

# Loddington Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the Easter break and start of the summer term, as always, we have crammed as many learning and enrichment opportunities in as possible, with lots more to come. Our Govilon residential takes place next week for Year 5&6 - we are hoping for sunshine after all the rain this week! April sees the arrival of our mental wellbeing workshops, which will take place in a giant inflatable tent in our village hall. The workshops led by SCARF Life Education priority is to help with positivity, resilience and bouncing back from setbacks. We have Bikeability, an Amazon Explorer Day, a visit to Hamerton Zoo, internet safety workshops from Simon Aston and of course our SAT tests for Year 6, which will commence with a delicious full English breakfast!

Mrs Dowsett



## School Vision



Loddington Primary is a family community where everyone is nurtured and truly valued. We strive to ensure that all our children enjoy school in our happy, welcoming environment. Through our engaging curriculum and placing Christian Values at the heart of what we do, we hope to inspire children to become confident and caring individuals who live life in all its fullness.

***Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it in all its fullness." John 10:10***

**Our focus value is:**

**Trust**

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. "

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## Parent Feedback

Thank you to everyone who took time to fill out feedback in our Parent/Carer survey. We are incredibly proud of the results.

**My child is happy at Loddington C of E Primary School.**

***100% Strongly Agreed/Agreed***

**My child feels safe at school.**

***100% Strongly Agreed/Agreed***

**The school makes sure the pupils are well behaved.**

***100% Strongly Agreed/Agreed***

**The school makes me aware of what my child is learning.**

***97% Strongly Agreed/Agreed***

We place yearly and half termly overviews on the website in addition to Year group newsletters, two Parents' Evening opportunities and a summer term written report. We have also introduced Parent Engagement sessions. What further suggestions do you have? Please let us know, by emailing [office@loddington.pdet.org.uk](mailto:office@loddington.pdet.org.uk), or by using the class seesaw app.

**When I have raised concerns, the school has dealt with them properly.**

***94% Strongly Agreed/Agreed 6% Don't know as no concerns have been raised.***

**The school has high expectations of my child.**

***100% Strongly Agreed/Agreed***

**My child does well at this school.**

***100% Strongly Agreed/Agreed***

**My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.**

***97% Strongly Agreed/Agreed***

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In addition to academic achievement, the school supports my child's wider personal development.

**100% Strongly Agreed/Agreed**

The school promotes a strong Christian ethos, through its vision and values.

**100% Strongly Agreed/Agreed**

I would recommend this school to another parent.

**100% YES**

Whilst we do endeavour to run extra-curricular clubs through the year, when we can, please do consider using our wonderful After School Club for sporting and other fun opportunities. This does include a snack and drink within the first hour. A great opportunity for friends to spend time together.



## House Teams Tally - Weekly Winners



Date	House Team Colour
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Blue
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Green
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red

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## Class Prayers



### Year 2

Dear God,

Thank you for always allowing us to trust you,  
We know that we can rely on you and that you won't let us down.

Thank you for showing us how to put our trust in others,  
Please continue to show us how to be trustworthy people. Amen.

### Year 3/4

Dear God,

Please help all of us to trust in each other and to help us to be trustworthy.  
Thank you for giving us friends, family and others that we can trust. Thank you for giving us the guidance to show our school values in and outside of school. Trust is something that takes years to build but seconds to break. Amen.

### Year 5/6

Dear God,

Please make sure everyone shows our values. Help those to trust each other who can't. Thank you for our world. Amen.

(From Bella)

Dear God,

Please let people be able to trust friends, family and the world to act better in different situations. Amen

(From Jessica)

Please see the link to our gallery of work after exploring our church school bible vision in February.

<https://www.loddingtonschool.org.uk/church-school/ethos-vision-and-values>

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## Ethos Committee

Our focus is on prayer. We are redesigning our school prayer to be displayed in classrooms along with The Lord's Prayer.

## Time For God

On the second Sunday of every month, we accompany the church community by leading an activity in St. Leonard's church, linked to a particular theme. Everyone is welcome to attend, and Mrs Sail sends out email invitations to ask for volunteers. The service starts at 9:15am and is usually finished by 10:00am. Do please consider coming along to support or take part.



## Loddfest 2024 - Bake Off



Loddfest 2024 will be held on 22nd June and as part of the festivities the Bake Off will return for another year. There will be two age categories for children aged 4 to 7 and 8 to 11. Entries can be submitted on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024. There will be prizes for both age categories. Further details will be issued after the Easter holiday. We look forward to as many entries as possible to make this a great Bake Off.

## Easter Church Service

Our Easter Church Service at St Leonards Church, Loddington is taking place on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm**. Refreshments will be served from 2pm. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

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## FOLS Easter Bonnet/Cap workshop

FOLS will be running an Easter bonnet/cap decorating workshop after school on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 3.20pm-4pm**. The children will then be able to wear their bonnets/caps for our Easter Parade around the village on the **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm**.

If you would like your child to attend the workshop, please pre-book via the shop tab in ParentMail, **£5 per child** which covers all the materials needed to produce a beautiful bonnet/cap. Orders need to be paid by Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at the latest.

## Attendance and Absences

As a school, we do monitor attendance very closely, given the significant impact it can have on education. Our aim is for all pupils to be greater than 96%. We do understand that illness does impact upon this. Do please remember, where possible we are here to support you. If your child can be in school, we can administer medicine and make allowances, such as staying in at break, to ensure they do not miss too many lessons and can keep up, rather than catch up. Please remember to record your child's absence each day by either phoning the school Office or leaving an absence message in ParentMail.



Our gate opens at **8:40am** and closes promptly at **8:50am**, to allow children to settle, be registered and to start their first lesson. Please ensure your children are in by this time, it allows for a calm, focused start to the day

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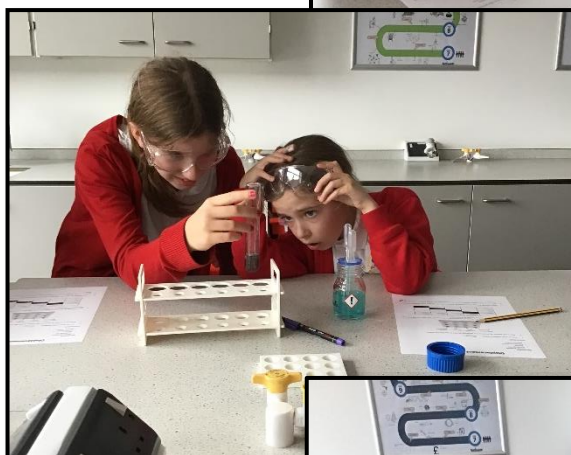
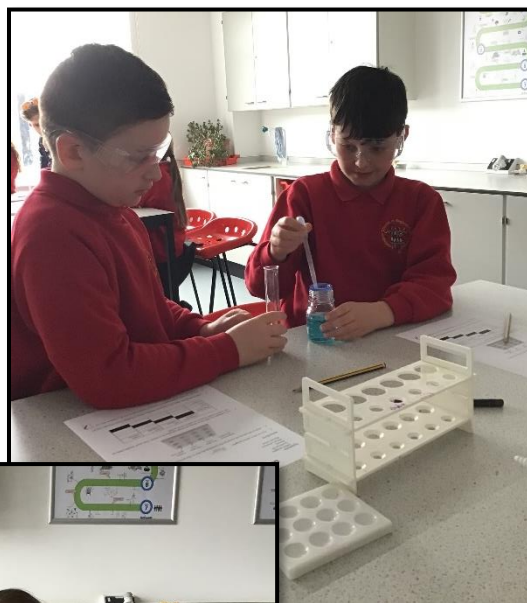




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## Year 5 Science Workshop

This week, Year 5 had the fantastic opportunity to take part in a Science lesson at Latimer Secondary School. They investigated displacement reactions, experimenting with different types of metals and solutions to see what would happen and looking for signs of chemical reactions. The children showed excellent enquiry skills - super work Year 5!





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## Drama workshops

Last week, all the children had the opportunity to take part in some very exciting drama workshops.

Year R/1 and Year 2 were given a top-secret mission to retrieve all of the books that the book thief had stolen. To complete the mission, they had to dive under lasers and tiptoe along walls! After their mission they created a freeze frame as a Superhero and then another in disguise.





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In Year 3/4, the children worked on different activities linked to the story of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. They created freeze frames in groups to demonstrate different parts of the story, and considered how the feelings of the characters could be shown using facial expressions. They had a great time - it was over too soon!



Year 5/6 had a fantastic time exploring the book *Wonder* through dance and drama activities. They explored how to display different emotions through facial expressions and body language. The children had to create freeze frames demonstrating a child being left out and then being accepted into the group. These activities allowed the children to build a connection between the book and everyday life as the key theme of the session was that we all have a choice of being right and being kind to others.



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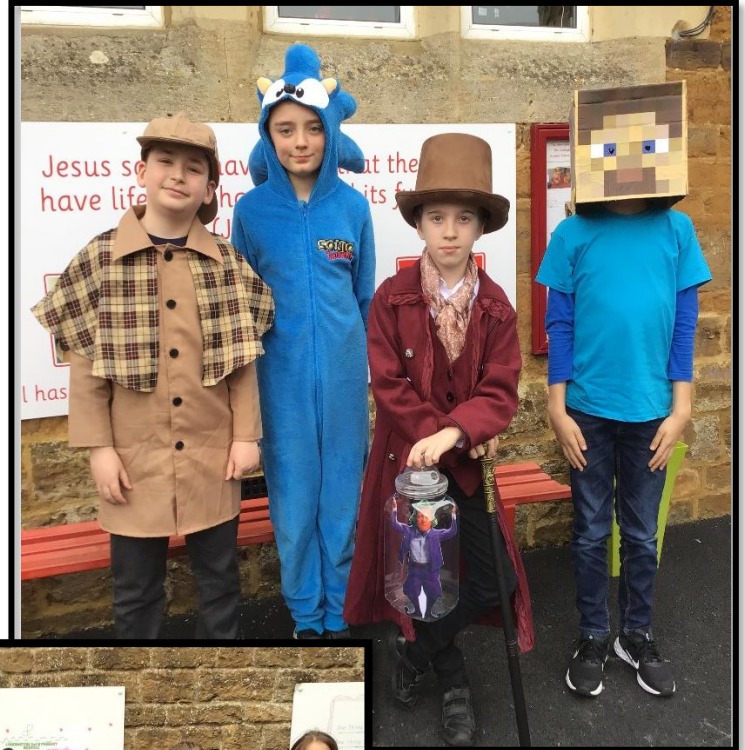


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## Gallery of World book Day 2024







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## Year 3/4 African Drumming Concert

Year 3/4 have really enjoyed their African drumming lessons each week delivered by NMPAT.

To celebrate their achievement, Year 3/4 are putting on a small concert in the **Village Hall on Tuesday 26th March at 9am** which should last for about half an hour.

**If you would like to attend, please email Mrs Sail in the School Office on [office@loddington.pdet.org.uk](mailto:office@loddington.pdet.org.uk)**



## **Year 2 - Dragon**

The term is going by so quickly and we can't believe there is only 2 weeks left! Year 2 have been working so hard this half term. In English we have been exploring poetry and trying to include suffixes in our writing. In Maths we have finished our multiplication and division unit and we have been superstars when learning our 2, 5 and 10 times table multiplication and division facts. We are now exploring measuring length and height in metres and centimetres. In Science we are learning about animals and have been matching animals to their offspring and exploring the life cycles of different animals. In Geography we have been learning about Kenya and have been exploring Nairobi using aerial images and Google Maps. Keep up the hard work Year 2. 😊



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## Year 3/4 - Centaur

Centaur class have had a busy few weeks. In English, we have been completing an explanation on how the digestive system works and now have begun planning our own explanation to write independently next week. In Science, we have been comparing the 3 states of matter - solids, liquids and gases, and have observed how water can exist in all 3 states if we heat and cool it. We were really surprised to observe how water vapour from the kettle began to form water droplets in a sandwich bag when we had left it to cool for a while! In Geography we have got our work on London well underway, and developed our map skills by identifying London boroughs, and using grid references to locate famous London landmarks and attractions. We have been thoroughly enjoying welcoming James from NMPAT each Tuesday for our Djembe drumming workshops. We are building towards a short performance of what we've learned in the last week of term - we hope many of you can join us so we can show off our Djembe skills! All children have been working hard on their times tables - please do continue this at home - I've been really proud of their achievements and progress with this! Have a lovely weekend everyone. 😊



## Year 5/6 - Griffin

Since returning from half term, Year 5&6 have started a new English unit looking at one of Greta Thunberg's speeches about climate change. The children have explored different persuasive techniques used through the speeches and, through shared writing, we have started to our own versions. In Maths, Year 6 have been working through a statistics unit, reading and interpreting data from bar charts, line graphs and pie charts. In Geography, the children have started a new unit all about 'The Amazon' which builds on their previous learning about North & South America. The children learnt about the size of the Amazon Rainforest - it covers land in 9 countries in South America! In Science, the children have started a new unit all about properties of materials. Over the last two weeks, the children have taken part in experiments where they have investigated how the temperature of water affects the dissolvability of sugar and how different mixtures can be separated. Have a lovely weekend everyone - ready for our residential on Monday! 😊





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LODDINGTON  
SCHOOL SERVES...  
BREAKFAST



SATURDAY 20TH APRIL

9 - 11:30

PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AUNTIES, UNCLAS, CHILDREN,  
VILLAGERS.....

DROP IN AND LET US SERVE YOU FRESH FILTERED COFFEE,  
BACON ROLLS, PASTRIES, FRESH FRUIT AND OTHER  
FRESHLY BAKED GOODS IN LODDINGTON VILLAGE HALL.

CASH DONATIONS WELCOMED. PLEASE SUPPORT OUR  
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# Loddington Easter Egg Decorating Competition

Decorate a hard boiled egg in  
the style/theme of your  
choice.

Bring your egg into the foyer  
on Monday 25th March to be  
displayed. Reverend Andy will  
judge them by Wednesday 27th  
March.

One chocolate prize per year  
group.

