



## Loudwater Combined School

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# LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

## Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Dear Parents,

News from the classes this week:

### Foundation Stage

This week Foundation Stage were very lucky to have a visit from PC Burt, the local community police officer. He talked about the role of a police officer and brought in some uniform for everybody to try on. In Maths, the children have been introduced to different coins and their values. They have even begun to add pennies together to make a total. In English, they have created posters reminding people to brush their teeth twice a day and have practised teeth brushing using giant teeth and a giant toothbrush.

[www.bgfl.org/bgfl/custom/resources\\_fdp/client\\_fdp/ks1/maths/counting\\_with\\_money/](http://www.bgfl.org/bgfl/custom/resources_fdp/client_fdp/ks1/maths/counting_with_money/)

### Year One

In English, Year 1 has had fun making some brilliant rocking robins. They then wrote the instructions to tell everyone how they made them. They tried to make sure they used imperative verbs. In Maths, they have been busy adding up! They have been using number lines to help them. They have been adding up 3 numbers and finding missing numbers too. In Topic this week they have enjoyed learning about the Christmas story. They have been sequencing the important parts of the story.

[www.phonicsplaydragonsdenphase3](http://www.phonicsplaydragonsdenphase3)

### Year Two

This week Year 2 has been reading the story 'The man who wore all his clothes' by Allan Ahlberg. They have been asking questions about what might happen, writing a Wanted poster for the robber, interviewing the robber and writing their own robber stories! In Maths they have been recognising coins and making amounts of money. Also, they have been practising addition by adding amounts of money. In Phonics they have been learning the different rules for the word endings le, el, al and il. As well as all of this they have been working hard on their Christmas production 'Christmas Around the World'.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/money/play/>

### Year Three

In English this week, Year 3 has been planning a recount to the Dragon Slayer. To begin the week they started re-telling the story through drama and then moved onto writing. In Maths, they have been looking at fractions of numbers and shapes. Although this is a challenging area, the children have done fantastically well. In Topic, they have been looking at the life cycle of plants. Some of the children have been continuing their project on World War II.

[www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/game/ma/3table-game-table-grid-find](http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/game/ma/3table-game-table-grid-find)

### Year Four

In English, Year 4 has been writing explanations about how to trap a boggart. They have also been writing excuses and have created their own magical creatures. In Maths, they have been exploring symmetry and finding properties of 2D and 3D shapes. In the afternoons Year 4 has been rehearsing for the Christmas play. It was great fun and they have been continuing their World War II projects.

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living\\_things/plant\\_animal\\_habitats/read/1/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living_things/plant_animal_habitats/read/1/)

### Year Five

This week in English Year 5 has been looking at the poem 'The Highwayman'. They have been investigating the characters within the poem, describing them in detail. In Maths, they have been looking at capacity of containers. The children had to order and compare the capacity of the containers in small groups. They had a fantastic day on Thursday when Ian from Oxford Science visited to help the children learn more about materials, their properties and how they can be changed.

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/writing](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/writing)

### Year Six

In English this week, Year 6 has written a letter home from a boarding school in the style of Roald Dahl. They have continued to read 'Boy' and have been introduced to Captain Hardcastle. Year 6 has started to plan and write about an incident from their childhood. In Maths, they have learnt the formula for finding the area, perimeter and volume of shapes. They have also looked at rectangles with the same area and different perimeters and vice versa. In Topic, they have focused on a healthy diet and the food pyramid.

[www.kidsbiology.com/human\\_biology](http://www.kidsbiology.com/human_biology)

### Headteacher's Award

This week, Mrs. Cunningham's Gold Award goes to Maddison in Year 4. Well done Maddison!

### Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>6.11.15</b>	Blake Clarke	Keira Robak	Jessica Billing	Naomi Hopper	Maddison Webb	Leah Taylor	Sadie Horsley
<b>13.11.15</b>	Leah Hartstean	Poppy Betts	Amelia Jaroszewska	Macy Bridle	Christina Vintu	Malva Collinao Pierce	Billy Webb
<b>20.11.15</b>	Amaaya Usman	Ruby Bunce	Lexie West	Ella Green	Rhys Kurd	Karolina Kukhta	Karyss Moore
<b>27.11.15</b>	Ellie Badger	Paige Fish	James Cohn	Louie Whitmore	Erin Timberlake	Woody Abrams	Muazzama Hussain
<b>4.12.15</b>	Logan Hudson	Jack Curtis	Oliver Stevens	Ami-Mia Tilbury	Muqet Ahmed	Stefan Enache	Dayna Irwin

### 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
<b>6.11.15</b>	Logan Willis Lily Rees-Curphey	Faith Yearwood Mason Bates	Amy Avery Ibrahim Fahad	Diya Arbeed Stanley Staines		Malva Collinao Pierce Amy Randall	Zeeshan Akhtar Lily Wakelin
<b>13.11.15</b>	Natasha Zielinska Harley Shurety-Gibbs	Zach Burch Urszula Bauza	Arthur Brandon Amaya Kayani	Jennifer Billing Jack Stevens	Skye Simpson Rhys Kurd	Mahlee Lelyveld Jessica Harpin	Jay Parkin Makaita Mugandani
<b>20.11.15</b>	Lucas De Mendonca Raza Akhtar	Kobee Barszcz Jack Curtis	Lara Sohrabian Kyle Chambers	Alanna Butcher Tristan Robinson	Maddison Webb Erin Timberlake	George Boon Tianne Shurety-Muturi	Maliha Ali Holly Lewington
<b>27.11.15</b>	Milla Smith	Grace Wise	James Cohn	Ella Green	Leah Bunce	Nathan Long	Aleesa

	Samuel Barton	Ryan Davey	Jessica Billing	Hewa Farag	George Gott	James Steeples	Natthan Billy Webb
<b>4.12.15</b>	George Springle Rachel Coope	Kyla Taylor Muhammed Ayaan	Lexie West Jadan Roseje	Kayin Taylor-Weekes Gabrielle Sarl	Kiona Robinson Maya Ghailan	Ruby Davison Raqeeb Ahmed	Skye King Jay Parkin

### Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
<b>6.11.15</b>	96%	98%	95%	99%	97%	97%	95%
<b>13.11.15</b>	97%	98%	97%	98%	100%	95%	94%
<b>20.11.15</b>	94%	98%	97%	98%	88%	98%	92%
<b>27.11.15</b>	92%	100%	97%	99%	92%	95%	96%
<b>4.12.15</b>	94%	97%	98%	93%	95%	98%	92%

Congratulations to Years 1 and 3 who had the best attendance during the month of November and wore 'mufti' to school yesterday.

### Punctuality

#### Number of children arriving after 9.00am

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
<b>6.11.15</b>	0	0	2	0	5	4	0
<b>13.11.15</b>	4	2	4	2	6	4	3
<b>20.11.15</b>	2	4	2	0	4	5	3
<b>27.11.15</b>	2	3	1	0	0	2	0
<b>4.12.15</b>	2	1	1	1	3	3	0

### House points for the week

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
<b>6.11.15</b>	<b>277 (1<sup>st</sup>)</b>	<b>241 (2<sup>nd</sup>)</b>	<b>171 (4<sup>th</sup>)</b>	<b>239 (3<sup>rd</sup>)</b>
<b>13.11.15</b>	<b>200 (4<sup>th</sup>)</b>	<b>319 (1<sup>st</sup>)</b>	<b>234 (3<sup>rd</sup>)</b>	<b>310 (2<sup>nd</sup>)</b>
<b>20.11.15</b>	<b>309 (2<sup>nd</sup>)</b>	<b>269 (3<sup>rd</sup>)</b>	<b>236 (4<sup>th</sup>)</b>	<b>332 (1<sup>st</sup>)</b>
<b>27.11.15</b>	<b>240 (4<sup>th</sup>)</b>	<b>281 (2<sup>nd</sup>)</b>	<b>265 (3<sup>rd</sup>)</b>	<b>304 (1<sup>st</sup>)</b>
<b>4.12.15</b>	<b>253 (3<sup>rd</sup>)</b>	<b>359 (2<sup>nd</sup>)</b>	<b>207 (4<sup>th</sup>)</b>	<b>423 (1<sup>st</sup>)</b>

### Christmas Bazaar

Next week in class the children will be making items to sell at the School & FOLS Christmas Bazaar next Friday 11th December from 3pm - 4.30pm. We hope you will come and support this event. Thank you for all the lovely tombola and book donations you have sent in today.

Stalls will include:

Foundation Stage: Calendars, Christmas tree decorations  
Year 1: Robin decorations, biscuits  
Year 2: Reindeer gingerbread, boys & girls lucky dip  
Year 3: Festive items  
Year 4: Christmas cards  
Year 5: Christmas tree decoration making, reindeer parcels, second hand books  
Year 6: Tombola, Christmas decorations, coconut shy

There will also be refreshments and a barbeque selling hot dogs. The children's cake competition will be judged at the beginning of the morning of 11<sup>th</sup> December with a prize for the most festive cake in each class given out in assembly. The cakes will then be sold at the Bazaar in the afternoon.

If you have any other donations of items for bric-a-brac, second hand book stall or cake stall, please bring these into school next week.

### **Cycle Training**

Nineteen of our Year 5 and Year 6 children successfully completed their cycle training this week and received certificates and badges. Congratulations to Beth, Woody, Stefan, Jake, Nathan, Emma, James, Dylan, Spencer, Grace, Leah, Tianne, George, Mahlee, Ruby, Holly, Jay, Malachi and Andrew.

### **New Online Payment System**

As announced last week, we have introduced a new online payments system in school and I'm pleased to see that some of you have activated your accounts with School Gateway already. As mentioned, we are using the new system to obtain consent for all children to walk to church for the Christmas service on 17th December. Therefore please ensure your School Gateway account has been activated in order to provide consent for your child. Please refer to last week's newsletter for details on how to activate your account or alternatively contact the school office.

We will also be using the new system for payment for Breakfast Club from January onwards. If you currently use Breakfast Club or wish to use this from 5th January then please can you fill out the attached form indicating your booking choice so that this can be set up on School Gateway for the start of the new term.

### **British Legion Poppy Appeal**

We have just been informed that the children of Loudwater School raised £82.00 for the Poppy Appeal.

### **Smart Raspberry Cooking Club**

Since we are holding the Christmas Bazaar next Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, the last session of the Smart Raspberry cooking club has had to be cancelled. Those of you with children participating in this will be receiving notification of this from Smart Raspberry together with a refund. Next term, anyone wishing to join the sessions will have to book online with Smart Raspberry at [www.smartraspberry.com](http://www.smartraspberry.com)

### **Roof repairs**

During the next 6-8 weeks we are going to be having some repairs to the flat roofs around school. We are really pleased that this work is going to be carried out by Bucks County Council so there is no impact on our school budget; it will however result in some disruption in terms of access to certain areas of the school. I have met with the site team and am confident that, whilst the work is being completed, the health and safety of the children will be paramount; when any scaffolding needs to be moved this will only be done at the weekends.

Scaffolding is due to be erected on site over this weekend. This will mean that from Monday all children will need to use the entrance gate on the Key Stage 2 or lower playground to come in to school and when going home in the afternoon. Staff from Foundation Stage and Years 1 & 2 will be on the playground to wait for the children and take them to class in the morning. This will be very similar to the routine the children are used to at the end of lunchtimes.

In the afternoon the children will be brought to the Key Stage 2 playground where parents will need to gather to collect their children. The Foundation Stage, Year 1 & 2 children will wait with their teachers at the far end of the playground for you to collect them. Please could you wait half-way along the playground so there is room for the classes to come onto the playground and teachers know who children have left with.

Children who are attending Breakfast Club will also need to come into school through the gate on the lower, Key Stage 2, playground and come into school through the door near to the Year 6 classroom and then go up to the hall to leave their belongings as normal.

### **Violin**

Mrs. Watmore, one of our parents, has a violin which she no longer requires. If you are interested in the purchase of a second-hand violin, please contact Mrs. Watmore on 07921621636.

### **After School Judo Lessons**

There are several places available in the after school judo club run by Sam Dobrowolski. If your child is interested in joining the club, please contact Sam on 07904094524 or email her on [samdob33@googlemail.com](mailto:samdob33@googlemail.com) or alternatively speak to Mrs. Arthur in the school office.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Cunningham  
Headteacher

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

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## Calendar of events for 2015-16

<p><b><u>December</u></b>  <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> Open Day (9-10 &amp; 2-3)  <b>4<sup>th</sup></b> Mufti Day for Bazaar  <b>9<sup>th</sup></b> 9.30am Key Stage 1 Christmas Production  <b>10<sup>th</sup></b> 2.30pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Production  <b>11<sup>th</sup></b> Christmas Bazaar 3-4.30pm  <b>15<sup>th</sup></b> Key Stage 2 Christmas Production 2pm &amp; 7pm  <b>16<sup>th</sup></b> Children's Christmas lunch  <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> Christmas Service am Christmas Activities pm  <b>18<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Christmas Jumper Day</b>  <b>18<sup>th</sup></b> School closes at 2pm for Christmas break</p>	<p><b><u>January</u></b>  <b>4<sup>th</sup></b> Training day for teachers  <b>5<sup>th</sup></b> Children return to School  <b>14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Proposed FOLS committee meeting at Derehams Inn Pub at 7.30pm</b></p>	<p><b><u>February</u></b>  <b>9<sup>th</sup> &amp; 11<sup>th</sup></b> Parent/Teacher Consultations  <b>15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup></b> Half term break  <b>22<sup>nd</sup></b> Return to School  <b>25<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Proposed FOLS committee meeting 7.30pm</b></p>
<p><b><u>March</u></b>  <b>18<sup>th</sup></b> Sport Relief  <b>24<sup>th</sup></b> School closes at 2pm for Easter Break</p>	<p><b><u>April</u></b>  <b>11<sup>th</sup></b> Staff Training Day  <b>12<sup>th</sup></b> Children return to School  <b>14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Proposed FOLS committee meeting 7.30pm</b>  <b>19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 21<sup>st</sup></b> Parent/Teacher Consultations  <b>28<sup>th</sup></b> Open Day (9-10 &amp; 2-3)</p>	<p><b><u>May</u></b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> Bank Holiday  <b>9<sup>th</sup></b> Year 2 &amp; 6 SATs Week  <b>23<sup>rd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup></b> Residential Visit to Green Park Y6  <b>27<sup>th</sup></b> <b>School Closed</b> Training Day for teachers  <b>30<sup>th</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup></b> Half term break</p>
<p><b><u>June</u></b>  <b>6<sup>th</sup></b> Children return to School  <b>9<sup>th</sup></b> Open Day (9-10 &amp; 2-3)  <b>9<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Proposed FOLS committee meeting 7.30pm</b></p>	<p><b><u>July</u></b>  <b>5<sup>th</sup></b> Secondary Induction Day (Y6)          New Parents Meeting  <b>7<sup>th</sup></b> Sports Day &amp; Annual Reports to Parents  <b>8<sup>th</sup></b> <b>School Closed</b> Training Day for teachers  <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</p>	<p><b><u>Class Assemblies</u></b>  <b><u>Spring term</u></b>          9.05 Start          21<sup>st</sup> January - Year Six          28<sup>th</sup> January – Year Two          4<sup>th</sup> February – Year Five          11<sup>th</sup> February - Year One          3<sup>rd</sup> March – Year Three          10<sup>th</sup> March – Year Four          17<sup>th</sup> March - Foundation Stage</p>

New items in green

