



# Newsletter Friday 8th March 2024

## Headteacher News

As we enter spring, we notice the daffodils popping up and saying hello. They shine brightly. The daffodil is often seen as the traditional flower of Wales and worn to celebrate St David's day. Here at Loose when the yellow petals proudly appear, we remember those that have started this incredible journey Loose has been on. Please do take a moment to reflect on those who may not be with us any more but have inspired us to carry the torch of excellence for all.

### **Reading:**

There are also many other benefits to reading including our self-esteem, mental health, well-being and of course wearing crazy outfits once a year! I often hear people ask what the value of World Book Day is. Yesterday was a testament to it and seeing the children share books, read to each other was a joy. We know it's a challenge finding time to create an outfit and were blown away by so many home made

contributions yesterday. Some really stood out and were worthy of an exhibition themselves! The number of children that asked who I was signaled a little more thought for next year...

I hope it's inspired a little more reading in us all. We see a huge difference in the confidence and speed in the reading of those that read frequently. Please do try and aim for 20 minutes three times a week, where you can.

#### **Attendance:**

A huge thank you again for maintaining great attendance. We are above the national average and as a school are nearly reaching our target of 97%. We are averaging 96% and are through the winter bug season so should get better and better.

#### **Parents on site:**

Since January we have had a few incidences where parents have walked into school to speak to a teacher or look for something. Please know that you are absolutely fully welcome on the school site and inside the school building but **all** visitors must use the front entrance and book in to see a teacher or staff member. This is to ensure the safety of all staff and children at all times.

Thank you all for your continued support and feedback as we work together to create a wonderful school for all.



## Assistant Headteacher News

Mr Hogwood here this week. Today was a fantastic mini marathon, with all the children participating so well and enjoying the run/walk/skip. It is only over 6 weeks until the London Marathon and I am so grateful for all the support with the fundraising! I have smashed my target and have raised the bar even further. Training is going well, with big runs coming up over the next few weekends! All donations are going towards Whizz Kidz.

Please see below a letter one of our children, Thomas L in Topaz Class, has written about the charity which is very personal to him.

### **Whizz Kidz - letter from Thomas L in Topaz Class**

*I wanted to talk a little about why Mr Hogwood's fundraising for whizz kidz is so important.*

*I am lucky that I can use my legs, but some people out there think if I can use my legs, I don't need a wheelchair I'm lucky that most days I can use my legs but after a long day they are tired and they feel very heavy. So, I want you to think that you have a water melon on your legs. And that's how it feels. But if I didn't have a wheelchair, I would be in a lot of pain. Right, I want you to think if you couldn't use your legs and if you didn't have a wheelchair, you couldn't be active that much. If whizz kidz didn't give them the chance to have a wheelchair one of the other options would be a push chair and that means you wouldn't have a lot of Independence. Whizz kidz not only provides children like us with chairs they also teach us how to use them and do cool tricks, so when you see someone in a chair just remember*

**Wheels are LIFE.**

**Thank you.**

**Thomas L**



## KS2 School Council Houses of Parliament Trip

Last week I had the pleasure of taking 24 KS2 children from the school council to the Houses of Parliament. It was such an interesting and engaging experience for them all. They were lucky to see changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, lunch in St James Park and then standing in front of Big Ben whilst it chimed. In the Palace of Westminster, the children got to see inside the House of Lords and House of Commons, and then participated in a debate about democracy!

Mr Hogwood







## World Book Day

What a fantastic world book day we all had yesterday! The costumes that the children wore were amazing and a big thank you to all the parents for their support and effort they put into creating them. The reading leaders judged the costumes during the parade which took place in the afternoon and the winners will receive their prizes today!

There was a real 'buzz' around the school of the children's excitement of talking about and sharing their books with their friends. This was particularly evident during the reading café sessions.

The masked reader was a great success and the children were delighted when they guessed the identity behind the mask!

It was lovely to see so many children and parents taking part in the book trail after school - the winners will receive their prizes today.















## Comic Relief Friday 15th March

Next Friday (15th) for Comic Relief children are invited to come into school in their own clothes (wear something red if you like!) for a donation to Comic Relief. Donations should be made by clicking on the link below - please do not send cash payment into school. The donations are on a Just Giving page where the money goes straight to the charity.

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd24-loose-primary-school?utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=rnd24-loose-primary-school&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share&utm\\_term=12c42db0ecd54a0cab1267a49f3a8ddf](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd24-loose-primary-school?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=rnd24-loose-primary-school&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=12c42db0ecd54a0cab1267a49f3a8ddf)



## Hot Chocolate Friday 1st March

Well done to all the children that were nominated for Hot Chocolate Friday on the 1st March and today. Your teachers are very proud of you!



## Hot Chocolate Friday 8th March



## Diary Dates

### Term 4

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

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

**12 Mar - Tanzanite Class Assembly 9am Brook Hall families invited - NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

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

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

**22 Mar - PTA Easter Egg Hunt after school**

**26 Mar - Year 3 Exhibition - more info to follow**

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



**28 Mar - Easter Services at church**

## **Term 5**

**15 Apr - Back to school**

**16 Apr - September 2024 Year R Intake National Offer Day**

**23 Apr - Drama Workshops for Year R, 1 & 2**

**29 Apr - Year 6 Individual & Class Photos**

**30 Apr - Year 1 Explorers Workshop**

**30 Apr - Onyx Class Assembly 9am Brook Hall - families invited**

**01 May - World Laughter Day 😂😂**

**06 May - Bank Holiday - School Closed**

**07 May - Year 2 Trip to Wildwood**

**07 May - Emerald Class Assembly 9am Brook Hall - families invited**

**13-16 May - Year 6 SATS Tests - all Year 6 children must be in school**

**17 May - Parent Council Meeting 2.30-3.15pm (refreshments from 2.15pm)**

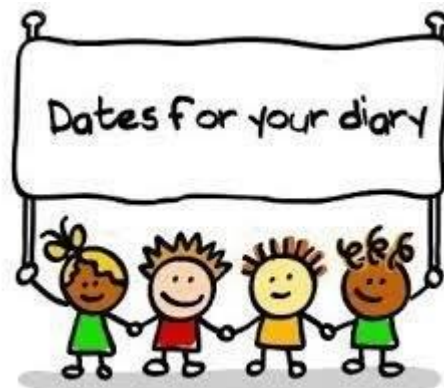
**17 May - PTA KS1 Disco**

**21 May - Coppice Athletics Event**

**21 May - Ruby Class Assembly 9am Brook Hall - families invited**

**23 May - Piano Assembly (Joanne Wilson)**

**24 May - Last day of term - back to school 3rd June**



## Ethic of Excellence Awards

### Week ending 1st March

**George T - Coral Class**

**India I - Amber Class**

**Amiyah N - Jade Class**

**Zara S - Emerald Class**

**Erina W - Onyx Class**

**Roman M - Ruby Class**

### Week ending 8th March

**Theo S - Pearl Class**

**Harper H - Opal Class**

**Caitlyn M - Crystal Class**

**Makanaka G - Diamond Class**

**Chanae G - Sapphire Class**

**Caspian B - Moonstone Class**

**Florence L - Tanzanite Class**

**Ava N - Aquamarine Class**

**Godwina S - Turquoise Class**



## Shout Outs

Well done to **Maddie R from Quartz Class**. At the weekend she completed her first ever 5k with her dad for the Maidstone Road Run, raising donations for the Heart of Kent Hospice. So far she has raised an

amazing £490 and I know this will hit £500 shortly. It pushed her to her limits and she only had 5 practice runs but incredibly she did it in 40 minutes. Amazing!

**Phoebe L of Onyx, Elsie D from Ruby and Chloe W from Emerald Class** took part in the Girls Kent Hockey Championships on Sunday 3rd March and they came second in the development tournament, earning themselves a silver medal. This is highest Maidstone Hockey Club U10 Girls have ever placed and it is quite some achievement to be very proud off. Well done!

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**Maidstone Cheerleading**



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WE ARE PROUD OF YOU; SAY "WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!"

Well done to Mads and Alec for their super run this morning! We were very proud to get to come and watch you be so awesome!



You, Kylie-Rebecca Sceal and 11 others

5 comments



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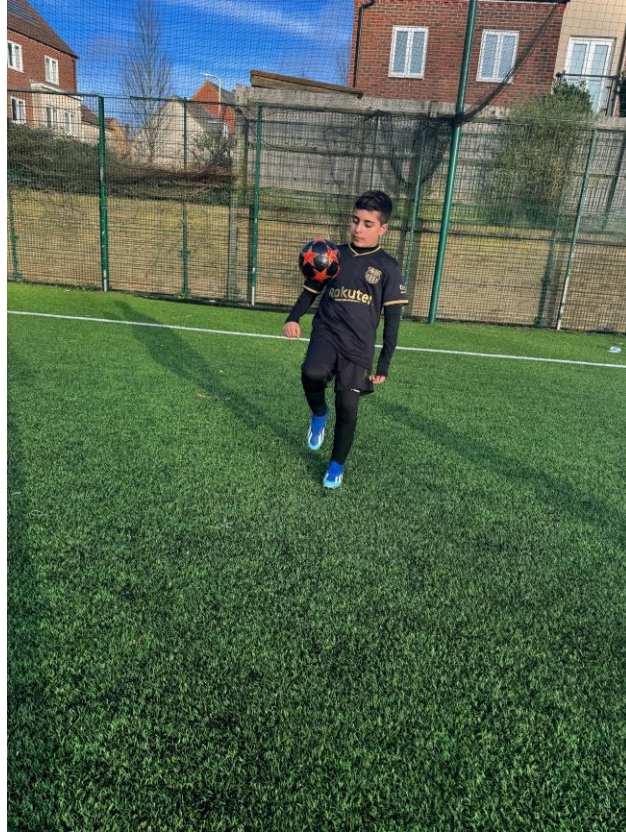






A huge well done to **Gio M in Quartz Class** who initiated a fundraiser to raise money for SANDS, a charity close to his heart. He asked his football club to join in too and help organise an afternoon of fundraising. The event was held on Saturday 24th February, and the children involved (quite a few who attend Loose Primary) completed collective 2000 'keepy uppies' in 2 hours whilst also participating in fun football activities set up by Gio's football coach. The event went extremely well with a fantastic turn out and they raised a total of £3082 for SANDS. Quite a few of the boys that took part actually attend Loose so huge well done to everyone involved!!

**Chloe from Emerald** has played in a couple of recent Hockey games where they made it to the finals and came second place - Congratulations to Chloe!



Mr North would like to give a shout out to **Lydia L in Amber Class** for her beautiful piece of 'persuasive' writing. Well done Lydia!

On Sunday **Lucy S (Amethyst)** and **Sophie S (Onyx)** both played in the under 10 Kent Championship in Folkestone. Lucy's team won the development cup and Sophie's team came 6th .



Message from Nicky at the Loose Parish Council regarding **Reuben M/P in Amethyst Class** - On the first weekend of half term, I had to go to the Pavilion and whilst there I bumped into a young man who was doing a brilliant job litter picking in the park. I thanked him at the time and he said his name was Reuben



and was litter picking whilst his mum was walking the dogs in the park (and pointed to her). I didn't manage to go over to her as I was in a rush – but I just wanted to pass this on to you as we all know so many people are quick to be negative about young people's actions – and what Reuben was doing to help improve his local community was very commendable and should be shared. **A big thank you to Reuben from all of us who also look after the park!**

## Emerald YMCA Visit

Last week Emerald class got the opportunity to attend the YMCA for enrichments sessions. They split into two groups and tried both Boccia and Boxing, giving them skills, teamwork, and determination. Thank you to all parent helpers and to the YMCA for helping give our children this opportunity.



## Ruby YMCA Visit

Last week, Ruby Class headed to the YMCA for a morning of Boccia and Boxing. The children learnt so much and behaved impeccably - a real credit to the school. Congratulations to Florence and Olivia who were selected as the 'Boxers of the Day' by Sarah, the coach at the YMCA. Also a huge shout out to Miss Carter for organising the event.





## Onyx YMCA Visit

Last week, Onyx Class headed to the YMCA for a morning of Boccia and Boxing. The children learnt so much and behaved impeccably - well done! A huge thank you to Miss Carter for organising the event and to the parent helpers that came along too.





## Year 3 & 4 Hockey Tourn

Yesterday 10 children from Years 3 & 4 took part in a hockey tournament at Maidstone Hockey Club. The children were very excited, as a lot had never played matches before. Loose played both Boughton Monchelsea and Roseacre and then an all-star team made up of player from all schools. The standard of hockey was very good for children so young, and this was commented on by other adults. Their determination and teamwork was great to see. Well done everyone.

Miss Carter



## PTA News

Thank you for all your wonderful orders for our 'Breakfast in Bed boxes', we hope all you wonderful ladies enjoy a well deserved treat on Sunday. **If you forgot to place your order in time, there will be a limited number of boxes for sale in the playground TODAY after school. There will also be strawberries on sale too.**

Getting ready for that Easter break? We have been busy planning our very own Easter Egg hunt which will take place on Friday 22nd March after school. If your child has a specific dietary requirement and still wishes to take part, please contact the PTA so we can try to accommodate any requirements.

As usual our school uniform shop will be open every Wednesday morning in Owl Room (opposite Moonstone) for all your uniform needs. Alternatively if you can't pop in, pop us an email on [loosepta@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:loosepta@yahoo.co.uk) instead and we can source your uniform for you instead!



### All Saints Church - Totally Detectives Holiday Club

Totally Detectives Holiday Club (All Saints' Loose) is open for bookings. On 10th, 11th & 12th April 2024 from 9.30am to 3pm, we are calling all detectives in school Years R-6 to join us as we uncover evidence and search for clues to solve mysterious cases whilst having fun with competitions, games, missions and crafts. Booking is essential and places are limited - book now by completing this online [Totally Detectives Registration Form](#) Any further queries please email [michelle.wright@allsaintsloose.org.uk](mailto:michelle.wright@allsaintsloose.org.uk)



## Maidstone Hockey Easter Camp

Maidstone Hockey Club Easter Hockey Camp 2024. Thursday 11th April – Friday 12th April 10am – 3pm. Focusing on a variety of hockey skills and games. Open to Years 3-11, any ability, members or non-members. Join in the fun here [Easter Camp 24](#)



**Maidstone Hockey  
Club Presents:**



**Easter Hockey Camp 2024  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
10am – 3pm**

**This Easter we are running a two day hockey camp at our Armstrong Road Pitch. Focusing on a variety of hockey skills and games.**

**Open to Years 3-11, any ability, members or non-members. Children will be grouped in similar age and ability!**

**£25 - 1 day, £45 - 2 days  
2 children £40 - 1 day £75 - 2 days**

[Click here to join the fun!](#)

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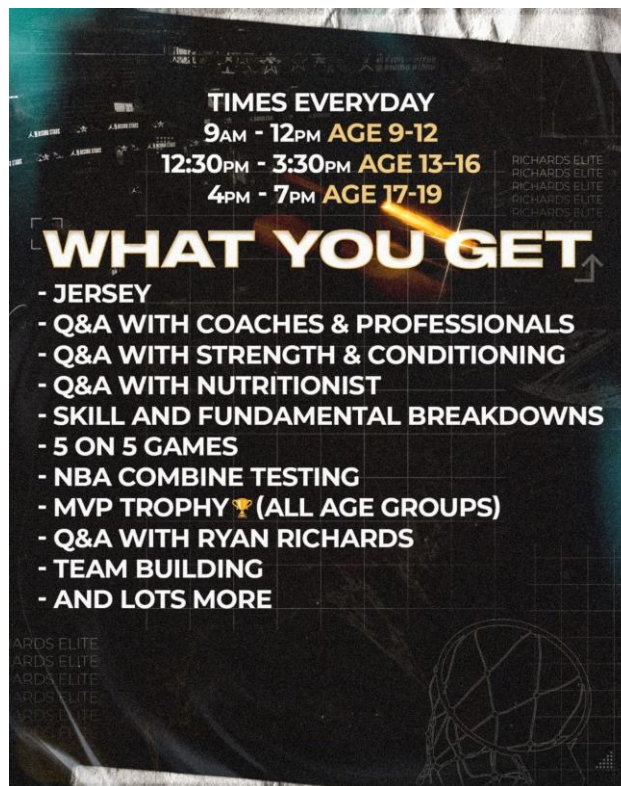
## Easter Basketball Camp



**RICHARDS ELITE**  
**EASTER CAMP**

AGES 9-19 BOYS & GIRLS  
ROCHESTER GRAMMER SCHOOL, ME1 3BY  
11-14 / APRIL

The poster features a basketball player in a teal jersey shooting a ball. A QR code is in the top right corner. The background is dark with a grid pattern and faint text repeating 'RICHARDS ELITE'.



**TIMES EVERYDAY**  
9AM - 12PM **AGE 9-12**  
12:30PM - 3:30PM **AGE 13-16**  
4PM - 7PM **AGE 17-19**

**WHAT YOU GET**

- JERSEY
- Q&A WITH COACHES & PROFESSIONALS
- Q&A WITH STRENGTH & CONDITIONING
- Q&A WITH NUTRITIONIST
- SKILL AND FUNDAMENTAL BREAKDOWNS
- 5 ON 5 GAMES
- NBA COMBINE TESTING
- MVP TROPHY 🏆 (ALL AGE GROUPS)
- Q&A WITH RYAN RICHARDS
- TEAM BUILDING
- AND LOTS MORE

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