



Newsletter Friday 3rd February 2023

Deputy Headteacher News

Over the last couple of weeks, I have had the privilege of looking at different areas of our school curriculum at a really detailed level. Designing and delivering an outstanding curriculum is a continually evolving process that requires a huge amount of time from staff and subject experts. I spent some time over the last couple of weeks working closely alongside some of our passionate and knowledgeable subject leads discussing their subjects here at Loose. A big part of this process is to speak to the children who are involved our curriculum on a day-to-day basis. These conversations with children are always incredibly eye opening and provide us a window into the lived experiences of the children of Loose Primary. During our conversations, the children spoke passionately about their love of music and could use musical vocabulary with confidence; they told me about different artists and how important it was for them to be artist and create art that they love and finally they confidently talked us through their science learning and we could see how knowledge acquired in Year 4 was built upon in Year 6. The idea of knowledge being sequenced and building throughout a child's time here at Loose is key to the intent of our curriculum and is something I have spoken to parents about during training sessions previously. We are delighted to see the impact of our curriculum work and hopefully through Twitter, Parents' Evenings and Open Afternoons you get to see some of this impact as well.

We are delighted to welcome parents back into school next week for our two Parents' Evening sessions. As always, we try and run these as close to time as we possibly can. Therefore, if you think you may need longer than the 10-minute slot on the evening, please be prepared to organise an additional conversation with your child's class teacher to finish the conversation at another time so we can stick to time as much as possible. Please do take a look at your child's classroom and peruse some books, that we will leave out for you, before or after your appointment. On both nights, members of the leadership team will be around if you'd like to catch us to discuss anything.

Remember as our newsletters are fortnightly our next one will be after the holiday - see you back in school on Monday 20th February.

Have a good weekend.

Sean Johnson



Assistant Headteacher News

Mr Hogwood here this week. Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) is a project Loose Primary are participating in. We have a working party of myself (Curriculum Play lead), Mrs Wells (Play coordinator), Mr Johnson, Mrs Dutch, Mrs Laurie (Parent), Mr Kemp (Parent), Mrs Ambrose (Parent). We have met and created an action plan, a grounds plan and discussed our first steps. This is an 18-month project and will transform playtime. We will continue to meet each term and set out actions. Children and staff have completed a survey to gain their views of playtimes at Loose Primary School. Thank you to those parents who have completed the parent survey sent out previously, but please follow the link to provide us with vital information about playtimes at Loose Primary School

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XQQNC3G> . We will be asking for donations of loose parts and other items closer to the summer term. Watch this space!



Staffing

We are sad to say that Mrs James will be leaving us at the end of next term. I am sure parents agree, she has been an amazing teacher and SENCO in her years with us, supporting many children and families. We will wish her well nearer the time, but are delighted she is able to join the team of specialist teachers at STLS to offer her determination and passion for children with SEND.

Mrs Black (already part of the SEN team at Loose) was successful in our recruitment and has been offered the post of SENCO from Term 5. This does mean that much of the strength within the team is known already, with Mrs Black working with many of our families closely. Congratulations to Mrs Black in her new role with us.

Diary Dates

Term 3

03 Feb – Parent Council Meeting 2.30-3.15pm (refreshments from 2.15pm)

07 Feb – Safer Internet Day

07 Feb – Coral Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall – families invited

07 Feb - PTA Meeting 8pm Chequers Pub - **please note date change**

08 Feb – Parents Evening Consultations 4-7pm

09 Feb – Parents Evening Consultations 3.40-6.30pm

10 Feb – Mrs Dutch’s Drop In Session 2.15-3.15pm

10 Feb – Last day of term – children are back to school 20th February

Term 4

20 Feb - Children back to school

22 Feb - Church assembly for Years 1 & 2

22 Feb - Young Voices performance to parents Orchard Hall 9-9.40am

24 Feb - PTA Sponsored Football Event & PTA Disco for Years 3 to 6

24 Feb - Mrs Dutch's Drop In Session 2.15-3.15pm

28 Feb - Everyone's Adventure Activity Day - Year 5

01 Mar - National Secondary School Offer Day

02 Mar - World Book Day - whole school dressing up event - more info to follow

03 Mar - Mrs Dutch's Drop In Session 2.15-3.15pm

06 Mar - Kent Search & Rescue Assemblies - whole school

07 Mar - Onyx Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

08 & 09 Mar - Year R Hearing Screening, Height & Weight & Vision tests

08 Mar - Church Assembly Year 3 & 4

10 Mar - Mrs Dutch's Drop In Session 2.15-3.15pm

14 Mar - Ruby Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

14 Mar - PTA Meeting 8pm

17 Mar - Parent Council Meeting 2.30-3.00pm (Refreshments from 2.15pm)

21 Mar - Emerald Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

21 Mar - Who Care Drama Performance Years 5 & 6

22 Mar - Church Assembly for Year 5 & 6

24 Mar - Mrs Dutch's Drop In Session 2.15-3.15pm

28 Mar - Year 4 Author Event

31 Mar - Easter Services at All Saints Church, Loose

31 Mar - Open Afternoon from 2.00-3.30pm - children can be signed out from 2pm onwards

31 Mar - Last day of term - children back in school 17 April 2023



Reminder re Medication

A reminder we are only able to administer 'prescribed only' medicine during school hours and this should be in its original container, with the prescriber's instructions and child's name attached where relevant. All medicines must be labelled and handed into the main school office (please do NOT give to teachers) along with a completed medication form. The form can be found on our website using the following link:- <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=17>

Medicines are given at 11.45am in Years R, 1 & 2 and as necessary for Years 3 to 6 who come to the office themselves for medicines. Please arrange medication times, especially antibiotics, so that they can be administered at 11.45am in KS1 or where possible outside of school hours.



World Book Day 2023

On Thursday 2nd March, we will be celebrating World Book Day within school. As always, there will be lots of fun activities throughout the day which will celebrate the joy of both reading and books

(more information to follow in due course). In order to give you plenty of notice, I also want to make you aware that once again we will be holding our Vocabulary Parade, in which children are asked to dress up in a way that represents a challenging and exciting word. There are a number of fantastic ideas on the internet if you are in need of any inspiration (see link below). Our reading leaders will then select five winners who will be in receipt of a £5 book token.

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/romans618/vocab-parade-costumes/>

Miss Spelman



Book Sale

I am fundraising to help send a team of dancers, aged 9-17, to compete in the World Dance Championships this year. I am also phonics lead within the school and to help promote reading I am holding a fundraising pre-loved book sale at school on the week of World Book Day – 2nd March. ***If you have any pre-loved books at home that you no longer needed I would be very grateful if you could bring them into school for Mrs Woods so I can add them to the sale.*** Details will follow about how your child can purchase a book nearer the time. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children of Loose Primary School to share and develop their love of books. Thank you for your support. ***Mrs Woods Diamond Class Teacher***



Certificate of Excellence

Well done to the following children who received their Certificate of Excellence!

Week Ending 27th January

Tristan A - Diamond Class

William A - Sapphire Class

Elliot P - Moonstone Class

Emily D - Tanzanite Class

Harry C - Aquamarine Class

Bodhi A - Turquoise Class

Week Ending 2nd February

Ella T - Topaz Class

Holly O - Sunstone Class

Ophelia M & Abbie W - Amethyst Class

Maddie W - Peridot Class

Cameron N/K - Zultanite Class

Manha S - Quartz Class



Cheerleading Year 1 Event

This Thursday 10 children from Year 1 got the opportunity to attend a Cheerleading Event through our Coppice Academy, run on this occasion by St Katherine's School. The children learnt various skills, whilst having loads of fun. There will be videos and pictures on our twitter account soon so look out for them. Mrs Coleman and myself would like to thank St Katherine's School and our parents for making this a lovely afternoon for these children. We were both very proud of these Year 1 youngsters.

Miss Carter

Cross Country Event Years 2, 3 & 4

This Thursday boys and girls from Years 2, 3 & 4 attended Greenfields Schools for a Maidstone Schools Cross Country event.

The children got to challenge themselves around the course and take on lots of other Maidstone Schools, in the process. The tricky conditions that morning didn't matter to these very determined children who gave their all.

Mrs Furniss and myself saw how they progressed from being understandably nervous to accomplishing the course & crossing the finishing line (some were muddier than others!!). Two children even managed to come third place in their races. Please see our twitter account for pictures from this event.

Thank you to all the parents who attended and made this possible for these children.

Well done to all from Mrs Furniss and Miss Carter.

House Points

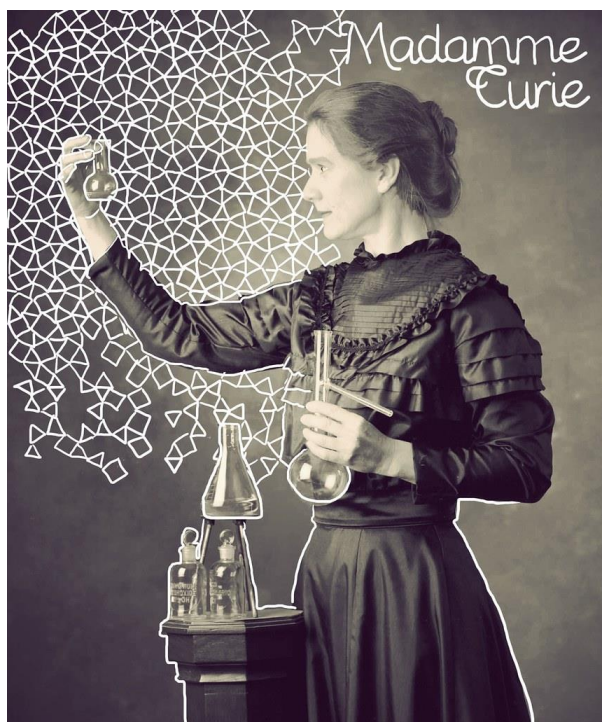
1st - Curie

2nd - Donaldson

3rd - Parks

4th - Attenborough

Well done to Curie this week!



February Holiday Play Scheme

We can confirm that bookings are now open for the February Holiday Play Scheme. Bookings should be made via the school website using the link below:-

<https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/form/?pid=15&form=17>

Eco Traffic Warden Reports

Eco Traffic Warden Duty as reported by Fraser C - Zultanite

Day 1 - One Tuesday we gave out 2 tickets. They were both parked on yellow chevrons and both were down in Lancet Lane. Henry spoke to a driver with their engine on and kindly asked him to turn it off.

Day 2 - On Thursday we gave out 2 tickets. We spoke to 2 people. One had their engine on and the other was parked on the white chevrons. Flo spoke to one person, Oscar spoke to the other.

Day 3 - On Friday we gave out no tickets and we didn't speak to anybody. Someone was parked in front of a driveway but we couldn't figure out if it was the house owners car so we left it. We saw someone parked on a double yellow line on the edge of Anglesey Avenue but as we approached they then drove off.

Eco Traffic Warden as reported by Sonny Y - Topaz Class

Last week Year 5's went out and gave tickets to badly parked cars. For example, cars parked on double yellow lines or cars that left their engines running. The most tickets were issued by cars on the kerb that had not left space for people to walk past.

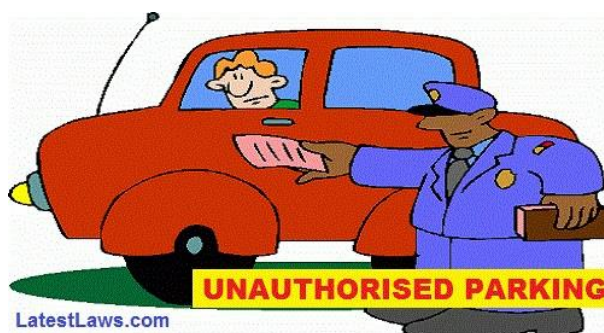
Results:-

Monday 0 Tickets

Thursday 2 Tickets

Friday 3 Tickets

What we noticed was that towards the end of the week parking was worse so we will try to go out towards the end of the week for our next visit to try to encourage people to park safely.



PTA Events & Dates

Headteacher for the Day

Enter the raffle for your last chance to be Mrs Holman for the day! See attachment for full details. Deadline to enter Friday 10th February using new bank details or cash in named envelope.

New PTA Bank Details

Please make sure you are using our new account details when paying monies to the PTA.

Account Name: Loose Primary School PTA

Sort Code: 23-05-80

Account Number: 47721759

As this is an account with Metro Bank, your bank will not be able to verify these details because Metro Bank are not part of the scheme that allows details to be checked. You may get a warning message informing you that this could be a fraudulent account. However, we would like to reassure you that this is not the case.

Apologies for this necessary change. If you have any queries please email looseptapayments@yahoo.com

Next Meeting

The next PTA meeting will take place on **Tuesday 7th February**, 8pm at the Chequers pub, Loose village. All welcome. PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE.

KS2 Disco

Y3-6 Disco, Friday 24th February - look out for email after half term. Tickets on sale from Monday 20th February. Year 3 & 4 from 3.30-5pm - Year 5 & 6 from 5.30-7pm

Loose Primary School Running Club

Community run next date - Sunday 5th February 2023, £1 to join in, 5km distance but can go longer or shorter! All abilities welcome. Meet at the Anglesey Avenue bus stop, 8am or 9am outside school.

Loose Primary PTA presents.....

HEADTEACHER FOR THE DAY RAFFLE

£1 per ticket (the more tickets you buy, the greater chance of winning!)

Raffle tickets can be purchased online or by cash (in a named envelope and put into the drop box outside the main office), no later than Friday 10th February. Please make online payments to the PTA bank account. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS (using your child's year group followed by their name, for example Jane Smith in year 3 would be 3JaneSmith.

Please note: There will be FIVE winners! Headteacher (with Mrs Holman), Deputy Headteacher (with Mr Johnson) and Assistant Headteachers (with Miss Burman, Mr Hogwood and Mr Farley)

MARCH 2023

If you are headteacher for a day then some of your duties may be:

- * stand at the gate and welcome everyone into school
- * take the register
- * visit classes to give out stickers
- * lead a celebration assembly
- * lunch with 4 friends in the headteacher's office

Contact Us

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