



Loudwater Combined School

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LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Monday March 25th - Shakespeare Workshop – Whole School

Tuesday 26th & Thursday 28th Parent/Teacher Consultations Y6

Wednesday March 27th – Year 2 Values Assembly

Foundation Stage - Height and Weight Survey

Thursday March 28th – Foundation Stage Class Assembly

Friday March 29th - FOLS Easter Disco (KS1 & FS 6 -7.15 then KS2 7.30-8.45)

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

In Foundation Stage this week we have been learning about pandas and black bears, and we look forward to sharing some of the facts we have found out with everyone in our class assembly next Thursday. We have also read a story about a bear who lost his hat and wanted to get it back. We have used this story as a frame to write our own stories about a cow who has lost her bag.

In Maths, we have been trying to solve an argument between some of the bears in our class. They can't work out who is the tallest and so we have been measuring them to help them work it out.

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

Phase 2 and Phase 3 activities

Year One

The focus for our English and topic work this week has been our trip to Tiggywinkles. We wrote rules that we needed to follow and used some super imperative verbs...the most important one being ENJOY!

On Thursday we wrote some super recounts of our day. We had a brilliant trip and learnt so much. The children were a delight to take. There are some photos of the day on our e-schools page.

We have also been having fun with fractions in Maths. We have been finding halves of cakes, shapes and amounts of sweets.

Useful websites

<https://www.sttiggywinkles.org.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p017kztf> (a fun halving song!)

www.phonicsplayphase4

Year Two

This week we have explored the life of Anne Fine, who is the author of 'The Diary of a Killer Cat'. We researched her life and made notes, organising the facts into sub-

headings: Early Life, Accomplishments, Personal Information and Interesting Facts. Then we wrote a biography of Anne Fine, structuring our text with sub-headings, detailed sentences, noun-phrases and conjunctions to create a text to be enjoyed by others. We also wrote a book review of 'The Diary of a Killer Cat'. We were interested to find out that Anne Fine hates cats! Finally, we completed a Smart Write activity where we were able to choose our own style of writing based on Tuffy, the Killer Cat. In Topic we designed, made and evaluated a clay sculpture of Tuffy the cat. We had to decide how we wanted our audience to view Tuffy. Would he be vicious, peaceful or sneaky? Then we moulded the clay to create his body shape, adding features using tools. All models were super! In Maths we have been revisiting addition using the partitioning method. This time we have been adding amounts of money, learning how to write totals that are bigger than 100 (£1.00). In Phonics we have been revisiting the use of suffixes and how they change the meaning of a root word and which rule we need to apply.



Emily's Cat.

<http://www.origami-instructions.com/origami-cat.html> Make your own Tuffy! I would love to see your finished cats.

Year Three

This week in English we have continued to read 'Wolves in the Walls'. We have found out that the wolves aren't scary after all, they just have very bad manners; eating jam on toast and popcorn along with throwing house parties! We have used this text to write setting descriptions and writing from different perspectives. We have discussed how the author builds tension for us as readers along with the purposeful language that he uses. In Maths this week we have been using concrete resources (place value counters) to help us multiply a 2 digit number by a single digit number. We then moved onto formal methods of multiplication - using the grid method to help us with this. We are now looking at dividing a 2 digit number by a single digit number.

In Topic this week we have been learning about germs! We have discussed viruses, bacteria and fungi. We understand that some microorganisms are helpful, yet others can be very harmful. We conducted an investigation with glitter to see how far it spread around the classroom throughout the duration of an afternoon by placing a spoonful in someone's hands. It is safe to say that at the end of the day - the glitter was everywhere!

https://www.ducksters.com/biography/authors/william_shakespeare.php

Year Four

In our English lesson this week, we have been writing non-chronological reports about the Oompa-Loompas that work in Mr Willy Wonka's factory. We have found information from the story and organised this into different paragraphs before writing, editing and publishing our reports. During our maths lessons, we have learnt how to represent tenths and hundredths as decimals and fractions. We have used place value grids to

represent the fractions as decimals and looked at the effect of dividing one and two digit numbers by 100. In our topic lessons this week, we have learnt about the process of evaporation. We have discussed where we might see evaporation in everyday life such as water drying in a puddle or clothes hanging on a washing line. We have also looked at the water cycle and described the different processes that take place during this.

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/z3wpp39>

Year Five

This week in English, Year Five have been planning and writing newspaper articles about the death of Bess and The Highwayman. We have had to think carefully about the structure of our reports, the type of language we need to use, and how to adapt our writing for audience and purpose.

In maths, we have been continuing to practise the formal written method for long multiplication. We have had to think carefully about the order in which we multiply the numbers, and using a place holding zero. We have also been using the short written method for multiplication. We practised exchanging when using this method with place value counters and are now applying these skills in problem solving work. We are starting to interpret remainders as fractions and decimals.

On Wednesday afternoon, we enjoyed working on the Mead with the Chiltern Rangers. We planted hundreds of plug plants which will form a new wild flower meadow, and helped with wood-chipping the footpath. In our topic lessons, we have started to think about the effects of friction on our landing capsules and will investigate how friction affects different surfaces next week.

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/504/Super-Maths-Bowling-Multiplication>

Year Six

In English this week we have been planning and writing exciting 'rescue' stories inspired by our trip to Hazard Alley. We each chose one of the scenarios that we experienced as the basis to our stories, which had to follow the advice given to us by the instructors. For example if our stories involved a water rescue then we know that we should not enter the water. Instead we would find a lifebuoy or an object that would float to throw to the person in difficulty. Our stories also had to include a telephone call to the emergency services. Our spelling focus this week has been silent letters. In Maths we have been consolidating our understanding of: drawing and translating simple shapes on the coordinate plane; using angle facts to find missing angles; calculating the perimeter of compound shapes and finding the area of rectangles. In Topic we have been creating a timeline to develop our understanding of the Stone Age. Although prehistoric people are often thought of as not being very clever, we discovered that they actually completed some great achievements, such as creating fire and making sharp wooden and stone tools. We used a 'Diamond Nine' activity to discuss how the achievements could have improved people's lives. On Wednesday afternoon, we had a great time on Kingsmead helping the Chiltern Rangers. We laid bark on the pathway and planted plants in the wet and dry areas.

This site has a wide variety of Maths games which help to practise a range of skills.

<http://www.mathplayground.com/games.html>

Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
01/03/19	Darcy A	Ruby	Mason S	Faith	Baylee	Cameron	Tyler
08/03/19	Molly	Emily	Ayaan	Isabella	Kobee	Kyle	Not at assembly
15/03/19	Mei	Esa	Aundreah	Natasha	Poppy	James	Ell
22/03/19	Joshua	John	Emily	Milla	Whole Class	Adam	Tishanna

The Head teacher's Award this week goes to Shannon in Year 6 in recognition of the excellent attitude she has towards her learning -well done!

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
01/03/19	Denise Scarlett	Evan Ellie-Louise	Shayley Tyler	Logan W Rachel	Grace Jacob	Kyle Romisha	Shay Angel
08/03/19	Joshua Azhaan	Eleithyia John	Ciaran Andreea	Lily R-C Milla	Zach Keira	Amaya Cameron	Not at assembly
15/03/19	Paige Max	Freddie Rose	Benjamin Isabelle	Amaaya Blake	Kobee Poppy	Grace Ayaan A	Shannon Jennifer
22/03/19	Mannan Jack	Ruby Rose	Joshua Kristina	Logan S Alacia	Lucy S Xandros	Dominic Isabelle	Madison Stanley

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
01/03/19	97%	95%	97%	98%	98%	100%	99%
08/03/19	99%	98%	99%	97%	98%	96%	99%
15/03/19	96%	96%	97%	93%	89%	97%	99%
22/03/19	96%	99%	100%	98%	99%	99%	94%

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
01/03/19	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
08/03/19	6	0	0	3	1	0	1
15/03/19	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
22/03/19	2	1	0	1	0	0	0

House points for this week

	Beethoven	Mozart	Tchaikovsky	Elgar
01/03/19	223	152	248	238
08/03/19	245	230	163	246
15/03/19	154	220	183	229
22/03/19	143	176	158	254

Coffee Morning

Come and join Jackie Boyce for a coffee morning on Wednesday 3rd April between 9.00am and 10.00am. At this first meeting we will be thinking about 'Self Care' and exploring what further support would be useful for you and your child/ren.

Watering Cans Required

The children in KS1 have requested an appeal for watering cans. Any size, shape or colour. All donations welcome. We would also like to take this opportunity to give a very big thank you to FOLS for providing a number of new watering cans; as we needed to water our new plants and trees.

Photographs

You should by now have received the proof photographs from Mr Harris. The orders are now taken online and full instructions are given at the bottom of the proof photo card. Please do not send money or orders into school.

After School Clubs

We will unfortunately, be losing our two very able coaches for next year. Mrs Merry and Mrs Dodsworth are no longer able to commit to leading our team and we require help on this front. If you know of any volunteers or you are able yourself, please contact the school office. We do not want to have to give up on our netball and we have until September to make other arrangements. Our thanks and best wishes go to both ladies, who will be with us until July.



Although our netball team lost 5 – 3 to Claytons this week you will see they all had a wonderful time and gave it their best.

If you have enrolled your child in the netball after school club they are welcome to stay on Tuesday between 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm. Also, the choir after school club runs on Thursday between 3.30 pm and 4.30 pm for those enrolled through the Gateway are welcome.

Red Nose Day

We have raised a total of £294.15 on behalf of this year's Comic Relief/Red Nose Day. This amount included £112.15 collected in donations and the cake sale plus, once we had paid Sainsburys for the cost of 280 noses, we raised another £182.00 for the charity.

Parents' consultation meeting on our proposal to convert to academy status.

The consultation period continues until the 5th April 2019 (end of term) so if you were not able to attend our meeting on March 7th or have further questions these can be sent or emailed to the school office. Minutes of the recent meeting are available on the School Website. http://www.loudwater.bucks.sch.uk/website/academisation_proposal/399526
The Trust's website has lots of useful information and can be found at: <https://www.odbst.org.uk/>.

Parents' Forum

The parents' forum met on Tuesday 12th March. The minutes are available on the school website: http://www.loudwater.bucks.sch.uk/website/agendas_and_minutes/37617 . The minutes also include information about the results of the Parents' Survey from the

February parent/teacher consultation meetings. The Forum is open to all and it is for parents to decide the agenda. The next meeting is planned for Tuesday 4th June at 7pm. Thanks to all those who attended.

Easter Cracked!

As part of our RE curriculum, Year 4 and Year 5 will be visiting St Peter's Church on Monday 1st April for an interactive workshop focusing on Easter. There is no charge for the workshop and we would like to use the consent you have already given for local walks for this event. The workshops provide information only and there is no element of worship included in them. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Library



Our thanks go to the members of FOLS who kindly gave their time and effort to reorganise and tidy our school library. The difference is really quite noticeable and the new books, also donated by FOLS, will surely stimulate and inspire our young readers.

School Uniform

We would like to remind you that the school uniform is available from two different outlets; along with the My Clothing online we also have PMG in the town centre. The prices do differ as they both have different suppliers and this means that the sizing may suit different children in different ways. Unfortunately, PMG have been unable to source the coloured t-shirts. We would also like to remind you that the girls are allowed sweatshirts. If purchasing from PMG please ensure that the item has our new logo.

Gateway

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

Year 6 – Green Park Residential

Choir Enrolment

Whole School - FOLS Easter Disco

Stationery Contribution

Netball Enrolment

Year 6 Consultation Meeting

Emails

Please remember to check your emails as this is one of our preferred ways of contacting and informing our parents.

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, 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.

LOUDWATER COMBINED SCHOOL **Calendar of events for 2018-19**

<u>March</u> 25th Shakespeare Workshop – Whole School 26th & 28th Parent/Teacher Consultations Y6 29th FOLS Easter Disco (KS1 & FS 6 - 7.15 then KS2 7.30-8.45)		<u>April</u> 5th School closes at 2pm for Easter Break 23rd Training day for teachers 24th Children return to School 27th Netball Tournament – Kingsmead Netball Courts 29th Class Photographs 30th & 2nd Parent/Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5)	
<u>May</u> 2nd Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00 – 3.00) 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	<u>June</u> 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	<u>July</u> 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><u>Values Assemblies</u></p> <p>All Start at 9.05am</p> <p>30th April - Kindness Y6</p> <p>23rd May - Collaboration Y1</p> <p>27th June - Respect Y5</p> <p>18th July - Happiness FS</p>	<p><u>Class Assemblies</u></p> <p><u>Spring term</u></p> <p>Start at 9.05am</p> <p>28th March - Foundation Stage</p>
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Perform - *the best children's drama and dance classes in High Wycombe*

At Loudwater Combined School.

Drama, dance and singing for 4-7s

BOOK A FREE CLASS AT THIS VENUE

This class is run by Charlotte and Marie. It is regularly visited by our Area Partner, Gemma.

Every Friday between 4pm and 5pm.

Did you know your child is invited to a FREE Drama and Dance Workshop at this venue?

To reserve your child's place, [contact us](#) or [click here](#) to book online.

Parents Anxiety Course

Overcoming your child's fears and worries

Is your child struggling with anxieties?

Would you like you and your child to be able to take back control of your lives?

This practical course sets out to help you identify the patterns or cycles that you and/or your child may have got stuck in and equipping you with additional skills and strategies either to break these cycles or prevent them from occurring.



This is a 5 week course, 2 hours per week, we aim to create a safe, non-judgemental and supportive environment for you to learn and share experiences.

Course dates

Thursdays 9.15am to 11.30am

25th April 2nd May 9th May 16th May 23rd May

If you have any questions or would like to book onto this course please contact

Jackie Boyce Family
Support Advisor through
the School Office on
01494 524919



WORRIER POSE

Gemma CORRELL

Coffee Mornings



Come and join me, Jackie, for an informal chat over a coffee at Loudwater School on the first Wednesday of every month from 9am to 10am.

April 3rd May 1st June 5th July 3rd

It's easy to get caught up in the continuous cycle of work, sleep, and more work. After a while, your body screams in protest and demands you pay attention to its needs. Your body and mind deserve some rest. In just a few minutes a day you can find small ways to take care of yourself that don't cut into your busy schedule.

Here are 10+ ways to take care of yourself every day.

1. Exercise your body for a happy mind.
2. Quick morning meditation
3. Read a book or a magazine.
4. Call an old friend.
5. Schedule time for yourself.
6. Unplug from technology.
7. Take a pre-made meal to eat for lunch.
8. Get enough sleep.
9. Make your weekend about you, not work.
10. Remind yourself that you are fabulous.



**For more information contact me through the School office,
Jackie Boyce Family Support Advisor**





Scouts



What is a Gang Show?
The tradition of Gang Shows was started by the late Ralph Reader, CBE, in 1932. Our show is a mix of the old & new, music, comedy & dance performed by a cast from local Scouting and Guiding groups.

In Support Of



Y.E.S Wycombe offers free and confidential support, information and counselling to young people (13-25) in the High Wycombe area
www.yeswycombe.org

Get your tickets today

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or

Call: 01494 854234

SHOW TIMES

Wednesday 10th - Friday 12th April 2019
7.30PM

Saturday 13th April 2019
2PM & 7.30PM

*BSL Interpreted Performances on
Thursday @ 7.30pm & Saturday @ 2pm*

TICKETS: £10
CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE

LOCATION
LANCASTER ARTS CENTRE
Wycombe Abbey School
High Wycombe
Bucks
HP11 1PE

The energy and enthusiasm just takes my breath away

highwycombegangshow.co.uk