



# LONG DITTON

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

THE HEART OF LONG DITTON SINCE 1911

### NEWSLETTER

#### 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018

## LATEST NEWS

### **Dear Parents and Carers**

Thank you to all the staff and all of the families who came to the open evening. The feedback I received was all very positive and I hope you enjoyed seeing all the progress your children have made since the start of the school year.

### **International Week w/c 9<sup>th</sup> July**

Next week is international week and in this week each class chooses a country to learn facts and information about. On Friday of international week the children and teachers usually dress up in the style or colours of their class' country, but this time, because it is still going to be hot, we will ask the children to come to school in 'HOLIDAY CLOTHES'. This means anything cool but practical for travelling in eg, shorts/skirt and t-shirt, summer dress. Sensible shoes should be worn eg. canvass shoes, trainers, sandals with buckle or Velcro fastening. Please, for safety reasons, NO flip flops, crocs or strappy sandals.

First thing on Friday morning all the children will go to the hall and we will pretend to fly to the different destinations. They will have made passports and suitcases and on landing the children will each visit two different classrooms to find out about two different countries. The children value the learning during this week and Friday is always a celebration of all the information each class has found out!

### **Change One Thing**

I received a 'Change one thing' yesterday about not having book bags but having rucksacks so that the children can cycle or scoot to school more easily. While I know it is too late for the coming September to arrange this, I will be finding out

information how to get rucksacks with our logo on and how much these will cost. I will keep you informed on the progress we make with this great idea.

### **Reports**

You will have received your child's report and found out your child's new class. If you did find any mistakes in your child's report please bring it back so that we can reprint. Also make sure that you speak very positively about their new class and teachers and all the wonderful things they will be learning about next school year over the summer. What you say will make a very positive difference to them and help them if they were feeling anxious.

### **Ice Pop Challenge Winners this week**

The Ice Pop Challenge winners this week were Moonstone Class with 85 smiley Faces!!!

### **Birthday Books**

Thank you to Charlotte for the birthday book for her class.

### **Good Manners Table**

This week Jack, Sophie, Wilf, Charlie, Declan, Jake, Amaya, Forrest and Nora were all on the Good Manners table. We spent the time talking about their weekends, paddling pools, swimming and what we did to keep cool. Oh and football of course!

### **Governors Needed**

Our school needs two community Governors to join our Governing body. These Governors can't be

parent governors, we already have our quota of these, but they could be people that parents or carers may know. This could be neighbours, grandparents or other people who live in our community. If you do know someone who may be interested, please speak to them and ask them to get in touch to find out more information.

### **Class with the most attendance**

The class with the best attendance this week is Moonstone Class with 97.7%!

### **Thought for the week**

Our new Value of the month is 'Courage'.  
'Courage doesn't mean you don't get afraid.  
Courage means you don't let fear stop you.'

### **Have a football- tastic weekend!**

**Mrs Paines**

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## **Nursery**

Another exciting week in the rainforest! The children have been amazing learning and drawing and colouring to create camouflage pictures for their animals ☺

Thank you for the coffee dregs, we could do with some more please.

Thank you in advance to Olly's dad and hopefully Harrison's dad to help turn the wormery upside down.

Please keep the kitchen rolls coming in next week to create our rain sticks.

Next week, as well as learning about castles as the children requested, we will be following the school with International week. Nursery is going to be America. We will learn line dancing, look at the American flag and eat popcorn during our get together in the garden on Wednesday. On Friday 13th July the children could dress in red, white and blue to represent the American flag; stars and stripes or if they wish, a cowboy or Indian. However, we have another busy week so see how

they feel and no worries, anything goes except flip flops and open toed sandals!

Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th will be our last library days, so please have a look through and return any books you still have at home - thanks. There is no more baking but most of the children enjoyed the smoothies with tropical fruits pineapple and bananas. Thank you to Jessica and Emma once again!

The optional activities this week is 'd' for dragon, and 'b' for bugs. The hand writing patterns follow the Castles and Knights theme we will again be following. Also next week, some children will be visiting Topaz and Ruby class again and we will continue this until the end of term.

Please do not forget the Nursery get together on Wednesday 11th July; you can dress up and bring a picnic blanket and parents or carers can come and have fun, wear a fun hat while the children dress up as princes, princesses or bugs!

Is anyone able to look after or share in looking after our fish, Barry and Shep, for the summer holidays? Please see one of the team. ☺

Have fun this weekend with the tennis, the flower show and football! Amazing - so much to do! Last day of Nursery is Wednesday 18th July.

The Nursery Team ☺☺☺

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## **Reception**

This week, it has been pirate week in Reception. We have been doing lots of pirate based activities, including making treasure maps, learning pirate facts and using co-ordinates to plot on a map. On Thursday, it was pirate day. All the children came to school dressed as pirates, they all looked amazing. We started our day with a pirate treasure hunt. We explored the school for clues and then found a treasure chest in the woodland area, full of jewels and coins. Afterwards, we had a delicious pirate party in our outside area. A massive thank

you to all the parents and carers for the donated food, the children had a feast.

Next week, it is multi-cultural week. Each class in the school will be learning about one country during the week. On Friday, children can come dressed in their summer clothes ready to go on a tour of the world. Children will be taken on a tour of each classroom to learn about each country. Ruby class will be learning about China and Topaz class will be learning about Russia. We will be learning facts about the country, performing a traditional dance and making some artwork. It is going to be a very exciting and busy week!

**On Friday, please can your child come dressed in their own summer clothes. Thank you.**

**Vocabulary:** countries, traditions, culture, flags, currency

**Show and Tell:** rabbits

**Theme:** Multi cultural week

The Reception Team ☺

**If you have any junk modelling please can you bring it into school, thank you! Please remember NOT to bring any packets/boxes that have contained nut/sesame or other seeds.**

The Reception Team ☺

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## Year 1

What another lovely sunny week! Following on from our beach trip last week we have been learning about beach safety. We thought about the dangers at the beach and the importance of the lifeguard, sun cream, swimming safety, and stranger danger awareness.

In Literacy this week we have been very busy, we have enjoyed reading the story, Fantastic Mr Fox. We used the story to write a poem. We tried to use lots of adjectives to make the poems really interesting. We even tried to challenge ourselves by adding rhyming words. We also completed our end of term assessments.

In Maths the children have been developing their problem solving skills and practising ways to sort

and classify information. They played lots of games, sorted different pictures and talked about their reasoning for the choices they made. They have also been busy consolidating their learning about time, practising how to read a clock, adding and subtracting an hour from a given time.

In PSHE we have been thinking about this month's value, courage. We have been talking about the changes of class and year group and exploring our feelings about this. In DT we have completed the moving pictures that we started last week. They look great and we have had lots of fun working out how to make different parts move.

**Home learning:**

**Literacy** – Can you write a poem based on a story you love?

**Maths** – Can you challenge yourself to tell the time to half past, quarter past and quarter to?

**Show and tell group** - Lions

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## Year 2

Another busy week has flown by! As well as visiting Stokes Field, year 2 have completed the 'Pedals' Road Safety Course. Thanks to the FRIENDS we have also enjoyed a fabulous baking session, making and decorating gingerbread men.

We have been working in partners a lot this week. In Maths we have completed practical problem solving challenges with a partner, and have continued to create charts to display data that we have collected. In Literacy we also worked with a partner on the 'Purple Mash' computer program to write and illustrate a recount of the Great Fire of London.

In History we found out about the jobs people did at the time of the Great Fire of London and compared them with the jobs people have now. We thought about which job we would most and least like to do.

We have been very excited to visit our new schools and meet our new teachers.

## Next week

We will begin the week on Monday with our trip to AirHop. Please remember to wear PE kit to school and bring a named bottle of water.

It will be Multi-cultural Week.

Amethyst will be finding out all about Korea and Diamond will be focusing on Italy.

We will be tasting food from our country, learning a dance, and listening to music from that country. We will also find out about the art and culture, the currency, and what makes that country unique.

On Friday we will all be boarding an aeroplane to visit some of the other countries and join in with activities to share what we have learnt.

**Key vocabulary:** data, bar chart, pictogram, habitat, insects, recount, currency, landmarks.

**Home learning:** Write a letter to yourself! (see homework book)

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## School Office

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## Friends

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The end of another week and we all get a little closer to realising our babies will soon be in the next year group! Gulp!!

Today is the last of the ice lolly sales, next week Amethyst will be selling sweets and books, SoccerStarz figures and tote bags! If your tote is getting a bit grubby, now is the time to replace it, or if you have a long lost family member that doesn't yet have a bag, problem solved!

These are now just £2!

In a few weekends there is the Kingston Dragon Boat Races on the Thames at Canbury Gardens, Lower Ham Road, Kingston KT2 5AU on SUNDAY 22 JULY 9.30am - 4.30pm - ALL SUPPORT WELCOME!

A crew of 32 brave souls are taking part in the Kingston Rotary Dragon Boat Race on Sunday 22nd July to raise money for our wonderful school.

We, as parents, carers, friends and grandparents try to support the school by raising money in various ways. This is the second time we're entering this race and we've now got two boats with lots of winning potential (look out for Up Ditton Hill without a Paddle and Speedy Gonzales).

Please support us by sponsoring us, if you are able to - any amount will be amazing and will be going to a good and worthwhile cause.

[www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/LDISDragonBoatRace2108](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/LDISDragonBoatRace2108)

Soon we will also be shaking buckets at the school gates – please donate any loose change you have.

*After Race Celebration:*

At around 4.30pm we will be heading to The George Evelyn, who have kindly sponsored us, for an after race party.

It would be great to get as many of you as possible there to celebrate the race, our school and our community.

Also we have set up a school account for Amazon Smiles, where Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price to our school

Always start at <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>

Have a great weekend

Friends

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### ValueStars: Courage



Alfie  
Enrico  
Summer  
William B  
Jack Wa  
Marley

### Golden Certificates:

Nila  
Emma  
Marcy  
Louis G  
Peter  
Cerys  
Joe  
Quentin  
Jack H  
Elliot G  
Harry N  
Monique  
Zack  
Iris  
Jasper McG  
Parth  
Elena  
Tom S  
Alex B  
Sophie G  
Poppy C  
Topaz class

### Credit Card:

Monique  
Isla C  
Ava C



Charlotte – 6  
Amelia – 7  
Ethan - 6

### Outside Achievements:

Natalie won a tennis medal and was awarded her Level 1 learn to swim badge  
Hattie was awarded the ASA Rainbow 100m backstroke swimming certificate  
Cerys came 5<sup>th</sup> in her age group in the Tolworth Gymnastics Club competition  
Emily W received a certificate for completing the Reception Spanish course  
Natalia took part in her ballet school's dance show at Epsom Playhouse

## DIARY DATES

### July 2018

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Multi Cultural week Yr 2 trip to AirHop – <i>please return the Visit Permission form</i>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Afternoon – Yr 1 visit to Surbiton Hockey Club Yr 2 to visit LDSM Juniors Yr 6 Leavers' Production (afternoon)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery get together
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Yr R Fire Engine visiting school 2.15pm Rocksteady Concert (parents/carers whose children take part are invited – please email the school office if you will be attending)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	2.00-3.00pm Yr 2 Leavers' Disco
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Yr 2 Leavers' Assembly Nursery last day
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery closed
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery closed 9.15am Church Assembly at St. Mary's Church – all welcome <b>School closes at 1.30pm</b> for the Summer holidays

### September 2018

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day – school closed
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day – school closed
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	8.45am Start of Autumn term for Yrs 1 & 2

# EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school) / School Adverts

Please note the school does **not** promote or endorse any children's clubs or activities advertised.



## After school craft club from September!

I can collect children from Long Ditton Infants & St Mary's and take them to my purpose-built cabin on Rectory Lane to paint pottery, canvases, decorate bags/t-shirts and other craft activities (1 per day). I will include a light tea and can keep them up to 6pm! £28 per day or £24 if regular bookings. Workshop days in school holidays - book your children in now for a summer arty sessions!

Qualified NNEB with DBS & 1<sup>st</sup> Aid

Call/text Michele on 07961960274

Email: [micheleweland27@gmail.com](mailto:micheleweland27@gmail.com)



## Pilates at the Palace

A pop-up summer series of outdoor Pilates classes on the beautiful riverside terrace of The Mitre Hotel opposite Hampton Court Palace.

Saturdays 10am  
14th/21st/28th July  
£15 per class or  
£35 for all three



Book your mat now!

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...for our children



## KINGSTON DRAGON BOAT RACE

**SUN**  
**22**  
**JULY**  
9.30am - 4.30pm



ALL SUPPORT WELCOME!

ON THE THAMES AT CANBURY  
GARDENS, LOWER HAM ROAD  
KINGSTON KT2 5AU

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After Race Celebration from 4.30pm at The George Evelyn, 64 Ditton Hill Road, Long Ditton KT6 5JB  
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## Have a Go Day Surrey

FREE sports taster event for people with a visual impairment. Come along and enjoy tennis, cricket, football, gymnastics, goalball, dance and much more!

Sunday 15th July, 11am to 5pm  
At Leatherhead Leisure Centre, Guildford Road, KT22 9BL

Open to all ages and abilities. Register online at:  
[www.britishblindsport.org.uk/bbs-have-a-go-days/](http://www.britishblindsport.org.uk/bbs-have-a-go-days/)  
Contact Alex Pitts, Participation Officer  
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