

Loudwater Combined School

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LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER Friday 20th October 2017

Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Return to school 30th October 2017 Tuesday 31st October 2017 Last day to apply for secondary school places – Y6

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

In Foundation Stage we have learnt some more about bones and seen a skeleton. Anyone who can tell the grownups how many bones we have in our bodies will get a sticker after half term! We have written about our bodies and talked about our families. In Maths we have done some more adding activities and have been learning about 2D shapes. In Phonics we have learnt the sounds ck, e, u and r and we are using all the sounds we know to start to build words. We have also learnt to read the words "I", "have", "and" and "the".

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e54m6XOpRgU

The skeleton dance

Year One

In English Year 1 has had great fun planning a rumpus! We were inspired by the rumpus that Max and the wild things enjoyed. We made a list of all the things that we might need. We also wrote some invitations, making sure we included the time and the venue. We followed instructions to make some jelly for the rumpus and we learnt all about the job of an imperative verb. This week, in maths we have been finding missing numbers in addition and subtraction sums. We used cubes and number lines to help us. In topic we have been looking at abstract portraits by Pablo Picasso. We talked about what the term abstract meant and then we created some of our own abstract portraits.

Have fun creating an online abstract portrait! http://www.picassohead.com/search.html

Year Two

This week Year 2 has been continuing to use The Great Fire of London facts to inspire their writing. We wrote a letter to King Charles II explaining how London should be re-built and chose our own genre of writing in the Smart Write activity. In Phonics, we have been learning to read and write words with the suffixes –ful, -less, -ment, -ly and –ness. In Maths, we have been revisiting our learning from this term, which includes adding 3 single-digit numbers, adding and subtracting tens and place value. In Topic we have been learning facts about Floella Benjamin as part of our Black History month work. http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/alphabetical_order/play/

Year Three

In English this week we have completed Reading, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar assessments. We have been writing fantastic sentences with our spelling rule of 'ous' and have been working with pronouns in our grammar starters. In Maths we have been looking closely at adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers using place value counters and base 10 apparatus. After half term we will be building on our understanding of this by moving onto the extended column method. In Topic this week we discussed what would happen if the sea was made of ketchup. We discussed how clouds are formed and wondered that if the sea was ketchup, could we have red clouds. We then composed an investigation which involved heating ketchup using a candle and observed what happened over time. After, we had a fantastic discussion about the different ingredients in ketchup http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living_things/food_chains/read/1/

Year Four

In English we have been reading a new book called Christophe's story. The story is about a boy from Rwanda who moved to England due to war in his country and how he settled into a new school. We have used this book as a basis for writing our own recounts of things that we have done in our past. The children have also written in character, pretending to be Christophe writing a letter to his Grandad in Rwanda. In maths we have been learning mental methods of multiplication, including using the commutative law to make this easier. We have also learnt how to use factor pairs to help when multiplying larger numbers. In topic we have looked at cave paintings found in different places around the world, such as the Lascaux cave paintings in France and used this as a basis for our art work. touropia.com/prehistoric-cave-paintings

A website featuring information on different cave paintings found around the world.

Year Five

This week in English, Year 5 has finished reading Charlie and the Chocolate factory. We have written interviews with one of Mr Wonka's workers, and have written a diary entry from Mr Wonka about the day of the children's visit. We have also worked hard to complete reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar assessments. In maths this week, Year 5 has been using written and mental methods for addition and subtraction. This has included solving missing number and multi-step problems and using the inverse operation to check their work. In topic lessons, Year 5 has completed an investigation to see which insulators are most effective for keeping water hot, and have used all of our scientific knowledge and understanding to bake some delicious muffins! We are very excited about their new topic after half term: Space Explorers.

https://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub/index.html

Year Six

In English this week, we have been exploring the moon, Pandora. We have watched a short documentary and have used this to write a non-chronological text (information text). We have written an introductory paragraph about the moon itself, created a creature that lives on it and then written paragraphs about its anatomy and diet. We have used the process of slow writing to help us focus on our sentence structure. In Maths, we have been consolidating our learning on mental strategies using order of operations and BIDMAS and algebra. We have also been using the formal written method of long multiplication to multiply numbers by 2 digits. In Topic, we have been investigating eco-tourism. We have discussed some of the negative impact on tourist areas such as in Kenya. We have then researched and produced a magazine article for National Geographic on Costa Rica, Bimini or Antarctica, highlighting their tourism issues.

BBC Bitesize – KS2Science – Human Body

www.bbc.co.uk > Bitesize > KS2 > Science > The living world.

Great pre-reading for our next topic.

Achievement Award Winners

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
6.10.17	Tyler	Ticha	Afia	Oliver	Rishie	Maddie
13.10.17	Harley	Lily	Harry	Lara	Stanley	Jesus
20.10.17	Teagan	Ruby	Lucy D	Thomas	Tishana	George

The following children have been recognised in achievement assembly for their good behaviour:

_	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
6.10.17	Kristina	Leah	Oscar	Sri	Jennifer	Aaron
	Joshua	Dylan	Faith	Riley	Max	Jess
13.10.17	Stanley	Amaaya	Urszula	Ryan	Breanna	Lee
	Alfie	Rhys	Henry	Amy	Aaminah	Arianne
20.10.17	Ella	Rachel	Rohan	Alice	Alanna	Erin
	Jacob	Logan	Lucy	Romisha	Miguel	Alice

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
6.10.17	99%	98%	94%	100%	99%	98%	100%
13.10.17	98%	99%	97%	93%	98%	97%	99%
20.10.17	91%	93%	92%	98%	98%	99%	98%

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
6.10.17	0	1	0	0	2	1	1
13.10.17	0	1	0	1	3	3	4
20.10.17	1	0	1	0	0	2	1

House points for this week

_	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
6.10.17	367	310	353	538
13.10.17	150	161	166	244
20.10.17	158	156	172	158

The **Head teacher's Award** this week goes to; Tyler in Year 1 for being a super, supportive friend - well done!

The Value Certificates for this month have been awarded to

- Harry in Year 1
- Natasha in Year 2
- Henry in Year 3
- Teyha in Year 4
- Shay in Year 5
- Jessica in Year 6

We also have three children in Year 4 receiving their pen licences. Well done James, Lara and Ryan.

Halloween Spooky Cake Competition

There were 48 entries for this delicious competition. Mr German did the honours and chose the winners for each year group. Well done to all entrants, it was very hard to choose between you all.

Winners as below



Foundation: Sameer Year 1: Teagan Year 2: George

Year 3: Harry



Year 4: Joshua Year 5: Ella Year 6: George

Stop Press.....The cake sale made £170.00...... Thank you to all parents for your support and to FOLs who staffed the stall. The proceeds will go to our outside 'Art Wall' project.

Dolce

Due to our Street Art Day, please be aware that on 16th November there will be a sandwich lunch.

Half Term SEND/inclusive events

October half term events –see below web links for details. www.bucksfamilyinfo.org

After School Clubs

Premier Sport after school gymnastics and fencing clubs have spaces available for after the half term break, both clubs are for years 3-6. Fencing is building on Olympic values for sportsmanship and discipline and working towards an inter-school competition by Christmas or New Year. Please visit premiersport.org to book and search Loudwater School.

Choir

There is still an opportunity to order your O2 tickets through the Gateway if you have a child performing with the choir.

School Gateway

The School Gateway is available to all our parents and only requires you to activate your account. The Gateway isn't only for paying for trips and breakfast club, it can be used to give consent, register an interest and book tickets. FOLS are also involved and have started to use the system more and more. We have the following items/events on there at the moment.

- Pantomime Tickets
- Choir tickets and memorabilia
- Pencil case/Stationery contribution
- Breakfast Club
- Guitar Lessons
- Bonfire tickets

FOLS News

FOLS have secured a block of tickets to **Jack & the Beanstalk** at the **Wycombe Swan** theatre on **Thursday 14 December at 19:00.** Tickets are available at the special price of **£18** each and are now available via School Gateway. Tickets are being sold on a first come, first served basis. You will be notified of the success of your application within 2 weeks of making your payment. In the event our ticket allocation sells out, any unsuccessful monies paid will be refunded.

Advance notice - **Curry Night at Mr India** will be held on **Tuesday 21st November at 19:30**. A great night out, with fantastic food and the opportunity to get to know other parents. Tickets will be £20, to include mixed starters and a choice of 5 main courses. For more information or to buy tickets please contact Natalie Ross (07770) 763330. Wishing you a very happy half term break! *FOLS Committee*

Flackwell Heath Bonfire Evening

It's that time of year again! - following the success of last year, Flackwell Heath Village Bonfire Association will be running an event on, Saturday 4^{th} November 2017 at 6:00pm. Advance tickets are on sale at £5.00 each and available from the school gateway. For more information see below flyer or visit: www.facebook.com/fhfireworks

Lottery Winner

Congratulations to Rachel Ruzgar, FOLS lottery winner for this month.

Half Term Break

Finally I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe half term break and we will see you all again on Monday October 30th.

Yours faithfully

Clare Cunnington

Mrs C Cunnington Head teacher

Newsletter, consent forms and payments

We are now only sending out the newsletter via email so do please ensure that you inform the office of your current email address if you have not already done so – contact: office@loudwater.bucks.sch.uk

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 2017-18

	23 rd - 27 th Half term break 30 th Return to school 31 st Last day to apply for secondary school places 3.00pm deadline.(Y6)	November 9 th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 17 th Children in Need 23 rd Values Assembly Y6
December 1st Christmas Bazaar 7th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 12th Key Stage 2 Christmas Production 2pm & 7pm 13th 9.30am Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 14th 2.30pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 18th Christmas Service am Christmas Activities pm 19th School closes at 2pm for Christmas break	January 3 rd Training day for teachers 4 th Children return to School 31 st Values Assembly Y3	February 7 th & 8 th Parent/Teacher Consultations 12 th - 16 th Half term break 19 th Return to School 28 th Values Assembly Y2
March 22 nd Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 23 rd Red Nose Day 27 th & 28 th Parent/Teacher Consultations Y6 28 th Values Assembly Y5 29 th School closes at 2pm for Easter Break	April 16 th Children return to School 25 th & 26 th Parent/Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5)	May 3 rd Values Assembly Y4 7 th Bank Holiday 10 th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 14 th Year 6 SATs Week 21 st Year 5 Assessment Week 24 th Values Assembly Y5 25 th School Closed Training Day for teachers 28 th – 1 st Half term break
June 4 st Children return to School 11 th -14 th Residential Visit to Green Park Y6 21 st Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 28 th Values Assembly FS 29 th School closed teacher training day	July 3 rd Secondary School Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting 6 th Annual Reports 12 th Sports Day 17 th Reserve Sports Day 19 th Values Assembly Y6 23 rd 7.00pm Y6 Leavers Production 24 th 9.30am Y6 Leavers Presentation Assembly 24 th School closes at 2pm for summer break	Class Assemblies Spring term 9.05 Start 18 th January - Year Six 25 th January - Year Two 1 st February - Year Five 22 nd February - Year One 8 th March - Year Three 15 th March - Year Four 22 nd March - Foundation Stage

Half Term / Future Events



Premier Sport and Dance offers actioned packed holiday courses for children aged $5\,$ - $12\,$ years. Delivered by a team of specialist activity professionals and coaches with enhanced DBS, the camps provide a fun, safe environment for children to get out and get active with their friends Here's just some of the great activities children can enjoy. Soak the coach Arts and Crafts Mask making Handball Street Dance Basketball Musical theatre Netball Dodgeball Street hockey **Super Soccer** Adventure games Tag Rugby Capture the flag Ouidditch Archery tri -Golf Juniper Hill Primary - Flackweel Heath, HP10 9LA Course Dates Monday 23td October - Tuesday 24th October **Booking Information** Standard Day 9.15am - 4.00pm £18.50 Introductory offer - GET 25% off when booked by Wed 18th Oct Discount code DM/EARLY (online only) How to Book Book online: www.premiersport.org By Phone: 01953 499 040 Email Phil Stafford at pstafford@premier-education.com or call 07717 442053

