



# Newsletter Friday 2nd February 2024

## Headteacher News

We've continued our journey of ensuring teaching and learning is meaningful and memorable, and the teachers have been working really hard to plan engaging lessons which excite the children and ensure a proper primary school experience. I met with the teachers this week and they were so passionate about their lessons and reflective on how to continue this journey.

Children have been in space rockets, flying aeroplanes, writing exciting adventure stories and sharing them with their grandparents. We've had children acting as evacuees and soldiers in bunkers and some stunning classroom assemblies. There is a real buzz about making learning fun and some wonderful outcomes across the school.

It is children's mental health week next week and I am so excited to be able to share the news that we have Action Jackson visiting our school. He is the UK ambassador for happiness and is now touring internationally and increasing happiness and well-being around the world. He is an absolute ray of

sunshine and I guarantee the children are going to have a wonderful time with him on Tuesday next week. Some of our older children will be having a workshop with him and developing strategies around managing mental health. The rest of the children will have extended assemblies with him and his guitar and some good conversations about looking after ourselves. Do check him out on YouTube and Instagram to get a picture of the character, that's coming in .

### **CLASS WhatsApp Groups**

We have really been pushing our values in the classrooms and children reflect them so well. The children model respect admirably across the school and I do think it's important that as a school community we do the same. It has been brought to my attention that there are class WhatsApp groups that perhaps may not adhere to this value and I must request and remind us all that it is important to use these groups for their purpose of class communication and building a community. If not managed well these groups can gas light, inflame and miscommunicate information as well as hold negativity around my team. If you wouldn't want to read it about yourself, please don't write it about others. We value feedback so please do make an appointment to come and see your class teacher, phase leader or me if you have concerns rather than raising them through these forums so that they can remain positive and healthy for all. If you feel the WhatsApp group isn't being used appropriately please let us know so that we can protect our team and class communities from defamatory comments.

I look forward to speaking with many of you next week during parents' evening and celebrating your children's progress this year to date.

Have a good weekend.





## Assistant Headteacher News

This week is international story telling week. In the KS1 assembly this week I told children my favourite book as a child and the story behind how I came across this book. I asked children to reflect on their favourite book and maybe why their favourite book has meaning to them.

You may have heard some children talking about 'Hot Chocolate Friday' recently. Each week, one member of each class is chosen to spend some time with SLT members to drink hot chocolate, eat biscuits and share stories and jokes. These children have shown the values consistently every day and will also receive a certificate to take home.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Farley



## Loose Mini Marathon 8th March - Whole School

On Friday 8th March 'The Loose Mini-Marathon' is taking place. I am asking for sponsorship for the children to come to school in sports clothes and to run, walk or skip a set distance. Whizzkidz are running a February competition around fundraising, so I would be grateful of any sponsorship this month in preparation of the Mini Marathon. I would be grateful if you shared the link with all friends and family to sponsor the children for this epic challenge!

***We still need helpers on the day to run the mini-marathon so if you can help please let the office know - we would be really grateful.***

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chris-hogwood-tcs-london-marathon-2024-charity-place?utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=chris-hogwood-tcs-london-marathon-2024-charity-place&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share&utm\\_term=d4918dc85db84a34a4999f4478c3aee0](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chris-hogwood-tcs-london-marathon-2024-charity-place?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=chris-hogwood-tcs-london-marathon-2024-charity-place&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=d4918dc85db84a34a4999f4478c3aee0)

Nearly 5 weeks into 'Official training' the miles are coming along. Last Saturday I ran my longest run so far with 11.5 miles. Last night was an invigorating run of 7 miles, and it is so refreshing. I have been lucky with the weather so far, long may it continue. My body is adapting to the training and running regularly is really helping the stamina needed! Whizzkidz came into school on Monday to support one of our children with wheelchair training, so this charity is having a direct impact on our community.





## Netball Match & Thank you to Mr Lumbard

Firstly, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Lumbard of BRPM ENGINEERING (dad of Bella & Phoebe L), in sponsoring a brand-new Netball Kit for Loose Primary Netball Team. The kit, which is bespoke, was designed by the whole squad, and used for the first time this week in their first league game.

The Year 6 Loose Netball Team played their first match yesterday against Tiger Primary School. They won the match very comfortably with a huge goal difference.



Loose played with Pride, Determination and Respect. Their teamwork was brilliant and every single one of them, without exception, played their part. In addition, they all looked absolutely amazing in their new kit.

The best part of the day was seeing sixteen little faces grinning from ear to ear as they left! Well done to you all - we're so very proud of you!

Mrs Brace & Mrs Smith



## Hot Chocolate Friday 26th January

A huge well done to all the children that were nominated last Friday for Hot Chocolate Friday. These children showed the school values consistently and were nominated by their teachers.



## Hot Chocolate Friday 2nd February

Hot Chocolate Champions this week were full of fun and told some great jokes. One child brought in a wonderful home project too, Sienna M in Crystal Class. It was an absolute pleasure sitting with the children and praising them for being our champions of our values and being proud.



## PTA News

### **'Break the Rules Day!'**

We hope all the children have had fun during 'Breaking the Rules' Day today. Please make sure all payments are made to the PTA online or by cash in an envelope. 50p per rule that's 'broken'!

We have not one , but two Lucky Lotto Winners to announce this month.

Our December winner is - Georgina Laganaro

January's winner is - Tetyana Bennett

Our KS2 Disco will be on the 23rd February. We currently do not have enough volunteers to allow this event to go ahead, so please please, if you can, complete the online helpers form [Volunteer for Loose Primary School PTA](#) and ensure that our children get to enjoy another fantastic disco.



Our Vice Chair Samantha MacKenzie has made the decision to step down from the PTA. We want to thank Sam for all the amazing ideas and contributions she has made to the PTA. She will be greatly missed. If you want to make a difference and have an input in the fundraising for our school, then please join us.

We need your help to make fun events for everyone!

Grab your diary & pledge your support today by completing our volunteer form:

<https://forms.gle/LqcBG6PN6WuVeLJK7>

### Key Events

- KS2 Disco on **Friday 23 February 2024**
- Easter Egg Hunt on **Friday 22 March 2024**
- KS1 Disco on **Friday 17 May 2024**
- Summer Festival on **Saturday 14 September 2024**
- Christmas Fair on **Saturday 23 November 2024**

Have fun whilst raising funds to help enrich our children's school experience!

Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Twitter \(X\)](#) for the latest updates on our events, activities and fundraising news.



## Diary Dates

### Term 3

**02 Feb - Parent Council Meeting 2.30pm in staffroom (refreshments from 2.15pm)**

**05 Feb - Onyx Art Exhibition - Landmarks**

**06 Feb - Safer Internet Day**

**06 Feb - Action Jackson**

**06 Feb - Amethyst Class Assembly 9am Brook Hall - families invited**

**06 Feb - Ruby Art Exhibition - Landmarks**

**07 Feb - Parents Evening Consultations 4-7pm**

**07 Feb - Parents in to watch the Young Voices Choir performance - more info to follow**

**07 Feb - Emerald Art Exhibition - Landmarks**

**08 Feb - Parents Evening Consultations - 4-7pm**

**09 Feb - Last day of term - children return to school Monday 19th February**

**Term 4**

**23 Feb - PTA KS2 Disco**

**26 Feb - Class photos Year R, & 2**

**27 Feb - Class photos Year 3, 4 & 5 (not Year 6)**

**01 Mar - KS2 School Council visit to parliament**

**01 Mar - National Offer Day Secondary School**

**04 Mar - Whole week – Zultanite Class Bikeability**

**04 & 05 Mar - Year R Hearing & Vision tests**

**05 Mar - Tanzanite Class Assembly 9am Brook Hall families invited**

**07 Mar - World Book Day – children dressing up as a book character**

**08 Mar - Loose Mini Marathon & non-uniform day - more info to follow**

**11 Mar - British Science Week all week**

**11 Mar - Whole week - Peridot Class Bikeability**

**12 Mar - Aquamarine Class Assembly 9am Brook Hall families invited**

**13 Mar - Topaz Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall families invited**

**15 Mar - Comic Relief - own clothes for a donation**

**18 Mar - Whole week – Quartz class Bikeability**

**19 Mar - Turquoise Class Assembly 9am Brook Hall families invited**

**28 Mar - Last day of Term 4**

**28 Mar - Easter Services at church**



## [Ethic of Excellence Awards](#)

**Week ending 26th January**

**Isla K - Topaz Class**

**Joshua F - Sunstone Class**

**Ethan C - Amethyst Class**

**Isabelle G - Peridot Class**

**Sienna K - Zultanite Class**

**Abbie W - Quartz Class**

**Week ending 2nd February**

**Olive H - Coral Class**

**Jack F - Amber Class**

**Olivia M - Jade Class**

**Iida M - Emerald Class**

**Amanda A - Onyx Class**

**Willow P - Ruby Class**



## Parking in King George V Car Park

We have been asked by the Loose Parish Council to remind parents not to use their car park during parents evening on the 7th & 8th February. They have events on those evenings and need their car park for those people attending. The car park is also locked at 6pm on those evenings. Thank you.

## House Winners for Term 3

1st - Parks

2nd - Donaldson

3rd - Attenborough

4th - Curie

**Well done to Parks for being the winning house for term 3!**

## Shout Outs

**Spelling Shed - Keeping it in the family** - Jenson in Ruby Class is currently 2nd in the whole school on Spelling Shed. However, Harper in Amber Class is 1st! Well done to you both from Mrs Muir.

Well done to Buddy and Archie in Sunstone class who last weekend finished 2nd place with their team PSA in the Junior Premier League National Finals losing 2-1. After winning the the Junior Premier League Kent division they were invited to the National Finals and flew through the group stages without conceding a goal. The tournament was a huge achievement for the boys and they had an amazing time with their team!

James P from Peridot Class was chosen to be a mascot for Ipswich town football club last weekend against Maidstone United. On the morning of the match he was provided with a football kit to wear. He met all the other mascots for the day and given a tour of the stadium including the changing room, VIP Lounge, Trophy Room and Media Centre. He met all the players and was chosen to walk out the tunnel

with Jack Taylor (mid fielder). He walked out the tunnel with the team and high fived the Maidstone players before a photo was taken. He had the most fantastic day!







## Topaz Class

A shout out Topaz class for their amazing class assembly, I am so proud of them and they should be so proud of themselves!





## Emerald Class

Sophie H and Violet W have been practicing a beautiful piece of music that they loved sharing with Emerald class.

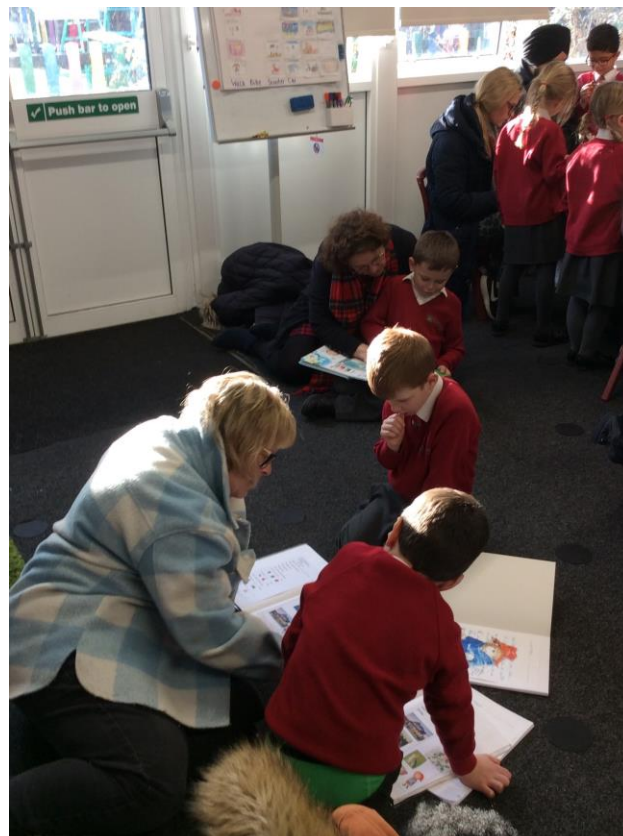
Emerald in Science have been exploring what a gas is, what happens to the particles and what can happen to liquids that have gases in them if we shake them? Oops... looks like Emerald got a bit wet #lemonade 😊





## Year 1

Year 1 have been working very hard on writing descriptions of Paddington Bear. On Friday, they invited their parents and grandparents into the classrooms to read their descriptions.



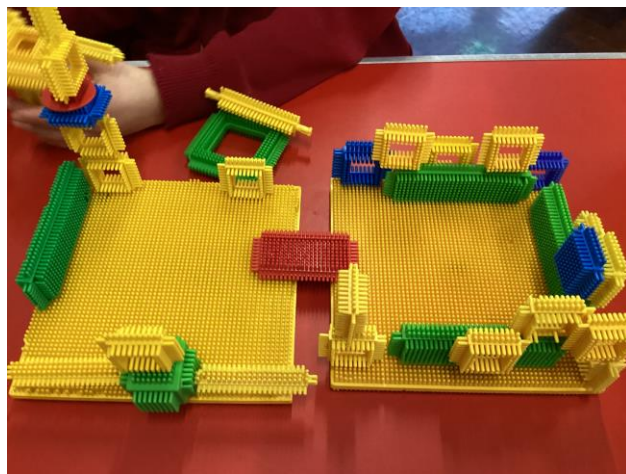


## Breakfast Club

Thomas B and Lewis W in Diamond Class have been busy building Star Wars themed models at Breakfast Club this week. They have enjoyed creating and building their own Star Wars characters too. They are very proud of their work!







## Tourette's Syndrome Links

As part of our commitment to celebrate the differences in our children Year 5 have been learning about Tourette's Syndrome. They have learnt what it can mean for those that are diagnosed with the



syndrome, the symptoms they may experience and how as peers they can support someone with Tourette's Syndrome.

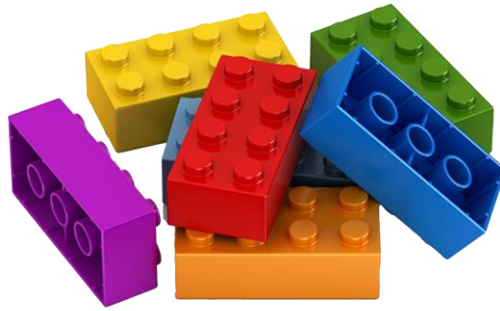
The links below provide additional information should you wish to continue this conversation at home.

[https://www.tourettes-action.org.uk/storage/downloads/1692265793\\_TA-What-Makes-Us-Tic-Brochure-DL-20pp-2023.pdf](https://www.tourettes-action.org.uk/storage/downloads/1692265793_TA-What-Makes-Us-Tic-Brochure-DL-20pp-2023.pdf)

[https://www.tourettes-action.org.uk/storage/downloads/1598276310\\_TS-Social-Story-A4-v4.pdf](https://www.tourettes-action.org.uk/storage/downloads/1598276310_TS-Social-Story-A4-v4.pdf)

## Lego Needed

Our SENCo team are looking for donations of small complete Lego sets to supplement their Lego therapy group resources. If you have anything they would be really grateful - please hand into the school office.



## Coxheath v Loose

It was the local derby match last week between Coxheath and Loose boys football teams. It was a competitive match played in front of a good crowd of supporters including Mr Chatley. Our boys represented the school brilliantly and played very well in a highly competitive match. The standard of football on show was excellent and a credit to Mr Corcoran who coaches the teams for both schools but was in a neutral position for this one. Coxheath were deserved 3-1 winners but we look forward to the return fixture later on in the academic year.



## Bad Parking

We have had complaints again from the residents of Copper Tree Court of parents parking there during drop off and collection and parking on the double yellow lines. Parents are also illegally parking on the zig zag lines by the Lancet Lane entrance which is extremely dangerous as this is where children that walk to school themselves cross. Please think before you park. **You are putting our children's safety at risk!**

**Finally could parents NOT park on the pavements, especially along the Loose Road, as it pushes children and prams onto the road when there is not enough room for them to get past. The Loose Road is extremely dangerous so you are putting lives at risk every time you do this!**





## Correct Contact Details

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