



Loudwater Combined School

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LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Tuesday – Parent/teacher meetings for FS- Y5 from 3.45-6.30

Thursday - Parent/teacher meetings for FS- Y5 from 5.30-8.30

Friday – Tuck Shop at break-time.

Value of the month

The value of the month for April is Kindness and the inspirational person we will be exploring the life of is Tanni Grey Thompson.

During assemblies and PSHE lessons children will be exploring and discussing the following questions:

- How have you been kind to someone recently?
- When do your friends need your kindness?
- What are your responsibilities if you think someone is being bullied?

One of our whole school assemblies will include a story about a child who has been bullied and how they overcame this. We want to encourage the children to think about their responsibilities in supporting their friends should they find themselves in such a situation.

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

This week Foundation Stage has been investigating a crime that has been committed in our school playground!! We are still piecing together our ideas, but here are some of the clues we have observed:

- Our role play area has an address on the door, it is Number Three, Wood Lane.
- We have seen a chair that is broken and a bed sheet hanging out of the window.
- There is a small bowl and a ribbon on the floor and there is a medium sized bowl and a big bowl on the table.
- There is some stuff sprinkled around. We thought it was chicken or rabbit food, and one person thought it was cat litter, but when we read the label on the half empty packet we found out it was porridge oats.

What could have happened?

We are writing reports to help the Police with their inquiries and once the problem has been solved we will start the clean-up operation! We will let you know as the facts become clearer.

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk>

Focus on the Phase Two and Three games, to consolidate our recent phonics work. You don't need to subscribe, the play for free games are great.



Police Crime Scene

We are piecing the clues together in an attempt to assist the police with their enquiries.

Year One

In English we have had a fun week reading different versions of the 3 little pigs. We also worked in pairs to sequence pictures from the story and retell it to each other. We have written some super sentences to match the pictures that we had sequenced. This week our Maths lessons have been very practical. We have been using balance scales, kitchen scales and 1 kg weights to find the weight of objects. We have had great fun finding the capacity of lots of different containers. We were lucky with the weather as we did our investigating outside with plenty of water! We now know that capacity is measured in l and ml and that the weight of objects can be measured in g and kg.

We were excited to learn that our new topic is all about buildings. We all drew the buildings that we live in. We learnt about the different types of homes that we live in and also found out about the features these homes have. We made a bar chart to show how many children live in each type of home. We found out that nobody in our class lives in a castle like the Queen!

As a class we raised a total of £255 for the hearing dogs - a great big thank you for your support with this.

www.ictgames.com/dinosaursEggs/index.html

(This is brilliant for reading high frequency words, go through each phase)

Year Two

This week Year 2 has been enjoying the story of 'The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark'. They have written a character description of Plop, a letter to Plop to tell him how they feel about the dark, a senses poem about the dark and instructions on how to be a night bird. In Maths, they have been using number bonds to help them to add 2 digit and single digit numbers. They have also been learning how to read scales and record measurements, including temperatures. In Topic, they have planted tomato seeds and looked in the outdoor environment for objects that are alive, not alive and never been alive. In Phonics, they have revisited rules for adding suffixes to words that end in a y.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/length_and_weight/play/

Year Three

This week in English, Year 3 has started a new text called Wolves in the Walls by Neil Gaiman. They started off the week by using a range of sources to gather information on wolves. They have discussed what the story might be about and have written their own predictions; taking information from just the blurb and the picture on the front cover of the book. In Maths the children have worked on identifying, representing and comparing numbers to 1000. They have also looked at counting forwards and backwards in tenths as well as

understanding that tenths arise from dividing an object into 10 equal parts. Towards the end of the week they interpreted data using bar charts and pictograms. We have started our new Topic on Shaping Up for this side of the term. The children have had the opportunity to read and discuss their new targets and have drawn title pages to represent these in their books. They all participated in a 'human body' treasure hunt that consisted of 30 questions being scattered around the school to find and solve in small groups. Next week we will be learning all about muscles and bones.

Skeletons and Muscles link

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living_things/skeletons_muscles/read/1/

Year Four

This week in English, Year 4 has written a recount about one event they participated in during the Easter holidays. We have started to read the book *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman; the children have been identifying the characteristics of the individuals introduced so far using the text to support their ideas. In Mathematics we have been using formal (column) methods to add and subtract four digit numbers including decimals. The children have used this skill to solve problems involving money. Our new topic is called 'Bright Sparks' and the children have started to identify appliances that run on electricity and have considered which statements about the topic are true or false.

http://bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/6_7/electricity.shtml

Year Five

This week in English, Year Five has started a new book called, *Gangsta Granny*, by David Walliams which we are all really enjoying – it's very funny and sometimes a little bit rude! We have written character descriptions about Granny and are talking about the character of Ben so that we can write a letter to an agony aunt as him. In Maths we have been revising partitioning, place value and decimal numbers to 3 decimal places. We have started a new unit about measures and this will include converting measures, different types of graphs and reading scales. Our new topic is called; existing endangered, extinct. This will focus on classification and grouping as well as the life cycles of different plants and animals.

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

Year Six

In English this week, Year 6 has written stories inspired by their trip to Hazard Alley Safety Centre. They have based their stories on one of the scenarios that they encountered on the day. They have written about becoming heroes when they have rescued someone or saved a person in difficulties and they had to take control of a situation or event and telephone for the emergency services. In grammar they have been revising determiners, synonyms and antonyms. In Maths, Year 6 has been revising the properties of 2d and 3d shapes, drawing and measuring angles with a protractor, constructing and interpreting line graphs and pie charts. They have continued to work hard on their arithmetic skills. In Topic, Year 6 has started their new topic called Investigators. They will be training as Forensic Scientists in order to solve a crime that has taken place in in school!!!!

<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
21.4.17	Stanley Grace, Caitlin Brown, Amy Smith	Lucas De Mendonca	Keira Robak	Kyle Chambers	Kamileshia Gittens	Alice Betts	Tiah Barszcz

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
21.4.17	Benjamin Tate, Karolina Malek	Rachel Coope, Reece Anns	Lucy Deane, Kobee Barszcz	Ryan Cleland, Lily Cleere-Horwood	Shay Barszcz, Paris Roseje	Maddison Webb, Mackenzie Anns	Liam Cleland, Amy Randall

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
21.4.17	97%	99%	99%	98%	98%	98%	97%

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
21.4.17	0	0	0	1	0	1	0

House and Vice Captains – for the summer term.

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
Captain	Malva Collinao Pierce	Ruby Davison	Tianne Shurety-Muturi	Tiah Barszcz
Vice	Remy Bashir	Mahlee Lelyveld	Raqeeb Ahmed	James Steeples

House points for the week

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
21.4.17	200	176	217	152

The **Head teacher's Award** this week goes to Ruben Mathey for demonstrating this month's value of kindness – Well done!

After School Clubs

Thank you all for your replies registering your child's interest for the various after school clubs that will be running this term starting from next week. We have now informed the organisers of the external paid activities of numbers and have already distributed the relevant payment / consent letters to all who have shown interest. Please complete and return these as soon as possible. Please note, there are some bookings that can be made online direct with the organiser.

All children who have expressed an interest in attending a club have been allocated a place. For those clubs where there is a cost, please send payment to school or organiser as soon as possible.

Please support our challenge!

A group of Mums from Year 2 (also known as Dead or Alive!) are entering the Windsor Gung-Ho on 22nd April (tomorrow) to raise funds for school. This is a 5K obstacle course, with ten inflatable obstacles. We're still not quite at our fundraising target, so if you can, please support us with a donation via:
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/deadoralive>.

Thank you!

School Photographs

We have now distributed all the photograph orders received from Cliff Harris Photographers. If you have any queries or would like to order more copies please contact Cliff Harris direct.

Parents' forum

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd May at 7pm in the Year 6 classroom. If you have any items for the agenda please let your class representative know or email the school office. The class representatives are:

Foundation Stage: Jackie Subhan (mum of Jasmine) & Nancy Smith (mum of Amy)

Year One: Shelley Sheppard (mum of Logan)

Year Two: Kelly Leary (mum of Oscar)

Year Three: Lauren Whiting (mum of Amy)

Year Four: Kelly Greenlee (mum of Shannon)

Year Five: Andy McNeill (dad of Freya)

Year Six: Steve Andrews (dad of Beth)

Tuck Shop

Next Friday (28th April) there will be a healthy tuck shop at break-time when any children who want to can buy a healthy snack or drink. Children should bring in no more than £1 which will enable them to buy a drink and a snack. The money raised will go towards our proposed graffiti art wall.

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 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 2016-17

<p><u>March</u></p>	<p><u>April</u></p> <p>21st FOLS Cinema Evening for children 25th & 27th Parent/Teacher Consultations for FS – Y5</p>	<p><u>May</u></p> <p>1st Bank Holiday 8th Year 6 SATs Week 12th FOLS Quiz Night 15th & 22nd Assessment Weeks (all other year groups) 18th – Open Day 9-10 am & 2-3 pm 22nd – 25th Y6 Residential visit 26th School Closed Training Day for teachers 29th-2nd Half term break</p>
<p><u>June</u></p> <p>5th Children return to School 29th Open Day 9.30-10.30am & 2-3 pm 30th School closed teacher training day</p>	<p><u>July</u></p> <p>4th Secondary Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting 7th Annual Reports to Parents 8th FOLS Summer Fete 13th Sports Day 14th FOLS discos for pupils pm 17th Reserve Sports Day 20th 7.00pm Y6 Leavers Production 21st 9.30am Y6 Leavers Presentation Assembly 21st School closes at 2pm for summer break</p>	

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

<u>Values Assemblies 9.05am start</u>	
27 th April – Kindness Y6	
25 th May – Collaboration Y1	
29 th June – Respect Y4	
19 th July – Happiness FS	



Happy's Circus!

Thursday 18th May
Carrington Junior School

Come and join us for a fun packed comedy show for all the family, supported by amazing International Circus artists! With licensed bar and delicious food and refreshments.

Family Ticket for 4 £35
Adult £12
Child £8

To book your tickets or for more information please contact
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5pm Gates open
6pm Show starts
8pm Show finishes



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