



Loudwater Combined School

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LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Week November 5th – 9th - Remembrance Week

Friday 9th November – Whole School - St Peter's Church Remembrance Service - 9.45am.

Monday 12th November – Walk to Loudwater War Memorial

Value of the month

Our value of the month for November, to link in with our Remembrance commemoration, is peace. The children will be exploring a range of questions linked to this which will include:

- What does peace mean to you?
- Why is it important to remember those who died in our county's wars?
- What values do people need to live peacefully?
- How would you make the world a more peaceful place?

Our inspirational person this month is Desmond Tutu; the children will be finding out about his life and achievements.

We will be marking the one hundred anniversary of the end of World War One in a range of ways.

The children from Year 1 to Year 6 participated in a World War One workshop today. The workshop was interactive and thought provoking and the children's level of participation and knowledge was commented on by the presenter.

We will have Poppies available next week. We have also been provided with a selection of items the children may like to buy, for example erasers, pencils and reflectors, costing between 50p and £1.00. All the money goes to the Poppy Appeal of course.

On Friday 9th November all children from Foundation Stage to Year 6 will be visiting St Peter's Church to take part in the school's Remembrance Service at 9.45am.

This service will commemorate the lives of the twenty-six men from Loudwater who fought in the first war and who did not return. Parents, carers and grandparents are warmly welcomed to join us for this special event.

Tickets are available through Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/loudwater-combined-school-remembrance-service-tickets-51460826718> using the password **LoudwaterNov9**

During our Remembrance Weeks the children have been making poppies which will be used in St Peter's Remembrance Service on Sunday 11th November. On the following Monday all classes will be visiting the Loudwater War Memorial to see how their poppies have been laid at the memorial. We will use the Consent for Local Walks and Trips given on the Gateway both for the walk to the church and to the war memorial.

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

In Foundation Stage this week we have been listening to the story of 'Mog the Forgetful Cat'. We have used our growing knowledge of phonic sounds to help us to write a sentence about Mog. We have been learning about the four seasons. We have talked about the

weather we usually see in each season and have discussed: 'What is the most suitable clothing to wear at these times of the year?' We have also talked about Remembrance Sunday and have made some poppies and poppy artwork which we will continue with next week. We have also been to our very first assembly with the rest of the school, where we all listened beautifully and participated well.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freeIndex.htm> - use phase two activities

Year One

This week in English, Year 1 have been introduced to David McKee, who is our author for this half term. This week we have been enjoying the story of 'Elmer the Elephant'. We enjoyed looking at the illustrations and we had to use the word **because** to explain which elephant we thought was Elmer. We have also been making our own Elmer stories, which has been a lot of fun! In Maths we have been sequencing the activities that we do during different times of the day. We have also been focusing on the words before, after, first and last to order events and to give instructions. We have also been focussing on number bonds to 10. This week, in topic, we have been learning about the reasons way we commemorate Remembrance Day on November 11th each year. We have been busy making poppies that will be displayed at the war memorial and in Tesco. We have also used watercolour paints to create our own poppy pictures in the style of Street Art Drop who worked with us last year. On Tuesday afternoon we will be going on a walk to visit some of the homes related to the World War 1 soldiers from Loudwater who died. Please can you ensure that you have given permission for local walks via the Gateway.

<https://www.phonics play> focus on phase 3 (air, ear, ow and oi)

<https://www.andersenpress.co.uk/elmer/activities/activities2017/Elmer%20Dice%20Game%202017.pdf>

Year Two

This week, in Year 2, the children have been learning about the WWI Christmas truce of 1914. We watched the Sainsbury's advert from 2016 which inspired our writing. We described the character of the soldier, Jim. Also, we wrote a letter home from Jim recounting the events of Christmas Day 1914. In addition, we have written a senses poem and a Cinquain poem describing the Christmas Day truce. In Maths, we have been learning to add 2-digit numbers and single-digit numbers, bridging the tens barrier e.g. $26 + 8 = 34$ which means the 6 and 8 have combined to make 1 more ten, plus 4 ones. In Topic, we have been making paper poppies and creating poppy landscapes in Art. As well as focusing on Remembrance, this week has been Storytelling Week. Each morning, we have enjoyed listening to a story or stories read by members of staff. This has been a lovely way to begin each day!

<https://www.wordmania.com/en/>

Year Three

This week in English, we have started looking at the video clip, 'Dragon Slayer'. To start the week, we looked at how and why the characters changed as well as discussing the word 'empathy.' Later on in the week, we wrote setting descriptions and diary entries to reflect the characters thoughts and feelings. In Maths this week, we have been continuing with addition and subtraction strategies. We have been adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers together using expanded column methods. Towards the end of the week, we looked at problem solving and reasoning questions involving these ideas. In Topic this week, we have been very artistic. We have been inspired by Street Art Drop to compose our very own piece of Remembrance art using charcoal, paint and wooden sticks. We have also created our own poppy collages! We have been discussing Nelson Mandela in detail as he is the person that represents our monthly value of Equality.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S_f3AtPfuiw

Year Four

In English this week, we have started our new text: 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter'. We have started to become familiar with the characters and used exciting descriptive language when inventing our own fireworks. We also began writing instructions on how to look after the king's white elephant. In Maths, we have practiced methods of addition and

subtraction, including different mental methods and the formal written methods. We have then applied these different methods to solve problems, such as missing number problems and using the inverse operation. In topic this week, we have started our new unit 'Light and Sound'. We discussed what we already know about light and sound and what we might like to investigate during this unit of work. We have researched our inspirational person, Nelson Mandela, and found out about his presidency. We then were able to present this information to the rest of the school during our sharing assembly.

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/zstr2nb>

Year Five

This week in English, Year Five has taken a break from World War Two to take a look at some other key events from History. On Monday, we learned about Apartheid in South Africa and wrote our contribution to the school sharing assembly on the life of Nelson Mandela. We have also been learning about World War One; the events which led up to Britain entering the war, and have compared different aspects of World War One and World War Two. In maths, Year Five have started a new unit on multiplication and division. We have been exploring using multiples and factors, and looking for patterns in the relationships between these. We have started to look at prime numbers, common multiples and common factors. In Topic lessons, we have been creating art works in response to Remembrance Week. We have used watercolours to create backgrounds for silhouette pictures, and have created abstract pieces in the style of Paul Letts, the artist who visited us last year.

<https://www.galaxypix.com/localhistorygroup.org.uk/>

Year Six

In English this week we have been writing our own autobiographical stories inspired by Roald Dahl. We have written a first draft of our stories and focused upon developing the skills of proof reading and editing. Finally we have published our stories to create a 'Year 6 Book of Autobiographical Stories'. In Maths, we have been multiplying using decimals and have been calculating the mean to find the average of a set of data. We were able to use data that we had generated during a series of PE lessons to find out our average score in different exercises. This week we have created some fantastic artwork inspired by some Remembrance poppy artwork we have explored. We also thoroughly enjoyed a WW1 workshop.

[Website:- KS2 Bitesize Science – Light and Dark](#)

Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
02.11.18	Kelci	Kata	Kristina	Ruby	Lucy D	Romisha	Max

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
02.11.18	Isla Matilda	Emily Sulaymaan	Jasmin Harley	George Blake	Grace Jacob	Riley Isabelle	Stanley Breanna

Congratulations go to Bonnie in Foundation Stage, Evan in Year 1, Rayaana in Year 2, Blake in Year 3, Kobee in Year 4, Dominic in Year 5 and Ella in Year 6 our Good Citizens of the Month for October.

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
02.11.18	95%	98%	99%	99%	100%	92%	96%

The award for the best attendance in the month of October goes to Year One with 98%.
Year 1 will have a Mufti Day on Thursday November 8th.

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
02.11.18	0	1	2	4	1	2	1

House points for this week

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
02.11.18	100	97	122	130

Spooky Cake Competition



We had a wonderful collection of entries for the annual Spooky Cake competition. We are pleased to announce the winners as:

Jack in Foundation Stage
Elizabeth in Year 1
Jasmin in Year 2

Lucas in Year 3
Amelie in Year 4
Isabelle E in Year 5
Miguel in Year 6

All the cakes, winners and runners –up, have been sold after school today. We will let you know how much has been raised as soon as possible.

Gateway

Please note that there are a number of items on the Gateway that require your attention, including:

Whole School - Pencil case Contribution

Year 2 – Wycombe Museum Visit

Year 6 – Green Park Residential

Selected Pupils - Guitar Lesson Payments

Whole School - Local Walks and Trips
Consent
Years 1-6 World War One History
Workshop

Foundation Stage – Phonics Meeting

Contact Us

We use a number of ways to keep our Parent/Carers informed, the main one being this newsletter. We also email, via the office address given above, and text using the Gateway. We are however restricted in monitoring incoming messages. If you need to get in touch please only use either the telephone or email as the Gateway incoming text system is unmonitored.

School Uniform

In our last newsletter we requested that after the half term break children should no longer be wearing summer uniform: shorts and summer dresses. We also drew your attention to the clear guidelines regarding the length of girls' skirts as detailed in previous newsletters. We still have a number of girls with skirts that are shorter than knee length.

Smoking and Vaping

Please could all parents note that the school site is a no smoking and no vaping area. This also includes School Way. We have received comments from a number of parents and children who have been disappointed that a few parents are smoking or vaping on site.

FOLS Lottery winner for October

Congratulations to Shelley (Ticket number 33) – you are this month's FOLS lottery winner, your cheque will be ready for collection at the office next week.

Baby, baby

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Heard had a beautiful baby boy last Tuesday. His name is Casper and both Mum and baby are doing well.

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 so please do ensure that you **register your consent on the gateway**.

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 align="center"><u>November</u></p> <p>5th – 9th Remembrance Week 16th Children in Need 22nd Open Day (9.00 – 10.00 & 2.00 – 3.00) 29th – 30th Bikeability</p>	<p align="center"><u>December</u></p> <p>3rd Bikeability 7th Christmas Bazaar 11th 9.30am FS & Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 12th 2.30pm FS & Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 13th Key Stage 2 Christmas Production 2pm & 7pm 17th Pupils' Christmas Lunch 18th Christmas Service am Christmas Activities pm 19th School closes at 2pm for Christmas break</p>
<p align="center"><u>January</u></p> <p>3rd Children return to School 10th Open Day (9.00 – 10.00 & 2.00 – 3.00)</p>	<p align="center"><u>February</u></p> <p>4th – 8th Science Week 12th & 13th Parent/Teacher Consultations 18th – 22nd Half term break 25th Return to School</p>	<p align="center"><u>March</u></p> <p>14th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00 – 3.00) 18th -22nd Shakespeare Week 22nd Red Nose Day 26th & 28th Parent/Teacher Consultations Y6</p>
<p align="center"><u>April</u></p> <p>5th School closes at 2pm for Easter Break 23rd Training day for teachers 24th Children return to School 30th & 2nd Parent/Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5)</p>	<p align="center"><u>May</u></p> <p>30th & 2nd Parent/Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5) 6th Bank Holiday 13th Year 6 SATs Week 20th Year 5 Assessment Week 24th School Closed Training Day for teachers 27th – 31th Half term break</p>	<p align="center"><u>June</u></p> <p>3rd Children return to School 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 align="center"><u>July</u></p> <p>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 align="center"><u>Values Assemblies</u></p> <p>All Start at 9.05am 23rd November - Peace Y6 30th January - Responsibility Y5 28th February - Empathy Y3 27th March - Compassion Y2 30th April - Kindness Y6 23rd May - Collaboration Y1 27th June - Respect Y5 18th July - Happiness FS</p>	<p align="center"><u>Class Assemblies</u> <u>Spring term</u></p> <p>All start at 9.05am 24th January - Year Six 31st January - Year Two 7th February - Year Five 7th March -Year One 14th March - Year Three 21st March - Year Four 28th March - Foundation Stage</p>