



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

13th July 2018

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Phew! What an incredible week! A massive thank you to the teachers, staff and parents and carers for all working together to make this such an interesting and hands on week. I know that following the 'flight' this morning I thoroughly enjoyed my visits to China, Australia and South Korea. I got to try noodles, 'fairy bread', Vegemite, made a fan, wrote Chinese writing, made a boomerang and found out a fact about the Echidna. The children were excellently behaved and it was great to see them exploring and learning so much. Thank you everyone!

Ice Pop Challenge Winners this week

The Ice Pop Challenge winners this week were Topaz Class with 76 smiley Faces!!!

Birthday Books

Thank you to Barnaby, Poppy C and Dylan for the birthday books for their classes.

Good Manners Table

This week Freddie, Elliot G, Joseph R, Eloise, Emilia, Jack, Roshan, Matthew and Phillip have all demonstrated excellent manners and sat on the Good Manners table with me. Well done!

Half Price Book Fair

Thank you to all those who visited the half price book fair last week and purchased books. We made £416.70 and this enabled us to choose £41.50 worth of half priced books from the book fair for the library. Thank you!

GB Athlete Peter Bakare – sponsorship money

A wonderful thank you to your generosity in sponsoring your child when Peter Bakare, the Olympic Volleyball player, visited the school during Sports Week. The grand total of sponsorship money raised was £990.00. After deducting the admin fee, £280 goes to the GB athletes and £350 to the school to purchase PE/Sports equipment ☺

Change One Thing – Rucksacks

This week we have been investigating the idea of having a rucksack instead of a book bag and there have been some issues. Firstly, the rucksack would cost £12, double that of the book bag. Secondly, and most importantly, would be the storage of the rucksack. We took it and measured how much space the rucksack would take up. Each rucksack takes up 3 coat peg spaces. We tried them on the backs of chairs and they stick out so much that children wouldn't be able to walk past them. We considered rearranging the cloak rooms and purchasing more coat pegs but we couldn't find enough wall space to be able to fit 180 rucksacks. Therefore, the answer to the rucksack change one thing is a no.

Class with the most attendance

The classes with the best attendance this week are Ruby, Moonstone and Diamond, all with 99%. Fantastic, well done!

Thought for the week

'Success is not final; failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts.'

Have an ideal weekend!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

Howdy everyone!

We have learnt a little about America this week - the flag and tried some line dancing and ate some popcorn. On Wednesday we thoroughly enjoyed Hannah's visit and fun activities and games at the Nursery get together sessions. Some of the activities are simple and you can follow up with similar in your garden this summer using some natural objects. Thank you to all you wonderful parents/carers who came with younger/older siblings - it was lovely to see you all there. We hope you all had as much fun as we did!

Next week is catching up, consolidating their learning and making sure all their work is in their Learning Journals. These will be sent home if your child is moving on to another school next year. If your child is staying at this school, their Learning Journey will be given to their Reception teacher to share with your child in September. We also hope to make another visit to the Yr R classes next week.

A huge thank you to Harrison's Dad and Olly's Dad for their help in emptying and tidying the top garden; it will be all ready for September to introduce some more new worms. A slithering huge thank you to Ms Buckle for bringing in her snake 'Bo' who is a python. Thank you so much. He only eats once a week!

Can anyone help please?

Can anyone look after our fish Barry and Shep over the summer holidays? Please let us know if you can have them or share having them, I can drop them round anytime next week 😊.

The Nursery outside area is being resurfaced over the summer break and all the outside equipment needs to be move to the front of Nursery. If anyone is available to help do this on Thursday 19th or Friday 20th next week, please let us know. Thank you.

It leaves me to say a 'humongous' thank you to all your support and care this year. Your children have been fantastic and they are a credit to you. We are thrilled to have been part of sharing their learning and development this year.

Enjoy the weekend,

The Nursery Team 😊.😊.😊.

Reception

This week at school, it has been multi-cultural week. Each class has been learning about a different country from around the world. Ruby class learnt about China and Topaz class learnt about Russia. We had lots of fun finding out where each country was on a map and learning facts. Ruby class made some Chinese fans and Topaz class made some Faberge eggs. On Thursday, we tried some traditional food from each country. Ruby class ate Chinese rice and Topaz class had blinis with cream cheese. On Friday, we dressed up in our summer clothes and visited year 1 and year 2 classrooms to learn about other countries.

Reception were very lucky this week as we have had two special visitors. Ms Buckle brought her pet snake into Reception. We learnt lots of new information about snakes and we all felt very brave stroking the snake. The local fire service also came to visit us this week at school. We met real firemen who let us explore their fire engine and even use the hose to shoot water across the playground.

A massive thank you to Ms Buckle and the local fire service for giving up their time to visit us.

Vocabulary: future, change, proud, determination, resilience

Show and Tell: badgers

Theme: new beginnings, proudest moments of Reception

The Reception Team 😊

Year 1

The children have had a very exciting week. Sapphire class have enjoyed learning lots of facts about France and Moonstone class have been finding out about Australia.

In Sapphire class the children have been learning how to say days of the week and months of the

year in French. In dance they have been performing a French folk dance. They have also been learning numbers to 20 in French and applying their skills by adding and subtracting the numbers. They have been creating fact files about France. The children also made their own passports and suitcases ready to visit a different country (in a different class) on Friday. The children have been learning about paintings by 'Claude Monet' and have been using water colours to create their own piece of Art work. They have been finding out about one of the reasons why France is a significant country and have been learning about 'Tour de France'. We have also been completing crosswords, learning 2D shapes in French, learning body parts in French, French colours, weather and animal names.

Moonstone class have been learning about the Australian currency. In Dance they have been using their body parts to move around as Australian animals. They have also been learning about 'time' in Australia and have been looking at a world clock to find out the difference in time between England and Australia and the reasons for this. The children have combined their knowledge about Australia into a fact file. In Art they have been looking at examples of aboriginal art; looking closely at patterns and the meanings behind them. The children have also been learning about the Danetree Rainforest.

Vocabulary

France – days of the week, months of the year, colours in French

Australia – aboriginal, great barrier reef, endangered animals

Home Learning

Literacy and Maths – Can you share with your friends and family all of the facts that you have learnt about your class country? Can you find out another interesting fact about your country to share with the class on Monday?

Show and Tell group – Hippos

Year 2

What a lovely week! We started with a visit to AirHop where the children demonstrated their fantastic skills on a trampoline, playing dodgeball and leaping into the foam pit. A super time was had by all!

What a lot we have learnt about different countries during Multicultural Week. We began the week creating a spider gram of the facts we already knew about our country (Korea for Amethyst and Italy for Diamond) and at the end we added so many pieces of information. We learnt how to count in a different language, found out about the history of the country and tasted delicious foods.

On Tuesday we visited St Mary's Juniors to watch the Year 6 Leavers' Production which was brilliant. We have also been practising our Leavers' Assembly. Please help us to learn our words off-by-heart at home.

Next week:

Tuesday 17th July 2-3pm – Leavers' Disco. Children can bring in party/disco clothes to change into to wear to the disco in a named bag.

Wednesday 18th July – Year 2 Leavers' Assembly at 9:15 am.

Children can bring a named board game to school on Wednesday to play with their friends.

School closes for the Summer Holidays on Friday at 1.30 pm.

REMINDER: Please bring in a named carrier bag on Monday to take work home.

There is no home learning, enjoy a final weekend of reading. We would also like all reading books to be handed in on Monday.

School Office

Friends

Hi everyone

Close to the end of the year, and just a big thank you to everyone who has contributed this year, the bakers, the organisers the donators and the committee! Thanks to everyone who has already expressed an interest in joining the committee next year and we look forward to seeing some new faces. If anyone is interested please get in touch; there will be an AGM in the Autumn term to swear in the new committee and see what plans we have for the year, please come along!

I trust people are looking forward to their summer plans. Just thinking ahead to September, we are still able to offer a discount at Easy 2 Name, and if you select 'Long Ditton Infant and Nursery KT6' fundraising group when placing the order, we also get 20% cashback for the school.

Remember the **Dragon Boat racing**, Mrs Pains has joined a crew too, Speedy Gonzales! It would be great to see you by the river on the 22nd cheering on our school's teams!

Cranbury Gardens Kingston, from 9.30am.

I'm sure you have stopped to admire our painted rockery area! Just a reminder these are not part of the Long Ditton Rocks fun, please don't think you have stumbled over the 'mother lode' of a find and then attempt to re-hide these! These are part of the school rockery; please could you leave them for everyone to enjoy!

Finally, for those who have not yet bought a paddling pool off Amazon, if you can log in via Smile.amazon.co.uk and search for Friends of Long Ditton Infant and Nursery we will also get cash back from your purchases, at no additional cost to yourselves!

Have a great weekend

Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

ValueStars: Courage



Isla C
Aydin
Alfie W
Freddie F
Elliot B
Daisy L

Golden Certificates:

Marcy
Alfie R
Sophie G
Emilia
Jasper M
Heidi
Zac
Amelie O
Mikail
Zayn
Oscar F-S
Isla E
Amaya
Aira
Sijun
Issy

Credit Card:

Daisy
Iris O
Jasper M
Carmelle



Barnaby - 4
Poppy C - 5
Dylan - 5

Outside Achievements:

Felix achieved his 200m distance swimming badge
Rex was awarded 'Yr 2 progress in French' medal winner
Isabelle H climbed 18 metres up a tree using a harness and ropes
Alex completed a half marathon
Lara achieved Grade 1 certificate in Fencing and was awarded Stage 1 Learn to Swim certificate
Michael received a certificate for completing 1 year dance, drama and singing training at Jigsaw Performing Arts
Wilf was awarded his White belt – 5 Tags at the Tora-Kai School of Judo
Agnes was awarded Duckling 4 Swim England certificate
Emily was awarded a certificate for French club

DIARY DATES

July 2018

Tuesday 17 th	2.00-3.00pm Yr 2 Leavers' Disco
Wednesday 18 th	9.15am Yr 2 Leavers' Assembly Nursery last day
Thursday 19 th	Nursery closed
Friday 20 th	Nursery closed 9.15am Church Assembly at St. Mary's Church – all welcome School closes at 1.30pm for the Summer holidays

September 2018

Tuesday 4 th	Inset Day – school closed
Wednesday 5 th	Inset Day – school closed
Thursday 6 th	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 & 1st Aid

Call/text Michele on 07961960274

Email: michelewelland27@gmail.com

Summer Holiday Activities



Perfect Peg Dolls
Thursday 26th July
11am-12 or 2-3pm
Cost: £3

Paper Window Boxes
Thursday 2nd August
11am-12:30pm or 2:00-3:30pm
Cost: £3.50

Superhero Masks
Thursday 9th August
1-3:30pm Drop-in session
Cost: £1

Unicorn Cushions
Thursday 16th August
2-3:30pm
Cost: £4.50

Wooden Aeroplane Gliders
Thursday 23rd August
1-3:30pm Drop-in session
Cost: £1.50

Sea Life Pencil Pot and Topper
Thursday 30th August
11-12pm
Cost: £3.00

www.chertseymuseum.org/events
Call 01932 565764 to book your place



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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

www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/LDISDragonBoatRace2108

After Race Celebration from 4.30pm at The George Evelyn, 64 Ditton Hill Road, Long Ditton KT6 5JB
It would be great to get as many people as possible to celebrate the race, our school and our community



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/
Contact Alex Pitts, Participation Officer
Tel: 07929 356 428 or email: Alex@britishblindsport.org.uk

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