

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has been Children's Mental Health week and the children have been busy learning about 'Growing Together'. We started with a whole school assembly streamed via Place2Be's website with a very special message from Olivia Coleman. Some classes then followed up from this assembly by making support balloons to remind themselves of who supports them as they grow both physically and emotionally. The children then looked at what emotions they feel and how we can support these. Some of the older children explored how we may look on the outside can be very different to how we feel on the inside. The children have also looked at developing different strategies for regulating their emotions such as breathing, reading and mindfulness.

UKS2 Basketball at The Weald

On Wednesday 9th February, some of our Year 5 and 6 children competed in a Basketball Festival at The Weald. They started the afternoon with some coaching from Mr Meaney (who is head of PE at The Weald) and then played games against four other schools.

We had a fantastic start winning our first game against Slinfold: lots of children managed to score resulting in the game finishing 8-4 to us.

We then felt slightly overwhelmed when we faced some all boys teams who had clearly had a lot of practice and some very tall, skillfull players! However, we worked hard and didn't give up. We lost our next three games: Loxwood 2 -6 Camelsdale ; Loxwood 2 - 8 Barns Green; Loxwood 0 - 6 St Mary's Pulborough.

Congratulations to Billy-Ray who was our top scorer with 4 and Isabella who was really encouraging and supportive throughout.

"I found it really fun. I was able to enhance my basketball skills and it made me really proud representing the school for the first time." (Ellie, Year 5)

Report written by Ellie, Sadie and Lillie (Year 5)



Safer Internet Day:

Tuesday was Safer Internet Day and all the children learnt about staying safe online. This year's theme was about respect and relationships online so the children have explored how to keep themselves safe by not giving away personal details especially whilst gaming. Year 6 even made recipes for staying safe online. The NSPCC produce a range of resources and guidance for helping parents navigate keeping their children safe online. Below is the link that takes you directly to their online page; it has some useful resources.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/schools/safer-internet-resources>

Parent's Evening:

Parent's Evening will be on Tuesday 8th March and Wednesday 9th March, both from 3.30pm to 6.00pm. The booking system will open on Monday morning (14th February) at 8.30am via the e-schools website. These will be face to face, with an opportunity for you to look through your child's work. They are 10 minute appointments. We do ask that you keep to time and if you have any further concerns or need extra time, to make another appointment after this. If you cannot remember your login or have difficulties booking a slot, please contact the school office either via email or phone.

If your child has SEND, the class teacher will be in contact with you next week, to arrange an extended consultation at a different time.



<https://www.loxwoodschool.com/website>

Amazon SMILE:

Did you know that you could help our PALS raise much needed funds for the school through every purchase you make on Amazon? The following link explains how to do this from a web browser and using the app. We are registered as Loxwood School Association and it is quick and easy to set this up and, hey presto, each time you shop, we raise money.

<https://www.aboutamazon.com/news/community/how-to-sign-up-for-amazonsmile>

PALS Valentine Coloring Competition

If you would like to enter the PALS Valentine Coloring Competition, please collect a colouring sheet from the school office and return it by Thursday 17th February. There will be a prize for the best pictures in the Infants and juniors. You could also design your own. Don't forget to put your name and class on the back.



Billingshurst and District Lions Club – ‘Peace Now’ Competition:

The Billingshurst and District Lions club are running an art competition called ‘Peace Now’ for children aged 8, 9 and 10 on 31st August 2022. They are asking children to design a poster promoting peace in the world. The Lions will be collecting our entries on Wednesday 16th March, so please can all entries be back to school by **Monday 14th March**. Attached is a leaflet for parents explaining all about how to enter. We look forward to seeing your posters.

Feedback:

We absolutely welcome your feedback so please feel free to email head@loxwoodschool.com or messages@loxwoodschool.com if you have any feedback for us.

Feedback:

If you want to provide us with feedback regarding our school, please do so here.

General dates

Monday 28 th February	Safeguarding training for parent helpers 9.00am to 10.30am
Tuesday 1 st March	Pancake Races 9.00am to 9.30am
Tuesday 1 st March	U-KS2 Cross Country
Friday 4 th March	Parents to join celebration assembly when their child has received a certificate
Saturday 5 th March	DIY day in school 9.00am to 3.00pm
Tuesday 8 th March	Parents Evening 3.30pm to 6.00pm
Wednesday 9 th March	Safeguarding training for parent helpers 9.00am to 10.30am.
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Monday 14 th March	L-KS2 Football tournament
Wednesday 16 th March	Spring Term House Matches (including Y6 Parents' Matches)
Friday 18 th March	Comic Relief Day – watch this space!
1st July 2022	Summer Fayre

Half Term / End of Term Holidays 2021/22

Friday 18 th February	Last day of half term
Monday 21 st February—Friday 25 th February	Half term
Tuesday 1 st March	Return to school
Friday 8 th April	Last day of term
Monday 11 th April—Friday 22 nd April	Easter holidays
Monday 25 th April	Return to school
Friday 27 th May	Last day of half term
Monday 30 th May—Friday 3 rd June	Half term
Tuesday 7 th June	Return to school
Thursday 21 st July	End of term

INSET days for this Academic Year

Monday 28th February 2022

Monday 6th June 2022



This week's winning house is.....

Brewhurst

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED A CELEBRATION CERTIFICATE

Acorns Taylor for Independence

Oak Class Olly for Enthusiasm and Harry W for Perseverance

Willow Class Ella-Rose for Courage and Baye for Diligence

Rowan Class Lily-Mai for Concentration and Max for Kindness

Sycamore Class Harrison for Friendship and Fifi for Independence

Mulberry Class Lillie for Focus

Chestnut Class Emily for Determination and Dominic for Effort

Headteacher Award Evelyn H for being Kind, Polite, Helpful and Hardworking

Kindness Tree

Sam Year 6

Alfred Year 1