



## Loudwater Combined School

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# LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

## Friday April 20th 2018

Dear Parents,

### Important Calendar Dates

Wednesday and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April – Parent Consultation Evenings (FS – Y5)  
Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup> April – Foundation Stage Vision Tests

News from the classes this week:

#### Foundation Stage

This week everyone in Foundation Stage has come back from their break with a brilliant attitude and an enthusiasm for learning, which is wonderful. We have started our new topic which is about Animals and Mini-beasts. We have listened to the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and have written speech for him and shopping lists. We have also looked at a famous collage by Matisse called 'The Snail', which inspired us to make our own Snail collages. In maths we have been finding the number that is 1 more or 1 less and we have been learning about larger numbers.

BBC Schools: Numbertime: Numbers 11 to 20 - Number 11 - YouTube

[https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=uu\\_v-Q1zRJ0](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=uu_v-Q1zRJ0)

Preview YouTube video BBC Schools: Numbertime: Numbers 11 to 20 - Number 11



#### Year One

On Monday, in English, Year 1 shared their holiday news. It was lovely to find out how busy they had all been despite the weather! This week our new text is 'The Three Little Pigs'. Year 1 found out that this is a traditional tale and we learnt about the features of this type of story. We worked in pairs to sequence the story and then retold the story. This writing was brilliant! We have also been learning about plurals of words.

In maths we have been busy measuring. We have been using centimetres to measure our classroom equipment. We have also been investigating objects that are longer, shorter or the same as 30cm. We have been measuring inside and outside of the classroom.

This week we have been introduced to our new topic of 'Buildings'. We brainstormed what we already knew about buildings. We talked about the types of homes that we live in and drew them. We also made a bar chart to show the type of homes we live in.

A big thank you for the amazing total raised for the hearing dogs. The children have taken home a leaflet to show how the money could be spent.

[www.phonicsplay](http://www.phonicsplay) practice phases 3, 4 and 5

[www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/coconut-ordering](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/coconut-ordering) (choose ordering length)

### **Year Two**

Year 2 have returned to school after the Easter break happy and ready to learn! We have been excited to begin learning about Nocturnal Animals. In English, we have been reading 'The owl who is afraid of the dark' by Jill Tomlinson. We have described the character of Plop, responded to a letter from Plop, created a senses poem about the dark, written instructions for Plop and written a recount as the character of Plop. In Topic we have been sorting facts about nocturnal animals and sharing knowledge. In Maths, we have been revising addition. We have identified the next multiple of 10 to a range of numbers and added and subtracted 2 digit and single digit numbers using partitioning. In Phonics, we have been revising how to add suffixes to words ending in y and the rules that need to be applied.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zsshfg8>

### **Year Three**

This week in English, Year 3 has started a new text called 'Wolves in the Walls' by Neil Gaiman. We have predicted what we think might happen in the story by looking at the front cover and by reading the blurb. Towards the end of the week, we read the start of the story where Lucy believed that she could hear wolves for the first time. We all did a fantastic job of replicating the noises that she might have heard with classroom objects. In Maths, we have started a new unit on Multiplication and Division. We have discussed how these operations could help us in everyday life. We have discussed the importance of using arrays to help us break up and find answers to multiplication and division sentences using inverse operations. We have also touched on doubling and halving and how this is useful with recipes. We spoke about what we will be covering in this term's Topic of 'Shaping Up' and the children drew fantastic title pages! We also shared some fantastic pieces of Home Learning that we had worked exceptionally hard on over the Easter break – these are now displayed in the Library and Year 3! To end the week, we participated in a scavenger hunt that consisted of 30 questions that needed to be answered about the human body.

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/science/humanbody/body/factfiles/organs\\_anatomy.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/science/humanbody/body/factfiles/organs_anatomy.shtml)

### **Year Four**

In Year 4 we have started our new unit of work in English, based around the book 'Why the Whales Came' by Michael Morpurgo. We have met the characters and summarised our ideas about the mysterious character known as The Birdman. Later in the week, we wrote newspaper reports about an event that happened in the story.

During our maths lessons, we have been learning different methods of multiplication, including multiplying two and three digit numbers by a one digit number. We have focused on doing this using a column method of multiplication. We have also applied this learning to solve word problems.

During our topic lessons we have started our new unit called 'Bright Sparks'. We have presented our research which we completed over the holidays and shared some amazing facts about electricity. We have learnt how to build an electrical circuit and began an investigation into conducting materials and insulating materials.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/zxv482p>

### **Year Five**

In English this week, Year Five has started a new text – 'Gangsta Granny'. So far, we have been introduced to the character of Ben, and his many problems. We have written letters from Ben to an agony aunt, and have also written character descriptions of Granny. We are looking forward to finding out what happens in the story next.

In maths, Year Five has been learning about the reflection and translation of different shapes. We had great fun modelling 3D shapes using straws and blu-tac, and have started an investigation into the properties of different 3D shapes.

This week we have started a new topic called Existing, Endangered, Extinct. Year Five has been out identifying some of the trees found in the school grounds, and will use this information next week to conduct an investigation into the carbon mass of trees. We have also spent some time sketching the plants found within our local environment.

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

### Year Six

In English this week, we have been planning and writing a story based on our Hazard Alley trip. We have used our learning and experiences at Hazard Alley to write an exciting rescue story where we have been the hero. We have also continued to revise our grammar, punctuation and spellings. In Maths we have been revising and consolidating our learning of the area of triangles and parallelograms, the volume of cubes and cuboids and ratio and proportion. In Topic we have been completing our work on the classification of animals and plants and learning how some plants and animals adapt and evolve in order to survive in extreme environments. We have also started our new Topic 'Science Investigators' in which we will become forensic scientists so that we can solve a 'terrible crime' that has been committed in school.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/mental-maths>

### Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
20.04.18	Finley Sidney	Mason W	Rachel	Ruby	Harrison	Hewa	Keeley

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

	Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
20.04.18	Taaha Nathaniel	Benjamin Andreea	Adna Reece	Ryan Aundreah	Nayah Joshua	Efthymia Stanley	Geaorge Skye

### Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
20.04.18	94%	93%	98%	99%	92%	97%	90%

### Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
20.04.18	0	0	0	0	0	1	2

### House points for this week

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
20.04.18	178	171	209	167

Congratulations to Ruby, Nate and Paige for earning their pen licenses.

### House Captains and Vice

We are pleased to announce our new Captains and the Vice-Captains for the coming term.

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
Captain	Erin	Freya	Alice	Lilly
Vice-Captain	Charlotte	Nikola	Keeley	Harry

### **Warm Weather**

We are hopeful that the warm weather and sunshine will continue. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle and sunhat for their time outside at play. We would also ask that if sunscreen needs to be applied it is done so at home and not sent into school. If your child is a hay-fever sufferer and needs to wear sunglasses your consent for this is required and may be given on the Gateway.

### **Recycling Batteries**

The School Council have signed up to an initiative to encourage people to recycle old batteries. They were horrified to learn about the amount of batteries that are sent to landfill sites each year and that these batteries will take at least 100 years to break down. Each child has been provided with a battery collection box to take home; when these are full they can bring them in to our central collection points to empty. Don't worry if you lose your box, you can still bring them in! Any questions please see Miss Weston or any of the School Council members.

### **Photographs**

Photographs have been distributed today and any further orders must be made via the website noted on the proof. The children all look at their best and you must feel very proud as we do.

### **Parent Consultations**

Foundation Stage through to Year 5 will have their parent/teacher consultation evenings next week on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>. All appointment times have now been sent out.

### **After School Clubs**

We have now arranged our After School Clubs for the coming Summer Term. All clubs, including lunch time, will start week beginning April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The following clubs are organised by our outside providers and require booking online. There are places available in all clubs for all age groups. Please do not send your child to a club organised by an outside provider without first registering them online

#### **After School Clubs open to Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage**

<b>Monday</b>	Athletics	<a href="http://www.premier-education.com">www.premier-education.com</a>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Dodge Ball	<a href="http://www.u-sports.co.uk/school-coaching">www.u-sports.co.uk/school-coaching</a>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Play Active	<a href="http://www.premiersport.org">www.premiersport.org</a>
<b>Thursday</b>	Football	<a href="http://www.u-sports.co.uk/school-coaching">www.u-sports.co.uk/school-coaching</a>
<b>Friday</b>	Smart Raspberry	<a href="mailto:helentucker@smartraspberry.com">helentucker@smartraspberry.com</a>

#### **After School Clubs open to Key Stage 2**

<b>Monday</b>	Dance	<a href="http://www.premierperformingarts.co.uk">www.premierperformingarts.co.uk</a>
<b>Monday</b>	Athletics	<a href="http://www.premier-education.com">www.premier-education.com</a>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Netball	In School
<b>Wednesday</b>	Football	<a href="http://www.u-sports.co.uk/school-coaching">www.u-sports.co.uk/school-coaching</a>
<b>Thursday</b>	Dodgeball	<a href="http://www.u-sports.co.uk/school-coaching">www.u-sports.co.uk/school-coaching</a>
<b>Friday</b>	Cricket	<a href="http://www.u-sports.co.uk/school-coaching">www.u-sports.co.uk/school-coaching</a>
<b>Friday</b>	Smart Raspberry	<a href="mailto:helentucker@smartraspberry.com">helentucker@smartraspberry.com</a>

Wycombe Wanderers are running a football club for the girls in Years 2, 3 and 4. This has now been extended to include Year 1. The club will run on Tuesdays for 9 weeks starting from April 24<sup>th</sup>. Children will require PE kits, boots or trainers and shin pads. Please let the office know if your daughter is interested.

### **Value of the Month**

Our value of the month for April is perseverance. This value will be explored in assemblies and further discussed in classes during Personal, Social, Citizenship and Health Education (PSCHE) sessions. Some of the questions we will be discussing are:

- How will you achieve your goals?
- How can we become more resilient?
- How can we help and support each other to succeed?

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May our values assembly will be led by Year 4.

### **United Nations Anti-bullying Day**

For the first time this year, we will be marking the United Nations Anti-bullying awareness day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May. On this day there will be a focus in class and during assembly on how we can all prevent bullying and how this is tackled if a child is subject to bullying. This day will also be a non-uniform day when children may come to school in a pink, purple or blue shirt or t-shirt to symbolise a stand against bullying.

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](mailto: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**

<p align="center"><b><u>April</u></b></p> <p><b>25<sup>th</sup> &amp; 26<sup>th</sup></b> Parent/Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5)</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>May</u></b></p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> Values Assembly Y4  <b>4<sup>th</sup></b> Bags for School Collection  <b>4<sup>th</sup></b> United Nations Anti-bullying Awareness Day  <b>7<sup>th</sup></b> Bank Holiday  <b>10<sup>th</sup></b> Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 &amp; 2.00-3.00)  <b>14<sup>th</sup></b> Year 6 SATs Week</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>May</u></b></p> <p><b>21<sup>st</sup></b> Year 5 Assessment Week  <b>24<sup>th</sup></b> Values Assembly Y5  <b>25<sup>th</sup></b> <b>School Closed</b> Training Day for teachers  <b>28<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup></b> Half term break</p>
<p align="center"><b><u>June</u></b></p> <p><b>4<sup>th</sup></b> Children return to School  <b>11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup></b> Residential Visit to Green Park Y6  <b>21<sup>st</sup></b> Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 &amp; 2.00-3.00)  <b>28<sup>th</sup></b> Values Assembly FS  <b>29<sup>th</sup></b> School closed teacher training day</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>July</u></b></p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> Secondary School Induction Day (Y6)  New Parents Meeting  <b>6<sup>th</sup></b> Annual Reports  <b>12<sup>th</sup></b> Sports Day  <b>14<sup>th</sup></b> Summer Fete  <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> Reserve Sports Day  <b>19<sup>th</sup></b> Values Assembly Y6  <b>23<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>7.00pm</b> Y6 Leavers Production  <b>24<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9.30am</b> Y6 Leavers Presentation Assembly  <b>24<sup>th</sup></b> School closes at 2pm for summer break</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Class Assemblies</u></b></p>

## Emergency Services Charity Football Match & Family Day

Adams Park, High Wycombe  
**Sunday 27 May 2018**  
**12-4pm**



**Join us this half term at Adams Park, the home of Wycombe Wanderers for a fun day for all the family!**

Meet with police officers, firefighters and paramedics, try out the sirens and lights and watch how a fire is put out. At 2pm the Charity football match will kick-off between Thames Valley Police and Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue.

**Entry is free for everyone. Free parking will be available.**

Donations will be welcomed on the day with proceeds going to the following charities:



Thames Valley Police  
Benevolent Fund

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South Central  
Ambulance Service  
NHS Foundation Trust

