



Loudwater Combined School

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LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Thursday 24th November – NO judo after school club

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

This week Foundation Stage was delighted to welcome a visitor to their classroom. Mrs Andrews is a Senior Sister at Wexham Park Hospital and she talked to the children about her job. She helps people who have broken their bones. She showed the children some bones, and talked to them about what happens if you break a bone. Then she put two of the children in a plaster cast. Luckily she took them off later and gave them the casts to use in their role play Surgery. The children also had their first trip out of school, when they walked to the war memorial to say thank you to the soldiers who fought for us and to look at the poppies the class had helped to make. In class they have heard another Judith Kerr story about the Tiger who came to tea. They have written shopping lists and invitations for the Tiger and have been counting and adding tigers. They have also made the home corner into Sophie's house, and have been making meals for the tiger in there.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HqifY7ium4Q>

A reading on You Tube of the story "The Tiger who came to tea".

Year One

In English, Year 1 has loved 'Aaargh Spider!' by Lydia Monks. They learnt about exclamation marks and found them in the book. They have also loved researching spider facts. They wrote some brilliant spider information. Ask them about tarantulas and bananas! In Maths, it has been a great week adding up, finding missing numbers in a sum and solving written addition problems. They have been busy! This week in Topic Year 1 has designed and decorated celebration biscuits. Luckily they were also very good at tidying up the mess!

www.phonicsplay4buriedtreasure

Year Two

This week Year 2 has been reading the story 'Sugarlump and the Unicorn' by Julia Donaldson. They have sequenced the story, predicted the ending, written their own story idea, produced an advert for a horse's job and written a letter as Sugarlump to his owners. In Phonics they have begun to learn the w special rule, where the letter a makes an o sound after the sound w e.g. wash, squash and want. In Maths the children have been learning to find vertical lines of symmetry in 2D shapes. They have also revised their knowledge of place value for 2 and 3-digit numbers. In Topic they have helped Grandad Colin to investigate which surface makes a marble travel the furthest. They found that the wooden surface was smoother and created less friction, so this surface worked the best! They then wrote a letter to Grandad Colin to tell him what they had found.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/phonics/play/popup.shtml>

Year Three

In English, Year 3 has been creating a map of the route that the Dragon Slayer took in order to slay the dragon. They have also written instructions for the Dragon Slayer so that he will not get lost through the forest and the desert on his quest. In Maths, Year 3 has been looking at different angles. They have been investigating angles in the classroom and have been drawing stick men with arms and legs that are either right angles, greater than right angles or less than right angles. In Topic, Year 3 has been investigating magnetic and non-magnetic materials and looking at categorising natural and man-made materials. They have been using their material posters from their Home Learning to help them.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/materials/>

Year Four

In Maths, the children are becoming familiar with counting confidently backwards through zero, which includes negative numbers. They are identifying, representing and estimating numbers using different representations. In English, the children have been independently describing a forest setting from Sherwood Forest, as if they are hiding there waiting to ambush someone. They have used appropriate adjectives. The children have been learning different aspects of Land, Sea and Sky, which is the new Topic throughout Year 4. They have role played the water cycle and are now discovering the structure of a plant and their importance in the world.

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living_things/plant_animal_habitats/read/1/

Year Five

This week in English Year 5 has written recounts of their ghost hunting experiences - finding some fantastic excuses for their failure to catch any ghosts! They have also started to write non-chronological reports about the different types of ghosts that might be encountered in Tudor House. In Maths, Year 5e has been focusing on the properties of number. They have discussed the importance of place value and using place holders. They have also been practising rounding numbers with up to six digits, and investigated different combinations of numbers which could be made with 3, 4, 5 and 6 digits. In Topic, Year 5 has finished their research about the planets in our solar system and presented their work on informative posters. They have also discussed and investigated how the Earth's orbit and rotation creates day, night, the year and how the tilt of the Earth creates the seasons. They are now investigating different types of rocks and how geologists use rocks on Earth to answer questions about space.

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living_things/plant_animal_habitats/read/1/

Year Six

This week in English, Year 6 has started a new unit of work based on the book 'Boy' by Roald Dahl. They have watched a short film about him narrated by Michael Rosen and answered questions about his life. They have read a chapter in the book which explains how liquorice bootlaces are made from rats' blood and have then written their own sweet stories. In Maths, they have been exploring negative numbers. On Monday they took part in the Primary Maths Challenge which is a national maths challenge for Year 6 pupils. In Topic, they have been learning about the heart. They looked at how the heart pumps blood around the body and have conducted an investigation into their pulse rate. On Thursday they took part in a BBC Live science lesson on circuits and conductors and insulators which they all thoroughly enjoyed.

www.sciencekids.co.nz/humanbody

The Headteacher's Award this week goes to Charlotte Timson in Year 5. Well done Charlotte!

Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
4.11.16	Harley Shurety-Gibbs	Leah Hartstean	Jack Curtis	James Cohn	Pia Collinao Pierce	Natalia Malek	Jake Green
11.11.16	Karolina Malek	Ruby Kingsmill	Whole Class	Thomas Sheppard	Kayin Taylor-Weekes	Maia Banasziewicz	Nathan Long
18.11.16	Jasmin Subhan	Charlie Ayres	Lucy Sarl	Harrison Clarke	Josh Timberlake	Jessica Stevenson	Oliver Taylor

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
4.11.16	Amy Smith Harry George	Dylan Lambourne Munopa Mugandani	Zach Burch Lucy Sarl	Lexie West Dominic Siwecki	Macy Bridle Max Floyd	George Gott Jessica Stevenson	Spencer Harrop Holly Watmore
11.11.16	Ella Bowler Rayaan Ansari	Logan Sheppard Amaaya Usman	Rohan Patel Amber Bernard	Joshua Hawkins Ibrahim Ditta	Alanna Butcher Louie Whitmore	Lexie Ridgwell Skye Simpson	Mahlee Lelyveld Ruby Davison
18.11.16	Caitlin Brown Mason Stevens	Amber Burnham Ticha Martins	Keira Robak Jack Curtis	Nikhil Kumar Riley McGrady	Aaminah Ali Ell Lewis	Natalia Malek Kiona Robinson	Jessica Harpin Nathan Long

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
4.11.16	99%	99%	94%	98%	99%	97%	99%
11.11.16	96%	98%	97%	98%	98%	95%	99%
18.11.16	98%	98%	98%	95%	100%	96%	96%

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
4.11.16	1	4	0	0	0	0	1
11.11.16	0	2	0	1	0	2	1
18.11.16	2	1	0	0	0	0	2

House points for the week

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
4.11.16	283 (4th)	360 (1st)	328 (2nd)	289 (3rd)
11.11.16	170 (4th)	189 (1st)	181 (3rd)	188 (2nd)
18.11.16	248 (4th)	269 (3rd)	308 (1st)	280 (2nd)



Year 4 Football

Year 4 Football Team: Paris Roseje, Stanley Staines, Jennifer Billing, Shay Barszcz, Ashley Parking, Tyler Merry, Tristan Robinson, Joshua Timberlake.

On Tuesday 15th November our Year 4 Football team attended a tournament at Cressex Astro Pitches. They won their group stage beating Widmer End 6-0, High Wycombe 3-1 and Cookham Dean 2-0 to place them in Group 1. We came across some tough opponents in Group 1 but the children played exceptionally well and showed great sportsmanship throughout. We took 4th, losing to Cookham 2-0, Lowbrook 6-0 and Hamilton 2-0. Well done to all those children that played!



Beethoven – Jaiden, James, Francesca, Paris

Mozart – Shay, Romisha, Elliot, Shannon

Elgar – Teyha, Tristan, Joshua, Aaminah

Tchaikovsky – Oliver, Tyler, Jennifer, Jessica

On Thursday 17th November some Year 3 and 4 children took part in a lunch time inter house football competition. Every house played each other with Mozart coming 4th with 0 points, Beethoven coming 3rd with 3 points, Elgar coming 2nd with 6 points and Tchaikovsky coming first with a total of 9 points.

Thank-you to George, Emma, Beth, Jessica, Nathan and Jake for helping organise and lead the competition.

Children in Need

Thank you for sending your children into school today dressed as superheroes or someone sporty or spotty. They all looked superb! It is all in a very good cause and we thank you for your donations. We will let you know how much has been raised in next week's newsletter.

Change of Dates and Times

Please note the following new dates/times for the Christmas performances:

Tuesday 13 th December 2.15pm and 7.00pm	Key Stage 2 Performances
Wednesday 14 th December 2.15pm	Key Stage 1 Performance
Thursday 15 th December 9.30am	Key Stage 1 Performance

The Values assembly for Year 5 on Thoughtfulness will now be at 3.00pm on Thursday 15th December, not 9.30am.

Christmas Play Rehearsals – Change of Date

Play rehearsals will be held after school on a Wednesday every week until Christmas except for the following two days:

Rehearsals will be held on **Tuesday 22nd November**, instead of Wednesday 23rd November and **Tuesday 6th December**, not Wednesday 7th December, due to pre-arranged whole staff training.

FOLS fundraising update

First of all, we would like to say a huge thank you to the anonymous benefactor who recently donated £100 to FOLS. Your generosity is much appreciated and the money will be put to good use supporting the educational experience of the children here at Loudwater School.

There are lots of other opportunities to help fundraise for our school between now and Christmas! Read on for more information....

Mr India tickets are now on sale

By popular demand, based on the success of our FOLS meal at Mr India in May, we are holding another meal on *Wednesday, 30 November at 7:30 pm*. The cost of a ticket will be £20 (excluding drinks) and £5 from each ticket sold will go to FOLS. Mr India will be offering a delicious set menu, which will include a starter, main and side. A vegetarian option will be available, please mention if you would like this when you purchase your ticket. This event is open to all parents and friends of the school. Tickets can be purchased from Kelly Wise (Year 2 Mum) [07786 063732](tel:07786063732) or Natalie Ross (Year 2 Mum) [07770 763330](tel:07770763330).

Raffle prizes for our Christmas Bazaar

We are still on the lookout for raffle prizes, so if you or your business could support the school by donating a raffle prize then please let Rachel Burch know on [07976 362418](tel:07976362418) and we can arrange collection. All support from individuals or local businesses will be acknowledged, thank you in advance for your support.

Christmas gift idea - tea towel designed by the children of Loudwater School

Next week we hope to be able to unveil the gorgeous and unique creation created by our children, which would make an ideal inexpensive Christmas present for family and friends. Watch this space for more information on how to purchase!

And finally... don't forget to take a look at the FOLS notice board (at the bottom of the hill) for more information about all our forthcoming events!

Crossing Patrol

Unfortunately Mrs. SurrIDGE will not be at her post for the next few weeks, so please make sure you and your children take extra care when crossing the road. It is also even more important that car drivers park sensibly when dropping children off or picking up. We have heard cases of parents making very dangerous manoeuvres at the end of School Way. The safety of everyone, particularly the children, must be paramount. Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Cunningham
Headteacher

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

<u>September</u> 5th Children return to School 6th Foundation Stage children start school 13th 11+ Practice Paper (Y6) Open House 3.30 -4.00 15th 11+ Papers (Y6) 16th Roald Dahl dress up day Week beginning 12th – Clubs Start 29th Open Day 9.30-10.30am & 2-3pm 30th McMillan Coffee Morning	<u>October</u> 14th 11+ Results (Y6) 18th & 20th Parent/Teacher Consultations 21st Mufti day for Cancer Research & spooky cake sale 24th – 28th Half term break 31st Return to school Last day to apply for secondary school places (Y6)	<u>November</u> 3rd Open Day 3rd FOLS AGM 7pm 16th Parents' Forum 7pm 18th Children in Need
<u>December</u> 1st Open Day 9-10 am & 2-3 pm 9th Christmas Bazaar 3pm-5pm 13th Key Stage 2 Christmas Production 2.15pm £ 7pm 14th 2.15pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 15th 9.30am Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 19th Christmas Service 10am Christmas Activities pm 20th School closes at 2pm for Christmas break	<u>January</u> 4th Training day for teachers 5th Children return to School	<u>February</u> 7th & 9th Parent/Teacher Consultations 13th – 17th Half term break 20th Return to School
<u>March</u> 24th Red Nose Day FOLS discos for pupils 29th & 30th Parent/Teacher Consultations for Y6 31st School closes at 2pm for Easter Break	<u>April</u> 18th Children return to School 25th & 27th Parent/Teacher Consultations for FS – Y5	<u>May</u> 1st Bank Holiday 8th Year 6 SATs Week 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
<u>June</u> 5th Children return to School 29th Open Day 9.30-10.30am & 2-3 pm 30th School closed teacher training day	<u>July</u> 4th Secondary Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting 7th Annual Reports to Parents 14th FOLS discos for pupils 20th 7.00pm Y6 Leavers Production 21st 9.30am Y6 Leavers Presentation Assembly 21st School closes at 2pm for summer break	

New items in green

Class Assemblies
Spring term 9.05 start

19th January - Year Six
 26th January – Year Two
 2nd February – Year Five
 2nd March - Year One
 9th March – Year Three
 16th March – Year Four
 23rd March - Foundation Stage

Values Assemblies 9.05

29th September – Trust Y6
 24th November – Peace Y3
15th December – Thoughtfulness Y5 – AT 3.00 pm
 31st January – Responsibility Y3
 28th February – Empathy Y5
 30th March – Forgiveness Y2
 27th April – Kindness Y6
 25th May – Collaboration Y1
 29th June – Respect Y4
 19th July – Happiness FS