Juliet. At the end of the day we performed our section of the story to the whole school. It was very impressive and lots of fun! We have spent the week learning about the story of Romeo and Juliet. We sequenced events from the play, wrote a diary entry as a guest at Lord Capulet's party, created a letter from Friar Laurence to tell Romeo about Juliet's plan and invented our own sleeping potion recipe. In Phonics we have been revising silent letters w, g and k. In Maths, we have been finding ways to pay for items using the least amount of coins possible and adding and subtracting amounts of money. We bought items from the 'Potion Shop' to create a potion for Juliet, added the price of the items and calculated our change. We spent our topic time rehearsing for our values assembly. The children did really well, especially when the CD decided to stop but we carried on showing great resilience!

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/money/toy-shop-money>

Select the pink button (mixed coins) then select 'Up to £1'. You can practise bigger amounts if you are confident with amounts up to £1.

Year Three

In English this week we have been learning all about William Shakespeare's, Romeo and Juliet. We started by exploring some Shakespearean language and how it is different and the same as the language that we use today. We have also written character descriptions and re-told the story by organising statements into chronological order.

In Maths this week we have been looking at multiplying and dividing numbers by 10 and how 0 acts as a placeholder. We have completed missing number problems, using scaling as a mental calculation strategy as well as in measurements. To end the week we looked at solving multiplication, division and scaling problems.

We have been particularly busy in the afternoons this week. We were lucky to be part of an amazing workshop on Monday afternoon that looked into the story of Romeo and Juliet. We have also created an informative piece of writing on Shakespeare, using our Home Learning to help us as well as creating puppets from the play.

<http://www.kidsloveshakespeare.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/RJsummary.pdf>

Year Four

We enjoyed our Shakespeare workshop on Monday, in which we learnt about the different characters in Romeo and Juliet. We acted out the scene where the Capulets and Montagues fight in the street and Prince Escalus orders them to stop! In our English lessons, we have been writing diary entries for Romeo, describing his thoughts about the events leading up to him meeting Juliet on the balcony.

In maths this week, we have continued our work on fractions and decimals. We have converting between fractions and decimals, including writing tenths and hundredths as decimals, as well as a half, quarter and three quarters. We have also looked at the effect of dividing a one or two digit number by 10 or 100.

In our topic lessons, we have looked at the water cycle. We have learnt the different features of rivers such as the source, mouth and meanders. We have also looked at different rivers around the world, finding the location of these using atlases and finding out facts about them.

<https://www.coolkidfacts.com/famous-rivers/>

Year Five

This week in English, Year five have really enjoyed getting to know the play Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare. We performed brilliantly during our workshop on Monday and have been focusing particularly on the scene where Tybalt kills Mercutio, then Romeo kills Tybalt and is banished. We have freeze framed the key events in this scene and interviewed the main characters involved. This will form the basis for a newspaper article next week.

In maths, we have been using the short division method to answer questions with remainders. We then had to decide whether these remainders need to be rounded up or down, depending on what the question had asked. We have also been revising different areas of maths in our daily warm ups, including adding fractions, squared numbers and converting units of measurement.

In topic lessons, we have been investigating the force of friction. We have designed and carried out investigations to find out which types of materials have a lot of friction, and which materials have little friction. We have then looked at how friction can affect the speed at which an object travels.

BBC Mission Friction: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p04zz19n>

Year Six

This week has been Shakespeare Week! On Monday we enjoyed a fantastic workshop where we acted out part of the story of Romeo and Juliet. At the end of the day we came together with the rest of the school to perform the whole tragic tale. We have written diary entries as either Romeo or Juliet at the point when Romeo has been banished. We have also started to plan a newspaper report on a significant event in the story. Our spelling focus this week has been silent letters. In Maths we have been consolidating our understanding of: finding the area of rectangles; solving problems involving area; finding the area of parallelograms and triangles; finding the volume of cubes and cuboids and using and applying simple ratio to a real problem. Our Topic lessons this week have been linked to Shakespeare Week. We have been discovering facts about Verona, such as where it is, what the weather is like there, how we could travel there. We have researched places that could be visited in Verona that are linked to Shakespeare.

KS2 Maths Quizzes

<https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/maths/>

Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
01/03/19	Darcy A	Ruby	Mason S	Faith	Baylee	Cameron	Tyler
08/03/19	Molly	Emily	Ayaan	Isabella	Kobee	Kyle	Not at assembly
15/03/19	Mei	Esa	Aundreah	Natasha	Poppy	James	Ell
22/03/19	Joshua	John	Emily	Milla	Whole Class	Adam	Tishanna
29/03/19	Whole Class	Leo	Jacob P	Reece	Ruby	Lily	Stanley

The Head teacher's Award this week goes to Thomas in Year 5 showing compassion through his idea of having a mufti day to raise money for those affected by Cyclone Idai -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
01/03/19	Denise Scarlett	Evan Ellie-Louise	Shayley Tyler	Logan W Rachel	Grace Jacob	Kyle Romisha	Shay Angel
08/03/19	Joshua Azhaan	Eleithyia John	Ciaran Andreea	Lily R-C Milla	Zach Keira	Amaya Cameron	Not at assembly
15/03/19	Paige Max	Freddie Rose	Benjamin Isabelle	Amaaya Blake	Kobee Poppy	Grace Ayaan A	Shannon Jennifer
22/03/19	Mannan Jack	Ruby Rose	Joshua Kristina	Logan S Alacia	Lucy S Xandros	Dominic Isabelle	Madison Stanley
29/03/19	Brooklyn Molly	Tilly Michael	Mason S Emy	Lilly W George	Romilly Keira	James Thomas	Shay Tishanna

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
01/03/19	97%	95%	97%	98%	98%	100%	99%
08/03/19	99%	98%	99%	97%	98%	96%	99%
15/03/19	96%	96%	97%	93%	89%	97%	99%
22/03/19	96%	99%	100%	98%	99%	99%	94%
29/03/19	96%	96%	100%	99%	97%	96%	99%

Year 2 achieved 99% attendance in the month of March and have been awarded a Mufti Day on Thursday 4th April. Well done to the whole class.

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
01/03/19	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
08/03/19	6	0	0	3	1	0	1
15/03/19	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
22/03/19	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
29/03/19	0	1	0	0	0	2	0

House points for this week

	Beethoven	Mozart	Tchaikovsky	Elgar
01/03/19	223	152	248	238
08/03/19	245	230	163	246
15/03/19	154	220	183	229
22/03/19	143	176	158	254
29/03/19	122	215	163	142

Coffee Morning

Come and join Jackie Boyce for a coffee morning on Wednesday 3rd April between 9.00am and 10.00am. At this first meeting we will be thinking about 'Self Care' and exploring what further support would be useful for you and your child/ren.

Photographs

We have today received and distributed all ordered photographs. Please check your child's bag. Any queries should be made directly to the company.

Netball coach required

We will unfortunately, be losing our two very able coaches for next year. Mrs Merry and Mrs Dodsworth are no longer able to commit to leading our team and we require help on this front. If you know of any volunteers or you are able yourself, please contact the school office. We do not want to have to give up on our netball and we have until September to make other arrangements. Our thanks and best wishes go to both ladies, who will be with us until July.

Mufti day

Cyclone Idai has had a severe impact on the lives of many in Mozambique. Thomas in Year 5 has proposed that we have a mufti day to support the DEC appeal for the country. Next Friday the children will be able to come to school in their own clothes. The RAF are taking a key role in supporting the aid effort and so we suggest that clothes worn could be a combination of red white and blue to reflect their colours. We are asking for a minimum donation of 50p. Thanks in advance for your support.

Home-Learning for Key Stage 1

There are a range of learning activities that Key Stage 1 children can choose to engage with at home on the class pages of the school website. These are changed each half term. To ensure that parents of children in Year 1 and Year 2 are aware of what is available and how to find the activities we have arranged a short meeting to provide this information. Mrs Olcot will be demonstrating the materials on the website and how they could be used on Wednesday 1st May at 3.00pm in the Year 2 classroom. Please sign up on the gateway if you would like to attend.

Clubs for the last week of term

Please note that next week there will be no Home-Learning, Radio Club or Choir next week. The U-Sports clubs and netball club will be running as normal. All clubs will resume from the week beginning 29th April.

After School Clubs

The Gateway is open until April 5th to enrol your child in the netball after school club. Once enrolled they are welcome to stay on Tuesday between 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm. Also, the choir after school club runs on Thursday between 3.30 pm and 4.30 pm for those enrolled through the Gateway. We have also included the U-sport after school clubs letter and link as a separate attachment.

St Peter's Friday Evening Community Club

Lara and Ellie have asked me to let you know about this community club that is open to all children in Years 4, 5 and 6. The children can engage in a range of activities including crafts, cooking, dancing and football. There is also a tuck shop and an opportunity to listen to Bible stories. The club is free to attend and runs on Fridays from 5.00 – 6.30pm. If your child would like to attend just come along!

Inter-house Sports

Next week at school, we are running inter-house sports competitions! Foundation stage and Years 1 and 2 will be taking part in theirs on Tuesday afternoon, while Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 will be taking part in theirs on Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit in school on these days, including their PE t-shirt in the colour of their house.

Parents' consultation period on our proposal to convert to academy status.

The consultation period continues until the 5th April 2019 (end of term) so if you were not able to attend our meeting on March 7th or have further questions these can be sent or emailed to the school office. Minutes of the recent meeting are available on the School Website. http://www.loudwater.bucks.sch.uk/website/academisation_proposal/399526
The Trust's website has lots of useful information and can be found at: <https://www.odbst.org.uk/>.

Easter Cracked!

As part of our RE curriculum, Year 4 and Year 5 will be visiting St Peter's Church on Monday 1st April for an interactive workshop focusing on Easter. There is no charge for the workshop and we would like to use the consent you have already given for local walks for this event. The workshops provide information only and there is no element of worship included in them. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Shakespeare Workshop

As you will see from the in class comments, all the children benefitted from Monday's workshop. The amount of work and information the children get from these occasions is immeasurable. To keep being able to arrange these special events we do need your contributions, if you have not already paid the £3.50 required the Gateway is still open.

Gateway

There are a number of items on the Gateway waiting for your attention.

Year 6 – Green Park Residential	KS2– Choir Enrolment
KS2 – Netball Enrolment	Stationery Contribution
FS –Year 5 Parent Consultation Evening	Year 5 & 6 Football Fixture (1/4/19)
Year 5 & 6 Netball Tournament (27/4/19)	Year 5 Adams Park Event
Year 5 & 6 Netball Fixture (4/4/19)	(4/4/19)
Whole School - Shakespeare Workshop	

Hearing Dogs for the Deaf

You will be aware that on more than one occasion Hearing Dogs has visited the school much to the pleasure of the children and adults alike. This worthwhile cause have a number of fundraising events planned, in the area, during the spring. Why not enjoy a fun-filled sponsored walk with your furry friend. You can sign up today at www.hearingdogs.org.uk/greatbritishdogwalk . They have events in Reading at Beale Park on March 30th and Culden Faw Estate in Henley on April 28th.

Bags 4 Schools

Once again FOLS have organised this fundraising event. You have all the Easter break to rummage and fill your bags. This not only clears cupboards it is also a great help to the FOLS funds.

Emails

Please remember to check your emails as this is one of our preferred ways of contacting and informing our parents.

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, 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.

LOUDWATER COMBINED SCHOOL
Calendar of events for 2018-19

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>April</u></p> <p>1st Year 4 & 5 Visiting St. Peter's Church 3rd Coffee Morning with Jackie Boyce 5th School closes at 2pm for Easter Break 23rd Training day for teachers 24th Children return to School 25th Anxiety Course with Jackie Boyce 27th Netball Tournament – Kingsmead Netball Courts 29th Class Photographs 30th & 2nd Parent/Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>May</u></p> <p>1st Coffee Morning with Jackie Boyce 2nd Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00 – 3.00) 2nd Anxiety Course with Jackie Boyce 30th & 2nd Parent/Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5) 6th Bank Holiday 9th May Anxiety Course with Jackie Boyce 13th Year 6 SATs Week 16th May Anxiety Course with Jackie Boyce 20th Year 5 Assessment Week 23rd Anxiety Course with Jackie Boyce 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 5th Coffee Morning with Jackie Boyce 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 style="text-align: center;"><u>July</u></p> <p>3rd Coffee Morning with Jackie Boyce 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>Values Assemblies</u></p> <p>All Start at 9.05am 30th April - Kindness Y6 23rd May - Collaboration Y1 27th June - Respect Y5 18th July - Happiness FS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Class Assemblies</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Spring term</u> Start at 9.05am</p>

Parents Anxiety Course

Overcoming your child's fears and worries

Is your child struggling with anxieties?

Would you like you and your child to be able to take back control of your lives?

This practical course sets out to help you identify the patterns or cycles that you and/or your child may have got stuck in and equipping you with additional skills and strategies either to break these cycles or prevent them from occurring.



This is a 5 week course, 2 hours per week, we aim to create a safe, non-judgemental and supportive environment for you to learn and share experiences.

Course dates

Thursdays 9.15am to 11.30am

25th April 2nd May 9th May 16th May 23rd May

If you have any questions or would like to book onto this course please contact

Jackie Boyce Family
Support Advisor through
the School Office on
01494 524919



WORRIER POSE

Gemma CORRELL

Coffee Mornings



Come and join me, Jackie, for an informal chat over a coffee at Loudwater School on the first Wednesday of every month from 9am to 10am.

April 3rd May 1st June 5th July 3rd

It's easy to get caught up in the continuous cycle of work, sleep, and more work. After a while, your body screams in protest and demands you pay attention to its needs. Your body and mind deserve some rest. In just a few minutes a day you can find small ways to take care of yourself that don't cut into your busy schedule.

Here are 10+ ways to take care of yourself every day.

1. Exercise your body for a happy mind.
2. Quick morning meditation
3. Read a book or a magazine.
4. Call an old friend.
5. Schedule time for yourself.
6. Unplug from technology.
7. Take a pre-made meal to eat for lunch.
8. Get enough sleep.
9. Make your weekend about you, not work.
10. Remind yourself that you are fabulous.



**For more information contact me through the School office,
Jackie Boyce Family Support Advisor**

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 starting 1st May

What time: 3.30pm to 4.00pm

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



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



What is a Gang Show?

The tradition of Gang Shows was started by the late Ralph Reader, CBE, in 1932. Our show is a mix of the old & new, music, comedy & dance performed by a cast from local Scouting and Guiding groups.

In Support Of



Y.E.S. Wycombe offers free and confidential support, information and counselling to young people (13-25) in the High Wycombe area
www.yeswycombe.org

Get your tickets today

Visit the website and buy online

or

Call: 01494 854234

SHOW TIMES

Wednesday 10th - Friday 12th April 2019

7.30PM

Saturday 13th April 2019

2PM & 7.30PM

*BSL Interpreted Performances on
Thursday @ 7.30pm & Saturday @ 2pm*

TICKETS: £10

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE

LOCATION

LANCASTER ARTS CENTRE

Wycombe Abbey School

High Wycombe

Bucks

HP11 1PE

*The energy and enthusiasm just takes my
breath away*

highwycombegangshow.co.uk



EASTER CRAFTS

Calling all children...

**Come along and try
your hand at making
Easter Cards and fun
decorations. All welcome**



Saturday April 6th

**10.15am -
12.30pm**



**Flackwell Heath Library,
Chapel Road. Flackwell Heath.**

FREE No booking required.

Children need to be accompanied by an adult.