



Loose Primary School Newsletter

14th May 2021



Headteacher News

Global Curriculum

We are focusing this term on our curriculum offer and how we are aiming for learning in school to prepare our children for their adult lives. We provide pupils with a knowledge-based global curriculum that develops essential skills, equipping them for life in the 21st Century. We believe that global learning helps pupils make sense of the increasingly complex and rapidly changing world in which they live. Our curriculum enables pupils to think critically about local and world issues, to interact successfully with the world around them and to develop an awareness of the impact our own actions can have on others. Our curriculum is ambitious and enables pupils to make connections between different aspects of knowledge, skills and attitudes. It builds on fundamental British and school values and focuses on lifestyle choices, promoting enjoyment of learning through expressive arts, sport and global connectivity. To see our curriculum overviews, policy and documents and read more about our curriculum offer at Loose click here <http://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=22>

Year 5

We are aware that there a number of local secondary schools offering taster sessions during our school day for children in Year 5. Whilst we fully support our pupils attending after school and weekend sessions held by secondary schools we do not authorise absence from school during the day. There are other opportunities for Year 6 pupils to visit secondary schools' open sessions in order to make informed decisions when choosing secondary schools. Thank you for your co-operation.

Y6 Leaver Arrangements

We will be holding (fingers crossed) the traditional Leavers' Assembly for parents at 9am on the last day of the year, Wednesday 21 July 2021. Please add the date and time to your diaries! The assembly last approximately 45-60 minutes. More information will be shared from the Y6 team soon but we are delighted to be starting rehearsals soon for their end of year production and leaver celebration events and trips.

Reminder re timings for Term 6

We are hoping to alter timings from next term if all continues to go well with the national roadmap.

Drop off - Drop off for all pupils (unaccompanied) will be via any gate from 8.45-8.55am and from 8.40-8.55 for parents with pupils in Year R or KS1 via Lancet Lane entrance. We will be operating a drop and go procedure so we can stop having staggered entry times and will monitor how this goes. Year R and KS1 children will leave parents (as they do currently) from the Brook playground and walk in to their classrooms unaccompanied. Please can we ask you say good-bye to your children as quickly as you can to keep the flow of parents dropping off smooth and congregation on the playground as limited as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

Home time - Year R will finish at 3pm, Y1 at 3.10pm and Y2-6 at 3.20pm. Children, as now, can leave via any of our 4 gates to meet parents offsite. If parents of our younger children wish to enter the site to collect their children they can enter the site (Lancet Lane entrance only) Year R from 2.55pm, Y1 at 3.05pm and Y2 at 3.15pm. As in the mornings, please leave as soon as you have collected your child to avoid too many parents and children on the playgrounds. Thank you.

These timings mean also that our after school club can return to normal times offering more flexibility for working parents. Thank you for bearing with us with our different timings, we hope that more normal hours (although a change) means that things will be a little easier for everyone in getting back to normality.

Parent Council

We are holding our term 5 meeting next Friday so do let the office or your class representative know if you wish for any matters to be discussed.

Staffing changes

We say goodbye and good luck today to Mrs Fullagar in the office and wish her well in her new post. We thank her for her work, particularly in the last year in ensuring (with our amazing office team) that the school runs smoothly! We will welcome Mrs Adam to the office team after the May holiday.

Have a lovely weekend
Sarah Holman

**With trust, we lead
With pride, we act
With respect, we serve
With compassion, we care
and
With determination, we excel**

Dates



Term 5

- 18 May - Crystal Class Assembly - will be recorded & uploaded for parents
- 21 May - Parent Council Meeting via zoom 1.30-2.15pm
- 25 May - Opal Class Assembly - will be recorded & uploaded for parents
- 28 May - Non uniform day - Elmer Heart of Kent Hospice event - see info page 2
- 28 May - Last day of school
- 01 Jun - Online applications open for the Kent 11+ test

Term 6

- 07 Jun - Staff Training Day
- 08 Jun - Children back to school
- 15 & 17 Jun - Perform Drama Workshops for Year R, 1 & 2
- 15 Jun - Coral Class Assembly
- 21 Jun - Year 6 group & individual photos
- 22 Jun - Jade Class Assembly
- 23 Jun - New Year R Open Evening for September Intake 6.30-7.45pm
- 28 Jun - Year 6 trip to Bewl Water 9-4pm
- 29 Jun - Amber Class Assembly
- 01 Jul - Sports Day (Reserve Date 12th July)
- 08 Jul - Meet the Teacher Day for Year R to 5 children
- 08 Jul - Year 6 performance to parents 7pm - To be confirmed
- 09 Jul - Parent Council Meeting
- 13 Jul - Year 6 performance to parents 2pm - To be confirmed
- 14 Jul - Year 6 performance to parents 2pm & 7pm - To be confirmed
- 16 Jul - Non School Uniform Day - more info to follow
- 16 Jul - Open Afternoon - to be confirmed
- 16 Jul - Year 6 Leaving Event - more info to follow
- 17 Jul - PTA Family BBQ - more info to follow
- 19 Jul - Rounders Match Year 6 v Staff 3.30-4.30pm
- 21 Jul - Year 6 Leavers Assembly - parents invited - 9-10am
- 21 Jul - Year 6 Leavers lunch
- 21 Jul - Last day of term

Learners of the Week

A huge well done to the children who got their achievement certificates in assemblies this week! Congratulations for all their hard work.

Pearl	Lily G	Jade	Andreas M
Opal	Bella W	Emerald	Ava S
Crystal	Eliza C	Onyx	Laila E
Diamond	Rian K	Ruby	Henry S
Sapphire	Harry G	Topaz	Kieran B
Moonstone	Violet W-C	Sunstone	Finley N
Tanzanite	Max F	Amethyst	Susie H
Aquamarine	Jake L	Peridot	Back next week
Turquoise	Noah B	Zultanite	Enzo R & Henry W
Coral	Back next week	Quartz	Angellis G
Amber	Jaden S		

Eco News

All of our dedicated Eco Reps have spent time this week making sure our school grounds are clean, tidy and free from litter. Well done to our fantastic volunteers.



Covid

Lateral Flow Testing - We would like to remind you that due to government guidelines, children of primary school age **cannot be tested by using the lateral flow tests**.

If your child has any of the 3 symptoms, loss of taste and smell, new continuous cough or high temperature (37.8 or above), they will need to be tested using the full PCR test which can be booked via 119.

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Weekly Attendance

Opal	94.30%	Jade	100.00%
Crystal	97.32%	Emerald	97.81%
Pearl	94.33%	Ruby	99.38%
Diamond	98.67%	Onyx	97.44%
Sapphire	99.33%	Topaz	97.50%
Moonstone	97.97%	Sunstone	96.79%
Tanzanite	97.65%	Amethyst	96.36%
Turquoise	97.97%	Peridot	97.67%
Aquamarine	95.30%	Zultanite	96.56%
Amber	98.44%	Quartz	95.57%
Coral	98.13%		

Whole School Target
96.5%

Whole School Attendance
97.37%

Weekly House Points Results

DONALDSON	3rd	PARKS	1st
ATTENBOROUGH	4th	CURIE	2nd

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY

'Outdoor Classroom Day' is a global movement to inspire and celebrate outdoor learning and play, at home and at school. Children are spending less time outdoors than ever before (especially over the past year) and this can affect their health, wellbeing and development. Time outdoors makes children happier and healthier, as well as equipping them with the skills they need for life. Therefore, the Eco Council has decided that we will all take part in this global event again this year and have planned ideas for the week of 'Outdoor Classroom Day' which takes place officially on **Thursday 20th May**. Many thanks, Eco Council



PTA News

SAVE THE DATE! We are planning on having a relaxed summer festival afternoon on Saturday 17th July - more details to follow soon.

Please do consider adding the PTA as your chosen charity with Amazon Smile and raise money from the comfort of your own home! Please click on the link below to access the very easy to follow instructions to sign up. Many thanks for your continued support. <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=6480&type=pdf>

Uniform shop – Nearly new items

We will be holding a second hand school uniform shop stall on Friday 21st May from 2.30pm for KS1 parents on site and on Tuesday 25th May outside the main gate from 2.30pm. Ties £2, logo jumpers and cardigans £5, everything else £1. We will have lots of summer dresses and short sleeved shirts and shorts – grab them now! Cash payment please.

Year R News

We have had an exciting and busy week of learning. All the classes have been working with enthusiasm to video their class assemblies and we are very excited to be showing you these over the next few weeks. Our seeds and tadpoles have been growing beautifully and we have observed their changes carefully, measuring and recording what we see. We have taken turns to plant and look after our seeds, watering them and moving them into the sunshine to help them grow. A big thank you to all who have donated seeds and plants. We look forward to seeing them grow big and tall.



Important - No Stopping!

Cars have been stopping on the main Loose Road outside the Year 4/6 gate and parents expecting their children to run from the gate onto the busy road and then jump into their cars, whilst the traffic tails behind them. This is unacceptable and dangerous and children will not be allowed to do this, for their own safety.

Parking

We have received reports that vehicle **GY10 ZNZ** was parked so far up on the pavement on Lancet Lane that people couldn't get past. There has also been a report of vehicle **GF55 XPX** that didn't stop at the pedestrian crossing when children were waiting to cross for school.

Assistant Headteacher News

Mr Hogwood here with this week's AHT exert. This week has been 'mental health awareness week' with the theme of Nature and appreciating the environment we live in. Connecting with nature has shown that it can have many positive effects on our mental health such as feeling happier, having more and better quality sleep and improving attention and concentration. The children have been following the Mental Health Hero Cyber Sense's battle against the negatron! This superhero teaches the children how to use their five senses (sight, smell, hearing, taste and touch) to ground themselves and focus their mind when they are feeling strong emotions. The school council did some learning walks recently and nearly all classrooms had a wellbeing focus display with the superhero of the week evident! We will be going back soon to check this is still happening. This weekend try to go outside and use our five senses to appreciate what we have in our local environment and get back to nature. Have a great weekend everyone!



Elmer Dress Down Day 28th May

On Friday 28th May we have another dress down day to coincide with the 'Elmer' project on diversity which was started last year before lockdown. The theme for this day will be bright colours or patchwork like the Elmer elephant. The money raised for this will go towards the 'Heart of Kent Hospice' and should be paid via Scopay. Please do not send cash into school.



Eco Traffic Warden Report

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week the Eco Council representatives (Year 4) from Loose Primary School have been policing around the school looking for irresponsible parking and people who kept their engines running. On the first day thankfully, no tickets were issued however one kind man had to be spoken to for keeping his engine running. The following day we patrolled the loose road and that day unfortunately a few more tickets were given out. This was our busiest day as 4 tickets were handed out. These issues included three cars were blocking the pavement so even a pushchair could not get through and finally someone was parked where they should not be, on the yellow line. On our final day we walked towards the post office up the loose road and down lancet lane. That day two tickets were dealt out for blocking the pavement. Overall we had a successful Traffic Warden work. *By Lochlann A, Onyx Class*

Year 6 Maya adventure

Year 6 have been on a Maya adventure this week. Using the Now Press Play equipment, we went on an audio journey. A drought forced us to leave our village so we set off to find a new life. However, on route we had to face warriors from Tikal. We had lots of fun immersing ourselves in the story in order to find out what life was like for different kinds of people in Maya society.

Year 6 Transition

Year 6 have been busy looking at secondary school transition this week. We have been using Google Maps to plan our journey to our new school, including researching bus timetables and the cost of a travel pass. We have also begun working through our own transition book. The first task was to undertake some research on our new school's website in order to answer a series of questions related to topics such as our daily timetable and uniform expectations. Keep an eye out for our weekly transition tips for parents which we will send weekly via Teachers2Parents and Twitter.



Eco Day

On Friday 11th June we will be having an Eco themed non-uniform day with all proceeds going to support the Loose Amenities Association, who recently supported children planting trees in the Loose Valley. We thought this would be a lovely way to give back to our local community. The eco council have decided that they would like children to come dressed in one of the following eco themed ways:

- recycling
- nature
- endangered species
- dressed all in green

There will be a small prize for the best costume in each class. Thank you for your support. Eco Council

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