

Dear Years 3 and 4

For those of you that do not know the Governors are a group of people who help Mr George run the school and decide how to spend the school's money to make Loughton the best school it can be for you. We are always trying to think of improvements! We visit the school regularly for meetings in the evenings, but we also try to visit during the school day whenever we can. If you invite us to any special events, one of us will try to come along. We will then tell the other governors all about it. We also read the school newsletter, your class newsletters and the Student Voice, and enjoy seeing reports and photographs on the school website. We have loved hearing about all your activities and projects.

Year 3 Singing 1/19.

You like to celebrate a different artist every month as part of your singing assemblies. January's artist was Whitney Houston. You learnt a little about her life, her impact on the music industry, listened to different songs she sang and learned 'I Wanna Dance with Somebody'.

Year 3 Science 1/19

Your new theme in January was "We Are Scientists!" For the first two weeks you investigated rocks, soil and fossils through a variety of experiments. You then sorted the rocks into different groups. You also created sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous rocks out of chocolate and created models of fossils using gummy bears and bread. And then ate your rocks and fossils!

Visit to Years 4 and 5 by Author Lawrence Prestidge 14/1

Those of you that like Roald Dahl and David Walliams, would probably like Lawrence Prestidge's books too. You had one of his books read to you in class, before his visit. He came into school and talked with you about the first four children's books that he had written.

The Sport for Champions Initiative took place on 17/1

You all had to get your PE kits on for the visit of Leon Baptiste who is a double Commonwealth gold athletics champion. He worked with all of you to complete a fitness circuit as many times as you could in a given time.

Hopefully, this encouraged you to think about a healthy lifestyle. Maybe it also inspired you to be an athlete of the future, like Olympic gold medalist Greg Rutherford, who used to be part of the Loughton family and practised his long jumps in our hall!

The Sports for Champions initiative helps to raise money to support future GB athletics stars, while also helping to raise money for the school to invest in sports and other school projects.

Year 4 Indian Dance Workshop 8/2

As part of your India topic, you brought into school icing sugar and desiccated/shredded coconut and made an Indian dessert called Coconut Bharfi. After school finished you performed Indian Dances in the Hall for your grown-ups to watch.

Hinduism Day Year 4 18/1

On 18th January Year 4 learned from a visitor all about Hinduism, which is one of the religions of India. You were allowed to come into school in brightly coloured clothes.

A visitor came in and told you all about the life of an Indian Hindu. You had some Indian face painting, wore Indian dress and performed a traditional Hindu wedding. You were enthralled with the Indian tales and the religious journey of your visitor.

NSPCC Assembly 22/1

The NSPCC presented their Speak out Stay Safe programme to give you all information on how to keep yourselves safe from harm.

World book Day on 7/3

Years 3 and 4 explored the work of Drew Daywait. Your learning concentrated on his books 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and the 'The Day the Crayons came home'. You came into school dressed up as your favourite book characters or your favourite crayon colour.

The year 6 teachers wore some very 'flattering' rainbow coloured jumpers to represent the crayon rainbow from the books. Throughout the day, they shared books and stories with you to celebrate the love of books.

Comic Relief day 15/3

You were able to come into school with a red top, and a red nose or Deeley Boppers. Many of you made 50p donations and you learned in your PSHE lessons about the work Comic Relief does.

Years 4 and 5 Shakespeare Production Romeo and Juliet

Auditions were held and you had to memorise a line and recite it with expression. You worked hard to learn your lines and your teachers helped you in the lunch break. You performed in front of the rest of the school and your grown-ups. You were rightly proud of your performance. Romeo and Juliet were played by Macy and Eve.

Rock your Socks celebrating World Down's-Syndrome Day.

You came into school wearing your funkiest, brightest, odd socks to show that everyone is colourful and unique. The theme was 'leave no one behind'.

Family Fun Run 5/4

Lots of parents came to support you. Some took part by running along with you while others cheered from the side-lines. With sponsored running you raised over £1,600 for the School Fund.

Year 4 STEM Week 23-26/4

Year 4 spent the whole school week learning about planes as part of Science, Technology and Maths. You explored the early days of aviation, learning about the Wright Brothers and Amelia Earhart. You observed how modern aeroplanes look very different to the early designs from the beginning of the twentieth century. You discovered how the design of the plane helps keep it in the air. You considered the shape of the wings and the tail when you each designed your prototype. You evaluated it and then used it to build your aeroplane. You had to practise DT skills including using a saw and a glue gun. You tried your planes out, and many of them were able to stay in the air. You learned about the history and science behind flying an aeroplane as well as the importance of designing and using equipment carefully.

Year 4 Thinktank in Birmingham 30/4

The visit started with a workshop in the theatre on electricity. You saw the 'Things about me' gallery and learned all about how your insides worked and saw a cross-section of a real brain! You had to use your brains in the Science garden which brought to life engineering, mechanics and transportation with over 30 hands-on exhibits. You also learned all about recycling, composting and caring for, and being safe in our environment.

Outdoor Learning Club On Tuesday 30/4

Ten children from Outdoor Learning Club met two representatives helping the Parish Council. They provided buckets filled with seeds, sand and soil so that you could sow the Millennium Meadow, which is near the school. The mixture contains 30 different types of wildflower.

On 7 May, the Outdoor Learning Club went around the school grounds on a bug hunt. You looked in various places, including the log pile, along the hedgerow and in the LS garden. You found a whole range of invertebrates, including a snail, a slug and a bumblebee collecting pollen from the rosemary flowers.

Year 3 peripatetic violin showcase assembly 7/5

Your visiting violin teacher came in to lead a celebration violin concert. The violinists playing were mostly from year 3. All the children were able to play the pieces chosen in time and with confidence.

Summer Festival 14/6

The rain stopped briefly, and the sun shone. The PTSA organised stalls, food and drink. There was singing and live music with Mr George on the electric guitar and in good voice. Years 3 and 4 performed their Bollywood style dance and also some country dancing. Over £3000 was raised for our School.

Family open day and picnic on 15/7

Your grown-ups will be coming to see you at work in your classrooms and Showcase Gallery Art Exhibition when every one of you will have a picture on display.

The Years 4 & 5 disco 17/5

It was well-attended and some of you enjoyed dancing along to your favourite tunes. Over £370 was raised from the event.

WW1 memorial at the MK Rose 15/6

Two Loughton School students took part in a WW1 ceremony at the MK Rose in Campbell Park.

Albert French signed up to fight aged 15 with the Kings Royal Rifles and died a week before his 17th birthday in France. At the Ceremony of Remembrance, Gabriel read some of Albert French's emotional letters home to his family in Wolverton. Elliott played the Last Post. The event was attended by important people such as the MK Mayor. Well done Gabriel and Elliott.

Loughton's Scarecrow Festival 2019 16/6

The theme in this year's Festival was 'Heroes and Villains'. Those of you in Wrap Around created 'Spider-Man vs. The Joker!' You made a life-size cobweb using recycled materials, wood and sparkling paint and worked together to join it into the perfect web. Spider-Man was created by stuffing an old Spidey suit with carrier bags and then the head was made with stuffing and felt. The Joker was made from an old coffee sack which was painted in his classic purple suit colour, and he was pinned to the cobweb via Spider-Man's long and sticky spider web. Well done to all of the children who took part in your creation. Hundreds of visitors have admired your hard work and £10,000 was raised for the upkeep of our lovely local All Saints Church.

Year 3 visited the Tower of London 27-28/6

Although it was quite a long coach journey, you very excited to spot some of the famous landmarks on the way. At the Tower, you learned about crime and punishment. You met a knight who told you many tales of previous prisoners, including John Gerard, who escaped from the Salt Tower after being tortured. You visited some of the prisons and were amazed to see that they were quite reasonable, with features including a big window and a huge fireplace. Not what you had imagined!

Some of you were lucky enough to see the Crown jewels and could not believe how many there were and how sparkly, intricate and precious they looked. You saw the dress that Queen Elizabeth II wore for her Coronation.

Some of you read about the legends of the ravens, which states that the Tower of London will fall if the six resident ravens leave. Thankfully there were seven ravens there. Your teachers were proud of your good behaviour.

Library

You will all by the end of term have been on a 45-minute walk to Milton Keynes Library, and many of you will now have library cards and will have borrowed books and carried them back to school. Hopefully, many of you will take part in the Summer Reading Challenge which you can enter at any of the local libraries after the school holidays begin.

Student Voice

Congratulations to those of you selected for the Student Voice and for all your efforts to recycle lost property to those less fortunate around the world.

Schools Athletics Festival at Stantonbury on Saturday 6/7

Isla F won a silver medal in the 600 metres and the Years 3 and 4 relay team won the gold medal in a thrilling race.

We have loved hearing about all your activities and projects. You have had a very productive year, and you should all be most proud.

Well done. We hope you all have an enjoyable summer holiday.

Best Wishes
The Governing Body
Loughton School