



Loudwater Combined School

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LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Year 6 Walk to the War Memorial Monday November 13th
Walk to Church Years 1 and 3 Monday November 13th
Year 2 Wycombe Museum Trip Monday November 13th
Years 4 and 5 Walk to Church Tuesday November 14th
Street Art Day Thursday November 16th
Children in Need Friday November 17th

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

In Foundation Stage this week we have been very excited to have two lots of visitors. Sister Helen Andrews came from Wexham Park Hospital to talk about her role as a nurse in the Fracture Clinic and she put plaster casts on two of the children. We also had a visit from Sergeant Philpot, who talked to us about his role as a Police Officer. We learnt a lot from both visits. We heard a story about a crocodile that had too many teeth to brush, learnt about going to the dentist and found lots of coins in the classroom which we had to count and then return to the tooth fairy.

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

Play any of the Phase Two games

Year One

In English we have been learning about the difference between fiction and non-fiction books. We have been learning how to write questions. We wanted to find out information about elephants so we wrote questions that we wanted the answers to. We used books and the internet to research the answers. We then wrote our own elephant information.

This week in maths, our focus has been on 3d shapes. We named 3d shapes and found out about their properties. We also sorted them into 3d shapes that roll and those that don't roll. We went for a 3d shape treasure hunt both inside and outside of the school. We found lots of shapes! We compared different 3d shapes and we also enjoyed building models with them. This week in topic we worked together to make a Remembrance wreath. We talked about the reasons why we have Remembrance Day each year. We have also been learning about Diwali, the Hindu festival of light. We enjoyed making diya pictures and using the clay to make our own divas.

Websites

www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories/lets-celebrate-diwaliperformance

www.phonicsplay.co.uk/SentSubPhase3.html

Year Two

This week in Year 2 we have been reading 'Sugarlump and the unicorn' by Julia Donaldson. We have predicted the ending, sequenced the story, written our own event and created an advert for a new job for Sugarlump. In Phonics, we have been learning to read and write compound words. Lots of us identified compound words in our class text e.g. Sugarlump

and fairground. In Maths, we have been naming and describing the properties of 3D shapes; using this knowledge to sort and compare shapes. We will be doing more practising of these skills! In Topic, we received a letter from Iggy the Alien! He needed to find out about Toys and asked us for our help. So, we made a mind map of all the facts we know about toys. Also, we compared old and new toys and described the similarities and differences between them.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/victorian_britain/toys_and_games/

Year Three

In English this week we have been continuing the story of the Dragon Slayer. To start the week we planned a sequel and decided to break our story up and concentrate writing the beginning, middle and end over three days with an editing session to end the week.

In Maths this week we have started a new unit on multiplication and division. We have looked at our 4 times table, found products of multiplication sentences and found number statements using triangle fact diagrams. We have also discussed how this area of Maths can help us in everyday life and what it looks like in the 'real world'. In Topic this week, we have been sorting and classifying different leaves that we have found around the school grounds. We have started looking at the difference between living and non-living things.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b09f8vtb>

Year Four

In English we have read more of The Spiderwick Chronicles this week and continued to use this as a basis for our writing. We enjoyed writing our own riddle poems and asking our classmates to guess the things that we were describing. Later on in the week, we have been learning how to write a set of instructions and have planned a trap in order to instruct someone on how to trap a household boggart! We will write up our instructions at the beginning of next week. In maths we have been learning about angles and have learnt how to identify right angles, acute angles and obtuse angles. We have labelled angles as right, acute or obtuse before looking at angles in shapes and describing the angles we could see. At the end of the week we draw shapes with a certain number of right, acute and obtuse angles. In topic this week we have been learning about the water cycle and acted out a short play to demonstrate this. We have also learned what adaptations fish have which allow them to live their lives in water and about the life cycle of a fish.

Information about the water cycle:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/z8qtfq8>

Year Five

This week Year Five has found out what happened at the end of The Highwayman- and were quite surprised! We have acted out scenes from the story and have interviewed some of the key characters. We are going to use this information to write newspaper reports next week. In maths, Year Five has been using mental and written methods for multiplication. We have continued to explore using square and cube numbers, as well as factors and multiples and are now moving on to using formal written methods for division. In topic lessons, Year Five has been investigating the planets! We have scaled down and drawn the diameters of the planets so that we can compare their sizes, and have researched planet facts to make our own set of solar system top trumps cards.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Year Six

In English this week, we have been pleased to learn that we have been accepted as researchers for The Society for the Protection and Relocation of Extra-terrestrial Alien Dwellers. We have therefore, written a balanced argument for Sir Matthew Floyd Weaver in which we have discussed whether the aliens should be allowed to make their new home on Antarctica. In our writing, we have been particularly focusing on writing different types of sentences such as parenthesis and conditional sentences and our use of commas.

In Maths, we have been solving problems involving ratio and proportion, dividing numbers up to 4 digits by a 2 digit number using the formal written methods of short and long division and reviewing our learning from the past 2 weeks.

In Topic, we have started our new topic for this half term, which is called Being Human. We have explored our current understanding and knowledge by drawing organs, bones and blood vessels on a life size outline of the human body. We have also investigated the different areas of the brain and have made brain hats.

kidshealth.org/en/kids/heart.html – The heart and circulatory system.

Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
10.10.17	Kata	Maya	Munopa	Mason	Thomas	Ashley	Lilly

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
10.10.17	Breagha Callum	Caitlin Jasmin	Logan S Liyana	Xandros Nate	Amelia Lily	Madison Jack	Natalia Muqet

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
10.10.17	96%	97%	97%	99%	99%	100%	99%

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
10.10.17	0	0	2	0	3	1	0

House points for this week

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
10.10.17	226	160	205	235

The **Head teacher's Award** this week goes to; Ruben in Year one for winning the Spooky Story Competition held by Flackwell Heath Library - well done!

HLTA achievements

Well done to: Mrs Hall, Mrs Nichols and Mrs Jones for completing their, Higher Level Teaching Assistants course.

Mrs Heard has also achieved her Special Educational Needs certificate, again congratulations to all.

Street Art Wall

Reminder – There will be no hot lunches on Thursday November 16th due to our Street Art Wall Mural activity. Your child will need either a packed lunch or a sandwich ordering through Dolce. They will also require protective clothing, i.e. an old shirt or apron, as we will be using acrylic paints that may stain.

There is a possibility that the project will be covered by an ITV crew on the day, in preparation for this we do need to ensure that all parents are happy that some children may be filmed on the day to enable the story to be covered.

Should you have any reason NOT to consent to your child being filmed with the possibly of appearing on the TV, please do contact the school by 4:00pm on Wednesday 15th November 2017 to inform us of any issues.

Swimming Pool

The final work has now been completed giving us a great new facility ready to use in the summer.

Thank you once again to Kyrece's Legacy Trust for their very kind and greatly appreciated donation.



Another photograph of the £2,000 cheque presentation which was kindly donated from, Kyrece's Legacy.
<https://www.ky22.co.uk/>



Meet the cast.....
 Don't forget to purchase your Pantomime tickets from the gateway. You never know who you might see at the show?

Children in Need

We will be having a £1.00 Mufti Day on Friday November 17th in aid of Children in Need. There is still time to help Children in Need by collecting together your old round one pound coins. Check out bbcchildreninneed.co.uk for more information. Your old pound coins may be sent in via your children for them to put into our collection box.

Parents' Forum Meeting

The next Parents' Forum meeting will take place on Thursday 16th November at 7pm in the Year 6 classroom. All parents are welcome to attend. The purpose of Parents' Forum is to find out more about how the school works, to share your ideas about how an aspect of the school could be improved and to raise any questions you may have.

Please note that if you have any questions which relate specifically to your child these should be discussed with the class teacher initially and not at the Forum.

More about the Parents' Forum can be on the school website by following the link:
<http://www.loudwater.bucks.sch.uk/website/parents-forum/37596>

If you have any items you would like to add to the agenda, please contact your class representative whose details are on the website, or email the school office.

Choir

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

Bikeability-Years Five and Six

Reminder - The cycle training course at school on: 28th 29th and 30th November.
Please find attached the consent form required for this activity. The payment of £10.00 needs to be paid via the Gateway.
This course is part funded by Bucks County Council and open to Years 5 and 6 – see additional details in email.

All different, all equal

Next week is national Anti-bullying week and the theme is "All different, all equal". On Monday our whole school assembly will focus on this, additionally the children will discuss this in more detail in their classes.

Remembrance Service

Our Year 6 House Captains and Vice House Captains will be representing our school at the Remembrance Service at St Peter's Church on Sunday morning. They will be reading prayers and laying wreath at the war memorial. The service begins at 9.45am and all parents and children are welcome to attend.

Parent Governor Appointment

Following the letter sent out regarding the vacant Parent Governor position we are pleased to announce that Rachel Burch has been appointed to the Governing Body.

For your information the current members of the Governing Body are;

Steve Andrews – Co-Opted Governor
Larissa Bashir – Local Authority Governor
Rachel Burch – Parent Governor
Amanda Pierce Collinao – Parent Governor
Clare Cunningham – Headteacher
Chris Hawkes – Associate Governor
Andrew McNeill – Parent Governor
Jackie Olcot – Staff Governor
Paul Randall – Partnership Governor
Jenny Woodison – Partnership Governor

FOLS News

Join the fun at the panto and let's smash our fundraising target!

Pantomime tickets for Thursday 14th December are still available via School Gateway, at the special price of £18 each (normal price £26) - bring your family and friends! This year, the Wycombe Swan panto is Jack & the Beanstalk. After 20th November we will be opening our remaining ticket allocation to other schools and the local community, so if you would like to purchase tickets, please do so as soon as possible - don't miss out!

Curry night at Mr India is coming soon! Tuesday 21st November, 7:30pm. Tickets are £20, and include mixed starters, main and naan. For more information or to buy tickets, please contact Natalie Ross ([07770 763330](tel:07770763330)). If you have already let Natalie know you will be attending, many thanks, please make your payment as soon as possible. Thank you to everyone who has ordered Christmas cards this week and supported our request for tombola items today. Our **target for this term is £750** to put towards activities and equipment for our children to enjoy at school.

Many thanks - **FOLS Committee**

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>November</u> 17 th Children in Need 23 rd Values Assembly Y6 24 th Flu Vaccinations for FS – Y4 children
<u>December</u> 1 st Christmas Bazaar 7 th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 12 th Key Stage 2 Christmas Production 2pm & 7pm 13 th 9.30am Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 14 th 2.30pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 18 th Christmas Service am Christmas Activities pm 19 th School closes at 2pm for Christmas break	<u>January</u> 3 rd Training day for teachers 4 th Children return to School 31 st Values Assembly Y3	<u>February</u> 7 th & 8 th Parent/Teacher Consultations 12 th – 16 th Half term break 19 th Return to School 28 th Values Assembly Y2
<u>March</u> 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	<u>April</u> 16 th Children return to School 25 th & 26 th Parent/Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5)	<u>May</u> 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
<u>June</u> 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	<u>July</u> 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	<u>Class Assemblies</u> <u>Spring term</u> 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

Forthcoming Events:



GET READY FOR



**PUDSEY'S
ROUND POUND
COUNTDOWN**

**THE HUNT FOR
ROUND POUNDS IS ON**

From 15 October, round pound coins will be going out of circulation.

There are still millions to be found, so join the treasure hunt and check your jam jars, money boxes and down the back of the sofa to see how many you can find. Head to bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/resources for more ideas.

Get involved and put your round pounds to good use.

Donating them to BBC Children in Need will help us to change the lives of children and young people throughout the UK.

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