



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

THE HEART OF LONG DITTON SINCE 1911

NEWSLETTER

26th January 2018

LATEST NEWS

Parents and Carers

This week's newsletter is full of information for you all – things to know, things to do and things to help. Please take five minutes to read everything so that you are as informed as possible 😊

Congratulations Diamond Class

Diamond Class – what can I say? You were all superb this week talking to us all about Resilience and the importance of a 'keep trying hard attitude' no matter what. I loved your masks and hearing you recite the whole of Giraffe's Can't Dance as you told the story! Well done and congratulations to you all!

Ground Force Day is tomorrow!

I know the Friends are looking forward to attacking our school to make it the best it can be! See you tomorrow!

Online Safety Webinar

Ofsted South East region will be hosting a webinar for schools and parents at the end of this month. The Regional Director has written individually to all schools within the region inviting them to participate and requesting that they inform parents of this opportunity.

Ofsted have identified an increase in cases where on-line access has placed children in danger. Grooming, radicalisation and child sexual exploitation are often perpetrated via the internet and pose a real threat to children of all ages. Given this rise in incidents, Ofsted have worked with the Breck Foundation to offer schools and parents a webinar to identify and consider dangers presented by the internet. We provide guidance for

school staff to support their work and explain how Ofsted inspects this aspect of safeguarding.

The webinar also offers guidance to parents about how to help their children stay safe. This webinar will be presented by Hilary Macdonald, Senior Her Majesty's Inspector, Daniel Lambert, Her Majesty's Inspector, and Lorin LeFave, founder of the Breck Foundation.

The webinar will be hosted on 31 January at 19:00. You can register for the webinar via:

<http://bit.ly/OnlineSafetyWebinar>

NSPCC Sponsorship Assembly

Today were visited by Emma from the NSPCC. Emma's message was about how to 'speak out and stay safe' and what to do if the children had any worries. She also spoke in assembly about a maths challenge that the children are going to complete in school, which parents and carers could sponsor them for. The money raised will go to the NSPCC to help fund Child Line and the work the NSPCC continues to do to protect children from harm.

ELT Peer Moderation

On Wednesday this week the head teachers from Hinchley Wood Primary, Claygate Primary, Thames Ditton Infants, Thames Ditton Juniors and Long Ditton St Mary's came to spend time looking at our school. We have been visiting each school in the ELT to identify strengths and areas for development. I must tell you that they were extremely impressed with the behaviour of all the children! One of the areas we had asked them to

investigate was our use of 1, 2, 3 Magic. They commented that they couldn't really say about it because the children were all so well behaved that not once was there a need for anyone to even be given a 1! They all stated that the children were 'polite and courteous' all day and that they were confident and eloquently spoken. The children who spoke to our visitors all spoke enthusiastically about their school and school life. I was very proud of all the children and the staff – well done everyone ☺



Visit from Author Tim Knapman

Tim Knapman will be visiting us on February 9th. Tim is a very famous author, often his books are read on CBeebies, and he has written loads of books. We are very excited that he will be visiting our school and this week you will have all received a Parent Mail with information about Tim and order forms for his books if you would like to receive one signed by him. The order forms must be returned with the cash payments to the school by Friday 2nd February so that all the orders can be processed.



Finance Letter

Next Wednesday we will be circulating a letter from the ELT heads about the funding of schools to all the parents and carers in the ELT. Please look out for this letter – it is very important for you to read!

Birthday Books

Thank you to Daniel for the wonderful birthday book for your class!

Golden Manners Table

Joining me on the Golden Manners table on Monday will be Nora, Coralie, Eilidh, Aira, Rufus and Finley – because they all demonstrated excellent manners this week!

Class with the most attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is Moonstone with 97.93% ☺

Thought for the week: 'Resilience is knowing that YOU are the only one with the power and responsibility to pick yourself up.'

Have a brilliant weekend!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been talking about Winter, and especially about birds in Winter. How do birds keep warm? How can we help to make sure our birds get enough to eat during the Winter?

The children have been birdwatching and we have been using binoculars to look closely at the birds around our school. We have recorded our findings on a tally chart. These tally charts have been sent home with your child so that you can do your own birdwatching! This weekend is the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch and you can go onto the RSPB website to enter your own findings: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

We have continued to learn our sounds, and some of the children have started blending sounds to make CVC words: m,a,t; s,a,t; b,a,t. All of the children are doing so well with this and we are so proud of them.

As we have started going into Celebration Assembly the children have started to bring home Golden Certificates. These are special awards to celebrate your child's achievements in Nursery. The children have loved going into assembly and receiving theses and singing the celebration song.

Lastly, please be aware that there are several cases of Chickenpox reported in Nursery.

Happy birdwatching, have a great weekend,

The Nursery Team ☺☺☺☺☺☺

Reception

We have had an exciting week in reception. This week we have been learning with our Mini Me, little

versions of ourselves. We were each given a Mini Me on Monday and have been doing lots of activities with them all week. In our outside learning space, we took our Mini Me on lots of adventures. They visited lots of different habitats, including the jungle, north pole and a woodland. We made furniture for our Mini Me out of junk modelling. We wrote sentences to describe what our Mini Me had been doing. In maths, we were learning about more or less. We counted out cereal hoops and put them on sticks, we then decided which stick had more hoops and which stick had less hoops.

Next week we have special visitors coming to reception... dinosaurs! The whole week's learning will be about dinosaurs. We will be making dinosaur eggs out of Modroc and learning lots of new information and facts. In literacy, we will be collecting all our facts on dinosaurs to make a class fact file. Each child will make their own page for the book, they will write a fact and draw a picture to go in the fact file. In maths, we will be adding single numbers together. We will be counting dinosaur eggs in two groups and then adding them together to see the total number of eggs. We will also continue to look at special stories which are important to people. Next week, we will hear a new story and act it out.

We need old newspaper to make our dinosaur eggs next week, please bring in any old newspaper that you have. A big thank you!

Show and Tell: Squirrels

Theme: Dinosaurs/ adventure/ eggs

Vocabulary: add, plus, total, altogether, sum, equal, group, fact, true,

The Reception Team ☺

Year 1

We have had such a busy week! In Maths this week we have been using metre sticks and rulers to measure various classroom objects and also objects outside. We wrote down the measurements and compared what we found, we then double checked to make sure our measurements were accurate. We decided what we would use to measure the various objects and whether we would need to use a metre stick or a

ruler. Each time we were careful to make sure we started measuring on the 0 and on the line instead of the very edge of the ruler.

We have also enjoyed some problem solving activities in Maths and really used our thinking skills.

In Literacy this week we have learnt about singular being one and plural being two or more. We looked at various pictures and decided if they were singular or plural and if they were plural (more than one) if we needed to add an 's' or an 'es'

We also debated whether we would prefer to be Jack from Jack and the Beanstalk or the Gingerbread man. We then wrote reasons for and against our decision.

We also had a letter from Aunt Lucy (from the film Paddington) asking us to write her a letter describing all the different things that she can do in London. We had to make sure we used Capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and an exclamation mark for a wow and a question mark for a question.

Home Learning

Maths – Can you give your child a ruler and a tape measure and show them how they are similar and how they are different. Also discuss what different things you might use a tape measure to measure. Discuss the difference between centimetres and metres.

Literacy – Can you write a letter to a friend telling them about your weekend?

Show and Tell group - **Hippos**

Year 2

This week in Maths we have been learning about different units of measurement. We have been estimating and measuring the length of different objects using centimetres and millimetres. After deciding on some top tips for success, we used a ruler to draw lines accurately, in some cases to the nearest millimetre! Our top tip was to make sure you start measuring from the 0 when using a ruler. We have also been learning about weighing in grams and kilograms and reading scales.

In Literacy we have really enjoyed trying to solve and write our own riddles. We wrote clues for a riddle about a friend, using adjectives to describe them and their personalities. We know that clues need to go from the hardest clue to the easiest, each clue needs to go on a new line and that our riddles need to end with Who am I?

Of course, Amethyst Class had a super trip to Wagamamas! A great time was had by all – using the electronic scales which linked well with our Maths topic and also learning how to take orders and trying tasty fruit smoothies. Many thanks to the parents who helped out. As part of Literacy we wrote letters to thank the staff at Wagamamas for organising and running such an enjoyable and educational visit for Year 2.

We would also like to say well done to both Amethyst and Diamond who have presented fantastic assemblies over the past two weeks. Both classes worked really hard to learn their words and songs, and performed brilliantly!

Homework: Punctuation Activity – rewrite the written passage into your homework book with the correct punctuation.

Key vocabulary: cm/ centimetres, mm/millimetres, g/grams, kg/kilograms, weigh, measure, length, clue, riddle.

School Office

Friends

It's ground force weekend! Hope you can still make it, the weather looks fine for the morning and early afternoon so we should be ok. If you can offer any equipment, please let Jessica know. As much time as you can spare from 8.30am - 1.30pm with some bacon butties for lunch.

At the end we will hopefully have a beautiful garden and play area for our children where they can play and learn. Don't forget, if you bring the children on the day they can watch a film safely in the school. There will be some pre order forms for the ball and discounted room rates will be sent out next week.

On Sunday 18th March, there will be a family fun run for anyone feeling sporty! Sponsored by

Ditton Hill Road, Long Ditton, Surbiton, Surrey, KT6 5JB

<http://longditton.surrey.sch.uk>

Matthew James and starting at 9.30. More details and sponsorship forms to follow. If anyone's free to help out, please let Jessica know jessica2179@yahoo.co.uk

Finally, last week's Bake Sale was a great success, we raised £85 and the leftovers will go to tomorrow's grafters. Thank you to everyone who baked, brought and bought - every little helps!

Cheers
Friends

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Value Stars: Resilience



Betsy (Topaz)
Parth
Frankie M
Will
Oscar P
Monique

Golden Certificates:

Diamond Class
Forrest
Tuuli
Rufus
Amaya
Florence
Ethan
Elsie
Sofia
Evie
Jack D
Peter
Kiara
Sophie G
Henry J

Credit Card:

Declan
George G

Birthdays:

Enrico – 7
Nyla – 4
Daniel – 4
Will – 7
Jan - 7

Outside Achievements:

Amelia was awarded Learn to Swim Stage 3
Adam achieved 10m distance swimming award
Christopher was awarded his 10m swimming badge

DIARY DATES

February 2018

Thursday 1 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.05am Sapphire class assembly – parents/carers invited to attend Yr 1 visit to St Mary's Church in the afternoon
Thursday 8 th	9.05am Moonstone class assembly – parents/carers invited to attend
Friday 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Author Tim Knapman visiting school Finish at 3.00pm for half term break
Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th	School closed – half term break
Monday 19 th	Return to school at 8.45am
Monday 26 th	Start of Book Week
Wednesday 28 th	Yr 2 to Polka Theatre

March 2018

Thursday 1 st	World Book Day
Friday 2 nd	Dress up day – favourite character from a book
Wednesday 7 th	3.30-8.00pm Parent Teacher Consultation appointments
Thursday 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.05am Ruby class assembly – parents/carers invited to attend 4.00-6.00pm Parent Teacher Consultation appointments
Monday 12 th	Living Eggs Arrive
Thursday 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.05am Topaz class assembly – parents/carers invited to attend 6.00pm Full Governing Body Meeting
Monday 19 th	Start of Sports Relief week

EVENTS / ACTIVITES (outside of school) / Adverts



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School Meals Supervisory Assistant Required

Start Date: As Soon As Possible

Monday to Friday (the school is willing to consider different working patterns)

12:00noon to 1:15pm (6.25 hrs per week)

Salary Range: £15,874 - £16,173 (Pro Rata)

Salary £2,289 per annum (approximately)

Applications are invited from enthusiastic persons to join our school. We can offer you a school with a friendly and supportive staff and opportunities for professional development.

The successful applicant will have:
The ability to work constructively as part of a team
A good level of literacy and numeracy

Long Ditton Infant and Nursery School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. It expects all staff to share this commitment and the successful applicant will be required to undertake a DBS check.

If you would like an application pack please contact Kellie Nolan on 0208 3984398 or e-mail knolan@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

Visits welcome.

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Join this free webinar to hear more about the role we all play in keeping children safe online. In particular:

- strategies for keeping children safe online
- danger signs and how to spot them
- what to do when things don't feel right

Presenters



Lorin LaFave
The Breck Foundation
Founder of The Breck Foundation and mother of Breck Bednar who was tragically murdered by someone he met online.



Daniel Lambert
Ofsted
Her Majesty's Inspector of schools, south east region.



Hilary MacDonald
Ofsted
Senior Her Majesty's Inspector of schools, south east region.

This session is specifically designed for parents, teachers, school staff, local authority staff and others who look after, and are responsible for, children in the south east of England.

Online safety

Webinar

Wednesday 31 January 2018 | 7-8pm

Find out more and register free at:



bit.ly/OnlineSafetyWebinar