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LOUDWATER UPDATE

Friday 20th October 2023

Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October – Half term break

Monday 30th October – Children return to school

Monday 30th October – Year 2 to visit Flackwell Heath Library

Thursday 2nd November – Flu Immunisations (More info within text)

Thursday 9th November – Parents' Forum meeting and FOLS AGM (See below for more information)

Value of the Month

Our value of the month for November is respect. During assemblies, we will be exploring the following questions and ideas:

- Who do you respect and why?
- Why is it important not to make quick judgements about others?
- How can we show respect for older people?
- Why do we need to have rules?

Our inspirational person for November is Rosa Parks. We will be exploring why she is remembered and how her actions helped to improve the lives of black people living in the southern states of America. You can find out more about her life at:

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/general-history/rosa-parks/>

Bring Your Adult to School

Once again, we would like to offer you the chance to come into school to work alongside your child to find out about an aspect of their learning. This term the focus will be on number and mathematical skills. In Foundation Stage, the focus will be on early number skills, in Years 1 and 2 the number bonds that the children need to be able to recall.

Number bond recall will also be a feature of the Year 3 session as well as multiplication facts. The focus on multiplication facts will continue in the Year 4 session. In Year 5, the focus will be on the properties of number as well as multiplying and dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000. In Year 6, the focus will be on the methods we teach the children for long multiplication and long division.

You can book your place on the sessions through the School Gateway.

The dates for the sessions are: (where two sessions are given you only need to sign up for one as they both contain the same input).

Foundation Stage: 9.00 – 9.45 on 7.11.23 and 9.11.23. In the FS classroom.

Year One: 9.00 – 10.30 on 9.11.23. In the Hall

Year Two: 9.00 – 10.30 on 14.11.23. In the Hall.

Year Three: 9.00 – 10.30 on 7.11.23. In the Hall.

Year Four: 9.00 – 10.30 on 15.11.23. In the Hall.

Year Five: 9.00 – 10.30 on 6.11.23 and 8.11.23 in the Year 5 classroom.

Year Six: 9.00 – 10.30 on 8.11.23 and 16.11.23 in the Year 6 classroom.

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

In Phonics this week, Foundation Stage has been learning to read and write the sounds c & k. We have been reading the Common Exception Words (Tricky Words) no & into. We

have shared our sound books with the adults and are bringing home a new one today, to work on all the six tricky words.

In Literacy, we have continued enjoying the story of Funnybones by Janet & Allan Ahlberg. We have labelled a skeleton diagram with initial sounds.

Our Maths learning has focused on patterns. We have noticed patterns around our classroom, have copied, and continued repeating patterns. We have also made action patterns with our bodies - for example CLAP CLAP NOD, CLAP CLAP NOD.

We have used our photographs to make our own timelines. It is amazing to see how much we have grown and changed!

We have listened to music from The Sorcerer's Apprentice. It is very quiet to start with, and then it has some sudden surprises.

After Half Term, we will be starting our PE Lessons, on Mondays and Thursdays. On these days, (only) children should wear their PE kit and trainers /plimsolls to school. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday they should be in normal full uniform - no trainers or hoodies - Thanks for your support with this.

The Reading Eggs programme has been provided by the school for us to use at home. You can access it via this website.

<https://readingeggs.co.uk/>

Year One

This week we have had a very exciting time in our English lessons. On Monday, we went into the woods to make our bug homes and they were fabulous! The bugs are certainly going to be nice and cosy. We made a list of the things that we needed to make our bug homes and then a list of what we needed to do in order to make them. The words we used were brilliant. Mrs Cunnington was keen to know how we made our bug homes so we wrote a recount for her. This was a super piece of non-fiction writing.

Here are some examples of our wonderful bug homes...



In our guided reading lessons, we have loved the story of 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon. In phonics, we have been learning about u as in unicorn and u is in push. Our focus words have been oh/their. It would be great if you could practice reading, spelling and putting these words into sentences at home.

The children have really enjoyed using this programme to support their reading <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/2/buried-treasure> (select phases 2, 3 or 4)

In Maths, we have been continuing our work on addition using part-whole models and we have been writing number sentences to match our part whole models. The children have enjoyed using this game in our Maths lessons. If you select the addition train and the numbers to 10 option.

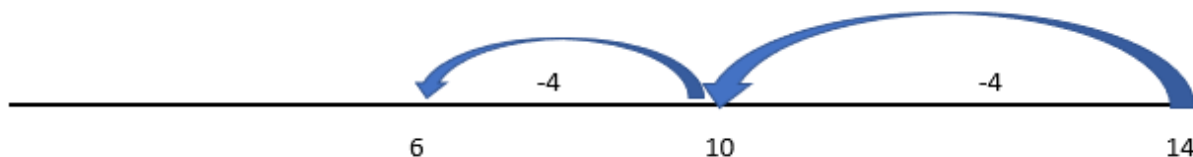
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/mental-maths-train>

In History, we have been learning about some of the items that Christopher Columbus discovered and brought back to Spain. We thought about the positive aspects of his explorations and some of the negative ones too. We also compared his boat journey with a present-day boat journey and made a list of what he took with him.

In our Computing lesson we have been learning how to draw pictures add text. On Wednesday, we had a virtual talk all about what pets need. This was delivered by The Blue Cross and it was really interesting and informative. If you want to learn more about the work of The Blue Cross, visit their website <https://www.bluecross.org.uk/>

Year Two

This week has been assessment week where the children have been doing 'quizzes'. They have all worked very hard and focused well on the tasks. We have completed assessments in Phonics, Reading, Writing and Maths. We have also enjoyed some Guided Reading lessons, in which we completed the story of 'The Last Wolf' by Mini Grey. We made predictions about the story and sequenced events in order. In English, we completed our independent writing of our own version of 'The Rainbow Fish'. In Guided Maths, we have explored odd and even numbers and in Maths we have focused on subtraction by rounding down to 10 e.g. $14 - 8$ (Partition the 8 into 4 and 4)



In History, we have learned about the events of the Great Fire of London. We sequenced the events and explained different reasons for why the fire spread so quickly. In PE, we learned how to perform a Teddy Bear Roll. In PSHE, we completed the lesson on resolving conflict. We learned nine different ways of resolving a squabble between friends. We are now ready for a relaxing half term break!

<https://readingeggs.co.uk/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/robot-more-or-less>

Year Three

This week, we have been completing our Year 3 assessments. We have completed assessments for Maths arithmetic's, maths reasoning, Reading, Spelling punctuation and Grammar. We have also completed our independent writing about character description. We first completed a planning sheet for the character and then wrote our descriptions. We then used a dictionary and a thesaurus to edit our writing. In Maths, we have been learning about subtraction. We have learnt how to subtract across 10s and 100s making an exchange. We have also learnt how to make connections between numbers. In History, we have continued learning about the Romans. We have learnt about what life was like in Roman Britain. We have also learnt about how the Romans have influenced our lives today by discussing and exploring using a range of resources. In PSHE, we consolidated our learning about friendships by creating friendship recipes. In Music, we consolidated our learning by recapping the songs we have learnt and playing the cup song. In PE, we played small-sided games in Basketball and in Gymnastics, we combined our different disciplines to create a sequence to perform to an audience.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/ks2-history-what-did-the-romans-do-for-us/zx888hv>

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/hadrians-wall/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/ks2-history-what-did-the-romans-invent/z6444xs>

Year Four

It has been assessment week in Year 4 so we have been busy completing assessments in reading, grammar, spelling and mathematics. We have worked hard on these to show our understanding of what we have learned so far this year.

We have finished writing our non-chronological reports about the household boggart in our English lessons. We have thought carefully about how we can use different sentence openers and how we can include the conjunctions that we practised last week in our writing.

During our maths lessons, we have started to look at adding four digits where one exchange takes place. We have used place value charts and counters to help us see the exchange, before practising this using the column method.

In our history lessons, we have been exploring the question: How and when did England become a unified country? We have found out about further Viking raids on the Anglo-Saxons and some of the kings who were battling for control of the country, such as King Edmund Ironside and King Canute the Great. We have researched these kings and placed the events on a timeline. In our PE lessons, we have continued to practise our passing and dribbling skills in football. In our PSHE lesson, we found out about personal identity and how people express this.

Year Five

This week has been assessment week in Year 5. We have completed several Maths, Spelling and Grammar papers and surprised our adults by how much we have enjoyed showing what we know!

We also planned, drafted, edited and improved a piece of independent writing in English. Mrs PC asked us to write an evacuee's letter home. We had to draw on our learning in History and English in order to 'become' an evacuee and describe their whereabouts, host families, feelings and hopes. In History, we extended our knowledge of the Blitz and its impact on ordinary lives on the Home Front in Britain. We read Dennis's account of his and his family's experience of the Blitz in London and learnt about some of the measures put in place to keep people safe; including the role of Air Raid Wardens and Andersen shelters. In our final RE lesson of this half-term, we discussed our Rites of Passage enquiry question: Why do religions or non-religious groups celebrate the important moments in life? We then had an opportunity to learn a little about *Kindertransport* and our local hero, Nicholas Winton, who helped rescue Jewish children from Nazi Germany during WWII. We are all looking forward to recharging our batteries during next week's half term holiday!

Year 5 - Don't forget to make good use of your tailored Maths Whizz Tutor Plus Programme and log in here: [Login | Maths-Whizz](#) Also, you may find some facts to support your WWII home learning project here: [World War Two - BBC Teach](#)

Year Six

Please note that after half term outdoor PE will be on a Monday and indoor PE on Thursday. Please ensure that your child has an alternative pair of trainers, as we will be using the field even if it is muddy.

Our week in Year 6 started with a chilly but brisk walk to Flackwell Heath library which we all enjoyed visiting. In English this week, we have finished writing our own autobiographical stories inspired by all the tales from Roald Dahl's book - 'Boy - Tales of Childhood' that we have read. Once we had finished writing the first draft, we spent time looking for ways in which to improve our writing (editing) and then checking for errors (proof-reading). In Guided Reading, we have read about how Mrs Pratchett got her revenge on Roald Dahl and his friends following the Great Mouse Plot. We explored the vocabulary and wrote wonderings to help us infer information from the text. In Spellings we have adding suffixes to words ending in 'fer' eg prefer, refer and deciding whether we needed to double the 'r' or not.

In Maths, we have continued our journey to become masters of long division. We looked at long division with different ways to express a remainder such as a simple remainder, a fraction or a decimal. We have also solved problems with division using all of our division strategies.

In History, we have been working with our partners to research an aspect of ancient Egyptian life and have then written information texts on this area. In PSHE, we have discussed how to manage our feelings when facing bereavement or loss. This was a challenging and emotive lesson for the class and many demonstrated great empathy and understanding. In RE, this week we have consolidated our learning on the topic of 'How did religions and world views begin?' We considered the influence of good role models such as founders, prophets and leaders. Finally, we asked ourselves the question; 'What qualities would I like to develop to be a good role model for those around me?' In Computing, we have worked using Scratch, learning how to adapt someone else's work. This week in class, we have been listening to the music of Elton John.

Please see details of the Year 6 autumn creative project on Google Classroom.

Website - Great website for a range of English activities

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html>

Dates for visits to Flackwell Heath Library

We will be resuming our weekly visits to Flackwell Heath Library from Monday. The dates for each class are:

30 th October	Year 2	6 th November	Year 5
13 th November	Year 4	20 th November	Year 3
27 th November	Year 1	4 th December	Year 6

Book Review

Please see the attachment for this week's book review by Miss Weston.

Citizen of the Month for October

Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Eshal	Dyuthi	Elsie	Raees	Max	Ruby

Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
06.10.23	Not yet attending assemblies	Shayley	Joshua	Zak	Raees	Imogen	Jack
13.10.23	Not yet attending assemblies	Aryan	Bryony	Marius	Pippa	Max	Elizabeth
20.10.23	Not yet attending assemblies	Josiah	Jacob	Hayden	Scarlett	Jensen	Ellie-Louise

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

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
06.10.23	Not yet attending assemblies	Ahmed Daisy	Aish Sam	Albert Lily J	Dylan Phoebe	Paige Mei	Mia John
13.10.23	Not yet attending assemblies	Amelia Josiah	Evie Teodor	Yanis Sania	Rahin Ruben	Elliotte Denise	Adil Layla
20.10.23	Not yet attending assemblies	Hope Millie-Lou	Rose Natan	Felicity Sam	Leah Lakshmitha	Molly Mannan	Narin Max

The following children, in KS2, have made particular efforts with Tables Rock Stars/ Maths Whizz:

	Times Tables Rock Stars/ Maths Whizz
06.10.23	Christopher – Y3 Diya – Y4 Azhaan – Y5 Kata – Y6
13.10.23	Christopher – Y3 Tilly – Y4 Elliotte – Y5 Ruby – Y6
20.10.23	Christopher – Y3 Phoebe – Y4 Paige – Y5 Eleithyia – Y6

The following children have made particular efforts with Reading Eggs or Accelerated Reader.

	Reading Eggs	Accelerated Reader
06.10.23	Sarah – Y1 Harrison – Y2	Arham – Y3 Lucy – Y4 Elliotte – Y5
13.10.23	Sarah – Y1 Jess – Y2	Zak – Y3 Eliza – Y4 Bella – Y5 Narin – Y6
19.10.23	Ahmed – Y1 Holly – Y2	Harry – Y3 Magda – Y4 Mei – Y5 Leo – Y6

Pen Licenses



The following children have been awarded a pen licence – well done!

Kallia – Y4

Leah – Y4

Raees – Y4

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
06.10.23	98%	95%	94%	95%	96%	98%	97%
13.10.23	96%	99%	98%	94%	98%	97%	96%
19.10.23	90%	90%	97%	92%	98%	88%	95%

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after their class start time.

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
06.10.23	2	3	5	2	5	8	1
13.10.23	2	1	1	1	2	3	0
19.10.23	1	0	3	0	1	4	1

House points for the week

	Beethoven	Mozart	Tchaikovsky	Elgar
06.10.23	180	192	170	196
13.10.23	329	346	300	320
19.10.23	330	308	257	326

Gemma (Family Support Adviser)

Gemma's contact details:

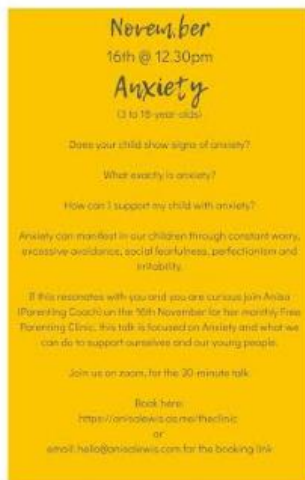
Work mobile number: 07792 142825.

School email: gnortheast@loudwater.bucks.sch.uk

Free Parenting Clinics run by Anisa Lewis

Free Parenting Clinics

with
Anisa Lewis
Positive Parenting
www.anisalewis.com



Please look at the attached flyer to find out more information about an upcoming, free parenting clinic.

In November, Anisa Lewis, a positive parenting coach, will be hosting a FREE Parenting Clinic focusing on Anxiety in children aged 3 to 18. Her goal is to empower parents and caregivers with practical knowledge and tools. This clinic takes place on Zoom and lasts 30 minutes.

If this is something that you feel would be helpful to hear more about then please sign up to the clinic by contacting Anisa Lewis directly, using the given contact details on the flyer.

Please contact me if you would like any support in signing up to the clinic or if you have any questions.

Flu Immunisations – Thursday 2nd November 2023

The Bucks Immunisation Team is offering children from Foundation Stage to Year 6 the flu immunisation this year. An email went out yesterday to inform you how you can consent or not consent to your child(ren) having the vaccination. Please ensure this is completed as soon as possible. The school code is found within the letter that was attached. For any queries regarding this, please get in touch with the Immunisation Team using the contact details on the letter and they will be able to assist you further.

School Meals – Dolce

Bonfire Menu on 2nd November 2023 (Please see School Grid)

Wednesday 8th November 2023 – ‘National Roast Dinner Day’ (Please see School Grid)

Please ensure your child(ren) have orders for the above date and **every day that they will be having a school dinner**. We have had a number of children who are referred to the office at meal times due to balances due on your School Grid account. Additionally, without pre-orders, the children are sometimes given food that is not their preference but have to eat this, as there is nothing else left. Please ensure there are pre-orders in place if required. If you need any assistance, please get in touch with the School Office.

Children in Need

We will be having some merchandise and raising money for Children in Need again this year. This will be during the week beginning 13th November 2023. Please look out for some further communication after the half term holidays.

Poppy Appeal

We will also be raising money for the Poppy Appeal – more information will be sent out after the half term.

Parents Forum Meeting

Our first Parents’ Forum Meeting of the school year will take place before the FOLS AGM at 7.00pm on the 9th November. Everyone is welcome to join the forum and raise items for the agenda, although it should be noted that the Forum deals with general information items and not anything pertaining to individual children. The regular agenda items are usually updates from the school, the governors and FOLS as well as any items parents may have. We have developed a Child Friendly Safeguarding Policy to help our children understand more about what they can do if they feel unsafe or are worried. We would like to share this at the Forum so parents are aware of its contents prior to our sharing with the children in school.

Please contact the school office if you have any items for the agenda. The agenda will be attached to the newsletter on 3.11.23.

News from FOLS

Please see the [attachment for a full newsletter from FOLS – this will always be an attachment in future.](#)

Yours faithfully

Clare Cunnington

Mrs C Cunnington

Head teacher

Update

As you are aware, we have moved to sending out our update via email. Due to the GDPR, we are only able to continue sending out to those of you who have agreed, by email, for us to do so. If you know of anyone not receiving their weekly newsletter, please make them aware of this procedure.

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.

External News

BBC Teach – 500 Words Competition



"Write a story you would love to read." BBC's 500 Words is the UK's largest children's story writing competition for 5-11 year olds. Open from Tuesday 26th September 2023 until 8pm on Friday 10th November 2023.

Please see the link below and encourage your child(ren) to participate!
https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words?dm_i=3YNL,1KN0W,40FPHR,5WF1Y,1

Fireworks Event

The school are again selling tickets for the annual fireworks show held by the Flackwell Heath Village Bonfire Association. Please see the attachment and make payment via the Gateway if you would like to purchase tickets – tickets will be given out on the next school day.

Note: Under 5s are free and do not require a ticket.

Wild Woodrow

Please see attachment for details of adventure camps.

Let Me Play

Please see attachment for details of a new holiday camp

Springbucks

Details for their half term camp can be found in the attachment

Fun Fest Marlow Children's Holiday Club

Please see attachment

Halloween at the Eden Shopping Centre

This October half term Eden is hosting a spooktacular series of FREE family workshops for children of all ages from Monday 23rd – Sunday 29th October.

There will be a different food themed workshop each day, where children and their families will learn basic cookery skills before getting hands on in re-creating the terrifying treats of the day.

The workshops are FREE but pre-booking is essential. More information can be found at www.edenshopping.co.uk/pumpkinpatchkitchen.

Seriously Fun Swimming School

See attachment for details and pricing information.

October Half Term Fun at Discover Bucks Museum

From 23 - 28 October at Discover Bucks Museum in Aylesbury we have some great activities for your families to enjoy, from Rangoli Sun Catchers, Autumn Collage and Clay Leaves at the beginning of the week to spooky Bats and Spider Webs later in the week topped off with a Frightful Family Halloween day on Saturday 28 October. Join us for different activities each day from Monday to Saturday. We will also have a cryptic Halloween inspired trail for £1, available every day from reception for all to enjoy.

LOUDWATER COMBINED SCHOOL
Calendar of events for 2023-24

<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
12th Open Day 9.30 – 10.30 13th 11+ Results (Y6)	

<p>Week beginning 16th Parent /Teacher Consultations 18th Open Morning 9.30 – 10.30 23rd - 27th Half term break 31st Last day to apply for secondary school places (Y6) 30th Return to school</p>	<p>W/b 6th & 13th Bring your adult to school events 9th Open Morning 9.30 – 10.30 9th Parents' Forum 7pm 17th Children in Need 23rd Open Morning 11.00 – 12.00</p>	
<p><u>December</u> 12th 2.30pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 14th 9.30am Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 14th Y3 & Y4 Carol Concert 2.30pm & 7pm 15th Pupils' Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Activities pm 18th Christmas Service 10 am 19th School closes at 2pm for Christmas break</p>	<p><u>January</u> 4th & 5th School closed – training days for teachers 8th Children return to School</p>	<p><u>February</u> Week beginning 5th Parent /Teacher Consultations 12th - 16th Half term break 19th Return to School</p>
<p><u>March</u> 1st Notification of Secondary School Places 7th World Book Day 8th Book Character Dressing up day 7th Parents' Forum 7pm Week beginning 25th Parent /Teacher Consultations Y6 27th Y5 Hispanic Evening for parents 28th School closes at 2pm for Easter Break</p>	<p><u>April</u> 15th Children return to School Week beginning 22nd Parent /Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5)</p>	<p><u>May</u> 6th Bank Holiday 13th Year 6 SATs Week 20th Year 5 Assessment Week 27th – 31st Half term break</p>
<p><u>June</u> 3rd School Closed Training Day for teachers 4th Children return to School 10th – 14th Year 6 residential 10th – 14th Assessment Week Y1, Y3 & Y4 28th School Closed Training day for teachers</p>	<p><u>July</u> 2nd Secondary School Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting 12th Sports Day 16th Reserve Sports Day 22nd 7.00pm Y6 Leavers Production 23rd 9.30am Y6 Leavers Assembly School closes at 2pm for summer break</p>	<p><u>Class Assemblies</u> <u>Spring term</u> 9.05 Start 18th January - Year Six 25th January – Year Two 1st February – Year Four 29th February - Year One 7th March – Year Five 14th March – Year Three 21st March - Foundation Stage</p>

Values Assemblies

All Start at 9.05am

19.10.23 Equality Year 5

24.1.24 Honesty Year 1

28.2.24 Love Year 3

23.5.24 Trust Year 2

26.6.24 Self-belief Year 6

18.7.24 Friendship Foundation Stage