



Newsletter Friday 19th April 2024

Headteacher News

Welcome back to the summer term. A term which promises sunshine and smiles and a school full of happy children inspired by their curriculum and surroundings.

We have started this term with a focus on our school value of determination. With a little inspiration from the 'Hardest Geezer' we are determined to achieve our goals this term. Whilst we are not running a marathon each day, we do have some of our staff running the London Marathon this weekend. The pride we hold for them and the hard work and determination they have shown to get this far is immeasurable. There will be a few limps on Monday morning but some huge cheers too. A huge good luck from all of us to Mr. Hogwood and Mrs. Button.

I have been determined to complete a challenge too. With ageing knees, running is out of the question so I have signed up to complete the Traws Eryi crossing. This is a 150 mile mountain bike ride across the rugged terrain of Snowdonia National Park. Like Mr. Hogwood, I will be raising money for Whizz Kidz a

charity which works hard to keep young people moving. If you would like to help out, please feel free to add a pound or two to the Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/trevors-trek>

With the theme of determination - I must take the time to celebrate Jasper H in Year 5. He has spent the whole of term 4 preparing for a new club to be run at school. He has made posters, surveyed his year group and been online ordering the equipment. With the half term break, I thought he may have forgotten but on Monday morning, the first thing he said to me was "So, Mr. North, what about Warhammer club"? There is no escape from his steely determination so we are now running a Warhammer Club for Year 5. Well done Jasper, for being so determined and succeeding in your venture.

We are also celebrating a Trust wide event this term. The Coppice team have been working with the PE teams to coordinate a fantastic event for some of the KS2 year groups. They will all be attending the Julie Rose Stadium in Ashford for a day of sporting activity and competition. We can't wait and we know the children and staff will have a wonderful time. I can't wait and we have ambitions for this to continue as a Coppice event!

I truly believe determination will drive us to success in whatever challenge we face. We will of course trip and fall along the way, we will fail and we will make mistakes but if we believe in what we are doing, we will get there. Good luck with whatever challenges you are tackling right now and remember to try, try and try again!

Thank you all for your continued support for Loose.

Trevor North



Deputy Headteacher News

Welcome back for Term Five. It has been amazing this week to welcome the children back to school. I really hope that you and all your families have had a lovely Easter break. However, we recognise the holidays can be challenging and if anything has happened that the school needs to be aware of please do contact your child's class teacher or phase leader via the school office . During our assembly on Monday, we spoke about the importance of our value of determination and being determined to achieve our goals despite challenges in our way. I encouraged the children to set themselves a challenging goal for this term so please ask them about this at home.

Finally, I'd like to wish Mr Hogwood and Mrs Button every luck with their marathons this weekend. They will certainly need plenty of determination!



Staff News

This week we will be saying goodbye to Mrs. Scales. Shes has been supporting the Reception children here so brilliantly and will be missed so much. She will be coming back now and again to help but family commitments mean that she is needed elsewhere for the time being. Just like Mary Poppins, she will return with the change of wind and when we need her most 😊

We have a new site manager joining us this coming week. He will be working alongside the current team for the next two weeks to ensure that he knows the site well and can continue the great work they have done in making it shine again.

We also welcome Mrs. Tanner who will be supporting in KS1 as a Teaching Assistant.

Volunteering

We are looking for volunteers who can come and hear children read and help manage the books and rotation of them for children across KS1. If you want some classroom experience as a stepping stone to a great role as a Teaching Assistant, then do contact the office by either emailing office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk or phoning us on 01622 743549. We'd love to have your help.

Hot Chocolate Friday 19th April

Well done to all the children that were nominated for Hot Chocolate Friday today. Your teachers are very proud of you! This week the KS2 children were also playing basket ball while there!









Diary Dates

Term 5

22 Apr - SATs Information Session 2.45-3.20pm

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

23 Apr - Beatboxing & Break Dancing - Years 4 & 5

25 Apr - Year 6 Photographs - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

30 Apr - Year 1 Explorers Workshop

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

01 May - Jade Class to the YMCA for Roller Skating 1.30-2.30pm

01 May - Skills4Bills Workshops Y5

01 & 03 May - World Laughter Day 😂😂

1 May & 03 May - Skills4Bills Workshops for Year 5 Classes

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

23 May - Ruby Class Assembly 9am Brook Hall - families invited - NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

23 May - Piano Assembly 9.30-10.00am (Joanne Wilson)

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



Ethic of Excellence Awards

Week ending 19th April

Jacob M - Pearl Class

George G - Opal Class

Ruben W - Crystal Class

Clemence L - Diamond Class

Wynter B - Sapphire Class

Ellie H - Moonstone Class

Logan H - Tanzanite Class

Halle G - Aquamarine Class

Benjie S - Turquoise Class



Shaun the Sheep Art Trail

We hope we are getting excited about the Shaun the Sheep art trail coming to Maidstone over the summer! We hope to raise lots of money for the Heart of Kent Hospice by adopting our very own Little Shaun which will feature in the trail as well as activities at school in the summer terms. In the meantime, we do have a collection box in the main reception if you wish to drop in any change as you are passing by. All funds raised will get passed on to the HOKH once the trail is over.

Many thanks.

Mrs Planck



Mini Marathon Success & Training Update

Mr Hogwood here, and only two days (Sunday is the day!) until I undertake the biggest challenge of my life, The London Marathon! The training has gone really well and I have now completed my last training run yesterday. Also yesterday, I went to the Excel in London to collect my number. It was an inspiring and incredible atmosphere with lots of runners in the same boat.

There is a wall of names, with every participant and I eventually found my name! It now feels very real. You can track my progress on the London Marathon App if you wish! Plus, I met Whizz Kidz staff yesterday and took some photographs in front of their stand. I am very excited to complete this challenge after months of training and running! Thank you so much for all the donations already, any more would be greatly received, just follow the Just Giving link:-

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=fd8e581c8b854d68a2a434fe3991b0e4





Shout Outs

On Sunday 24th March Caius A in Zultanite Class completed an 11k run around Hyde Park in London. He raised £1200 for the charity Target ovarian cancer. Not only did he do an amazing run finishing in 1hr 5mins, but we also had other runners coming up to us telling us how amazing he was at encouraging and motivating others to keep going. I don't think he stopped talking the whole way round! We are very proud of him. Please see the link below for the Just Giving Page - it would be amazing if any would like to donate to this amazing charity.

<https://join.targetovariancancer.org.uk/fundraisers/darrylallchin>



A massive well done to **Scarlett T-C in Topaz Class** who was placed second in her group performance at a Gymnastics competition over the Easter Break! Miss Wright and Topaz class are very proud of you.

Well done to **Henry P in Turquoise Class** who with his Coxheath Beaver Group made cards & pictures last week and made up boxes with toiletries, socks, biscuits and sweets for a local charity, Hungry Hearts for the Homeless. This was part of their World Challenge Badge. What a wonderful thing to do!



Inclusion in Education Webinars

Kent PACT have teamed up with KCC's school inclusion team to run a series of webinars to help parents learn more about the resources and support available for children and young people in schools without the need for an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and how to access them.

The topics were decided upon by parents taking part in a recent Kent PACT poll and parents will be able to take part in either daytime or evening slots.

To book your place please click on the following links:

Wednesday 17th April, 10-11am [‘What parents can do if they believe their child’s needs are not being met in school’ webinar](#) Tuesday 30th April, 7-8pm [‘Available support in school without an EHCP’ webinar](#)

Wednesday 8th May, 7-8pm [‘What parents can do if they believe their child’s needs are not being met in school’ webinar](#) Thursday 16th May, 10-11am [‘Available support in school without an EHCP’ webinar](#)

If you have a question that you would like covered in a webinar, please email info@kentpact.org.uk.

Please note: we are unable to answer case-specific questions in the webinar.

Community News

WE HAVE ANOTHER NEW VENUE FOR 2024! CALLING ALL DADS

Join our WALK & TALK To add a bit of variety into our meet-ups we have introduced a NEW walk & talk location in Maidstone. 10AM meet @walnuttreeloose for a catch up in their private marquee and greeted with complementary hot drinks provided by the Walnut Tree. Followed by a relaxed walk through Loose valley (consider footwear as it may be muddy in places)

Location - The Walnut Tree, 657 Loose Road, Maidstone ME15 9UX. ***FREE PARKING*** Time - SATURDAY 27th April 10AM - 12PM To book your FREE tickets please follow link below.

<https://www.dadspace.co.uk/event-details/maidstone-the-walnut-tree-walk-talk>

The poster is for a 'Calling All Dads! Walk & Talk' event. At the top, it features the Dadspace logo and the website 'WWW.DADSPACE.CO.UK'. Below this, it says 'WE HAVE ANOTHER NEW VENUE FOR 2024!'. The main title 'CALLING ALL DADS!' is in large, bold letters. Underneath, it says 'JOIN OUR WALK & TALK' with an illustration of a green sneaker and a speech bubble. To the right, there is a photo of a sign for 'THE WALNUT TREE' in a wooded area. A small text box explains that a new walk and talk location has been introduced in Maidstone. The event details specify meeting at 'THE WALNUT TREE, 657 LOOSE ROAD, MAIDSTONE ME15 9UX' on 'SATURDAY 27TH APRIL' from '10AM-12PM'. At the bottom, it encourages following on social media and mentions 'BROTHERLY SUPPORT BETWEEN FATHERS' with icons for Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

WWW.DADSPACE.CO.UK

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WALK & TALK

TO ADD A BIT OF VARIETY INTO OUR SESSIONS WE HAVE INTRODUCED A NEW WALK AND TALK LOCATION IN MAIDSTONE

10AM MEET AT THE WALNUT TREE FOR A CATCH UP IN THEIR PRIVATE MARQUEE AND GREETED WITH COMPLEMENTARY HOT DRINKS PROVIDED BY THE WALNUT TREE. FOLLOWED BY A RELAXED WALK THROUGH LOOSE VALLEY (CONSIDER FOOTWEAR AS IT MAY BE MUDDY IN PLACES).

📍 **THE WALNUT TREE,**
657 LOOSE ROAD, MAIDSTONE ME15 9UX

SATURDAY 27TH APRIL 10AM-12PM

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

BROTHERLY SUPPORT
BETWEEN FATHERS

SEN Workshops Available



29th April 7-8pm

Come and join us online, we're talking about

Helping kids back into school



Book online facefamilyadvice.co.uk
go to the PARENT page



TRY OUT A YOGA
CLASS IN 2024!



Vinyasa Yoga

Friday night, 6-7pm

St Peter's Hall, Bearsted
all abilities welcome

£9 a class pre booked
£10 drop in

Or use the booking link below

Contact Claire to book
tel: 07753430811
yogaclubwithclaire@gmail.com

www.bookwhen.com/yoga-clubwithclaire





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CPD training for anyone who works with children or teenagers.
National Standards CPD accredited sessions
 All sessions booked & delivered online via facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Tuesday 16 April 19:00 - 21:00 £24		Introduction to OCD ObsessiveCompulsive Disorder Looking at the complexity of this serious condition.
Thursday 18 April 19:00 - 21:00 £24		Understanding Addictive Behaviour Screens, gaming, social media. What is happening to the brain and body and how can we control it.
Monday 22 April 19:00 - 21:00 £24		Improving Family Communication How to reduce the shouting and start the talking.
Thursday 25 April 19:00 - 21:00 £24		Supporting a Child with ADHD Challenging the stereo types and explaining how this condition impacts on the child and giving ideas on how we can support them.

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk.](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)
info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Loose Duck Race - Message from LAA

Message from Loose Amenities Association

The Duck Race is being held on 27th May, Bank Holiday Monday, in Brooks Field, at the bottom of Old Loose Hill. Gates open 11.30 am. The aim is for everyone to have a fun day out.

There will be the normal tension as the Ducks Race down stream towards the finish line and for you to win a prize, or the chance of licking an ice cream or munching on a burger or a cake, or drinking a superb cup of coffee, as well as browsing the several stalls.

All of this takes a bit of effort so if any strong parents feel like giving up an hour or so of their time to help put or take down on the day please contact John Brighton on 07745383357 or email john.brighton@btinternet.com.



Correct Contact Details

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