

# Loddington Church of England Primary School Newsletter



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## Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wishing you all an official Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to school. We are incredibly proud of how the children have settled straight back into routine and have resumed their learning journey with impressive focus. On behalf of all the staff, thank you for the lovely gifts, cards and messages sent in at the end of last term - they all meant a great deal!

Our Covid risk assessment has been updated and we continue to keep preventative measures robust here at school. Regular cleaning remains in place, as is good hand hygiene and ventilation. If and when we are informed of positive cases, in your child's class, you will be sent an e-mail. If we have cases in more than one class, we will revert back to 'bubbles' as an extra precaution. All staff test twice a week and wear masks in all communal areas. If you have any queries regarding the latest Government or Trust advice, please do get in touch. Thank you for your continued vigilance regarding testing and being aware of symptoms.

I'm sure that you all saw the recent high-profile child abuse case in the press. I'm very proud of our approach to safeguarding at school, we unashamedly work with an attitude that 'it could happen here'. As a parent, a particular concern for me is online safety. There are some really useful guides to support parents in keeping their children safe online and we have uploaded some of these to our website. They are really worth checking out.

I also recommend watching these two videos. [Breck's Last Game](#), [Kayleigh's Love Story](#). They are hard-hitting, so not really suitable for any of our pupils, but vital for you as a parent, if you have not seen them. Both are true stories of children who were groomed online - one playing online gaming and one on a social media app. These are not meant to scare anyone, but forewarned is forearmed.

I know this ends on a rather serious note, but I do hope you have a nice weekend and I will see you at the gate on Monday!

Mrs Dowsett

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### Sports News

The minibus battery is fully charged and ready to go with several competitions starting today, with gymnastics and into next week with archery, football and netball.



**Our School Value Focus this half term is:**

Value: Peace



Peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled. John 14:27

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### Punctuality

Our Attendance Policy is set for renewal and approval by governors this half term. As a school, we encourage punctuality. Arriving late does disrupt lessons considerably. We would like to politely remind you that:

**The school gate opens at 8.40am and then closes at 8:55am.**

Registers are marked and returned to the office by 9.00am at the latest and your child will receive a late mark if they are not in by that time. A log will be kept in the school office of anyone arriving after 8:55am, without reasonable explanation. Thank you for your continued support and understanding with this.

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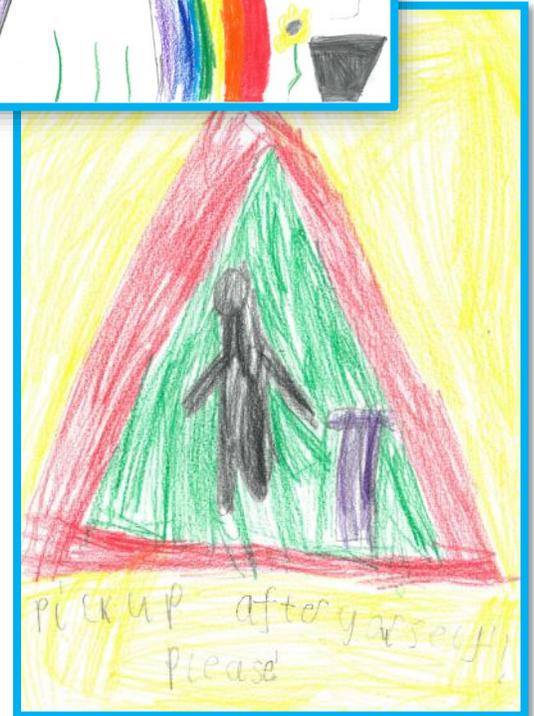
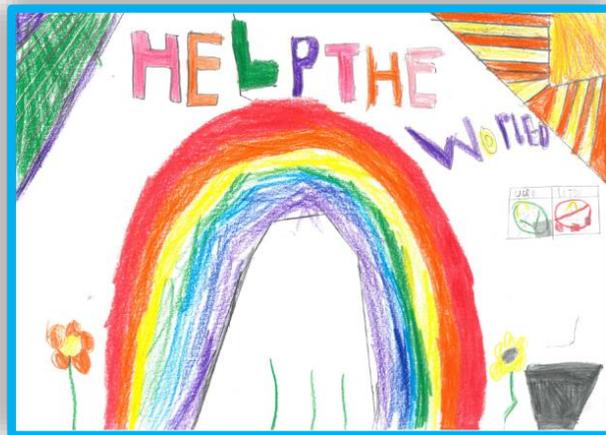
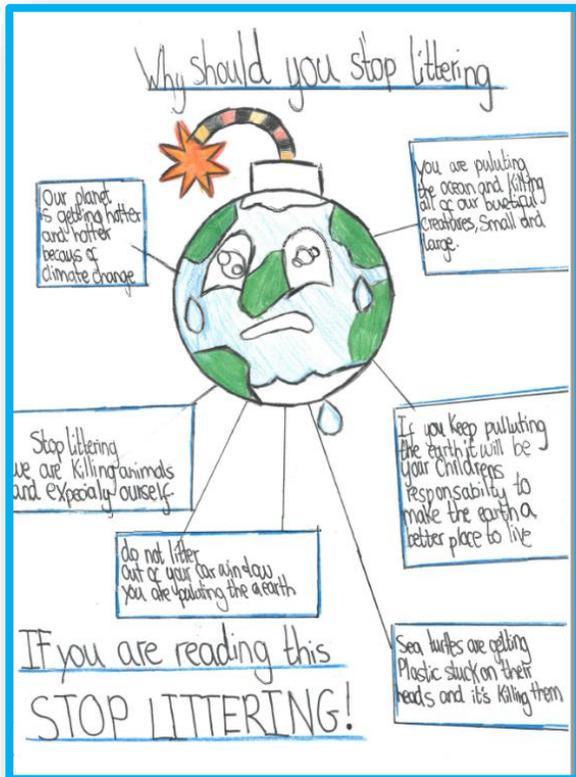
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## School Council News

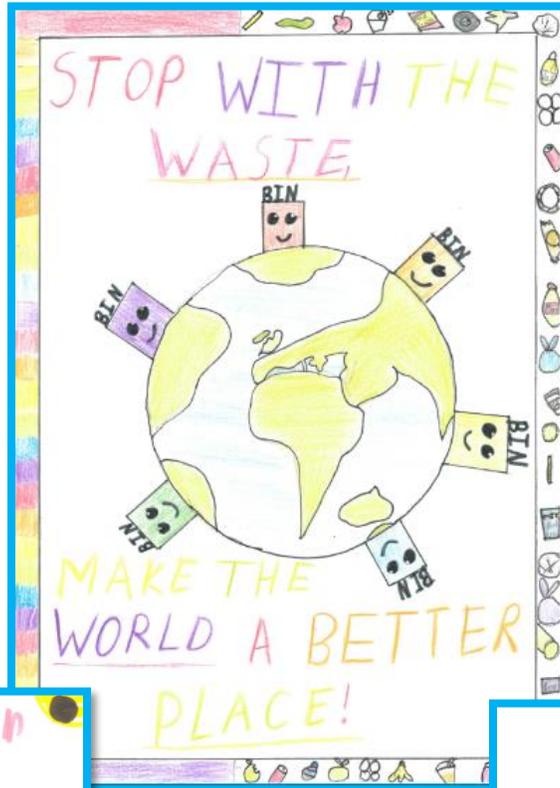
Last term the School Council took part in a litter bin decoration competition set by North Northants Council. To encourage the use of the new litter bins, children in all local primary schools were asked to take part and design an anti-littering poster. I am thrilled to announce that six of our children's designs were chosen to be used. The designs will now be printed and put on a litter bin in the Kettering/Corby area. Once the location has been decided, we will let you know where they will be situated.



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### Ethos Committee News

The Ethos committee have been busy helping me plan our **Time for God** Sunday Church services and will also be leading whole school assemblies focusing on the value of Peace. If your child/ren are interested in attending our February or March Sunday services, please email Mrs Sail in the office [jsail@loddington.northants.sch.uk](mailto:jsail@loddington.northants.sch.uk), so we can start planning some activities to present. Our theme for February is counting our blessings and March will be based on Lent. Please do consider taking part to keep our links with the local community strong.

### Online Safety

Following on from our online safety visit last half term, there are two helpful guides to apps and games children may be using at home. These can be found on the **Online Safety** section of our website.

### Jargon Buster

#### Cookie

A small file which records a user's personal preferences.

#### Cyberbullying

The use of electronic communication to bully.

#### Creeping

Someone who follows someone else's social network profile closely.

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### Other News

Our Celebrating Success board needs new photos! Please do send photos into class teachers or Mrs Sail. We love to celebrate achievements outside of school on our dedicated board in the foyer. It might be sport related, music based or any other skill/hobby the children are developing in or enjoying.



### Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you for all your support to the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal. We raised an amazing total of £229 which will make a real difference to all those in the Armed Forces community.



## House Teams Tally - Weekly Winners



Date	House Team Colour
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Yellow
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Red

### Inhalers in School

If your child uses an asthma inhaler, please remember to send an up-to-date spare inhaler into School in a named bag. Please send an email to the school office

[admin@loddington.northants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@loddington.northants.sch.uk) if your child no longer requires the use of an inhaler so we can update our records. Thank you.

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## News from our Classrooms



### **Year R/1 - Phoenix**

What a great start to the term we have had in Phoenix class!

The children have been immersed into our new topic 'Where can you go?' by going on their very own train ride! The children made their own tickets and planned where they would like to go before arriving at 'Phoenix station'.

In Literacy, Reception have become great story tellers, retelling the story of the train ride by using actions to help them, whilst Year One have been working hard describing what the characters see on the train.

In Geography, our topic is 'UK Countries and Capitals'. The children loved taking part in a taste test this week, trying famous food from the 4 countries which included; scones, Welsh cakes, shortbread and soda bread.

Well done Phoenix class, Keep up the good work. 😊



### **Year 2 - Dragon**

What a wonderful start to the half term Dragon Class have had! In English, we are starting our new unit of Poetry - we are changing the poem 'If I Were in Charge of The World' by Judith Viorst. In maths, we are also starting a new unit of Multiplication, the children are using lots of resources to support them and show the 'groups of' as we begin to start using the 'x' sign in our calculations! In Geography, we are focusing on our local study of Northampton. We have looked at the key landmarks in the centre of Northampton and identified on maps what and where they are. In Science this half term we will be looking at Humans and how important food, exercise and hygiene is for us to stay healthy. This week, we looked at the different stages of a human's life and what key features are at each stage. In RE, we are continuing our unit 'Who is Muslim and how do they live?' that we began in September. This week we recapped our prior knowledge about Muhammad and discussed how kind and caring he was to others and animals. We then made thank you cards to those in our lives that are also kind to others and animals. What a great start to 2022.

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### Year 3/4 - Centaur

Centaur class have made a great start to the new term and returned to school with gusto! We have started a new English unit based on "The Incredible Book Eating Boy". We will be completing lots of work on this over the next few weeks and writing our own stories based around a character who does strange things! In Science, we started our new topic on "Teeth and Digestion", and this week we looked at x-rays of various animal teeth and thought about why they were different depending on their diets. Next week, we will transfer this learning to thinking about human teeth, and carry out tasting experiments to observe which teeth we use for different purposes. Finally, in Geography we have started looking at the United Kingdom, using maps and atlases to locate and name the regions of the UK. We will be comparing these this week, and completing fact files. We are also working through multiplication and times tables in Maths - Year 3 have focussed on the 3 and 4x tables, and Year 4 the 6x, 7x and 9x. Please do use Purple Mash, TT Rockstars or Hit the Button games to practice at home! A super start Centaurs - well done!



### Year 5/6 - Griffin

Griffin Class have made an excellent start to the new term, they are all working incredibly hard! In English, we have started a new unit learning how to write balanced arguments. The children have been gathering different viewpoints based on the question, 'Is screen use making children lazy?' Over the next couple of weeks, through our shared writing, the children will be showing viewpoints for each side of the argument. Year 6 have started their new maths unit all about fractions, we have been working on mixed numbers and improper fractions and comparing and ordering fractions. Our new class book is called 'Tom's Midnight Garden', the children have started to completed activities related to the VIPERS skills. Our unit this term in Science, is all about the Circulatory System. The children have started by researching all about the heart and how it works and what blood is made from. Next week, the children will be starting their very exciting music project of Samba Drumming! A super start to Spring Term. 😊

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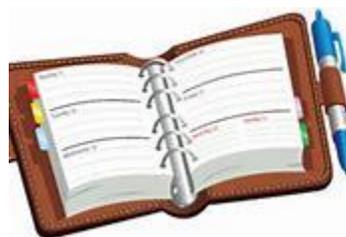
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### Dates for your Diary

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5/6 Small Schools Football Competition - 1pm-5.30pm <b>Selected children only</b>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	KS2 Inclusive Archery & Year 4/5 Arrows Archery Competition - 10.15am-1pm <b>Selected children only</b>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Wellbeing Wednesday - more details to follow
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>School closes at 3.20pm - HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	PROVISIONAL School disco - 6pm-7.30pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>School re-opens at 8.40am</b>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March & Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parent's Evening - more details to follow
<p>PE Days - please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their PE Kit Year R/1 Wednesday, Year 2 Monday, Year 3/4 Tuesday, Year 5/6 Friday FIESTA sports - ALL Year Groups - Thursday</p>	



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