



Weekly Newsletter 4th March 2022

Headteacher News

As another week passes we have spent time this week thinking about the conflict in Ukraine and (at an age appropriate level) talked about what this means to us. Newsround is really helpful in explaining difficult and quite adult concepts to our children and it is a great resource if you get any tricky questions about the news. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/60554258> We find being factual without giving too much detail is the best way often so children understand what is happening in the world but do not become too worried about things that we cannot control. The Government have produced a webpage to help discuss such matters too https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/25/help-for-teachers-and-families-to-talk-to-pupils-about-russias-invasion-of-ukraine-and-how-to-help-them-avoid-misinformation/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

World Book Day

We enjoyed a brilliant day yesterday sharing our favourite books and celebrating our love for reading, a crucial life skill, vital in mastering before our children leave us for the next stage in their education. The big read and, of course, The Masked Reader were popular and a super opportunity for children to choose a book from different genres. The children thoroughly enjoyed dressing up to represent their favourite word. Some of our favourites were the more unusual ones - logophile, corvine and somnambulism! Look the meanings up if you are unsure. Thank you for supporting your child and helping them with their outfits.

School Council

Our School Council met this week in London and enjoyed a visit to the Houses of Parliament! See below for their views on their visit!

Leaving a Legacy

It is at this time of year we remember our wonderful late Executive Headteacher, Darren Webb. Next Wednesday is the 2 year anniversary of Darren's death which shook the school community just before the first lockdown in 2020. Darren wanted the very best for all local children and in the growth of our small trust, was beginning to see such strength in what we could offer the children in all three of our schools by working together, developing the curriculum, sharing the best learning opportunities for our children and being a compassionate and caring community. We continue to focus on these aims to ensure that children can be successful.

We are enjoying the daffodils and crocuses that we planted that are starting to bloom again in the school grounds. The older children are delighted to remember planting them and these are a wonderful reminder of the simple pleasures in life and the joy of nature.

On that note, I will finish this week and wish you a wonderful weekend with your families

Sarah Holman and the team at Loose



Survey from Mr Johnson

It has been so lovely over the last couple of weeks to see us continuing to edge closer to real school life. We have celebrated class assemblies with parents for the first time in nearly two years and held our LOTW assemblies with adults attending as well. We forgot how much these moments mean for our school and our school community so it is amazing that we are having them again. In line with this continuing to normal life.

I have sent a survey out this week to offer some parent sessions to update parents and discuss some of the things happening in school, including our focus on curriculum development. We will also discuss our understanding of the role that memory has in learning for children. Please complete that survey below [here](#) so we can deliver the best sessions that benefit everyone. The deadline is next Friday 11th March.

Mr Johnson

AHT News

Mr Hogwood here this week with an update on charities and the school council. Thank you to all those that voted for the charities the school council short listed. All of our charities got votes, but with 30% of the vote our charity for the remainder of the year is: Kent Air Ambulance. Look out for an update on a charity event we will hold in the summer term.

On Wednesday 2nd March I took the school council on a school trip to the Houses of Parliament. We went by train and the children were very excited. We walked along the Thames and saw Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament from the other side of the river which was spectacular. Inside we sat in the viewing gallery of the House of Commons to watch a small debate, there weren't many MP's there! We had a tour of the Palace of Westminster. After our tour we had a workshop where we debated a new law. The children spoke very well and came to a decision on their rule. The children were very well behaved and a credit to Loose Primary School. Thank you to Mrs Furniss and Mrs Brace for accompanying us.





Important - Secondary School Appeals

Further to the secondary school offers on Tuesday, if you are planning on completing a parent appeal, and would like a letter from the school to support this, you must let the school office know **no later than Friday 11th March**. Mrs Holman will co-ordinate these requests but if you would like us to include anything specific, any achievements or have input from a particular teacher, please let us know as soon as possible so these can be included in the letter. Mrs Holman will have the letter ready for your collection on Monday 21st March.

Diary Dates

Term 4

08 Mar - Diamond Class Assembly - parents invited - Brook Hall 9am

08 & 09 Mar - Year R vision & height/weight and Year 6 height & weight

08 Mar - Wild Child Information Evening for Year 6 parents Orchard Hall 6.00-6.45pm

11 Mar - KS1 SATs Information Meeting for Year 2 parents - Orchard Hall 2.45-3.15pm

15 Mar - Sapphire Class Assembly

18 Mar - Comic Relief - more info to follow

18 Mar - Parent Council Meeting

22 Mar - Moonstone Class Assembly

23 & 24 Mar - Loose Gets Lively Performances Cornwallis Academy

01 Apr - Easter Church Services

01 Apr - Open Afternoon - chance to speak to your child's class teacher and look at their learning. Children can be signed out from 2pm onwards

01 Apr - Last day of term - children return to school on 19 April 2022



Learner of the Week

Pearl - Arham B & William A

Opal - Evie S

Crystal - Arthur H

Diamond - Harry C

Sapphire - Back next week!

Moonstone - Zach J

Tanzanite - Chloe E

Aquamarine - Faye A

Turquoise - Callum V

Coral - Darryl S

Amber - James D

Jade - Lucy S

Emerald - Evainne-Ava W

Onyx - Jerrica T

Ruby - Jack L

Topaz - Sofia M

Sunstone - Owen A, Charlotte H

Amethyst - Phora H

Peridot - Alana C

Zultanite - Phoebe H

Quartz - William S



World Book Day 2022

Yesterday, your children relished the opportunity to lose themselves in the magical world of books and we wanted to extend our gratitude to all parents and carers for the work that we know goes into preparing your children for this very special day. This year's Vocabulary Parade was our best yet and all children were excited to share their outfits, challenge words and love of reading with their friends and peers. Many children expressed how much they enjoyed the return of The Masked Reader and The Big Read and we are certain that they also look forward to purchasing a brand-new book with their £1 book vouchers. By the end of next week, Reading Leaders will have selected 5 Vocabulary Parade winners and we look forward to sharing these with you in the upcoming Reading Newsletter.





National Online Safety

Young people today are spending more time than ever online and accessing a huge range of online platforms from gaming to streaming. It is so important that within the school community we ensure our children are using the internet responsibly and with respect. National Online Safety have developed a new mobile app for parents which aims to provide parents with the resources needed to understand and address online safeguarding risks. The app includes videos, webinars and guides on topics that will help you protect children online. If you are interested in this, please follow the link to download the app. <https://info.nationalonlinesafety.com/mobile-app>

Netball Match

Yesterday 10 children from Year 6 played a netball match at Roseacre Primary School. All the children were a credit to our school and although we lost, the improvement from beginning to end was so noticeable, with great teamwork, as well as individual play. Thank you also to all the parents for transporting the children to the match and supporting our team, I know the children appreciated it. Well done to Amber C, Betsy C, Betsy E, Alex D, Henry W & Ivy L (Peridot), Emilia D, Cayden ce P, Megan S (Quartz), & Alex P (Zultanite)

Miss Carter

House Points

1st - Donaldson

2nd - Attenborough

3rd - Parks

4th - Curie

Huge well done to Donaldson House this week!



PTA Events & Dates

PTA March Meeting

You are all invited and welcome to join our next meeting on **Thursday 10th March, 8pm** at the Chequers pub, Loose village. Come to listen, find out more, chip in or add ideas etc. We would love to see you there.

Spring Raffle - Tickets on sale now!

Thank you so much to the offers and donations we have received many from local business and parents from school. We have some great prizes lined up so please read the separate email you received earlier this week telling you how to purchase tickets. Please share with family and friends. Prizes include cash, personalised gifts, paintings, hand made crafts, a mini fish tank, an over night stay, chocolate bouquet, photo shoots, manicures, hampers and lots more!

Lucky Lotto Winner

Congratulations to Terri Cornish - February's winner!

Loose Primary School Running Club

Community run next date - Sunday 6th March 2022, £1 to join in, 5km distance but can go longer or shorter! All abilities welcome. Meet at the Anglesey Avenue bus stop, 8am. Please note there is no 9am run this week.

Late Summer Festival

Save the Date - Saturday 17th September 2022



Contact Us

brook@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk - this is for parents to contact teachers re work/passwords & every day matters etc in KS1 (Year R, 1 & 2)

orchard@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk - this is for parents to contact teachers re work/passwords & every day matters etc in KS2 (Years 3 - 6)

lasc.asc@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk - please use this email address for **ALL** extended services bookings/queries/requests etc. Please do not email the office with these.

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