



Loudwater Combined School

Learn, Create, Succeed

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LOUDWATER UPDATE

Friday 21st June 2019

Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Monday 24th June – Parent's Forum Meeting 7.00 pm

Tuesday 25th June – Meeting for Year 5 parents re: 11+ & secondary transfer 7.00 pm

Wednesday 26th June – Foundation Stage trip to Bekonscot

Thursday 27th June – Y5 Values Assembly 9.00am

Friday 28th June – School Closed for training day.

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

This week we have had lots of fun in the classroom making maps for Rosie the hen and completing block charts about our favourite types of transport, but the highlight of our week has been our trip to Kew Gardens. It was our first trip out and the adults were very impressed with our great behaviour. We saw some amazing plants and trees and some beautiful glass sculptures. We had a brilliant workshop with Bella, who helped us to make a "treasure collage" from plant parts that we had found and she told us a story about a king and a queen who were given some seeds. We went on the Treetop walk, which was over 100 steps to the top and had a chance to explore lots of other areas. However, there was so much there, we felt we could go back for another day! Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a special day.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freeIndex.htm>

Year One

This week we have been linking our English and Science lessons in preparation for our trip to Kew. We looked at some of the plants that we might see and also found out the reason why we mustn't touch or pick any of them. We looked at 3 different plants and had to choose an odd one out and write the reason why it was the odd plant out. We all had some great reasons and we all used the word **because!** We also enjoyed learning about how we can identify the different plants that we will see and we wrote instructions so that other people will also know how to do this.

This week, in maths, our focus has been on learning about multiples of 5. We know that they end in 5 or 0. We counted objects in groups of 5 and we have been finding 5 more and 5 less of multiples of 5.

We had a brilliant trip to Kew and I hope the children have been telling you all about it. They were all a pleasure to take. The adults who worked at Kew were very impressed with our knowledge and behaviour. We were all very proud of them! On our trip to Kew we saw sculptures by the artist Daniel Chihuly. We were amazed to find out that all of these sculptures are made of glass. We watched a video clip to see how glass sculptures are made! We enjoyed making sculptures (not with glass!). We also loved our art lesson where they collaged plants. A very messy but fun lesson!

http://www.ictgames.com/fairyfog5s_v2.html

Year Two

This week is Science Week. In Year 2 we have been reading the story of 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle. We drew a labelled map to show the journey of the seed, we wrote a narrative of the journey from the seed's point of view and we created a safety poster to help the seed to keep safe from the dangers. On Friday we wrote a recount of our trip to Kew Gardens. In Phonics we have been revising the rules for using an apostrophe for contractions. In Maths we have been using the bar model method to understand missing number sentences. We were learning how to use the inverse operation to find the missing number. In Topic we have been learning about the life cycle of a plant and the different way that seeds are dispersed. On Thursday we enjoyed a trip to Kew Gardens where we learned more about plants and their habitats.

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/clips/znvfb9q>

Year Three

In English this week we have read the next chapter of the 'Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We have acted out events that have happened so far using props to help us engage our audience. We have planned and written our own newspaper reports about the Iron Man emerging out of the ground and finding old tractors and lorries to eat at the nearby farms.

In Maths, we have been focussing on money. We started the week looking at the value of the different coins and notes that we use. We then went on to add and subtract amounts of money in pounds and pence using the methods that we know. Towards the end of the week, we looked at giving and receiving change.

In Topic this week we have discussed how magnets are used in everyday life, from computers to Maglev trains. We have also looked at the different forces in movement and sports. We had a fantastic trip to Kew Gardens and saw lots of amazing things. Our workshop was brilliant and everyone had a great time. We will be using Marianne North, a botanical artist as inspiration for our own art work next week.

<https://www.kew.org/kew-gardens/whats-in-the-gardens/marianne-north-gallery>

Year Four

In English this week, we have continued to read the book 'Why the Whales Came'. We have found out more information about The Birdman and written character descriptions for him in which we tried to infer what it must be like for him as a victimised character. We then planned the next chapter in the story, in which Gracie and Daniel are lost on Samson Island.

In our maths lessons, we have been interpreting data presented in different ways including tables, bar charts, pictograms and line graphs. We have solved comparison, sum and difference problems using these charts and drawn our own charts using data we have collected.

In our topic lessons we have focused on plants. First we explored the question - how can you tell if something is a plant? We used what we know about plants to design and carry out an investigation. We have also looked at identifying a number of trees by their leaves, and creating a classification key to help us with this.

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/how-to-identify-trees/>

Year Five

This week Year Five have been enjoying Science Week. We have learned about the carbon cycle and how trees absorb carbon dioxide from our atmosphere and then store it as carbon. We investigated how much carbon was stored in the trees in the school grounds, then looked at the effects of burning fossil fuels and climate change. We have also started to look at the next step in the life cycle of flowering plants: seed dispersal. We have discussed different methods of seed dispersal and have started an investigation to find the most effective helicopter style seed. We really enjoyed our rivers workshop from the Chiltern Conservation Board on Wednesday. During our river sweeping, we managed to catch a variety of small fish and invertebrates including bullhead fish, mayfly nymphs, shrimp and leeches! we created observational drawings of these, investigated how much of the world's water is used in rivers and found out some different ways to save water as 52% of our chalk streams are currently in drought! It was a really enjoyable and informative day.

Find out more about climate change:

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/general-geography/what-is-climate-change/>

Year Six

This week, we have started to rehearse our leaver's production, 'Olivia'. We have been reading through the lines and have begun to practice the songs. In Maths, we have continued working on our theme park investigations. Working in small groups, we have had to calculate all the profits and expenditure that our theme park has incurred including taxes and insurance. In Topic, we have started to decorate our Mayan masks which we made last Monday using papier-mâché and balloons. We have also researched and found our own names in Mayan glyphs and have recreated them on paper. On Friday, we enjoyed an amazing trip to Kew Garden. We all experienced a fantastic workshop on evolution and adaptation and had the opportunity to explore the Palm House and Temperate House.

<https://www.boxofideas.org/ideas/practical-skills-in-education/primary-school-2/transition-from-primary-to-secondary-school/>

Due to the Kew Garden trips the Achievement Assembly was postponed this week.

Achievement Award Winners

| | Foundation Stage | Year One | Year Two | Year Three | Year Four | Year Five | Year Six |
|----------|------------------|--------------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| 07/06/19 | Lilah & Scarlett | Elizabeth | Lisa | Dylan | Kyla | Muaaz | Rishie |
| 14/06/19 | Azhaan & Mannan | Ellie-Louise | Maya | Raza | Harry | Vanessa | Whole Class |
| 21/06/19 | No Assembly | | | | | | |

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 |
|----------|------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| 07/06/19 | Isla Samuel | Evan Joseph | Andreea Alfie | Amber Bella | Lucy D Ryan | James Joshua | Ashley Macy |
| 14/06/19 | Isabella Darcy P | Kacee Emily | Louie Freya | Munopa Hollie | Henry Afia | Muaaz Niruja | Ell |
| 21/06/19 | No Assembly | | | | | | |

Attendance

| | Foundation Stage | Year One | Year Two | Year Three | Year Four | Year Five | Year Six |
|----------|------------------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 07/06/19 | 91% | 92% | 91% | 95% | 94% | 92% | 98% |
| 14/06/19 | 98% | 97% | 98% | 98% | 99% | 98% | 98% |
| 21/06/19 | 95% | 99% | 100% | 98% | 99% | 98% | 98% |

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am.

| | Foundation Stage | Year One | Year Two | Year Three | Year Four | Year Five | Year Six |
|----------|------------------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 07/06/19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 14/06/19 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | Green Park |
| 21/06/19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

House points for the week

| | Beethoven | Mozart | Tchaikovsky | Elgar |
|----------|-------------|--------|-------------|-------|
| 07/06/19 | 423 | 480 | 401 | 450 |
| 14/06/19 | 175 | 206 | 223 | 192 |
| 21/06/19 | No Assembly | | | |

Y2 Football Tournament

On Tuesday morning, 8 Y2 pupils travelled to Cressex Astroturf to take part in a non-competitive football tournament for Y2 pupils. The children were accompanied by Mrs Nicholls and some of their parents. The children played 8 games and won 5 of them! We were very

proud of the children who were exceptionally well-behaved and demonstrated excellent teamwork! Well done!



After School Clubs

As you are aware we have taken the opportunity to arrange an Aqua Splash Swimming Club after school. U-sport are running the club and booking is available through their website. Please see their information letter at the end of this update. We would also like to clarify that this is a fun and play activity and not for structured swimming lessons.

Kew Garden Trip

As you will see from the 'news from the classes', all our children had an enjoyable experience at Kew Gardens. They gained a lot of information in a fun and interesting way and the school gained a lot of positive feedback about the children's behaviour and knowledge. Well done and thank you to everyone for their assistance, we would be unable to participate in this type of activity without your involvement.

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

Year 2 upwards – Consent to wear swimming goggles
Year 5 - 11+ Testing Meeting
Specific Group – Guitar Lesson Fees
Specific Group - Cricket Competition

Whole School – Consent to wear sunglasses on medical grounds
Whole School – Shakespeare Work Shop
Whole School – Stationery Contribution

Summer Hats

Reminder – We have school caps and beanie hats for sale. As the summer is slowly approaching your child may need a sun hat for protection.

Parents' Forum Meeting

The next parent' forum meeting is on Monday 24th June at 7.00 pm in the Year 6 classroom. It is up to the parents to set the agenda so if you have anything you would like to discuss please let your class representative know, but remember that everyone is welcome to come to the meeting. Details of class representatives can be found on the website:

https://loudwater.eschools.co.uk/cms_manage/edit_page/37618 or you can email the school office.

Music Lessons

Bucks Music Trust are once again offering their music lesson service to our children in year 3 and up. Their teachers are proficient in a number of instruments. Please contact the school office for the required form and information sheet. If your child requires guitar lessons, these will again be provided by school and arrangements will be put in place on our return to school in September.

Yours faithfully

Clare Cunningham

Mrs C Cunningham
Head teacher

Update

As you are aware we have moved to sending out our update 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.

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Calendar of events for 2018-2019

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>June</u></p> <p>24th – Parents’ Forum Meeting 7pm 25th – Meeting for Y5 parents re: 11+ & secondary transfer 7pm 26th – FS Bekonscot 28th - School closed - training day for teachers</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>July</u></p> <p>1st – 5th Assessment Week Y1, Y3 & Y4 2nd - Secondary School Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting 3rd - Coffee Morning with Jackie Boyce 5th - Annual Reports to Parents 6th - School Fete 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> All start at 9.05am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">27th June – Respect Y5 18th July – Happiness FS</p> |



Loudwater – Aqua Splash Swimming Club.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

uSports are pleased to announce that we will be delivering the following Aqua Splash Swimming Club at Loudwater Combined School for the Summer term.

Swimming:

Year 2 - 3 | Tuesdays | 3.30 – 4.30 | 5 sessions

Year 4 - 6 | Thursdays | 3.30 – 4.30 | 5 sessions

Prices:

After school clubs | £5.25 per session

All bookings can be made by:

Going to <https://usports.class4kids.co.uk/term/104>

Click 'Book now' – This will take you to our bookings page

Find the club for your child/children

Add your child's details

Pay (booking will not be confirmed until payment is made)

info@u-sports.co.uk

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