

LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,



House Gems

Congratulations to the following children who have been nominated to receive a Values 'House Gem'.

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| Evelyn C | Kites | Air | Quality and independence |
| Jerry L | Stingrays | Fire | Resilience |
| Felicity W | Wyvern | Water | Courage, determination and independence |
| Jack W | Longwings | Fire | Understanding, respect and kindness |
| Zain J | Wyvern | Earth | Quality |
| Maanya T | Firebird | Earth | Independence and determination |
| Aarav G | Firebird | Air | Independence |
| Nikki U | Firebird | Air | Friendship, quality and respect |
| Pia T | Firebird | Water | Caring, respect and quality |



Forest School @ Loddon Primary School Year 2 and 3 - Introduction from Mrs Legg

Hello everyone, my name is Mrs Legg and I am really pleased that Loddon Primary School has agreed for me to set up and run a new Forest School. As a Forest School Leader, I want to develop new challenges and opportunities for the children on their full return to school. Initially, I will be working with the children in **Year 2 and Year 3** and helping them to develop new important life skills through the Forest School Ethos. Forest School is outdoor,



nature-based learning that supports play, exploration and supported risk taking in all weathers and seasons. The holistic ethos of Forest School helps children to learn to: build confidence and independence; develop physical fitness; develop resilience, self-esteem and empathy for others and nature. Please visit the Forest School Association website for more details. www.forestschoollassociation.org

In order to meet the Health and Safety requirements for Forest School, the children attending will need to be suitably dressed for their sessions. The children will need to change into and wear waterproof jacket and trousers (these will be provided by the School). They will **need to bring from home**: a sun hat, gloves, jumper, T-Shirt and sturdy footwear (wellies, boots or trainers). For organisational purposes, please can I ask that each child brings a named carrier bag to school with their kit in. It can then be used for storing any dirty or wet clothing at the end of the Session. Kit should be brought to school next week and will then be kept at school for our sessions together which will take place in the nature areas at the bottom of the school field.

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|  | | <p>This week's book recommendations have been written by Nursery and Reception children.</p> | |
|  <p>What the Ladybird Heard on Holiday. Julia Donaldson & Lydia Monks</p> |  <p>Alan's Big Scary Teeth. Jarvis</p> |  <p>Handa's Surprise Eileen Browne</p> | |
| <p>"This is one of my favourite books because it has sparkly page. It is about Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len stealing the Queen's crown. It is funny and makes me laugh when the dogs are chasing Lanky Len and Hefty Hugh."</p> <p>By Holly Elliot and Alanna Wright Hedgehogs and Moles</p> | <p>"This is one of my favourite books because Alan takes his teeth out and cannot scare the animals any more. My favourite part is when he lets Barry borrow his teeth at the end as they are too big for his mouth."</p> <p>By Arabella Hawkins and Eloise Smart, Squirrels and Foxes</p> | <p>"I like this book because it's got really nice fruit in it. There is a girl called Handa and she gets fruits for her friend Akeyo but the animals keep taking it. I liked it when the monkey took the banana. That was funny."</p> <p>By Avya Krishnan, Nursery</p> | |

If your child reads one of these books as a result of these reviews, we would love it if you could email psa@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk and let us know.

Pupils fundraising for local charity

On Saturday 10th April Imogen, Chloe M, Emily and Izzy ran the outside Covid safe stall, baked and made art. Kinzah, Poppy, Sania and Chloe D also baked or donated their artwork. The girls are all from Year 6 Kestrels and between them raised £186 for a local animal charity - Diana Brimblecombe Animal Rescue Centre. The girls would like to thank the Loddon community for all their generosity in raising an unexpected amount!



Events from Wokingham Libraries during May

Library events that are available for families to access if you are able to. For information use the link: <https://wp.me/p5mHbU-6OF>

- Saturday May 8 - Teen Writing Author visit with Lesley Parr from 10.30am to 12noon. Suitable for young people in Year 6 and above.
- Tuesday May 25 - Virtual Storytime at 11am. We will be sharing some Springtime stories. Suitable for families with children aged 7 and under.
- Friday 28 May - Elmer Virtual Storytime at 11am to 11.15am. We will be sharing Elmer stories with downloadable activity pack. Suitable for families with children aged 7 and under.

All sessions will be via Microsoft Teams. To sign up please email libraries@wokingham.gov.uk with the session you would like to attend, your name and library card number and you will be sent details of how to join the day before.

Solve the Book title Competition!

Wokingham Community Engagement, Libraries Service, Dinton Pastures and the MY JOURNEY team are pleased to offer an online competition for children and families 'Solve the book title' event - 4 lucky winners will receive a Book token and MY JOURNEY goodies. All the answers are names to do with nature or sustainable travel. Download an entry form which can be found under [Related Downloads on this webpage](#) The competition runs until 28th May. Completed entries should be sent before Friday, 28th May 2021 to: myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk to be in with a chance of winning a prize! More information at <https://myjourneywokingham.com/events/solve-the-book-title-competition/>

SEND drop in football sessions

Bobicats is a free of charge session run by Shinfield Rangers for children aged 5-12 who may be unable to access mainstream football sessions. Sessions take place on a Sunday at Ryeish Green Sports Hub, RG71EP between 1-2pm with fully trained and DBS cleared coaches. The Scheme is fully supported by the FA and won the County FA project of the year in 2019 and was also nominated finalists for the Get Berkshire Active community

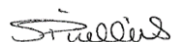


project of the year 2019/20. For information please contact Toni Cannon on 07833251419 or via ToniCannon@hotmail.co.uk.

Girls Football club for beginners not part of an existing team

Wildcats is a free of charge football session run by Shinfield Rangers for any girls aged 5-12 who do not already play in a football team. Sessions take place on a Friday between 6.30-7.30pm at Ryeish Green Sports Hub, RG71EP. For further information contact shinfieldrangersfc@gmail.com.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Phillips - Headteacher

Diary Events List: Summer 2021

| Date | Time | Event |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 3-May-21 | All day | Early May Bank Holiday - school closed |
| 5-May-21 | 9.15-10.00 | PSA Virtual coffee morning - all welcome |
| 10-May-21 | Fortnight | Living Eggs coming to Foundation children |
| 12-May-21 | 9.15-10.00 | PSA Virtual coffee morning - all welcome |
| 17-May 21 | All week | Y6 Bikeability cycle training |
| 19-May-21 | 9.15-10.00 | PSA Virtual coffee morning - all welcome |
| 19-May-21 | 18.00-19.00 | FGB meeting attendance via invitation of Chair or HT only |
| 26-May-21 | 9.15-10.00 | PSA Virtual coffee morning - all welcome |
| 28-May-21 | All day | INSET day school closed for staff training |
| 31 May to 4 June 21 | All week | Half term holiday |
| 7-Jun-21 | All week | Pupil Summer term resumes |