



Loudwater Combined School

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LOUDWATER UPDATE

Friday 9th September 2022

Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Monday 11th September – Year 2 visit to Flackwell Heath Library

Tuesday 12th September – 11+ Practise Test (Y6 only)

Thursday 14th September – 11+ Test (Y6 only)

Friday 15th September – Loudwater School 50th Anniversary (see below)

Monday 18th September – Open House Meetings Y1 – Y6 (see below)

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week; they all seem very happy and generally pleased to be returning to their new classes. They all look extremely smart in their uniforms and PE kits. Please remember that whilst the weather remains warm a sunhat is important for playtimes and lunchtime and a water bottle is especially important on these warm days.

All classes have made an immediate return to their learning this week as well as ensuring that children understand any new routines and expectations. You can read about what each class have been learning below.

Value of the month

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

- What difference will it make if we take pride in our learning?
- How can we take pride in our school environment?
- Why is it important to take pride in our appearance?
- Which of your achievements this month are you most proud of?

Our inspirational person this month is Winston Churchill. We will be exploring key periods of his life when he encouraged the nation to work together and to be proud of the achievements of those involved in the Second World War. You can find out more about his life at: https://www.ducksters.com/biography/winston_churchill.php

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

Miss Harris, Mrs Greenaway and Mrs Williams spent the first part of the week visiting the new Foundation Stage children at their homes. We would like to thank all the parents and children for making us feel so welcome. We really enjoyed our visits.

The children have spent a whole day at school on either Thursday or Friday. They have all settled well and have started to learn our school routines. The children have sung Nursery Rhymes, learnt how to sit smartly on the carpet, managed their toileting, enjoyed their lunch and playtimes, tried out many of the activities in the classroom, and enjoyed the story "Come to school Blue Kangaroo", which is all about someone who is starting at a new school. We look forward to welcoming them all back next week.

We will not start PE until we have settled the children more fully, which will be nearer half term. We will let you know when we need them in their PE kits.

Year One

We have had a brilliant first week in Year 1. The children have settled in really well and you should be very proud of them!

In our English lessons this week the focus has been on poetry. We have loved the poem 'The Climber' by Coral Rumble. We have been learning this poem with actions so we are ready to perform it to the rest of the school next week. We looked at the vocabulary in this poem and talked about the meaning behind the unfamiliar words. We have also been drawing and labelling spiders

In phonics we have been focussing on the sounds i (as in child) and i-e (as in time). Our words to focus reading and spelling have been some, one and said. It would be great if you could practice these at home too with your children.

This week in Maths, we have been busy sorting and counting. We have been sorting lots of different objects in different ways. We have been sorting according to colour, size and shape. We worked on our own and in pairs. We worked very hard. We have also been counting counters, cubes and pictures.

Here are some games that the children can use at home to practice what we have been learning...

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zknsngk7/articles/zqj2wnb>

Count the Yeti game

https://www.themathsfactor.com/games/try/?gameid=46&prefix=ZONE&config=IPG_CM_Y1_CA_001,%20support&title=Count%20the%20Yeti%201%20to%2010

Count the bugs game

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/games/embed/education-ivor-starting-school?exitGameUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fbbc.co.uk%2Fbitesize%2Farticles%2Fzd4b382>

In Art we have been introduced to our focus artwork, which is 'Tar Beach' by Faith Ringgold. We enjoyed using watercolour paints to recreate a night sky like the one in 'Tar Beach'. We learnt how to use the watercolours to make different shades of blue.

We are looking forward to another brilliant week next week!

Year Two

This week, we have had a happy and positive return to school! Everyone is settled and ready to learn. In Phonics, we have revisited the sounds ai, ay, a-e, a, eigh, ei, ea and ey. We have read and written words and sentences focused on these sounds. In English, we have begun a Poetry unit based on Riddles. We have read lots of riddles and explored their features. In groups, we have written our own riddles for our friends to guess.

In Maths, we have practised number bonds to 10. We have started a unit of work on Place Value by building and writing numbers to 20 focusing on the teens numbers. We have learned how to write these numbers in words. We are now moving on to exploring the place value of 2-digit numbers to 100.

In Art, we have learned about the artist Georges Seurat and found out how he painted using the technique of pointillism. In Gym, we have explored different ways of travelling across a course of different equipment. It has been a very busy and exciting first week! For your information, our in-school library session will be on Mondays. Next Monday, Y2 will be visiting Flackwell Heath Library.

<https://ictgames.com/sharkNumbers/mobile/index.html>

Year Three

This week, we have been getting into the Year 3 routines and settling into the class. We have discussed and written our class charter, along with our term goals.

In English, we have started learning about poetry. We are learning about Roald Dahl's revolting Rhymes, focussing on Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Little Pigs. We have been introduced to the poems and have read and discussed them. We have made some comparisons between the two poems and have been learning them. We have discussed performance poetry and have identified features that will improve our performance.

In Maths, we have started learning about Place Value. We have represented and partitioned numbers to 100, and have learnt and recorded numbers up to 100 on a number line.

In Music, we have been learning our new song 'I've been to Harlem'. we have been familiarising ourselves with the song. In PSHE, we have started learning about friendship and why friendship is important to us. To do this, we first discussed and identified qualities we would like from our friends. In Computing, we have been learning about digital devices and how they work. In Art, we are learning about our artist of the term 'Julien Opie'. We have discussed his famous artwork of the Blur album cover and have researched more of his work.

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

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<https://allpoetry.com/the-three-little-pigs>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/maths/primary-number-place-value/number-place-value-year-3-age-7-8/>

Year Four

We have enjoyed our first week back at school and settled quickly back into our routines! We have been practising our handwriting during our morning work this week, with many of us hoping to earn our pen licence during our time in Year 4.

In our English lessons, we have been using the book 'Apes to Zebras' by Liz Brownlee. We have looked at examples of different shape poems written about animals, including the one 'Emperor Penguin' which we have read closely and are starting to learn off by heart, in order to perform as a class next week. We have looked at the structure, vocabulary and grammar of some different shape poems from the book, in order to learn from them and begin to think about writing our own shape poems.

During our maths lessons, we have recapped our place value knowledge from year three by representing and partitioning three digit numbers. We have also placed three digit numbers on a number line to 1,000. This work will lead us into next week where we will be starting to use and understand four digit numbers with more confidence. In our guided maths lessons, we have been practising our times tables that we learned in year three, as we need to know all our times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of year four.

During our topic lessons, we have used the book 'Augustus and His Smile' as inspiration for our art work. We have looked at a landscape painting in the book by the author, Catherine Rayner, and discussed the colours and tones of the painting. We have taken digital landscape photos of our school grounds and painted these landscapes in the style of Catherine Rayner. Next week we are hoping to get out into the local area for our landscape paintings.

During our computing lesson, we started to learn about how networks across the world are connected together. In our PSHE lesson, we worked on our class charter and thought about what type of classroom we want to have and how we can work together to achieve this.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/english-ks1-ks2-understanding-poetry/zdwxbdm>

Year Five

Mrs PC is very proud of how well we are settling in to Year 5 and how well we are working together. We began the week by sharing our summer news and created a newspaper front-page spread to record our most memorable moments. We discussed and created our Class Charter and made some valuable suggestions and decisions for people and organisations to represent the 4Rs – Resilience (Thomas Edison), Reciprocity (British Armed Forces), Resourcefulness (the Dalai Lama) and Reflectiveness (Katarina Johnson-Thompson). These traits help to guide and inspire our learning behaviour. We have displayed these final choices in our classroom.

In English and Guided Reading, we have been enjoying and exploring the nonsense verse of Spike Milligan KBE – an English-Irish comedian, actor, jazz trumpeter, playwright, poet and soldier.

We have learnt more about Roman Numerals in Maths this week and have furthered our Place Value knowledge of numbers up to 100,000.

In Art lessons, we have researched the Japanese artist, Katsushika Hokusai, and experimented drawing and sketching in a similar style. In Spelling, we shared what we already knew about prefixes and how they change the meaning of a word. In indoor PE we worked hard to improve our gymnastics round-off. Mrs. PC has been delighted with the positive attitudes, determination and teamwork on display.

Find out some more surprising facts about Hokusai here: [Five Things You Didn't Know About Hokusai - Bing video](#)

Year Six

It has been great to welcome the new Year 6 class into school. After a settling back in day on Monday where we created our class charter and chose our Building Learning Power characters, we were straight in to a normal timetable on Tuesday. In Spellings, we have been recapping some of the spelling patterns from Year 5 such as -ough letter string, homophones which are nouns and verbs eg advice and advise, words ending with -tious, -cious, -able, -ible, -ant and -ent. In Guided Reading and English, we have started to explore the poem, The Jabberwocky by Lewis Carroll. We have recited the poem, explored the nonsense words it contains such as brillig and frumious and have created a story board of the story.

In Maths, our new unit of learning has been all about place value. We have read, written and explored numbers up to 10 million and have also multiplied and divided numbers by 10, 100 and 1000 using a Gattegno chart to support our understanding.

In our Art unit, we have been focused on the Austrian architect and artist, Friedensreich Hundertwasser. We have learnt about his life and collected examples of his unique work. We have also created our own city landscape using 3d shapes. In PSHE we have been looking at what mental health is and discussed what the signs are that a person's physical and mental health is good. In Computing, we have been exploring computer networks and have learnt about the computer terms – IP address, protocols and domain name server. In RE, we were introduced to our new unit – 'How did the religions and world views begin?' We discussed what it means to admire someone and we considered the qualities we look for in leaders. We also shared with each other who influences us the most in our lives. Each week in Year 6, we listen to music from a wide range of genres and decades. This week in class we have been listening to the music of Stornoway.

Website –

Online Safety – <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Top Marks – a wide range of educational games - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

Happy Anniversary!

Although there has been a school at Loudwater since 1875, our current school is 50 years old on Friday 15th September!

To mark this anniversary we are inviting the children to come to school in mufti, wearing something blue, next Friday. During the day, we plan for the children to make the initials of the school and the number 50 on the school field; we will photograph this. We will also planting a tree with a commemorative plaque at the front of the school.

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:

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|----------------------------|--------|----------------------------|--------|
| 11 th September | Year 2 | 18 th September | Year 5 |
| 25 th September | Year 4 | 2 nd October | Year 3 |
| 9 th October | Year 1 | 16 th October | Year 6 |
| 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 |

Open House Meetings

On Monday 18th September, we will be holding our Open House meetings for Years 1 to 6. This is for parents to visit their child's new classroom, listen to a presentation from the class teacher and ask any questions they may have.

The presentations will be at 3.45pm and 4.15pm so that parents with children in different classes will be able to attend both meetings.

There will be members of staff on the Key Stage 2 Playground to look after the children whilst parents are in the meetings.

House Captains

House Captains have now been chosen for Autumn term as follows:

Elgar: Kata

Beethoven – Charlie

Tchaikovsky – Sulaymaan
Mozart – Breagha

Vice Captains are as follows:

Elgar: John

Beethoven – Ruby & Rose

Tchaikovsky – Mia

Mozart – Tilly

Achievement Award Winners

| | Foundation Stage | Year One | Year Two | Year Three | Year Four | Year Five | Year Six |
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| 08/09/23 | Attending part time | Maya | Jayden | Yanis | All pupils | Caleb | Finley |

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 |
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| 08/09/23 | Attending part time | Ivy Ollie | Holly Prince | Natalia Ronnie | Zain Lilien | Imogen Samuel | Callum Kata |

Attendance

| | Foundation Stage | Year One | Year Two | Year Three | Year Four | Year Five | Year Six |
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| 08/09/23 | Attending part time | 98% | 92% | 91% | 93% | 100% | 99% |

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after their class start time.

| | Foundation Stage | Year One | Year Two | Year Three | Year Four | Year Five | Year Six |
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| 08/09/23 | Attending part time | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

House points for the week

| | Beethoven | Mozart | Tchaikovsky | Elgar |
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| 08/09/23 | 149 | 167 | 145 | 168 |

Gemma (Family Support Adviser)

Gemma's contact details:

Work mobile number: 07792 142825.

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

Family Learning Team – Courses for September 2023

Please find attached the leaflet for free online courses available for all parents and carers of children in Foundation Stage to Year 6. By following the links on the leaflet or scanning the QR code you will be able to sign up to any of these courses. Please contact me if you need any assistance with this.

Contact details

We are working to ensure contact details we hold for all students are correct and up to date. If you have recently changed your address, mobile/home number, etc, can you please contact the School Office to make us aware. We are asking all parents to please let us know by **Friday 15th September**, if there are any changes.

Would you like to make a difference to our school by becoming a school governor?

At Loudwater School, we have a dedicated and committed team of governors who offer support and challenge to the school. We are currently looking to increase parental representation on the governing board and would be interested in hearing from any parents who would like to join the board.

We need our governing board to have a broad skill set, so if you are not involved in education that is fine. We are always keen to recruit parents to the governing board who may have experience in finance, building and premises or personnel. The most important thing is that you are passionate about education and making our school the best that it can be.

Please see the attached flier for more details. Do not hesitate to speak to me on the hill or make an appointment if you would like more information or to express your interest.

Yours faithfully

Clare Cunningham

Mrs C Cunningham
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.

Let Me Play

Please see attachment for details of a new holiday camp

Dolce Ltd – Job Vacancy

We are looking for new members of the Dolce family to work with us in the school kitchen. We are looking for a kitchen general assistant/ server at the school term time only.

Full training including safeguarding training and uniform will be provided.

If you are interested, please contact them at bourneend@dolce.co.uk

All offers are made subject to an enhanced DBS check and applicant's eligibility to work in the UK.

Christ's Hospital – School Open Morning

Book now to attend our final open morning, before 2024 bursary applications close on **Friday 15 September 2023**.

[Open Morning book here.](#)

Families can also fill out a September 2024 entry registration form online via our website. [Apply for a place here.](#)

See attachment for flyer

Primary School Story Writing Competition with Eden Shopping Centre

Throughout September, Eden is running a story writing competition for children aged 4-11, giving them the chance to WIN a family ticket to The Roald Dahl Museum & Story Centre AND have their story printed and displayed in the centre!

To enter, children must create their own story book character, developing a name and personality. They must then write a short story, no longer than 300 words, making reference to Eden shopping centre and a mention of High Wycombe.

Children will need to create an illustration of their character to accompany their story. The winner will have their drawing brought to life by a digital artist, which will be displayed alongside their story.

There will also be 3x £50 vouchers up for grabs for a winner of each of the following age groups:

4-6 years
7-9 years
10-11 years

The competition runs until 30th September 2023.

Parents can enter here <https://m.cmpgn.page/fQbW9t>.

You can find out more at <https://www.edenshopping.co.uk/storywritingcomp/>.

LOUDWATER COMBINED SCHOOL
Calendar of events for 2023-24

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>September</u></p> <p>4th Children return to School Y1-6 7th & 8th Foundation Stage children start school Week beginning 11th – Clubs Start 12th 11+ Practice Paper (Y6) 14th 11+ Papers (Y6) 15th School 50th Anniversary 18th Open House meetings 28th Open Morning 11.00 - 12.00 29th McMillan Coffee Morning</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>October</u></p> <p>12th Open Day 9.30 – 10.30 13th 11+ Results (Y6) 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 style="text-align: center;"><u>November</u></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 style="text-align: center;"><u>December</u></p> <p>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 style="text-align: center;"><u>January</u></p> <p>4th & 5th School closed – training days for teachers 8th Children return to School</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>February</u></p> <p>Week beginning 5th Parent /Teacher Consultations 12th - 16th Half term break 19th Return to School</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>March</u></p> <p>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 style="text-align: center;"><u>April</u></p> <p>15th Children return to School Week beginning 22nd Parent /Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>May</u></p> <p>6th Bank Holiday 13th Year 6 SATs Week 20th Year 5 Assessment Week 27th – 31st Half term break</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>June</u></p> <p>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</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>July</u></p> <p>2nd Secondary School Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting 12th Sports Day 16th Reserve Sports Day 22nd 7.00pm Y6 Leavers Production</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Class Assemblies</u> <u>Spring term</u></p> <p>9.05 Start 18th January - Year Six 25th January – Year Two 1st February – Year Four 29th February - Year One 7th March – Year Five</p> |

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| Training day for teachers | 23rd 9.30am Y6 Leavers Assembly School closes at 2pm for summer break | 14 th March – Year Three 21 st March - Foundation Stage |
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Values Assemblies

All Start at 9.05am

28.9.23 Pride Year 4

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