

Loddington Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 5th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we enter the summer term, Mrs Wilcoxson, aided by the children have been very busy in the garden. Our new hanging baskets and potted plants are a welcome burst of colour. As I write this Year 2 are also potting bulbs, ready to observe in their science sessions.

The sunshine is always a very welcome addition, despite its absence for our Year 3/4 Bikeability sessions! The rain did not deter them and they were all commended by the instructors.

Back in the summer term last year, I booked the NMPAT Primary Vocal project to be accessed by every child in our school. The project is designed to develop the skills and enjoyment of healthy singing. It is a 10-week project, using healthy vocal and breathing techniques, singing for wellbeing and vocal exercises and songs. Feedback so far has been fantastic.

We wish you all a lovely Bank Holiday and we will see you on **Tuesday 9th May**.

Mrs Dowsett



Our focus value is: Peace

John 14:27. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.



Sports News

We are entering in the following development competitions this month:

Wednesday 17th May - Year 5/6 Tennis competition (selected children only).

Wednesday 24th May - Year 5/6 Netball competition (selected children only).

We are also participating in the Kettering Town indoor football league. We are hoping to continue on last year's success where we came second in our league.



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Staff Challenge - Fundraising Venture!

On Saturday 3rd June, staff are going to undertake a hike. Using the minibus, we will travel together to the Peak District and undertake the Mam Tor challenge - our goal on the day, the Cheshire Cheese Inn! Our overall goal is to raise funds for a much-needed new minibus.

If you would like to sponsor us, please use the just giving link below or QR code below. We would be incredibly grateful.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/loddingtonschool-minibus?utm_term=mWQqGyvDx



If you know of a company who may be interested in donating or willing to advertise on our new minibus, please contact the school office on office@loddington.pdet.org.uk

Thank you for all your support. Wish us luck!

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LODDFest

Our FOLS team are having some fundraising stalls at LoddFest which is a festival of live bands, food & drinks, raffle & tombola's and fundraising games taking place at Glebe Field in Loddington on Saturday 24th June from 2pm-10pm. Please come along, join in the fun and support us.

Do you have any empty clean jam jars that FOLS can use? If so, please drop them off at the School office. Thank you for your support.

Online Safety

On Thursday 27th April, we welcomed Simon Aston - who has worked with children for over 15 years to encourage a strong foundation of digital resilience, to explore the online world, but with boundaries in place. He talked to the children age appropriately about the hugely important topic of online safety. You can follow Simon for advice on his YouTube channel.

[Simon Aston - West Northamptonshire Council - YouTube](#)

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our parent workshop.



House Teams Tally - Weekly Winners



| Date | House Team Colour |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 21 st April | Green |
| 28 th April | Blue and Red |
| 5 th May | Green |

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Coronation Celebrations

Thank you to all children who entered our cake competition, we had some fantastic entries. The children have enjoyed an afternoon of fun activities. We hope you all enjoy the Coronation bank holiday weekend.





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Year R/1 - Phoenix

I cannot believe we are already in the Summer term. This year is certainly flying by and what a great start to the term R/1 we have had.

Following the children's fantastic forest school sessions, Year 1 have been working hard on writing a recount of their sessions in English. Reception children have been working really hard on writing sentences to describe characters and settings in a story. In Maths, Year 1 have been enjoying exploring mass and volume to start the term and Reception are continuing their number work with numbers to 20.

In Science this term, the children are learning all about animals. To help bring this topic to life, the children had an exciting delivery last week. They will be looking after their own caterpillars and tadpoles! The children have been mesmerised so far and are very excited to watch the life cycle of these two animals.

What a busy first few weeks back, well done R/1. Keep up the fantastic work! 😊



Year 2 - Dragon

We have had a great start to term 5 and have been particularly loving our new class book "The Marvellous Fluffy Itty Bitty".

In reading, we have enjoyed reading the flower book and seeing how the setting changed overtime. We have then been visualising and designing a new city for our character Brigg which is full of flowers and colour. In Maths, we have been working on fractions and have worked on finding half, a quarter and a third of an amount. In Science, we are learning all about plants and have enjoyed observing seeds and bulbs, as well as planting our own bulbs. We look forward to observing their changes overtime. In history, our focus is explorers. So far, we have looked at chronology and how the time in which Christopher Columbus was alive is different to modern times.

In computing, we have shown great partnership and friendship as we have helped one another to make renditions of twinkle twinkle little star using the music software on purple mash. In PSHE, we have been looking at families and relationships and what makes our family so unique and special. In RE, we are looking at the good news Jesus brings, and we have been reflecting upon how these stories show our school values. Keep up the fabulous work dragons! You are all superstars. 😊



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Year 3/4 - Centaur

It has as always been another busy few weeks in Centaur class. In English, we have now begun our new unit of writing based on the book "Secrets of a Sun King". It is a book based upon the life of King Tutankhamun and follows the life of him and his best friend, Maya. We will be following their adventures and writing a diary entry from the point of view of Maya, as King Tut faces many challenges while being Pharaoh. We have taken many lessons exploring these characters through role play and drama and are now ready to write! In Science, we are well into our unit on plants, and what they need in order to grow well. We have learned about the functions of the different parts of a plant, and are going to be investigating whether the type of soil has an impact on how well a plant grows and remains healthy. In History, we have begun our learning on Ancient Egypt, and have started by exploring what an "ancient civilisation" actually is and have researched some major ones that existed around the world.

Well done Centaur class - we have lots more to learn over the coming weeks, including Mayday dances to get practising! Keep up the superb work!! 😊



Year 5/6 - Griffin

Griffin class have been working incredibly hard over the last couple of weeks in preparation for the Year 6 SATs.

We have revised different word classes in Grammar and used previous papers to practice strategies for answering comprehension questions.

In Maths, Year 6 have been working on identifying angles in shapes, measuring and drawing angles and co-ordinates.

In our Science lessons, the children have looked at the different parts of flowers and how some flowering plants reproduce.

This week, the children have set up an investigation involving tubers and a seed from a flowering plant. All pots are lined up on our windowsill - we will hopefully see the results over the next few weeks!

I hope you all have a lovely extended weekend, watching the Coronation. 😊

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May 2023 Diary Dates

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| Tuesday 9 th - Friday 12 th May | Year 6 SATs week |
| Tuesday 9 th , 16 th & 23 rd May | Year 2 & Year 3/4 booster session (selected children only) 8am-8.40am |
| Wednesday 10 th , 17 th & 24 th May | Year 2 booster session (selected children only) 8am-8.40am |
| Monday 15 th & 22 nd May | Year 3/4 booster session (selected children only) 3.20pm-4pm |
| Wednesday 17 th May | Year 5/6 Tennis competition (selected children only) 12pm-3pm |
| Friday 19 th May | Year R/1 Mini Meadows trip, 9am-3pm |
| Friday 19 th May | Year 6 leavers photos |
| Wednesday 24 th May | Year 5/6 Netball competition (selected children only) 12pm-3pm |
| Friday 25 th May | May Day Celebrations (more details to follow shortly) LAST DAY OF TERM. School closes @ 3.20pm |
| Monday 5 th June | School re-opens @ 8.40am |

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

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