



# Year 6 Newsletter

Spring 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and happy new year. We have returned and jumped right back into our learning, which the children have been very excited and engaged with. Our 'Natural vs Supernatural' theme will explore evolution and inheritance in science. In English this half term, we will be focusing on using visual literacy to create a range of narratives. We cannot wait to see what the children will produce as they have really begun to understand the importance of selecting powerful words which are suited to different genres.

Thank you for your continued support,

*Nana Brago* (Year Leader) and the rest of the year 6 team.

## PE days

**HB13-** Wednesday and Friday

**HB14-** Thursday and Friday

**HB15-** Tuesday and Thursday

**HB16-** Thursday and Friday

## PE KIT

We have noticed that a number of pupils are failing to bring in a change of top for PE and are instead wearing their school polo top. We would ask that you make sure that your children have the correct PE kit of green/white PE T-shirt and black shorts or black sport leggings for indoor PE. Please make sure any belongings are named. For outdoor PE, children are allowed to wear tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirts.

Finally, a reminder; children are not allowed any jewellery in school, apart from plain ear studs, which should be removable. If these are sleepers and cannot be removed, then children should not wear them to school to avoid injury in PE and Games. All children should have long hair tied back for Games and P.E.

## CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

The children have had a fantastic first term at Children's University, learning new skills and being able to familiarise themselves with different teachers and the school. Module 2 will commence on Thursday 23 January. We again will be looking for volunteers to walk to Denbigh each Thursday after school.

If you are willing to help, please email Miss Brago ([bragon@loughton.school](mailto:bragon@loughton.school)) with your available dates so that she can add you to the rota.

In addition to this, please remind your child that they have signed up to Children's University for the year and that they are obligated to have this as their first priority on Thursdays. There have been a few children who have signed up to one off sporting events and have not informed staff that they have signed up for something else.

Thank you in advance.

## SATS INFORMATION MEETING

We will be hosting a SATs information evening on Wednesday 26 February to provide you with information about what your child will be expected to do during their end of key stage tests. We will go through what the SPAG, maths and reading tests will look like, as well as providing suggestions on how you can support your child at home. Please look out for the booking form on ParentMail in the next few weeks.

## SATS CELEBRATION IDEAS

Thank you to all the children that have sent in their suggestions for what we should do to celebrate the end of SATs week 2020. Just a quick reminder that the deadline for suggestions is on **Friday 24 January**. After this date, the teachers in year 6 will sit with Mrs Green to discuss ideas and then create a shortlist for the children to vote from.

I have been very impressed with the thought and effort that has gone into the entries already received.

## **HOMEWORK**

The homework set this term will complement the learning taking place in school. There will be a mixture of mental arithmetic (set on a Monday and to be returned the following Monday), English/SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) set each Friday and to be returned the following Friday) and Theme work set as a project piece of homework. Please check your child's Homework Book/Folders for any work set and support them in the completion of it.

Should your child not have time to complete their homework at home, then they will be asked to attend homework club on Mondays with Mrs Laverick. It is important that all pupils attempt all homework set as it is an opportunity to consolidate their learning.

## **READING**

At Loughton School, we expect the children to be reading at least four times a week at home. This can be with an adult, sibling or independently if your child is a confident reader. It will be the children's responsibility to show their log to their class teacher that they have been reading at home.

Each week that your child reads at home on at least 4 occasions will earn them a raffle ticket in the class jar. A ticket is pulled out half termly and the winning child gets to choose and place an order for a book prize of their choice from our catalogues. The more raffle tickets your child earns, the more likely they are to be in with a chance of winning.

## **SPRING FAMILY READING CHALLENGE**

The beginning of the spring term marks the beginning of our family reading challenge, of which was shared with you via ParentMail last half term. Our author of the month is Michael Morpurgo and the children will be exploring 'From Hereabout Hill' in class as our class read.

We challenge your family to read any Michael Morpurgo book together and to demonstrate this challenge has been completed, some evidence has to be submitted from your child. They could

bring in a photo, write about the family's favourite parts of the book, make a 3D model of their favourite scene etc. This will be rewarded with some raffle tickets for the draw and a reading certificate. Come on – take up the challenge and enjoy the world of reading and some good quality family time.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – SPRING TERM**

### **Maths division workshop for parents (7pm)**

Wednesday 8 January

### **Writing workshop for parents (7pm)**

Wednesday 22 January

### **Choir at Young Voices**

Tuesday 28 January

### **Zoolab visitors in school**

Friday 24 January

### **Mock SATs week**

Week commencing 10 February

### **Parents' Evenings**

Tuesday 11 February 4-7pm

Thursday 13 February 5-8pm

### **Half term**

17 – 21 February

### **Back to school**

Monday 24 February

### **SATs information evening**

Wednesday 26 February 7-8pm

### **Keeping my family fit parent workshop (7pm)**

Thursday 26 March

### **Sports Relief fun run**

Thursday 2 April at 1:30pm

### **Last day of term**

Friday 3 April (school closes at 1.30pm)