



Loudwater Combined School

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LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th February 2018

Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Friday February 9th Half term break
Monday February 19th Pupils return to school

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

In Foundation Stage this week we have been learning about the 'Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We have heard the story and written speeches for the Billy Goats. In maths we have started doing take -aways and we have continued to practice our number bonds for 10. In phonics we have learnt the new sounds "ur" and "or".

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

Phase 2 activities

Year One

This week, in English, Year 1 followed instructions in order to plant beans. We then had to write instructions so that Miss Weston could plant her own beans at home! We used some super imperative verbs. We have also been learning about the features of a non-fiction book and have been writing our own information about beans.

Our focus this week in maths has been on finding 10 more and 10 less than any multiple of 10. We now know that multiples of 10 are even numbers and that they end in 0. We have been using a 100 square, 10p coins and the diennes to find 10 more and 10 less.

In Topic this week Year 1 has been finding out the reasons why we cannot grow some types of fruit in our country. We have also been doing observational drawings of fruit.

Useful websites

www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=Growing+plants+with+sparky

(Although it is easier to google topmarks growing plants KS1 and then choose growing plants with Sparky)

www.phonicsplay.com

Choose phase 5 and focus on a-e/e-e/i-e/o-e (they are the split digraphs we have covered)

Year Two

In Year 2 this week, we have been using the story of 'Stone Soup' to support our writing. We have planned and written our own version of the story, as well as writing a riddle and cinquain poem! We also completed a Smart Write task where we wrote a text about Food using any genre we liked. In Phonics we have been revising reading and writing of contractions e.g. that is = that's. In Maths we have been learning how to use the empty number line method to subtract two 2-digit numbers. In Topic, we have been creating a healthy plate of food using collage materials and we have made and evaluated a Pasta Salad.

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

Year Three

This week in Year 3, we have been having a fun time in both Math and English. In English, we started the week off with some Spelling and Grammar tests as well as a Comprehension test. We also have started a new book called 'The Fox and the Star'. We love it! Make sure to ask them all about it. We are currently writing a recount of the book. In Maths, we have been working on adding up to three digit numbers. We have worked on all sorts of strategies in order to understand addition better. In French we are learning all about the weather, and how to ask what it is like outside! Topic has been fun and we have been working hard on writing about our favourite place to go on holiday, and what we would need in order to get there. I have left a website here for you to look at over the half term break. It has a lot of fun writing activities! I hope everyone has a wonderful break!

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/writing/>

Year Four

In English we have continued writing first person recounts. We have read the next chapter in our story and written a recount from the point of view of Lila who entered the cave in order to become a firework-maker. The children have continued to focus on using a range of phrases to make their sentences more effective.

In our maths lessons we have focused on applying addition and subtraction to length and money. In order to do this, we have learnt how to convert pounds to pence and kilometres to metres.

During topic the children set up and ran their own investigation into the time it takes for different types of chocolate to melt. They used candles and candle stands to test white chocolate, dark chocolate and milk chocolate and the children focused on how they could ensure it would be a fair investigation.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/problem-solving>

Year Five

This week in English Year Five has been writing a newspaper report about Ayesha's incredible journey. We have had to think carefully about the key events in the story, using quotes from main characters and using adverbial phrases for time and place to order our work. They have now finished 'Orange's in No Man's Land', and have really enjoyed the text.

In maths, Year Five has been exploring decimal place value. We have partitioned numbers into their tenths and hundredths and have started looking at thousandths. We have also been converting decimal numbers into fractions and solving problems using both of these. In topic lessons, Year Five have become the Roman army and practised some battle manoeuvres. They have learnt about the uniform of the soldiers, and have found out why the Roman Army was so successful. They are now looking at the Roman invasion of Great Britain and have spent some time looking at maps of the UK for places that were established by the Romans.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/PlayPop.aspx?a=activity07>

Year Six

This week in Year 6, we have been reviewing our recent assessment papers in Reading, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling and Maths. We have looked carefully at each question to see if the methods and strategies that we have used were the most effective. In English we have written descriptions of an active volcano and in Maths we have consolidated our learning on number sequences, problem solving and algebraic expressions. In Topic we have learnt about John Lloyd Stephens and Frederick Catherwood who brought the Mayan world to the attention of the public when they discovered the lost city of Copan. Catherwood made very detailed drawings of the buildings and architecture and we used the pictures to write a diary entry of when Stephens and Catherwood made their discoveries. We have also found out about Mayan chocolate and have investigated the melting points of different chocolates.

Website:- IXL Learning - <https://uk.ixl.com/ela/year-6> - Great for revision

Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
9.02.18	Elizabeth	Caitlin	Ellie B	Baylee	Ryan	Ella	Oliver

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
9.02.18	Tilly George	Jacob Tyler	Amber Logan S	Xandros Afia	Amelia Thomas	Jack Miguel	Aaron Jessica

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
9.02.18	98%	98%	96%	91%	96%	96%	97%

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
9.02.18	0	0	3	1	0	1	1

House points for this week

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
9.02.18	414	339	295	325

The **Head teacher's Award** this week goes to; Jessica in Year 6 for writing a super diary entry - well done!

School Council Request

Our School Council are still collecting postage stamps. This will enable them to help the Air Ambulance. If you have any stamps from work or home please send them in an envelope to school at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Year 6 Hazard Alley

Reminder - Year 6 will again be visiting the Hazard Alley Safety Centre, Milton Keynes on Friday February 23rd. A covering letter has already been sent out giving all the necessary details. The Gateway is open for the £11.00 contribution and consent.

Annual Consent for Local Trips and Walks

There are still a number of parents that are yet to take advantage of the annual 'Consent for Local Trips and Walks'. You will remember that earlier this academic year we set the Gateway so that you are able to give a 'one off' consent for local trips and walks. If we have your consent through this system you will only need to send a letter to 'opt out'. We will always inform you of the details of any trip that we would like to involve your child in.



The Ducks are back!

They came knocking on the door earlier in the week in search of a cup of tea – we sent them quacking!

Parking for Pick up and Drop off

We are once again receiving complaints about parking in the school area. As you are aware there is a carpark at the Mead and you are allowed to park free for two hours. Although the space is restricted this is the best option. If you do need to park at the road side please be considerate of our neighbour's driveways and aware of road markings. There is a particular issue with cars parking too close to the 'sleeping policeman' traffic calming causing congestion with passing cars and buses leaving no room to manoeuvre. This is a timely occasion to remind our parents and visitors that at no time is it acceptable to drive up or park in School Way.

After School Clubs

We have arranged a number of new after school clubs to start after half term. The outside providers need to be contacted online over the half term holidays. For your information a full list of After School Clubs is attached to the bottom of this newsletter.

Yours faithfully

Clare Cunningham

Mrs C Cunningham
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

		<u>February</u> 12th – 16th Half term break 19th Return to School 28th Values Assembly Y2
<u>March</u> 2nd World Book Day Dress Up 6th School Photographs 22nd Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 23rd Red Nose Day 27th & 28th Parent/Teacher Consultations Y6 28th Values Assembly Y5 29th School closes at 2pm for Easter Break	<u>April</u> 16th Children return to School 25th & 26th Parent/Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5)	<u>May</u> 3rd Values Assembly Y4 7th Bank Holiday 10th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 14th Year 6 SATs Week 21st Year 5 Assessment Week 24th Values Assembly Y5 25th School Closed Training Day for teachers 28th – 1st Half term break
<u>June</u> 4st Children return to School 11th -14th Residential Visit to Green Park Y6 21st Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 28th Values Assembly FS 29th School closed teacher training day	<u>July</u> 3rd Secondary School Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting 6th Annual Reports 12th Sports Day 14th Summer Fete 17th Reserve Sports Day 19th Values Assembly Y6 23rd 7.00pm Y6 Leavers Production 24th 9.30am Y6 Leavers Presentation Assembly 24th School closes at 2pm for summer break	<u>Class Assemblies</u> <u>Spring term</u> 9.05 Start 22 nd February - Year One 8 th March - Year Three 15 th March - Foundation Stage 22 nd March - Year Four

Clubs organised for after Half Term

Monday 3.30 – 4.30	Dance Club	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	PE kit needed. Maximum of 20 children There will be a cost for this club. Please book online at www.premier-education.com
Tuesday 3.30 – 4.30	Dodge Ball	Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	PE kit needed. Maximum of 20 children There will be a cost for this club. Please book online at www.fabacademy.co.uk
Tuesday 3.30 – 4.30	Netball	Years 4, 5 and 6 Year 3 may be added later dependant on numbers	PE kit needed. Maximum of 20 children
Wednesday 3.30 – 4.30	Play Active Club	Years FS, 1 & 2	PE kit needed. Maximum of 20 children There will be a cost for this club. Please book online at www.premier-education.com
Wednesday 3.30 – 4.30	Football	Years FS, 1 & 2	PE kit needed. Maximum of 20 children There will be a cost for this club. Please book online at www.fabacademy.co.uk
Thursday 3.30 – 4.30	Football	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	PE kit needed. Maximum of 20 children There will be a cost for this club. Please book online at www.fabacademy.co.uk
Thursday 3.30 – 4.30	Tennis	Years 1 & 2 and Years 3,4,5 and 6 Taken in two separate groups	PE kit needed. Maximum of 20 children in each group. There will be a cost for this club. Please book online at www.theelms.co.uk
Friday 3.30 – 4.30	Smart Raspberry Cooking Club	Y1 – Y6	Maximum of 12 children There will be a cost for this club. Please book online at helentucker@smartraspberry.com



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Dear Parents,

On Thursday, the 1st March, it is World Book Day!

World Book Day is an annual celebration that encourages children to read for pleasure. In the UK, it is celebrated on the first Thursday in March.

This year we are going to be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 2nd March** by having a dress up day! Come to school dressed as your favourite book/comic character and bring along the book/comic you feature in. This is just for fun, so we will not be asking for any money. Please do not feel you need to buy a costume or spend hours making one! It really is just for fun and not a competition.

On this day your child will be given a £1 World Book Day token. The token can be exchanged for one of 10 exclusively written World Book Day books at participating stores or used as part payment towards any full priced book or audio book of your choice (priced £2.99 or more). The token is valid until 25th March 2018.

In addition to Dress Up day we will be organising a Book Swap. We invite your child/children to bring in a book/s that they no longer wish to keep, which they will then swap for a different book to bring home.

Thank you for helping your child to enjoy World Book Day by supporting them to dress up as their chosen book character and to enjoy reading for pleasure.

If you would like more information about World Book Day, ideas for reading and writing activities, videos and much more, visit www.worldbookday.com

Yours sincerely

Jackie Olcot

Mrs J Olcot

(English leader)

Half Term holiday activities:



J's NETBALL DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

Are pleased to announce their

Junior Netball Development Programme

(Delivered by 2 Experienced EN Level 2 Coaches)

**Would like to invite all aspiring YEAR 3-7 netball players
to their sessions in 2018**

SPRING TERM

Saturday mornings Indoor

Wycombe High Sportshall

9.30-10.30am

(February and March)

SUMMER TERM

Saturday mornings Outdoor

Kingsmead Netball Centre

9.30-11.00am

(April-July)



**For more information and application form regarding
this exciting new Academy**

Please email: j.a.wells1956@gmail.com or janharper68@aol.com



FLACKWELL FOOTBALL CAMP



February Half Term

Its back! This February Half Term, Flackwell Heath's Football Camp will be returning by popular demand! The camp caters for both boys and girls aged 5-12 years and will run from **9am-4pm daily**. We aim to offer parents a cost effective and reliable form of childcare throughout the half term whilst making sure your children have the half term to remember!

With highly qualified football coaches running the camp, prizes available and lots of fun skills and drills, you can be sure that your child will thoroughly enjoy themselves whilst learning new skills in football, at Flackwell Heath Football Camp!

See all details below:

- Tuesday 13th – Thursday 15th February 2018 (3 Days)
- Days will consist between 9am -4pm @ Green Dragon Lane football ground (HP10 9LD)
- Small charge of £20 per a day
- Discounted prices of £50 for 3 Days
- Children will need a packed lunch for each day
- Deadline for booking **Friday 9th February 2018**

If you are interested, please email flackwellfootballcamps@gmail.com

