

## **Dear Years 5 and 6**

As you know, the Governors write to you from time to time to recognise your hard work and achievements. We also read the school newsletters, your class newsletters and the Student Voice, and enjoy seeing reports and photographs on the school website  
We love to hear about all your activities and projects last term and this term.

## **Viking theme Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

You had a Viking workshop on the first day back after Christmas. Bjorn (a Viking actor) visited and showed you his weapons and told you about the Vikings. You took part in different activities throughout the day including stick wrestling, playing board games, exploring various artefacts and grinding grains into flour. You were surprised that the chain mail was so heavy and that executions were long and full of torture. The day ended with the 'execution' of Miss Brago: Mrs Gill along with two volunteers demonstrated the Viking ritual of 'Blood Eagle.'

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

Those of you that like Roald Dahl and David Walliams, would like Lawrence Prestidge's books too. You had one of his books read to you in class, before his visit. Then he 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 medallist Greg Rutherford, who used to be part of the Loughton family and jumped beyond the end of the pit at Denbigh.

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

## **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. They also ran a Years 5 and 6 workshop.

## **Year 6 Spelling Bee Competition**

You were given ten spellings each week to learn and were tested on them. Then at the end of the term, you were tested on 20 spellings out of the 120 you had learned. Your scores were added together, and the average for each class calculated. The final score was close. HB14 came in second place, and HB15 won narrowly and were able to keep hold of the trophy they won in the Autumn.

## **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. Those of you chosen had to work 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**

Many of your grown-ups 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.

#### **Worktree in STEM Week Year 6 4/19**

On the first day back after Easter, you were treated to a day of activities provided by Worktree (<https://worktree.org/>) who are a local group of volunteers providing careers talks and inspiration for young people. You took part in games and group sessions designed to open your minds to jobs and careers to aspire to. The Worktree volunteers introduced four guests who you then interviewed to try and find out what their job was and then asked them questions about their roles in the organisations they work for. Tara, Principal Engineer from Network Rail was hugely inspiring and told hilarious stories about things that have gone wrong in her career. Caroline, an IT testing operator from Dominos provided treats and pin badges for you.

#### **Year 6 Stem Week 23-26/4**

Each class was split into five groups of six and every day you were set a different challenge. All the challenges were based on the same topic: stranded on a desert island. On day one, you had to build a hut that could withstand a windstorm (a hairdryer on full power around 2 ft. away). On the second day, you had to build a bridge that could hold the weight of about ten India rubbers without collapsing. On the third day, you had to put a message in a bottle. It had to be waterproof to keep the message dry and it had to float. The catapult was your challenge on the fourth day. It had to be able to throw a cork/bead at least 30cm. The final challenge was to build a raft which floated while holding a certain amount of pennies without tilting.

#### **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 Millenium 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.

#### **Bikeability, Year 5**

A number of you took part in the Bikeability training which was offered at the beginning of May. You each attended three sessions led by trained instructors to work towards your Level 2 Bikeability cycle training. On quiet roads you were taught effective road positioning, communication with other road users and rights of way. Many of you said how valuable you found the training.

#### **Year 5 - KidZania 9/5**

This year you went for the first time to KidZania in London. It is designed for children up to age 14 to blend learning and reality with entertainment. During a 4 hour experience, you were able to choose from several real-life activities and test your skills in a variety of professions. To prepare for the visit you started to think about what you might want to be when you are older. Popular choices were; author, artist, YouTuber, and teacher. On Thursday 9 May you went by coach to London. You waited in line to enter, and it was set up like an airport. You were given 50 kidzos to spend and then turned the corner into the city which looked very real! There were different activities in the city. Sometimes there was a charge which meant you had to spend your kidzos for the experience. Other times there was a salary paying you for doing the job. Some of the jobs you could do were: delivering packages across the city, designing your own outfit in H&M, recycling, firefighting, dentistry, window cleaning,

midwifery, completing a maths challenge in the library, police officer, becoming a pilot or a news reporter. Some of the experiences were: making your own breakfast bars, extra training to become a vet, making a robot, creating your own Nintendo DS game and cooking. Lots of you chose to save your kidzos instead. When you had 75 kidzos you were able to create a bank account and get a bank card. Some of you were really good at saving your kidzos while others spent theirs fairly quickly!

### **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.

### **Rushmere Park Year 6 17/5**

This was a treat after SAT's. After arriving by coach, you walked into the woods and saw benches made of wooden logs and little fairy doors; and then further on a large wooden chair, fit for a giant. You climbed the chair and had a class photo. You carried on through the woods to an enormous gate behind which were dens made from large sticks and twigs. You continued your walk to a field where you had a snack and a drink. You climbed a hill, passed a lake in which two swans were swimming and saw an enormous metal sculpture of a spider and its web. After lunch you played and then had ice creams before boarding the coaches again.

### **Years 5 and 6 Loughton Celebration Concert 5/6**

Forty-four of you showcased your musical talents on an assortment of different instruments from keyboard to brass along with a whole range of strings and woodwind instruments. The event gets bigger and better each year as more of you want to perform solo or as part of a group.

### **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. Over £3,000 was raised for our School.

### **WW1 memorial at the MK Rose 15/6**

Two Loughton School students took part in a WW1 memorial 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 over the last week have admired your hard work and the Festival raised £10,000 for the upkeep of our local All Saints Church

### **Year 6 Denbigh School Children's University**

Denbigh School offers Year 6 students the chance of joining their 'Children's University'. This involves you attending their school every Tuesday for an hour to take part in a range of secondary school lessons including modern foreign languages (MFL), computing, science, art, drama, and design and technology. This gives you the chance to see what it is like to be in a secondary lesson and become familiar with the building and teachers.

### **Library**

You will all by the end of term been on a 45 minute walk to Milton Keynes Library and many of you will now have your library cards and were able to borrow books and carry 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**

Well done Miracle for winning a silver in the 100 metres.

### **Football**

In the MK Dons tournament the Years 5 and 6 Girls Football team, out of 20 teams, got to the Final and were Runners Up only losing after a Penalty shoot-out.

The Boys team got through their groups to the final stages and came 4<sup>th</sup>.

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