



## Loudwater Combined School

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# LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

## Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Dear Parents,

### Important Calendar Dates

SATs for Year 6 commence on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Green Park meeting for Year 6 parents  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May – FOLS quiz night

News from the classes this week:

### Foundation Stage

This week in Foundation Stage we have been investigating the properties of different materials and observing different materials using the digital microscopes. The children have been deciding on the best material to use to make a teddies rain hat and they have designed a rain hat for their bear. We plan to make the hats next week.

We have been learning to tell the time in maths. We have also been helping the Three Bears to make their cottage nice again. We have swept up the porridge and found them all the right sized chairs and we have made some fresh porridge for them. (We tried the porridge too!)

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/teddy-numbers>

A game to reinforce words and numbers to fifteen.

### Year One

In English Year 1 have been really enjoying the story of "The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig". We compared it to the traditional version of "The Three Little Pigs". We have been working on questions this week and we made a class brainstorm of all of the questions words we could use. We then used some of these to ask the Big Bad Pig lots of questions. We have also learned about the use of an apostrophe to show when a word has been contracted...we have been working hard! In Maths we have been focussing on time. We have been reading and making o'clock and half past times on an analogue clock. We have also been looking at sums with missing signs. We learnt how to work out which sign needed to go in which sum. This week we have been investigating different materials in our topic lessons. We investigated the properties and suitability of straw, wood and brick to make a house. Year 1 had to investigate and identify the materials that our school is made from. We looked very carefully at the school building and found felt, metal, plastic, brick and wood.

[http://www.ictgames.com/sharkNumbers/sharkNumbers\\_v5.html](http://www.ictgames.com/sharkNumbers/sharkNumbers_v5.html)

### Year Two

Our week began with a fabulous trip to Amersham Field Centre! The children had an exciting, fun-filled day and they learned much about mini-beasts and their habitats. All of the children were perfectly behaved and showed enthusiasm and engagement throughout the day. From Wednesday, in English, the children wrote a recount of their day at Amersham Field Centre and they wrote a letter to the Field Centre to say thank you for their day. In Maths, the children have been practising using the inverse operation to solve

addition and subtraction problems. In Topic they have been observing photographs of the mini-beasts seen at Amersham field Centre, and drawing sketches of the creatures in their Sketch Books. In Phonics, the children are continuing revision of rules for adding suffixes to a variety of root words.

<https://www.coolmath4kids.com/math-games/jet-ski-addition>

### **Year Three**

This week in English, Year 3 has been looking at the impact the setting has upon readers. They have written brilliant setting descriptions on Lucy's garden at night. Towards the end of the week the children wrote from different perspectives and edited their work to improve their writing. This week in Maths, we have been solving number sentences using written and mental methods. The children have solved addition and subtraction worded problems and have also looked at missing number problems involving these ideas. The children have been researching and discussing the organs in the human body. They have used computers, books and their Home Learning to help them map where the organs are in their bodies along with the function of each of the organs.

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living\\_things/health\\_growth/read/1/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living_things/health_growth/read/1/)

### **Year Four**

In English this week, Year 4 has practised their editing skills, they have also written a character description about someone behind their door. They have practised letter writing from the viewpoint of Coraline, including descriptive language and powerful words. In Mathematics they have been converting between units of time (minutes, hours, weeks, months and years). They have used these techniques to solve problems involving time intervals. In Topic the children have built working electrical circuits and have explored what materials conduct electricity and which are insulators. They have tried out what happens to a basic circuit when different components are added e.g. another battery or light bulb.

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) then search measures (time)

### **Year Five**

This week in English, Year five has been very busy. They have written non chronological reports about different types of jewels and precious metals. They have also worked really hard writing narratives about Granny's daring escape from her first robbery, and produced some excellent work. In maths, Year five has been adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators. They have been using multiplication to convert fractions so that they have the same denominator then using this to successfully add and subtract. They have also been solving problems with fractions and measures. In topic lessons, Year five has been learning about their carbon footprint! We have discussed how carbon emissions can add to climate change and global warming, and come up with some ways in which we can reduce the amount of carbon which we use. This includes cutting down on using laptops, consoles and televisions!

<http://www.earlybritishkingdoms.com/kids/index.html>

### **Year Six**

In English this week, Year 6 has been exploring persuasive writing. They have written to the teachers trying to persuade them to allow them do something in school such as ride their horse to school, wearing slippers in class or use a hoverboard on the playground. They have also started to write formal letters to the local council to ask for permission to paint some creative street art/graffiti in the local area. In grammar they have been revising hard for their SATs next week. In Maths, Year 6 has been revising ratio, percentages of amounts, fraction, decimal and percentage equivalence and short and long division. In Topic, Year 6 has continued their training as Forensic Scientists. They have conducted an investigation into whether a liquid is acid or alkali using ph indicator strips. They tested a range of liquids such water, milk, vinegar, lemons and bicarbonate of soda.

<http://sats.highamstjohns.com/bsite> - good for SATs revision.

### Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
05.5.17	Ella Bowler	Raza Akhtar	Baylee Seymour	Adam Maaref	Rosie Brewer	Skye Simpson	Emma Merry

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
05.5.17	Emy Lewis Ciaran Cleland	Lilly Weedon Chloe Bowden	Xandros O'Connor Kyla Taylor	Lily Cleere-Horwood Ayaan Younis	Breanna Carter Hewa Farag	Lee Bampton Tia Armstrong	Jake Green Holly Watmore

### Citizens of the month for April

Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Ruben Mathey	Rachel Coope	Urszula Bauza	Thomas Sheppard	Tyler Merry	Oscar Browning	Malva Colliano Pierce

### Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
05.5.17	98%	91%	99%	97%	99%	99%	96%

### Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
05.5.17	0	1	0	0	2	1	0

### House points for the week

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
05.5.17	187	193	187	147

The **Head teacher's Award** this week goes to Madison Webb, Lee Bampton, Luke Golton and Oscar Browning for representing Loudwater School in a maths challenge event (see below) – Well done!

### Davenies Maths Challenge



On Tuesday May 2nd, Maddison Webb, Oscar Browning, Lee Bampton and Luke Golton participated in the Year 5 Maths challenge at Davenies school. Both pairings demonstrated fantastic collaboration and resilience throughout the competition which consisted of many complex and challenging problems!

### **Chilterns Walking Festival**

The inaugural Chilterns Walking Festival is just 2 weeks away now and we have over 90 walks and events on offer- see <http://www.visitchilterns.co.uk/walkingfest.html>

It is the first of six Festivals taking place over three years in spring and autumn, thanks to a successful LEADER fund grant application secured by Chilterns Conservation Board.

Enthusiastic local guides and walk leaders will be sharing their deep love and understanding of the Chilterns countryside.

There is a huge choice of activity including many events aimed at families including the following:

- Walk with Stone Age Woman (Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May) Ideal for families
- Gruffalo spotters trail where the characters come to life in Wendover Woods (15 to 29 May)
- Amersham Tudor Walk (Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May)
- Swishwiffling Storytelling Walk (Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May) at the Roald Dahl Museum, Great Missenden
- A Walk on the Wildside (Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May) near Chalfont St Peter

**FOL's: Gerald's Quiz Night** is our next fundraising event (Friday 12th May, 7pm - 10pm). Don't forget to sign up - either as individuals (£6 per head, including food or £30 for a team of six). There will be a licensed bar and this promises to be a fun (and probably competitive!) evening, with a great prize for the winning team. See you there!

### **Owl Time Photographs**

Thank you for sending in your envelopes and returning the unwanted photographs – these will be sent off on Tuesday; as a final reminder please ensure that any money or unwanted photos are returned to the office by the end of Monday 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **E-safety: Digital Parenting**

A useful online issue of Digital Parenting is available and a perfect mode to pass on key information about E-safety to family and friends. Included are live web links to various other useful sites and well worth a visit.

[www.vodafone.com/digitalparenting](http://www.vodafone.com/digitalparenting)

### **Have you thought about becoming a primary school teacher?**

If so, you may be interested in the attached information from Chepping View Academy.

### **Hot School Meals**

In the near future we will be renegotiating the provision of hot school meals with our catering company. If you have any feedback to help us in this process please email the school office with your comments by the end of May.

Yours faithfully

*Clare Cunningham*

Mrs C Cunningham  
Head teacher

If you are receiving this as a paper copy and you would like to receive an electronic version please email [office@loudwater.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@loudwater.bucks.sch.uk) to request this in future.

### 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 2016-17

<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
		<b>8<sup>th</sup></b> Year 6 SATs Week <b>10<sup>th</sup></b> Green Park information evening for Y6 parents 7pm <b>12<sup>th</sup></b> FOLS Quiz Night <b>15<sup>th</sup> &amp; 22<sup>nd</sup></b> Assessment Weeks (all other year groups) <b>18<sup>th</sup></b> – Open Day 9-10 am & 2-3 pm <b>22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup></b> Y6 Residential visit <b>26<sup>th</sup></b> <b>School Closed</b> Training Day for teachers <b>29<sup>th</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup></b> Half term break
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b> Children return to School <b>29<sup>th</sup></b> Open Day 9.30-10.30am & 2-3 pm <b>23<sup>rd</sup></b> Class photographs <b>30<sup>th</sup></b> <b>School closed</b> teacher training day	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b> Secondary Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting <b>7<sup>th</sup></b> Annual Reports to Parents <b>8<sup>th</sup></b> FOLS Summer Fete <b>13<sup>th</sup></b> Sports Day <b>14<sup>th</sup></b> FOLS discos for pupils pm <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> Reserve Sports Day <b>20<sup>th</sup></b> <b>7.00pm</b> Y6 Leavers Production <b>21<sup>st</sup></b> <b>9.30am</b> Y6 Leavers Presentation Assembly <b>21<sup>st</sup></b> School closes at 2pm for summer break	

New items in green – the date of Sports Day has changes

### Values Assemblies 9.05am start

**25<sup>th</sup>** May – Collaboration Y1  
**29<sup>th</sup>** June – Respect Y4  
**19<sup>th</sup>** July – Happiness FS





## Chepping View Primary Academy SCITT

Primary School Centred Initial Teacher Training

### Do you want to inspire the next generation?

Have you thought about becoming a primary school teacher?

#### Why this career?

- strong demand for good, qualified primary school teachers
- rewarding work, inspiring the next generation
- opportunities for significant career and salary growth, both in the UK and overseas



#### What is the scheme?

- A one year, post-graduate programme leading to Qualified Teacher Status, specifically for careers in primary schools
- Classroom based, on-the-job skills development in a network of local schools
- Includes an optional Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) academic qualification
- Includes formal training in High Wycombe and surrounding partner schools
- Supported by experienced teacher tutors and school based mentors.
- Allows trainees to specialise in their preferred areas of primary teaching

#### Who can apply?

- Graduates in any subject

#### How to apply?

- All applicants go through UCAS
- Applications are now open (interviews now taking place with a limited number of places)

#### Visit to find out more:

- DfE Train to Teach exhibition 11<sup>TH</sup> May in Reading
- Arrange a visit to our training centre in High Wycombe
- [www.cheppingviewscitt.com](http://www.cheppingviewscitt.com)
- [f@cheppingviewscitt](https://www.facebook.com/cheppingviewscitt)
- e-mail: [jkettle@cvpa.school](mailto:jkettle@cvpa.school)
- call 01494 535564



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