



Weekly Newsletter 18th March 2022

Headteacher News

It seems the Easter holidays are fast approaching and there is so much to learn before then!

Our focus on enabling all learners to be successful continues with teachers working together in year groups and this week with teachers from our other 2 schools, meaning as an 8 form entry partnership we share huge expertise and talent not available as a single school. The benefits of working together are beginning to show with leaders and teachers working together to share best practice so all children benefit.

This week we have enjoyed Sapphire assembly which was like a West End show with superb speaking and acting and the most amazing props! The School Council also this week led assemblies in both halls for KS1 and KS2 children simultaneously. It was wonderful to learn about the members and why they have their role and the difference they make to school life. Thank you to our council members!

Today we have had our Parent Council too and discussed Maths and how it is taught at Loose. We will share the minutes next week.

Safeguarding

All staff regularly receive updates for child protection and safeguarding. Click here for safeguarding information <http://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Safeguarding&pid=91> and remember that although we have 4 DSLs to help you, Mrs Dutch can always assist if you need help or advice and Mrs Holman is the safeguarding lead at Loose Primary.

We have this week enjoyed 2 non uniform days. Today for Comic Relief and one unplanned one to help the people of Ukraine. Your generosity and support is heart warming. Thankyou all.

Have a lovely weekend

Sarah Holman



Assistant Headteacher News

We've finally enjoyed some nicer weather this week and children have continued to work hard. I've seen some fantastic PE lessons this week with children really working hard to improve their speed and throwing and catching skills. We've also had specialist teachers in school working on dance and gymnastics with the children which they have loved. This has upskilled our teachers too meaning they are equipped to deliver these lessons at a really high level in future weeks and years.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.



Easter Church Services

We will be celebrating Easter at All Saints Church, Loose on Friday 1st April. The children will be attending in three groups as the church cannot accommodate the whole school in one sitting.

Parents/carers are very welcome to come and join us in church and we have also included the time you should arrive so that you can be there at the same time as your child. There is limited space at the back so you may need to stand if there is not enough seating. If you bring younger siblings along could you please take them out if they are upset or being noisy as it's very unsettling for the children doing bible readings etc. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter to make sure things run smoothly and are enjoyable for everyone. You will need to wait outside the church for each service

so bring a brolly if wet! You are welcome to stay for 2 or all 3 services if you have a child in different ones!

Group 1 - leaving school at 9am for a church service starting at 9.15am

Crystal, Diamond, Tanzanite, Amber, Emerald, Amethyst, Quartz

Group 2 - leaving school at 9.45am for a church service starting at 10.00am

Pearl, Sapphire, Aquamarine, Coral, Onyx, Topaz, Zultanite

Group 3 - leaving school at 10.30am for a church service starting at 10.45am

Opal, Moonstone, Turquoise, Jade, Ruby, Sunstone, Peridot

Group	1	2	3
Classes	Crystal	Pearl	Opal
	Diamond	Sapphire	Moonstone
	Tanzanite	Aquamarine	Turquoise
	Amber	Coral	Jade
	Emerald	Onyx	Ruby
	Amethyst	Topaz	Sunstone
	Quartz	Zultanite	Peridot
Time children leaving school	9.00am	9.45am	10.30am
Time for parents/ carers to arrive at church	9.15am	10.00am	10.45am

Easter Holiday Play Scheme

Bookings can now be made for the Easter Holiday Play Scheme by clicking on the link below: -

<https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/form/?pid=13&form=237>



Day for Ukraine

A huge thanks for all your donations this week for our Day for Ukraine fundraiser - we raised a massive **£1389!!!** It was being organised by [First News](#) in partnership with the [Disasters Emergency Committee \(DEC\)](#) to raise funds for their appeal. You can still donate up until Monday if you haven't done it already.



Diary Dates

Term 4

23 & 24 Mar - Loose Gets Lively Performances Cornwallis Academy

29 Mar - Moonstone Class Assembly 9am Brook Hall - families invited - date changed

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

Term 5

19 Apr - Children back to school

19 Apr - Year R National Offer Day

19 Apr - PTA Meeting 8pm Chequers Pub Loose

29 Apr - Non School Uniform Day - more info to follow

02 May - Bank Holiday

09-12 May - KS2 SATs - All Year 6 children must be in school

10 May - Amethyst Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

17 May - Sunstone Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

18 May - Year 4 trip to Horton Kirby

20 May - Parent Council Meeting 2.15-3pm

20 May - PTA Disco - more info to follow

24 May - Topaz Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

27 May - Last day of term - children back in school Tuesday 7th June



Learner of the Week

Pearl - Mason S

Opal - Spencer L

Crystal - Sean H

Diamond - Bella Y

Sapphire - Whole Class!

Moonstone - Alex R

Tanzanite - Charlotte W

Aquamarine - Kieran G

Turquoise - Harry K

Coral - Theo B

Amber - Tyler R & Rosie P

Jade - Mai Lan B

Emerald - Pippa W

Onyx - Archie F

Ruby - Joshua M

Topaz - Harrison R

Sunstone - Jake C

Amethyst - Amber A

Peridot - Amelie P

Zultanite - Kieran B

Quartz - Ronnie-Leigh W



House Points

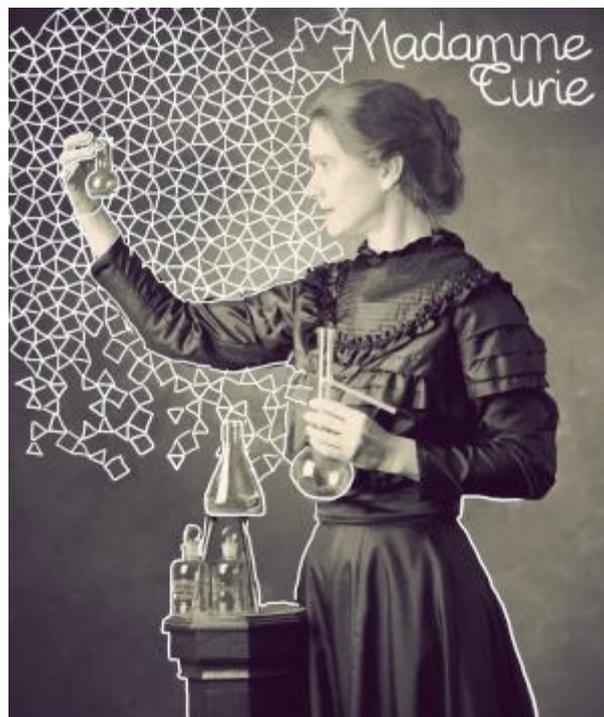
1st - Curie

2nd - Attenborough

3rd - Donaldson

4th - Parks

Huge well done to Curie House this week!



Inclusion

Some time ago I shared information about the 'Therapies Pod' which is a platform for information about Children's Therapies in our district (usually Speech and Language therapy, Occupational therapy and Physiotherapy). The service continues to provide new content.

Understanding your Child's Sensory Processing

<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/childrens-therapies-the-pod/occupational-therapy/sensory-processing/>

This is a (free) online 3 session workshop which aims to provide parents with information about sensory processing differences and strategies to help children participate in everyday routines they find difficult.

School aged language

<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/childrens-therapies-the-pod/speech-and-language-therapy/school-aged-language/>

For parent and carer workshops that provide overviews on difficulties and support for primage aged children with speech, language and communication needs.

Please do continue to discuss any concerns you have about your child with their class teacher or a member of the SEN team.

Enjoy these first days of Spring!

Laura James

SENCO



Hockey Tournament

Yesterday, 10 children from Year 5 & 6 represented our school in a Coppice Hockey Event at Maidstone Hockey Club. Loose Primary and nine other teams, including our other 2 Coppice Schools (Coxheath & St Katherine's) made their way around a carousel hockey stations, brushing up on their hockey skills, then onto games where children competed against other schools in 2 Pool leagues.

The children were amazing and represented their school with passion, determination and pride, while working as a team but showing off their individual skills too.

Thank you to all the parents who helped with transport and for just being there too and cheering on the children.

Results - (Loose came Runners up)

Coxheath 0 v Loose 2 (Ava, Alex D)

Loose 2 v St Katherine's 0 (Ava, Henry)

Loose 2 v Greenfields 0 (Max, Ava)

Roseacre 0 v Loose 2 (Alex D, Josh M)

Semi-finals

Allington 1 v Loose 2 (Alex D, Ava)

Finals

Greenfields 1 v loose 0

Well done to all the player -

Amber C, Henry W, Alex D, Max, Josh D (Peridot)

Alex P, Jacob S, Josh M, Willow D (Zultanite)

Ava S (Sunstone)

So, so proud of all these children, they worked so hard for each other.

Miss Carter

Open Afternoon

Parents/carers are invited in to school between 2.00pm and 3.30pm on the last day of term, Friday 1st April. Come and see your child's work & catch up with their teacher. Children can be signed out from the classroom and taken home from 2.00pm onwards. The children will be given a sticker and will not be allowed to leave the building without one. Children cannot be signed out by anyone else unless we have received your written authority in their Learning Journal or you have telephoned the office with a message in advance. Messages must be with the office **no later than 12.00pm** that day so they can deliver them round the school before 2.00pm. We look forward to welcoming you all into school again!

PTA Events & Dates

Mothers and Others Gift

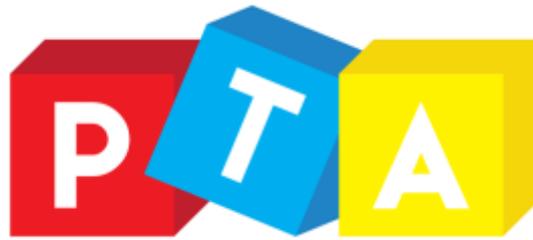
We have arranged a huge delivery of small pot plants to be in school next week. If you would like your child to take part and buy a gift for mum or another special female in their life please send £2 cash per plant, in a named envelope to school on Thursday 24th for EYFS/KS1 and on Friday 25th March for KS2. The children absolutely love this event choosing a small colourful plant to bring home and give to their special person.

Spring Raffle

The raffle draw took place today with an amazing number of prizes and winners! Thank you so much for all the amazing prize donations from parents, local businesses and friends of the school. Winners will be contacted asap and our fundraising total announced next week. Thank you for all of your support with this great event.

Loose Primary School Running Club

Community run next date - Sunday 20th 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 or 9am outside school.



Bad Parking

The Eco Traffic Wardens have been out this week and have asked if we can put the following registrations in our newsletter for illegal parking:-

NU68 VOA - White Nissan - parked on the zig zag lines next to the Lancet Lane school exit. This is very dangerous as this is where children walking to and from school themselves normally cross.

KY59 FRD - Blue Honda - this car continually parks on the double yellow lines at Anglesey Avenue/Lancet lane junction

KR21 HRE - Dark Mercedes - on the double yellow lines at Anglesey Avenue/Lancet Lane junction





Kent Cricket

We have been lucky enough to have a Kent Cricket Coach working with 4 year groups of children.

If any children would like to play out of school and join a club please see the links below.

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamoscricquet>

Community News

Maidstone YMCA will be hosting an Easter Fun day on Sunday 10th April 2022 1-5pm, activities will include bouncy castle, rollerskating, biscuit decorating, arts and crafts and many more. We would like to invite all local primary school children and their siblings to enter our free Easter Bonnet Design and Parade. To enter, please complete the attached form, which can also be found on our website and at the YMCA centre reception desk.

We are running another **Hockey Heroes** course at **Maidstone Hockey Club**, starting **Friday 22nd April**, 4.30 til 5.30pm. Hockey Heroes is a fun and welcoming programme aimed at children aged 5-8 that aims to develop both their physical and character 'superpowers', unlocking the hero inside them! More info and how to book here <https://play.englishockey.co.uk/HockeyHeroes>

Please share with family/friends so more young children can try the sport we love! Maidstone Hockey Juniors

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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