

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'.

Rania S	Kites	Earth	Independence, determination and confidence
Ava M	Turtles	Earth	Friendship and determination
Ciana D	Longwings	Water	Determination
Averi C	Longwings	Earth	Quality, resilience and determination
Charley B	Hawks	Earth	Respect, caring and helpfulness
Aisla G	Hawks	Fire	Co-operation and determination
Hassan R	Wyvern	Water	Courage, quality and determination
Anis T	Wyvern	Air	Courage, determination and confidence
Abdu I	Phoenix	Fire	Confidence, co-operation and quality
Sophia G	Phoenix	Fire	Quality and determination
Srilasya S	Phoenix	Air	Quality
Ilyaan A	Longwings	Earth	Respect, positivity and resilience
Hashim I	Longwings	Fire	Respect and positivity
Zara M	Firebirds	Water	Independence, happiness and quality
Eshaal K	Firebirds	Earth	Independence, happiness and quality
Aarth B	Starfish	Air	Resilience
Dhriti P	Wyvern	Earth	Quality
Leo K	Octopuses	Air	Perseverance and quality
Sofia R	Octopuses	Air	Peacefulness
Mace P	Octopuses	Fire	Determination
Yousef I	Octopuses	Earth	Trust



Value of the month - ambition

Our value this month is ambition. At school, we will talk to the children about being ambitious in relation to their work and hobbies. An ambitious child has the patience and perseverance to achieve the goal they are striving for. They are willing to take small steps and use their growth mindset to achieve their ultimate goal.

Some examples of how we might approach the value of ambition.

- Thinking about our goals and dreams for the future and agreeing goals to work towards.
- Learning how to stay positive if something stops or temporarily hinders us from achieving our ambitions.
- Taking steps to overcome the barriers that are preventing us from achieving our ambition - e.g. practising goalkeeping skills in order to gain a position in a football team.
- Setting ourselves small targets in order to achieve a bigger one - e.g. being able to run 50m, then 100m and so on in order to be able to run 2km.



School Uniform policy

www.yourschooluniform.com/schools/index/loddon-primary-school-44492

As we approach the summer holidays many of you may be planning to buy new school uniform and we ask that you remember the school uniform policy as shown here. (Please pay particular attention to the detail of accepted footwear, tights and summer dresses/shorts.)

Foundation Stage FS1

Own choice of clothing suitable for school activities.

Children may wear a Loddon sweatshirt or fleece or cardigan if they wish to

Foundation Stage FS2 and Year 1-6

Grey school trousers, shorts or skirt

White shirt, blouse or polo shirt



Blue Loddon sweatshirt or fleece or cardigan
Grey school pinafore dress
Blue and white checked dress
Black, white or grey socks (no other colours)
Black or grey tights
Black plain shoes or boots in winter (flat and closed toes for safety)
Black or white short, plain headscarf worn for religious reasons (thin material advisable)
Children also need suitable outdoor wear such as a coat in winter and a hat in summer

Whilst there are a range of clothes available as 'school wear' in supermarkets not all of these are agreed Loddon uniform so please check the official uniform code before spending your money on items which are not our uniform. If you are unsure on the detailed requirements of school uniform policy teaching staff are very happy to answer questions about specific items or to add clarity on uniform expectations - please just ask.

Please remember to **name all items** brought into school. Without a child's name we cannot return lost property to owners. Please avoid just using initials as in school we often have several pupils with the same initials.



Congratulations to the following children who received awards from the judges, in the Art for Research Reading competition.

Milo B Nursery, Runner up
Oscar W Year 3, Winner
Eesha N Year 5, Winner
Emily M Year 6, Runner up
Yasirah A Year 4, Highly commended

The judging video, artwork and programme with names of all the entrants can be found on their Facebook page here.

<https://www.facebook.com/artforresearchreading/>

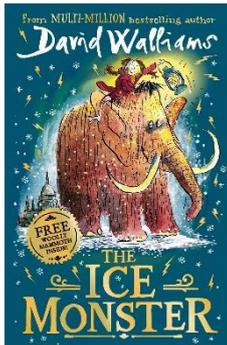
A huge thank you to all the children who entered and to parents for sending in their work. Loddon school was by far the best represented, the quality of artwork was excellent and we helped raise money for a deserving charity.

Mrs Henderson, Art Subject Leader



This week's book recommendations have been written by
Year Five children.

The Ice
Monster



Author:
David
Walliams

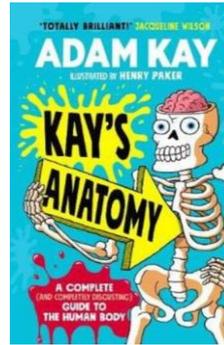
Illustrator:
Tony Ross

This book is about a girl called Elsie. A woolly mammoth was found by some archaeologists and they took the woolly mammoth to a history museum. Elsie (and the professor) tried bringing the woolly mammoth back to life - which worked - and took it out of the museum. Then the girl goes on an adventure, with her friends, and tried to get the woolly mammoth (that she named Woolley) back home.



By Hana (Falcons class)

Kay's
Anatomy



Author:
Adam Kay

Illustrator:
Henry Paker

Kay's Anatomy does as you might expect, teaches about your body, but is really funny! There's a joke or a pun on nearly every page and it tells you more about poo and other things that books don't normally tell you much about. It tells you incredible facts and takes a long time to read. Plus, it's written by an official doctor! I highly recommend this book.



By Daniel (Hawks class)

Operation Robot
Storm



Author: Alex Milway

This book is about three yetis (Albrecht, Timonen and Saar) who set on a very secret mission in the Welsh mountains. Suddenly, they find the evil mastermind, Balaclava. This evil, mysterious creature explains to them he wants to freeze the entire world as his people like it cold and he will do anything to make this happen. Later, they find out Balaclava has a whole army of robots called the Greebos. Unfortunately for them this does not help with their mission of going to Welsh mountain to discover the cause of the strange happenings; but now we are left wondering how they going to defeat Balaclava and its army of robots? I really enjoyed reading this book and I would give it to my friends. My favourite character is Timonen because he is extraordinarily strong and fascinating. Words I would use to describe the book are: interesting, Strange, Mysterious and Magical.



By Richard (Kites class)

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.

Forest School

During the last two weeks Year 2 and Year 3 have attended Forest School and extended their knowledge of basic fire lighting. The children learnt the health and safety requirements for having a campfire and learnt how to use ferro rods to spark and ignite different types of tinder - cotton wool and birch bark. The children experimented in how to create sparks using the ferro rods and strikers. At first the task was difficult for the children to do but with great patience, perseverance and teamwork skills every child made sparks suitable for basic fire lighting. Well done to everyone who took part and to the children who successfully and safely sparked the cotton wool into flames!

Looking forward to many more experiences at Loddon Forest School in the next few months. Take care. *Mrs Legg, Forest School Leader*

Raise a Reader - new course for parents / carers

Looking for help to get your children in to reading? Reading is a skill for life. Research shows that children who enjoy reading do better with their education. How do we, as parents, encourage them to pick up a book and read? How do you nurture a love of reading? Wokingham Adult Education have a new course aimed at parents of primary school children, **Thursdays 8th and 15th July, 10am-11.30am**, online on Zoom.

This short course is for you if:

- You would like to know more about how reading is taught at school.
- You are worried that your child has fallen behind with their reading or has lost motivation to read.
- You would like to be able to support your child more with their reading at home.

Please see <https://sites.google.com/view/wokingham-acl/courses> for more information or to download an application form or you can contact adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk for more details.

Eligibility for Adult Education courses: You need to live or work within the Wokingham Borough, be over 19 years old (as of 31st August 2020) and been a citizen of a country within the EEA and have ordinarily been resident in the EEA for at least 3 years. (There are a number of exemptions including those for some for asylum seekers or refugees.) Please contact WBC Adult Education on 0776 738 0722 if you wish to discuss any exemptions further. *Mrs Kam Bhogal, Parent Support Advisor*





Summer Reading Challenge 2021

Wild World Heroes is the Summer Reading Challenge theme for 2021 at all libraries in Wokingham. To join just pop into your local library and collect your starter pack or join online [Summer Reading Challenge](#)

Read six library books and collect your finisher pack with medal and a certificate when you complete the challenge. The official Challenge website, wildworldheroes.org.uk, hosts digital rewards, author videos, games and more for children to enjoy all summer.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Phillips - Headteacher

Diary Events List: Summer 2021

Date	Time	Event
5-Jul-21	Morning	Class swap morning
7-Jul-21	9.15-10.00	PSA Virtual coffee morning - all welcome
7-Jul-21	18.00-19.00	Full Governing Body meeting - attendance by invitation from the Chair or Headteacher
8-Jul-21	During day	Years 1-6 Sports Day
9-Jul-21	End of day	Reports coming home
13-Jul-21	During day	Y4 Egyptian Day
14-Jul-21	9.15-10.00	PSA Virtual coffee morning - all welcome
21-Jul-21	9.15-10.00	PSA Virtual coffee morning - all welcome
21-Jul-21	End of day	End of Pupil Summer term - usual staggered finish time
22-Jul-31-Aug-21	All week	School Summer holiday
1-Sep-21	All day	INSET day School closed for staff training
2-Sep-21	All day	First day of pupil Autumn term