



# LONG DITTON

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

THE HEART OF LONG DITTON SINCE 1911

## NEWSLETTER

### 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019

## LATEST NEWS

### **Dear Parents and Carers**

What a wonderful day of travel today has been. The children started off their journey on a magic carpet ride and then this morning was spent visiting different countries around the world – to try foods, design and make artefacts and to learn facts. Thank you to all the staff for creating classrooms and learning activities for all the children to experience. And a huge thank you too to all the parents and carers who came into school to talk to the children about the different countries, or who baked and made things for the children to try. On more than one occasion I heard 'I've never been to Poland' or 'I've never tried this food'. It was a brilliant morning for everyone – well done ☺

### **Quiz Night**

Thank you to everyone who came to the quiz night – it was such a fabulous one! Congratulations to the winners Ameruby Team who only just beat the teachers by 2 points! A huge thanks to everyone who wrote, organised and ran the evening. You are all stars!

### **Potatoes!**

We all tried the potatoes that we grew for lunch on Tuesday! They were delicious! Thank you to Lorraine in the Juniors' kitchen for preparing and cooking our potatoes!

### **Golden Manners Table**

Harrison, Esther, Maia, Sophia, Ethan, Lara and Louis were on the Golden Manners table this week. We talked about what was good about being in year 2 and shared that with the younger children.

### **Birthday Books**

Thank you to Dylan and Alana for choosing birthday books to give to their classes.

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

Diamond and Topaz classes, both with 98%. Well done!

### **ELT Newsletter**

Today you should also receive the ELT newsletter containing information of all the things we have worked together with others schools in the ELT over the year. Please take a moment, if you have one, to read over what we have accomplished so far. Next year we hope to do even more jointly with the other ELT schools.

### **Water Safety**

As we approach the holidays it is important to remember to ensure that we educate our children about keeping safe around water. First Aid for Life have created some practical tips and guidance to help ensure our children are safe. You can access their training by following this link:

<https://is-hosted-email-api-prod.appspot.com/api/v2/public/email/5581282491760640/6082963932446720>

### **Thought for the Week**

Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes it is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying 'I will try again tomorrow.'

Have a gorgeous weekend!

**Mrs Paines**

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## Nursery

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Happy Friday!

What an amazing week we have had during the school's multicultural week. We have explored lots of different stories from all around the world.

We have also learned lots about Sri Lanka as that has been our special country this week. We have learned about the animals that live there, the people who live there and lots of other information. We made beautiful Sri Lankan pots, that will be coming home next week, when they are dry!

On Friday we joined the school in a magical international adventure, flying all around the world during international day.

Next week, it will be our last week in Nursery. On our last day, Wednesday, we will be having a special dress up day. The children can dress up in their favourite clothes or costumes (as long as they are suitable for a day of playing in and outdoors!) and we will be celebrating a wonderful year in Nursery. The team are very proud of everything the children have accomplished!

A big thank you to Christine for coming in to tell us all about Sri Lanka and to show us all the lovely pictures and interesting things. We all learned a lot.

Have a happy weekend

The Nursery Team ☺

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## Reception

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Reception have enjoyed a fabulous range of activities as part of our multicultural week.

Ruby class have been in Italy and enjoyed creating Venetian masks, learning some simple Italian phrases and numbers, making gelato and tasting breads and olives. Topaz have been in Russia and have made Fabage eggs, Russian dolls and tasted blinis. Both classes have spent their PE time

learning some traditional dances from their respective countries.

On Friday, having made passports and suitcases, we went on a magic carpet ride to visit the other classes. We experienced some of the culture of their chosen countries, as well as sharing some of our learning with the Year 1 and 2s.

A massive thank you to all those parents who visited us this week. The children really enjoyed sharing your experiences of life in another country and it really brought their learning alive.

Next week, is our last week in Reception and we continue our preparation for the move to Year 1. On Wednesday morning, we will once again be visiting our new classrooms and creating a collaborative piece of art in our new classes.

There is no FRED homework this week and we are starting to collect in the children's reading and library books. They will keep their FRED folders and reading records to take to their new classes.

Finally, thank you to everyone who came to Hampton Court on Wednesday evening. The children were excited to tell us all about seeing their work, visiting the storyteller, creating their crowns and, not forgetting, eating the ice-cream!

**Key vocabulary:** language, currency, city, capital city, traditional

### Home learning ideas:

- Please help your child to learn their words for the end of year song 'Oh I do like to be beside the seaside'
- Ask your child to recount some of the facts they learnt as part of multicultural week.

### Coming up next week

Wednesday 17th July Year 1 transition morning for children

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 9.15am end of term Church Assembly – all welcome

Have a great weekend

The Reception Team

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## Year 1

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This week we have really enjoyed multicultural week and having the chance to visit different countries.

In Moonstone class, we have been learning about France. We've learnt where France is and the capital of France. As well as this, we have learnt about many different landmarks in France including the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe. In dance, we worked together to recreated the shapes of the different landmarks. We have also been learning about the Tour de France, including this year's route, the prize they win and the length of the race. The children had a special visit from Quentin's mum who talked to the children all about France. The children got the chance to ask questions and try food that she had brought in, including croissants and homemade crepes to try! The classroom went very quiet at this point! She also spoke to the children about how they write in France and the children had the chance to practise writing their name in this style. We have also learnt some French this week including days of the week and numbers. In art this week, we have been learning about the French artist Monet and they have created their own impressionist painting.

In Sapphire class we have been learning all about Australia. We have learnt about all the different places in Australia and exciting things you can see and do there. Mrs Eaton was lucky enough to visit Australia for 3 months when she went travelling and she showed us all her favourite photos of her next to the famous landmarks and different Australian animals! We learnt all about The Great Barrier Reef, Sydney Opera House and Sydney harbour bridge. We also learnt about Ayers rock. We have been looking at the different animals that you can find in Australia such as kangaroos and koalas. In Maths we learnt all about the Australian currency and made problems for each other to solve. We have also looked at the time difference between here and Australia. In Art we made some Aboriginal pictures using the ends of a cotton bud on black paper to add detail. The children also enjoyed tasting different Australian food, such as

Vegemite, fairy bread and Anzac biscuits. All week the children have been developing their mind maps of all the things we have been learning.

All the Year 1 teachers would like to say a massive thank you to all the parents who helped make this week so memorable, taking the time to bake (lots!) of biscuits and preparing presentations and activities for them to complete. All help from parents is really appreciated.

### Home learning ideas:

- Make a fact file about a country of your choice
- Tell someone at home about the facts you've learnt about your country

### Reminders

- Please bring in a plastic bag to take books home next week

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## Year 2

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What a lot we have learnt about different countries during Multicultural Week. We began the week creating a spider diagram of the facts we already knew about our country (Poland for Amethyst and Belgium for Diamond) and at the end we added so many pieces of information. We learnt how to speak in our different languages, found out about the history of the country and tasted delicious foods. A massive thank you from Diamond Class to Mrs Bredenoord who shared such a lot of information about life in Belgium and kindly gave us foods to taste and Belgium wrist bands to wear!

Also, we've been busy practising our Year 2 Leavers' Assembly and are really excited to share our hard work with you next week!

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

There is no home learning, but please help your child to practise their words and songs for our assembly. We would also like reading books to be handed in on Monday.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July** - We will be having an art and games afternoon. Your child can bring in any appropriately aged board or card games they

would like to play. Please make sure they are named. No electronic games – thank you!

### Diary dates - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

- **9:15am** Leavers' Assembly & Graduation followed by a picnic and games for the children in our woodland area. Children to bring in their own picnic of their favourite foods.
- **2:00 – 3:00pm** Year 2 Leavers' Disco. Children to bring in a change of clothes for the Disco.

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## School Office

### Request for spare underwear and socks

We have run out of supplies of boy / girl pants and socks for spares in the event of accidents. If anyone has any good condition spares suitable for infant school age children, donations would be appreciated. Please drop them in to the school office. Thank you.

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## Friends

Thank you to everyone who came to the Quiz and the drinks last night, I hope you are all feeling alright today and there are not too many sore heads! A huge thank you to Jo and Peter for writing the quiz and hosting it, it was a fantastic night, Congratulations to Amaruby on their victory!

Thanks to Amethyst for the ice lolly sale today, next week Moonstone will be selling them on the emotional last day of term.

There will be some help needed tomorrow (Saturday) at the school to plant the donated plants, if anyone is able to spare an hour in the morning please give Desiree a shout [desireeharris@sky.com](mailto:desireeharris@sky.com)

Preparations for the Family Fun Day, Ditton Yer Bike Cycle and Children's fun run are all well underway. Humphrey and Brand Are donating a child's bike to our sporty raffle and we have some other lovely prizes including a FitBit go with it. If

you have anything that you are able to donate, please pass onto one of the Friends.

We have a fantastic new fundraising opportunity, that will raise much-needed funds for our school while saving you money! LittleBird will donate £2.50 to our school for every Family Pass bought using our special code. Please see that separate document for the code to use and further information.

On the 16th July we are holding a bake sale to raise money for the Dragon Boat Team, we will be taking donations on Tuesday morning. The Dragon Boat race on Sunday 21st July involves a crew of 17 parents from Long Ditton Infant and Nursery School who will be taking part in the Kingston Rotary Dragon Boat Race to raise money for our wonderful community infant school. This is the third time we'll be participating in this race and we're convinced we have lots of winning potential. Our team is called Speedy Gonzales – hopefully a reference to the performance that we will achieve. Previously money raised has included helping to buy laptops, a new trim trail, theatre trips and library books. Please support us in our endeavour to race along the Thames in our Dragon Boat and sponsor us if you are able to - any amount will help and will be going to a worthwhile cause. Current and future children attending the school will all benefit from the money raised.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/displayCharityCampaignPage.action?charityCampaignUrl=DragonBoatRace2019>

Have a great weekend everyone

The Friends

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### ValueStars: Courage



Asiya  
Maia  
Oliver B  
Parth  
Sophie G  
Martha  
Olivia G

### Golden Certificates:

Jacob D  
Georgina  
Georgy  
Emerald Class  
Omar  
Sienna  
Jade Class  
Hattie  
William S  
Jack D  
Agnes  
Harrison  
Ruby class  
Patrick  
Nila  
Archie W

### Credit Card:



Betsy  
Nora  
Olly  
  
Dylan – 6  
Theresa - 6  
Sean - 4  
Poppy C - 6

### Outside Achievements:

Emily received a medal for Spanish club  
Parth received a medal for French club  
Olivia S received her Duckling 2 Swim England certificate  
Georgia was awarded Badge 5 for gymnastics  
Noa passed Fairy Dance 2 ballet  
Daisy was awarded a dance trophy for Miss Personality 2019

## DIARY DATES

### July 2019

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Transition week
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.15am Yr 2 Leavers' Assembly</li> <li>2.00-3.00pm Yr 2 Leavers' Disco</li> </ul>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery last day - finishes for summer holidays
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.15am Church Assembly at St Mary's Church – all welcome</li> <li>1.30pm school closes for the summer holidays</li> </ul>

### September 2019

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day – School Closed
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Autumn term starts for children in Yrs 1 & 2 at 8.45am

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

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



**LONG DITTON INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL**

**Rotary Marnon**

**LONG DITTON INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL**

**Sunday 21st July**

**KINGSTON**

**DRAGON BOAT RACE**

9.30am - 4.30pm

ALL SUPPORT WELCOME!

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

After Race Celebration from 4.30pm at The George Events, 44 Ditton Hill Road, Long Ditton KT2 5AU. It would be great to get as many people as possible to celebrate the race, our school and our community.

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/DragonBoatRace2019>

**After School Childcare Required!!**

*Is anyone looking for some extra hours???*

From 5<sup>th</sup> Sept until 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019

Mon-Fri

Approx 4pm-7:30pm

Long Ditton

2 boys ages 9 and 6

Please contact Angie for more details

07904 058 376  
[angie@angiemudge.com](mailto:angie@angiemudge.com)

Requirements:  
Pick-up from Long Ditton Infants & Long Ditton St Marys  
Meal prep  
Homework help  
Getting ready for bed  
Days per week are flexible if you can't commit to all 5

**KT6 Litter Pickers**

**2ND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH**  
**9.30 - 10.30AM**



14<sup>th</sup> July

Meet by the tree next to Manny's.  
All welcome.  
Join us on Facebook to find out more!

**HUMPHREY & BRAND**

**DITTON YER BIKE**

Join us for a charity BIKE RIDE

*Ditton to Ditton 50 or 80 Miles*

All monies raised will go to Long Ditton St Mary's School, Long Ditton Infant School and The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity  
Contact: [rebecca.lowth@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rebecca.lowth@hotmail.co.uk)  
Closing Date: 26 July 2019

**SUNDAY 22 SEPT 19**

In aid of **The ROYAL MARSDEN Cancer Charity**

**Long Ditton St Mary's**  
Church of England (Aided) Junior School

