

LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

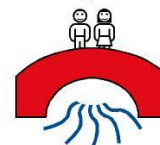
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NEWSLETTER NO 16

Dear Parents/Carers,



House Gems

Congratulations to the following children who have received a Values 'House Gem' celebrating their actions in promoting our school values.

- Ewan N Y1 Fire Independent work in his writing
- Finlay J Y1 Air Resilience when making hungry caterpillar book
- Uzair M Y1 Earth Confidence doing my homework
- Laura S Y2 Air Confidence in her learning and caring
- Timothy C Y3 Fire Quality work in maths through attention to detail
- James W Y3 Fire Independent work in his writing
- Freya M-T Y4 Earth For quality work and showing confidence and ambition
- Zain Q Y4 Fire Caring towards his writing buddy
- Damini K Y6 Fire Respect for school environment

'Mr Bounce-back ability'



Value of the month - June Value - Resilience

"Don't be embarrassed by your failures. Learn from them and start again." Richard Branson.

In recent months the Department of Education has championed lessons in grit and resilience as an important part of a well-rounded education. There is increasing global recognition that to be successful in the world of work as well as in relationships children need to develop resilience and an ability to 'bounce back' from failure as well as to cope with challenge.

Resilience is the ability to steer through serious life challenges and find ways to 'bounce back' and to thrive. This month we will be working with the children on the idea that whilst we always aim for success sometimes we also experience failure and it is how we respond at these times as well as what we learn from that experience which often will give us the more valuable lessons in life. How do we cope when we find a new experience challenging, if we don't get what we want or aren't successful first time?

There are many resources available on the internet which parents/carers may find useful in supporting their children to develop resilience some such resources can be accessed via the below links.

<http://www.triple-parenting.uk.net/uk-en/positive-parenting/have-realistic-expectations/sore-loser-syndrome/>

http://www.beststart.org/resources/hlthy_chld_dev/pdf/BSRC_Resilience_English_fnl.pdf

<http://www.reachinginreachingout.com/documents/Guidebook%20-%20Storybooks%20that%20Promote%20Resilience.pdf>

<http://fis.bradford.gov.uk/fis/parenting/Resilience> (The programme referred to cannot be accessed in Wokingham however; some of the links and information may be useful.)

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/schools/six-of-the-best-the-traits-your-child-needs-to-succeed-8899903.html>



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Nepal Earthquake

In KS2 assembly we have been discussing the re-opening of Nepalese schools as a national strategy for hope following the devastating Earthquake in April and linking these ideas to our value of Resilience. We were very proud to hear that 2 of our Loddon pupils have also been fundraising towards the relief effort in Nepal. They have written a few words which follow to explain their good work.

Climbing Snowdon For Nepal

After hearing about the devastating earthquake in Nepal where it has been estimated that about 10,000 people died and many thousands more were injured and left without homes, food and water many people wanted to help.



So I Sebastian from Y4 and my sister Lily from Y1 climbed Mount Snowdon the tallest mountain in England and Wales at 1,085metres. We climbed it on Monday 25th May in half term and it took us 6 hours in total.

Unfortunately the weather was terrible, we got soaked and at the top we had absolutely no view due to the mist but we raised £129.56 to send to Nepal!

Thank you to everyone who sponsored us - thank you lots!

We would also like to thank all the families who donated first aid items for our collection. These have now arrived in Nepal and are being put to good use.



Young carers

A young carer is a person under 18 who provides care for another person. It is thought that as many as one in 12 pupils in the UK could be a young carer. If this is the case then it is likely that a number of our children at Loddon are young carers.

The Children and Families Act 2014 gives young carers more rights to ask for help and we would like to support families in accessing this help where it is needed. If a member of your family or a friend under 18 is providing care to another person please come and speak to us so that we can support you to access information and services available through the Wokingham Young Carers' worker.

Rota Kids tickets to win a signed football

Rota Kids will be selling tickets to win a signed Reading football from the semi-finals at Wembley. The tickets cost £2 and will be sold from Monday 15th June- Friday 19th June. They will also be sold at the summer fair, where the winner will be drawn!!

Second Hand Uniform Sale - Wednesday 24 June after school from 3.15pm on the school playground

Good quality second hand uniform - logo jumpers, summer dresses, and lots more. Prices start from 30p so bring some change along and grab a bargain! All proceeds go to the PTA to support the school.

Donations also gratefully received anytime - clean uniform in good condition - please remove any name labels, bag it up and leave at school reception. Many thanks!

Many thanks, *Atifa Raj (PSA), Becky Morgan (Y4 and F2 parent), Sarah Pugh (Y5 and Y1 parent), Andrea Smith (Y3 and F2 parent), Maive Watts (Y6 parent)*



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Keeping the Parent Hut tidy

We would appreciate your help to keep the Parent Hut tidy by putting away toys that your child has played with when you leave. Thank you!

Routine dental and doctor appointments

We would like to remind you that where possible routine appointments for the dentist and doctor should take place before or after school or during the school holidays. Taking children out during the school day disrupts their learning and that of others.



Transition Arrangements for September 2015

We are currently beginning to plan for the new academic year and as usual a number of transition events including visits to new classes, parents meetings in FSU and transition activities during curriculum time will be offered to all our children. Our transition arrangements will also include a 'Meet the Teacher' session in September once all our teachers are recruited and in school.

We are able to offer a number of extra activities and support strategies for individual children who are showing anxiety around forthcoming transition or just need that little bit more. Please make sure that your child's class teacher is aware of any concerns you may have or requests for support by the end of June in relation to changing year group so that we can work together to plan suitable arrangements on your child's behalf.

Class Swap Morning

Will take place on the 15th July for pupils in FS2-Y5. Please ensure that your child is at school on this date.

Class Mixes for 2015-2016

Now that we are in the planning phase for next year we are also considering the balance of classes. We do not remix all class groupings as a standard school policy, however, it is the case that sometimes, due to children leaving and joining or factors such as changing friendships, the class balance that worked perfectly when the children were younger no longer works as well. Class teachers have indicated to me that Year 2 classes moving to Year 3 and also Year 4 moving to Year 5 would benefit from some re-mixing.

If as parents you have any questions or feedback you wish to be considered as part of this re-mixing please share this with your child's current class teacher no later than *Friday 19th June*. All children in Year 2 and 4 will be invited to state a preference as to which friends they would like to be placed with in their new class and we guarantee that they will have at least one of these. We will write to Year 2 and Year 4 families again by early July to confirm class groupings.

Please note that whilst both pupil and parent views are genuinely invited and considered as part of the process it is not always possible in a year group of 60 to accommodate all such requests. Therefore, the final decision regarding which children will be in each class will be taken by teaching staff who are in the best position to plan class groups based on the educational needs of all children.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. S. Phillips
Headteacher



Diary Events List: Summer Term 2015

Date	Time	Event
15-19/6/15	During week	KS1 Phonics testing
15/06/15	18.00-19.00	Swimming Pool Committee meeting. If you would like to attend please contact the Chair in advance.
17/06/15	9.00-10.00	Parent Tea/Coffee in the Hut - All parents/carers welcome!
17/06/15	10.00-11.00	Parents New To FS2 transition meeting
18/06/15	9.00-11.00	PSP CAN (Parents Supporting Parents) meeting in the Hut.
18/06/15	18.30-19.30	Parents New To FS2 meeting
20/06/15	12.00-15.00	PTA Summer Family Fun Day
23/06/15	9.00-11.30	FSU Sports Day
23/06/15	13.30-15.00	Y6 REInspired session on Death, funerals and the Christian response at Brookside.
24/06/15	All day	Y6 induction day at: Maiden Erlegh, Forest, Waingels
24/06/15	8.15-9.45	Environment Committee meeting: invitation by Chair or Headteacher
24/06/15	9.00-10.00	Parent Tea/Coffee in the Hut - All parents/carers welcome!
24/06/15	15.15	Second hand uniform sale on the school playground
25/06/15	9.00-11.00	PSP CAN (Parents Supporting Parents) meeting in the Hut
25/06/15	15.00	Y4 Sharing assembly: Parents, carers & families welcome
26/06/15	All day	Y1-6 Sports day
30/06/15	am	Reserve FSU Sports day
01/07/15	9.00-10.00	Parent Tea/Coffee in the Hut - All parents/carers welcome!
01/07/15	14.00-15.00	Parents New to F1 transition meeting
02/07/15	9.00-11.00	PSP CAN (Parents Supporting Parents) meeting in the Hut.
02/07/15	10.15	F1 Prospective parents tour
03/07/15	All day	Reserve Y1-6 Sports day
06/07/15	All week	Last week of clubs run by school staff
06/07/15	10am	Y6 transition event at Loddon Valley Leisure Centre
06/07/15	20.00-21.30	PTA committee meeting in the Hut
07/07/15	13.30-14.30	New F2 children and parents to visit Foundation
08/07/15	9.00-9.45	Y4 Berkshire Maestros Brass concert - Parents and Carers welcome.
08/07/15	9.00-10.00	Parent Tea/Coffee in the Hut - All parents/carers welcome!
08/07/15	18.30-20.00	Full Governing Body meeting invitation by Chair or Headteacher
09/07/15	9.00-11.00	PSP CAN (Parents Supporting Parents) meeting in the Hut.
09/07/15	14.45-15.05	F2 sharing assembly in the main hall: Parents, carers & families welcome
10/07/15	09.30-10.30	New F2 children and parents to visit Foundation
10/07/15	13.30-14.30	New F2 children and parents to visit Foundation
10/07/15	End of day	F2-Y6 Reports go out
10/07/15	As shown	PTA disco: Lower (F2, Y1-2) 17.00-18.15, Upper (Y3-6) 19.00-20.30
13/07/15	14.00	Y5/6 dress rehearsal to the school



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14/07/15	14-15.00	Y5/6 dress rehearsal
14/07/15	19.00-20.00	Y5/6 performance
15/07/15	9.00-10.00	Parent Tea/Coffee in the Hut - All parents/carers welcome!
15/07/15	Morning	Transition - class swap morning
15/07/15	13.30-14.30	Pets in Practice visiting 5JO
15/07/15	15.30-17.30	FSU parents evening
15/07/15	19.00-20.00	Y5/6 performance
16/07/15	9.00-11.00	PSP CAN (Parents Supporting Parents) meeting in the Hut.
21/07/15	19.00-19.30	Y6 Leavers presentation event
22/07/15	9.00-10.00	Parent Tea/Coffee in the Hut - All parents/carers welcome!
22/07/15	11.10 / 14.50	End of Pupil Summer term - FSU morning children finish at 11.10am and afternoon children at 2.50pm.
23/7-31/8/15		Summer holiday
01-02/09/15	All day	INSET days School closed for staff training
03/09/15		Start of Pupil Autumn term



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