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LOUDWATER UPDATE

Friday 1st December 2023

Important Dates

Saturday 2nd December FOLS Christmas Bazaar from 12 - 3 pm Monday 4th December - Y6 visiting Flackwell Heath Library Christmas Roadshow at St Peter's Church

For all other Christmas dates, including details of how to book tickets for Christmas Performances please see the separate letter 'All you need to know about Christmas at Loudwater'

Dear Parents,

Change to Dates

We are really sorry to let you know that we have had to make some changes to the dates for the Key Stage One production. Please see below:

Monday 11th December - 2.30pm Tuesday 12th December - 9.30am

Value of the month

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

- What does being content mean to you?
- How brilliant is your life?
- What could you do to make someone's day even better?

Our inspirational person this month is Helen Keller. We will be exploring her life and the immense determination and resilience she demonstrating in overcoming her disabilities. You can find out more about her life at: https://kids.kiddle.co/Helen Keller and https://www.ducksters.com/biography/women leaders/helen keller.php

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

In Phonics this week, Foundation Stage has been learning to read and write the sounds ff, ll and ss. We have noticed that these letters can be seen as doubles, although we just say one sound. We call these double letter sounds "digraphs". We have also been reading and writing the Common Exception Word (Tricky Word) "into".

In Literacy we have finished off our work on Tigers with a piece of independent writing. For this we used our phonics and sound mats to help us write a factual sentence about real tigers.

Our Maths learning has focused on our number bonds for 4 and 5. We have played a hoop game with 4 or 5 beanbags and we have also been using a number line to find 1 more and 1 less than a given number. It's not too difficult, but we have to listen carefully to whether the adult asks for 1 MORE, or 1 LESS as it is easy to make a mistake!

In the afternoons we have been doing lots of singing as we prepare for our Christmas production. We are getting very good at remembering the actions as well as the words. We have also learnt a lot about tigers, which helped us with our Literacy activity this week.

Please could we remind parents to sign the orange reading record so that staff know when children have read at home, and can change the reading book. Thank you.

The Reading Eggs programme has been provided by the school for us to use at home. You can access it via this website. Your individual login is in the front of the orange Home Reading Record book. https://readingeggs.co.uk/

Year One

This week in English we have been introduced to our new text which is 'Learning about Antarctica' by Christine Peterson. We have loved learning about Antarctica in our Geography lessons so we were very excited to share this book. The outcome of this unit of work is to write information about Antarctica for tourist. We have decided on the headings we want to write about and these include the things a tourist would need, the things they will see and the dangers that they may face. We wrote an introduction to our information and used some fantastic adjectives to describe this amazing continent.

In guided reading we have loved the story of 'Good little wolf' by Nadia Shireen. We used our skills of retrieval, wondering and prediction during our guided reading lessons. The ending was a real surprise and we had to answer the question...'Does the story have a happy ending?' Our answers were very interesting! In phonics, we have been learning to read and spell words with 'ou' as in shout and 'oy' as in enjoy. Our focus words this week are water and where. It would be great if you practiced reading, spelling and putting these words in sentences at home. I am always keen to hear these in class.

Well done to those of you who are continuing to use Reading eggs.

https://readingeggs.co.uk/

In Maths we have been continuing our work on subtraction. We have focussed on remembering that when we are subtracting, we always start with the biggest number first. We have used 10 frames, counters and a number line to support us with this work. We have also been identifying odd and even numbers.

https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/coconut-odd-or-even

Select either odd or even numbers to 20

In Geography we have thought about the ways that we could travel to Antarctica and the reason we couldn't drive all the way there. We watched a video clip of a plane landing on the ice in Antarctica. We decided we would not have wanted to be on that plane! We also learnt about the explorer Ernest Shackleton and his amazing resilience when his ship was trapped in the ice in the Southern Ocean. This was an incredible story of bravery and loyalty.

https://www2.bfi.org.uk/whats-on/bfi-film-releases/south-sir-ernest-shackletons-glorious-epic-of-the-antarctic

This is a video clip from his actual exploration.

On Thursday we had a great time working with the Chiltern Rangers. We planted seeds, bulbs and did some weeding reading for some more planting in the Spring.

Year Two

In Phonics, we have been learning about possessive apostrophes. We have practised reading and writing names using an apostrophe to show that something belongs to someone. In Guided Reading, we have enjoyed our new book 'The Secret of Black Rock' by Joe Todd-Stanton. We have used prediction and inference to understand the story so far. We have wondered what the secret of the Black Rock will be! In English, we have learned what a recount text is and identified the features. We have practised writing recount sentences using the past tense, first person pronouns, time words and exciting adjectives. We are going to be writing a recount text as the robber from 'The Man Who Wore All His Clothes'. In Guided Maths, we have been revising doubles up to double 10. We have looked at how doubles are

In Guided Maths, we have been revising doubles up to double 10. We have looked at how doubles are represented on a dice frame, Rekenreks and our fingers. In Maths, we have learned about the number of vertices on 3D shapes, shape patterns and how to sort 2D and 3D shapes.

In Geography, we compared the physical and human features of Cornwall and Rio De Janeiro. We used a Venn diagram to record the similarities and differences. In RE, we have learned about the special things used in the religion of Islam. We have also been rehearsing our Christmas Nativity this week! We are very excited to perform this to you the week after next!

https://readingeggs.co.uk/

This week, I have given the children a paper-based Maths task for home learning. This does not need to be sent back into school. Thank you!

Year Three

This week in English, we wrote independently based on our class text. We first had to create a writer's toolkit of what to include in our writing. We then planned our writing so that we had a clear understanding of what to write about. After that, we wrote our stories from our planning sheet. Finally, we read our writing and edited to improve our writing.

In Maths this week, we have continued learning about multiplication and division. We have been learning about grouping and sharing using arrays. We have also been learning about the 3 times table, and have been learning how to divide using grouping and sharing.

In RE, we have continued learning about worship and this week, we have been learning how Hindu's worship. We learnt about their religious beliefs as well as how they worship. We also learnt about the Hindu shrine and completed an activity on what can be found in the shrine. In Geography, we have concluded our learning about our European neighbours. We completed a research activity about a European country of our choice and completed an information fact file. We then focussed on France and learnt about the human and physical geography of the country. In Computing this week, we used our story boards from last week's lesson to create our animation. In PSHE, we completed our learning from last week's lesson about how to stay safe at home. In PE, we learnt how to use props in our dance and we learnt about the basic rules of football and applied them during small-sided games. We also worked with Chiltern Rangers; our session included raking, using shears safely to cut the grass and working in the woods to help cut the trees.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hfhka-OvLSA

ttrockstars.com

https://slidetodoc.com/how-do-hindus-worship-aim-to-understand-how/

Year Four

We have continued to use our text 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' as a basis for our English work this week. We have used the part of the text where Chulak and Hamlet visit the Full Moon Ceremony to ask the goddess of the lake for the water. We have used this to explore a new text type: recounts. We have acted out this part of the story using our inference skills to interpret how the characters were feeling. We have visualised the setting by finding key phrases from the text, and we have also read examples of recounts to learn from their structure and vocabulary.

We have continued with our work on multiplication and division in our maths learning this week. We have learned how to multiply and divide by 9 and 7, and looked at different representations for these such as arrays and counters. We have practised our 3, 6, and 9 times tables and made links between these, thinking about how we can use related facts to help us with the facts that we don't know.

In our Geography lessons, we have recapped our learning about volcanoes and thought about why some people live near volcanoes. We have also answered the question: 'Why do earthquakes happen?' By learning about the structure of the earth and the movement of tectonic plates. In our computing lesson, we have programmed algorithms to make shapes using turtle logo. In our PE lessons, we practised our basketball skills by playing in small groups, thinking about when to pass or dribble. We continued with our routines in dance by adding sequences of movement in cannon or unison. In our RE lesson, we continued to learn about symbolism in Islam and created our own Islamic geometric patterns. In our PSHE lesson, we learned about appropriate and inappropriate touch.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpdtsbk/articles/zrxxgwx

Year Five

In Geography this week, we have collated our fieldwork data we collected each morning from our rain gauges, outdoor thermometer and anemometer. We have, once again, impressed Mrs PC with our use of Excel to create a weather data graph.

In English this week, we have considered how including direct speech and dialogue in a narrative could enhance our writing. We practised punctuating direct speech correctly and discussed how this, combined with cohesive devices such as fronted adverbials and repetition may improve our written work. In Spelling, we have been focusing on some tricky words from the Year 5/6 list and sharing our ideas on how to remember these. Please ask us about this, as we have been very creative! In Guided Reading sessions this week, we have focussed on a non-fiction text about forces. This has enabled us to revise our previous science learning, engage our background knowledge reading strategy, as well as practise the challenging skill of summarising a text or a section of a text.

In Maths, we have furthered our fraction knowledge by comparing and ordering fractions with different denominators. Sometimes, our knowledge of equivalent fractions has been useful, but we have also been learning how efficiently compare fractions with the same numerator.

In our PE Dance unit, we have learnt a line-dance routine to Billy Ray Cyrus' Achy Breaky Heart, which involved learning some new moves as well as adapting some of the steps from our Jai Ho! Bollywood dance. In Computing, we enjoyed creating a video using our storyboard plans from last week and worked hard with a partner to ensure each frame was as we had planned. On Tuesday, we tuned in to Google's 'Be Internet Legends' assembly where we focused on the importance of being kind online and reporting any unacceptable behaviours we or others may encounter. Despite the cold yesterday, we really enjoyed working with the Chiltern Rangers and making a difference!

Check out a BBC Supermovers live lesson linked to comparing fractions: Ordering and comparing fractions | Primary Maths - Super Movers - Live Lesson EXTRA - YouTube

Year Six

In English this week we have been publishing our explanation texts about the process of mummification inspired by the book - 'You wouldn't want to an Egyptian Mummy!' by David Stewart. We have made sure that our handwriting is the best it can be, the layout is clear for the reader and we have added appropriate diagrams or illustrations. In Guided Reading, we have been using the book - 'I Talk Like A River' by Jordan Scott to develop our vocabulary, inference and summarising skills. In Spelling, we have been exploring words with the consonant digraph 'ch' which have a hard 'k' sound (derived from Greek words) and have a soft 'sh' sound (derived from French words).

In Maths, we have continued our fractions learning by multiplying fractions by integers, multiplying fractions by fractions and dividing fractions by integers.

In our Geography unit, we have finished our learning by bringing together all of our learning to write an essay on whether we agree with the following statement - 'A lack of food is the biggest population challenge of our time?' In PSHE we have looked at influences that might prevent us from taking drugs - both legal and illegal. In Music we have practised singing an arpeggio. We also used a rhythm pattern to improvise using untuned percussion instruments. We finished with the song 'Hey, Mr Miller', combing singing and improvising. On Thursday afternoon we enjoyed working with the Chiltern Ranger in the meadow and in the woods. This week in class, we have been listening to music of Madness. We will be visiting Flackwell Heath library on Monday morning.

Website

Maths Whizz - See link below - https://whizz.com/

This forms part of the weekly home learning each week. The expectation is that 60 mins will be completed in total each week - this measured from Friday to Thursday.

Book Review

Please see this week's book review by Mrs PC here.

Citizen of the Month

Foundation	Year One	Year	Year	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Stage		Two	Three			
Harper	Ollie	Sithuli	Nyah	Rahin	Samuel	Evan

Value of the Month

Foundation	Year One	Year	Year	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Stage		Two	Three			
Caleb	Dexter	Natan	Harry	Phoebe	Mei	Callum

Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation	Year One	Year	Year	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
	Stage		Two	Three			
03.11.23	Eddie	Miley-Rose	Sithuli	Sania	Lakshmitha	Paige	Layla
10.11.23	Amina	James	Emily	Maisie	Oliver	Samuel	Eleithyia
17.11.23	Stefan	William	Ailbe	Lily E	Miley	Isla	Kealan

24.11.23	Nancy	lvy	Scarlett	Charlie	Ruben	Amine	Narin
01.12.23	Al Sudais	Amelia	Holly	Eesa	Leah	Aoife-Rose	Tilly

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

	Foundation	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year Six
	Stage	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	
03.11.23	Finn	Yan	Joshua	Arham	Marcell	Darcy P	Joshua
03.11.23	Harper	Lilly	Bryony	Moleigh	Miley	Amine	Mia
10.11.23	Kaleb	Lacey	Bentley	Oscar	Amelia	Caleb	Elizabeth
10.11.23	Nancy	Shi'loh	Jessica	Lily E	Alyssa	Brooklyn	Sameer
17.11.23	Josephine	Faizan	Sithuli	Eesa	Pippa	Lilah	Breagha
17.11.23	John	Braylee	Janeil	Charlie	Eliza	Kelci	Mark
24.11.23	Stefan	Julia	Jamie	Abbie	Justyna	Evalyn	Kealan
24,11,23	Gunes	Dexter	Jacob	Jake	Jaden	Mannan	Eleithyia
01.12.23	Liam	Rudi	Emily	Nyah	Scarlett	Emily	Leo
01.12.23	Hallie	Shaylee	Otilia	Marius	Felix	Binon	Ruby

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

	Times Tables Rock Stars/ Maths
	Whizz
	Harry - Y3
03,11,23	Diya - Y4
03.11.23	Mei - Y5
	Kata - Y6
	Christopher - Y3
10,11,23	Lucy - Y4
10.11.23	Brooklyn - Y5
	Ellie-Louise - Y6
	Christopher - Y3
17,11,23	Thomas - Y4
17.11.23	Elliotte - Y5
	Breagha - Y6
	Harry - Y3
24,11,23	Mason - Y4
24.11.23	Elliotte, Imogen - Y5
	Ellie-Louise - Y6
	Christopher - Y3
01,12,23	Scarlett - Y4
01.12.23	Evalyn - Y5
	Sameer - Y6

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

	Reading Eggs	Accelerated Reader
	Josephine, Leo C, Amina - FS	Eesa - Y3
02 44 22	Sarah - Y1	Zain - Y4
03.11.23	Sienna - Y2	Imogen - Y5
		Joseph - Y6
	Francesca - FS	Lily J - Y3
40 44 22	Hope - Y1	Felix - Y4
10.11.23	Maya - Y2	Samuel - Y5
		John - Y6

	Hallie, Lilly, Gunes - FS	Natalia - Y3	
17.11.23	Carrie, Braylee - Y1	Diya - Y4	
17.11.23	Bentley - Y2	Jensen - Y5	
		Joseph - Y6	
	Dylan A - FS	Yanis - Y3	
24.11.23	Hope - Y1	Alyssa - Y4	
24.11.23	Bentley - Y2	Denise - Y5	
		Eleithyia - Y6	
	Gunes - FS	Lily E - Y3	
01.12.23	Josiah - Y1	Ruben - Y4	
01.12.23	Teodor - Y2	Mei - Y5	
		Julia - Y6	

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
03.11.23	92%	96%	94%	94%	98%	97%	97%
10.11.23	97%	98%	95%	92%	96%	94%	100%
17.11.23	92%	98%	95%	93%	99%	96%	98%
24.11.23	97%	95%	92%	90%	97%	97%	94%
01.12.23	98%	92%	97%	91%	97%	92%	92%

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after their class start time.

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
03.11.23	0	0	2	0	4	5	0
10.11.23	2	2	4	1	2	10	1
17.11.23	0	0	1	1	0	4	1
24.11.23	1	6	5	2	6	5	3
01.12.23	1	0	1	1	5	2	1

House points for the week

	Beethoven	Mozart	Tchaikovsky	Elgar
03.11.23	310	305	317	318
10.11.23	259	234	240	250
17.11.23	318	270	322	298
24.11.23	401	405	277	362
01.12.23	214	283	191	250

Update from Gemma (Family Support Adviser) Gemma's contact details:

Work mobile number: 07792 142825.

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

Online Safety

We realise that ensuring children are kept safe online is a key part of what parents are doing and talking to their children about. Children growing up with technology and the internet see this as part of their lives and they do not see a difference between being online and offline. During this week many of our classes watched the 'Be Internet Legends' Assembly. Follow the link here. The focus is about being kind on line and

recognising the impact on others of your online behaviour. Your child might enjoy watching the video again with you.

School Council News

School Council news.

Reverse Advent Calendar
From 4th to 15th December, we will be taking in part in a 'reverse' advent calendar in aid of the One Can Trust.
The idea is that you bring an item from this list to support this charity into your classes on any day between the above dates.

Please click <u>here</u> to see a full list of the items.

Governance Update

The Governing Board of the school will be providing a regular update on its work via this newsletter. This term so far there have been meetings of the following committees, Curriculum & Recovery Committee, Finance Personnel and Premises Committee, Pay Review Committee and Full Governing Board. Information on what each of these committees and the work of the Governing Board are responsible for can be found here, Loudwater Combined School - What is the role of the Governing Board?

This term members of the Governing Board have visited the school and carried out class visits in all classes other than Foundation Stage, the focus was on Safeguarding and the Curriculum, areas highlighted in the Ofsted Inspection in January 2023.

The Safeguarding Governor and the SEND Governor have also visited the school to meet with Mrs. Cunnington and Mrs. Heard to discuss actions taken and planned in these key areas.

When Governors conduct any visit to the school a report is completed and reviewed at the next Governing Board meeting. These reports can also be scrutinised by the Local Authority and Ofsted to ensure that we are carrying out our work effectively.

This is a current list of members of the Governing Board, if you wish to find out a little bit more on each of us, take a look here, <u>Loudwater Combined School</u> - <u>Meet the School Governors</u>.

Paul Randall - Chair of Governors	Partnership Governor
Andy McNeill - Vice Chair of Governors & Chair of Finance Personnel & Premises	Co - Opted Governor
Michelle Hazell - Chair of Curriculum & Recovery	Parent Governor
Steve Andrews	Co - Opted Governor
Lucy Cook	Parent Governor
Clare Cunnington	Head teacher
Jonathan Devine	Parent Governor
Belinda Welland	Staff Governor

We do currently have one vacancy on our Governing Board, to find out more information on this, take a look here, <u>Loudwater Combined School - Become a School Governor</u> if you feel that becoming a Governors is something that interests you, for more information, please contact either, headteacher@loudwater.bucks.sch.uk or cog@loudwater.bucks.sch.uk

Paul Randall

Chair of Governors on behalf of the Governing Board

News from FOLS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR We are looking forwards to seeing as many of you as possible at the Christmas Bazaar tomorrow between 12pm and 3pm.

FUNDRAISING

Don't forget to use easyfundraising with your Christmas Shopping. Just follow this

link: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/loudwatercombined/. You can raise funds for FOLS just by doing your Christmas shopping - at no cost to yourself. Over £2,500 has been raised for the school since we joined the scheme

Cake Winners



Foundation Stage - Liam Year One - Julia Year Two - Otilia Year Three - Natalia Year Four - Phoebe Year Five - Samuel Year Six - John

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

Eden Shopping Centre

We are extremely excited to announce that we have a BRAND-NEW event for Christmas - Eco Elves Tree-Cycle - and we would love for your pupils to join us for it! Striving for sustainable fun for the whole family, our 'Eco Elves Tree-Cycle' event will be our very first 100% sustainable event, which is something we as a centre are extremely proud of.

Children's dreams of visiting the North Pole will become a reality as they step into Christmas inside our environmentally friendly festive workshop. From start to finish, they will experience the joy of Christmas as they transform a magic bean into their very own miniature Christmas tree with the help of Mrs Claus, our Christmas tree machine, and the Eco Elves. Children will then have the chance to get creative as they have fun making sustainable Christmas tree decorations using recycled craft materials.

Our Eco Elves Tree-Cycle opens on Saturday 25^{th} November and will then run from 10am-5pm every weekend in the run up to Christmas, plus daily from 16^{th} - 24^{th} December.

There are limited spaces in each workshop and must be pre-booked in advance. Tickets cost just £3 and can be purchased at $\underline{\text{www.edenshopping.co.uk/events/the-eco-elves-tree-cycle}}$.

Please also see the attachment for the flyer for this event.

LOUDWATER COMBINED SCHOOL Calendar of events for 2023-24

December	1	Fabruary.
December Cotumber 2nd FOLC	<u>January</u> 4 th & 5 th School closed -	February Week beginning 5th
Saturday 2 nd - FOLS		Week beginning 5 th
Christmas Bazaar 12.00pm	training days for teachers	Parent /Teacher
- 3.00pm	8 th Children return to	Consultations
12th 2.30pm Key Stage 1	School	12 th - 16 th Half term
Christmas Production		break
14th 9.30am Key Stage 1		19th Return to School
Christmas Production		
14 th Y3 & Y4 Carol Concert	Values Assemblies	
2.30pm & 7pm	All Start at 9.05am	
15 th Pupils' Christmas	24.1.24 Honesty Year 1	
Lunch & Christmas Jumper	28.2.24 Love Year 3 23.5.24 Trust Year 2	
Day	26.6.24 Self-belief Year	- 6
Christmas Activities pm	18.7.24 Friendship Fou	
18th Christmas Service 10		
am		
19th School closes at 2pm		
for Christmas break		
March	April	May
1 st Notification of	15 th Children return to	6th Bank Holiday
Secondary School Places	School	13 th Year 6 SATs Week
7 th World Book Day	Week beginning 22 nd	20 th Year 5 Assessment
8 th Book Character	Parent /Teacher	Week
Dressing up day	Consultations (FS-Y5)	27 th – 31 st Half term
7 th Parents' Forum 7pm	Consultations (13-13)	break
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Week beginning 25 th		
Parent /Teacher		
Consultations Y6		
27 th Y5 Hispanic Evening		
for parents		
28 th School closes at 2pm		
for Easter Break		
<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Class Assemblies</u>
3 rd School Closed	2 nd Secondary School	<u>Spring term</u>
Training Day for teachers	Induction Day (Y6)	9.05 Start
4 th Children return to	New Parents Meeting	18 th January - Year Six
School	12 th Sports Day	25 th January – Year Two
10 th - 14 th Year 6	16 th Reserve Sports Day	1 st February – Year Four
residential	22nd 7.00pm Y6 Leavers	29 th February - Year One
10 th – 14 th Assessment	Production	7 th March – Year Five
Week Y1, Y3 & Y4	23rd 9.30am Y6 Leavers	14 th March – Year Three
28th School Closed	Assembly	21st March - Foundation
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Training day for teachers	School closes at 2pm for	Stage

summer break