



Loudwater Combined School

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LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th September 2017

Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Monday 2nd September - Bag 2 School collection
Thursday 5th September - 7.00 pm FOLS AGM

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

In Foundation Stage we have all done really well, although we are quite tired, as we have been staying all day this week. We have been listening to the story of the resourceful Little Red Hen. We have been retelling the story and ordering it chronologically. We have been counting and recognising numbers and we have been learning to write them. We put on our wellies on Tuesday and went on an autumn walk. We collected lots of leaves and have been counting and sorting them. We have had our first phonics lessons this week and have learnt the sounds s, a, t, and p. You can build quite a few words with these sounds!

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/topics/autumn>

Year One

In English Year 1 has been enjoying The Gruffalo. We worked well together to sequence the story. We also sorted the characters that we would find in The Gruffalo. As a class we collected lots of super adjectives to describe the Gruffalo. We then wrote our own descriptions using some of these adjectives. In Maths this week the focus has been on subtraction. We have used cubes, pictures and number lines to help us. We have also been busy solving worded subtraction problems. It has been a very busy week in topic. On Monday we had a visit from Claire at Tesco. She talked to us about healthy eating and then we had a chance to taste a 'rainbow' of fruit and vegetables. We learnt a busy body song and labelled the external parts of the body. We also listened very carefully to our internet safety assembly.

www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=62

This site has lots of activities for healthy eating and naming parts of the body.

Year Two

This week Year 2 has been continuing to enjoy the story of George's Marvellous Medicine. We have written a diary as Grandma, created a senses poem about the medicine, written a letter as George and chosen our own genre in our Smart Write activity. In Phonics, we have continued to learn the rules for adding suffixes in order to aid their spelling. In Maths, Year 2 has been using place value knowledge to add 2-digit numbers to a single digit number, observing the changes to the tens when the units bridge 10. In Topic, we have begun learning about The Great Fire of London. We have sequenced events of the fire and retold the story through captioned pictures.

<http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/>

Year Three

In English this week, Year 3 has been looking at and understanding the features of calligrams. We had a look at a variety of poems by Robert McGough and Gina Dowthwaite before planning and writing our very own shape poem on a volcano. We worked particularly hard finding powerful adjectives and synonyms to put into our poems and experimented with different sizes and fonts of writing. In Maths this week, Year 3 started the week measuring and estimating the length of objects in cm and mm. We have used our understanding of place value and number to solve problems and have used Base 10 to recognise the value of each digit in a 3 digit number. Towards the end of the week we started to read and write numbers up to 500 in numerals and in words. In Topic this week, we have been using the Learnpads and Laptops to research information on different volcanoes. We have created our very own fact file that will be used next week.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/game/ma13tabl-game-tables-grid-find>

Year Four

In English this week Year 4 has been writing a class version of a Just So Story called How The Cheetah Got His Spots. We have been focusing on using a range of powerful verbs and adverbs to develop the characters in our story. We are now also thinking of ideas to use to write our very own Just So Story next week. During maths we have been learning mental and formal written methods of addition using four digit numbers. This has included when each method would be appropriate to use, and solving problems using the different methods of addition. Topic work has seen us start to look at habitats around school and how to classify animals based upon their features.

<http://www.ictgames.com/whackAMole/>

Year Five

This week in English, Year 5 has been continuing to read Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We have now met the other children who win golden tickets and have written fantastic character descriptions of Augustus Gloop. We have also been working on different descriptive devices to improve our writing. In maths Year Five has been focusing on decimal place value. We have converted ordered and compared decimal fractions and have been exploring the relationship between tenths and hundredths. In topic lessons Year 5 has finished writing up our melting investigation and has been learning about reversible and irreversible changes. We have also found out what happens when vinegar and bicarbonate and soda are mixed!

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zkqg87h>

Year Six

In English this week, we have been performing our play scripts 'The Great Mouse Plot'. We have also been writing the version of events from Mrs Pratchett's or Thwaites' point of view. We have read how Roald Dahl spent all of his summer holidays in Norway so we have been researching why visitors might want to go to Norway and have created persuasive advertisements. In Maths, we have been consolidating our understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages. Our activities have included: converting percentages into decimal and fractions and vice versa and applying these skills to problem solving and reasoning questions. In Topic, we have visited the Rye and explored the different facilities available to visitors. We have then written a report detailing the facilities and how they could possibly be improved.

Website: - <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/>

Values Award Winners. Our value for September was pride.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
29.6.17	Karolina	George	Grace	Nayah	Shannon	Oscar

Citizens of the month for September

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
29.6.17	Sanjeevan	Ellie	Urszula	James	Gabrielle	Lilly

Achievement Award Winners

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
15.9.17	Shayley	Logan S	Jack	James	Miguel	Aayda
22.9.17	Dexter	Charlie	Oscar	Romisha	Francesca	Rhys
29.9.17	Mason	Hollie	Nathan	Muaaz	Ell	Arianne

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
15.9.17	Mason S Mason W	Ellie Khamarion	Keira Lucy	Harrison Teyha	Macy Kyle	Mackenzie Tia
22.9.17	Harry Ella	Lucas Natasha	Romilly Kobee	Jessica Nayah	Shay Ell	Maia Oscar
29.9.17	Tyler Rayaan	Raza Amber	Poppy Zachary	Oliver Thomas	Eleanor Shannon	Sarah Maya

The **Head teacher's Award** this week goes to; Paris, Kyle, Eleanor and Max for their enthusiastic participation in the School Council Conference held earlier in the week.

During assembly certificates were also awarded to Sri, Jaiden, James and Oliver who attended a Year 4 Maths challenge at Davenies school in Beaconsfield (see below photograph), each pair worked brilliantly together – Well done!

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
15.9.17	100%	94%	99%	98%	99%	100%	93%
22.9.17	96%	93%	96%	97%	95%	98%	97%
29.9.17	98%	93%	98%	100%	99%	97%	98%

Congratulations to Years 3 and 5 who had the best attendance this month at 99%. Well done to all – there is a mufti day for both classes on Friday 6th October

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
15.9.17	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
22.9.17	0	1	1	0	0	1	2
29.9.17	0	0	0	0	1	1	1

House points for this week

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
15.9.17	235	180	228	254
22.9.17	173	179	192	258
29.9.17	270	159	169	235

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	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
September 2017	678 (2 nd)	518 (4 th)	589 (3 rd)	747 (1 st)

Davenies Maths Challenge



Y4 Davenies Maths Challenge

On Friday 22nd September, Sri, Jaiden, James and Oliver attended a Year 4 Maths challenge at Davenies School in Beaconsfield. Each pair worked brilliantly together in order to complete fluency, problem solving and reasoning questions. Well done to all those that participated!

E-Safety presentations for parents

As you are aware, we held two E-Safety sessions on Thursday; for those parents who attended, I think we all agreed that it was time well spent and certainly reinforced the need for vigilance in the world that we live in. We want to ensure that all parents have access to up to date information about how the internet can be used safely and effectively by children at home and on a range of devices. We all need to be fully informed and able to make the best use of technology whilst at the same time knowing how to protect our children from inadvertently accessing content which is not appropriate for their age group.

For further information please visit: www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

There is also information on the school website.

MacMillan Coffee and Cake Morning

Thank you to those parents, family and friends who joined us today at our Coffee and Cake morning here at the school – a great success and we are proud to report that we received a total of £175 which will go to MacMillan Cancer Support. Rachel Burch was the winner of the guess the height of the cake competition (the cake was 94cm high). Again, thank you for your support.

Fruit Snack before After School Clubs

If your child is attending an after school club they are quite welcome to have a fruit snack while they wait for the club to start.

Lottery Winner for September: Kate Bobbin – Congratulations, please visit the school office to collect your cheque.

Year 6 Walk to the Rye



Year 6 Rye Trip

After avoiding the recent rain we eventually departed on our walk to the Rye on Monday and explored the different facilities available to visitors

School Crossing



School Crossing Patroller

Mr Clarke has recently trained to enable him to cover the school crossing in the absence of Mrs Surridge. We send her our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Traffic / Parking concerns

An incident was observed on Thursday afternoon relating to the traffic calming area at the bottom of the school road. Three cars were parked on the double yellow lines adjacent to the enforced give way area. Approaching vehicles had to pull out around the parked cars and with limited line of sight they found themselves directly in the path of oncoming vehicles. The result there was a blockage especially as one of the vehicles was a bus. We appreciate that parking at certain times of the day is challenging however in the interests of all please do observe the signage / double yellow lines.

As a related issue we do need to be aware that our parking facility across the road at the Business Park may be coming under threat and if this is the case will add further to our challenges; we will keep you all updated on this. Please do make use of the facility otherwise we may lose spaces.

FOLS News - don't forget your Bag2School on Monday!

Monday 2nd October is Bag2School collection day. Please donate your unwanted clothing, paired shoes, belts, handbags, soft toys and textiles (bed linen, towels, curtains etc.) to help raise money for our school. Items must be in good condition please.

Please bring your items to school by 9am on the collection day and leave outside the office. You should have received a plastic sack via your child/ren, but if not or you need extra bags then any plastic bag will be accepted.

Collections will be weighed and Bag2School pay 40p for every kg of textiles. Further information on suitable items and exclusions can be found on uk.bag2school.com

The **FOLS AGM will be held at 7pm on Thursday 5th October**, in the school hall. All are welcome, please do come along and find out more about fundraising and how FOLS support Loudwater school. There is no obligation to "sign up" to anything, please just come along and meet other parents. Refreshments will be provided.

FOLS Committee

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

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>October</u></p> <p>2nd Bag 2 School collection 5th 7.00 pm FOLS AGM 13th 11+ Results 18th & 19th Parent/Teacher Consultations 20th FOLS – Spooky Cake Sale 3.20pm 23rd – 27th Half term break 30th Return to school 31st Last day to apply for secondary school places 3.00pm deadline.(Y6)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>November</u></p> <p>9th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 17th Children in Need 23rd Values Assembly Y6</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>December</u></p> <p>1st Christmas Bazaar 7th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 12th Key Stage 2 Christmas Production 2pm & 7pm 13th 9.30am Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 14th 2.30pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 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 Training day for teachers 4th Children return to School 31st Values Assembly Y3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>February</u></p> <p>7th & 8th Parent/Teacher Consultations 12th – 16th Half term break 19th Return to School 28th Values Assembly Y2</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>March</u></p> <p>22nd Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 23rd Red Nose Day 27th & 28th Parent/Teacher Consultations Y6 28th Values Assembly Y5 29th School closes at 2pm for Easter Break</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>April</u></p> <p>16th Children return to School 25th & 26th Parent/Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>May</u></p> <p>3rd Values Assembly Y4 7th Bank Holiday 10th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 14th Year 6 SATs Week 21st Year 5 Assessment Week 24th Values Assembly Y5 25th School Closed Training Day for teachers 28th – 1st Half term break</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>June</u></p> <p>4st Children return to School 11th -14th Residential Visit to Green Park Y6 21st Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 28th Values Assembly FS 29th School closed teacher training day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July</u></p> <p>3rd Secondary School Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting 6th Annual Reports 12th Sports Day 17th Reserve Sports Day 19th Values Assembly Y6 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>9.05 Start 18th January - Year Six 25th January – Year Two 1st February – Year Five 22nd February - Year One 8th March – Year Three 15th March – Year Four 22nd March - Foundation Stage</p>

EVENT FOR THIS WEEKEND:
Saturday 30th September



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EVENING**

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