



News

Edition 23

For the children

By the children

'Achievements' theme



**During the last edition,
we informed you of our
'achievements' theme
and loved reading all
about all your proudest
moments!**

At Loughton School we have a lot of talented young people. Even the staff have shared some of their achievements with LS News.



I did my ballet exam and I got a distinction!

Emily B HB5

My busy week (poem)

I'm busy all the days of the week!
Munch Mondays – languages and library

Terrific Tuesday – English and maths
Weather Wednesdays – English and maths again

Thrilling Thursday – celebrations!

Fantastic Friday – English and maths again...

Silly Saturday – swimming
and Sunny Sunday – tennis

That's all the days of the week.

Phew!

By Saanyakta K (HB3)



Interview

Mrs Roffey recently received a new job working for a dental surgery and so we welcome Mrs Gates as our new medical co-ordinator.



James T (HB4) our guest editor interviewed Mrs Gates to find out more! We arrived at a break time and she was very busy – there were at least 5 children waiting to see her so he had to ask questions in between patients.

1. **How long have you been working at Loughton School?**

2 years. Before working in the medical room I worked as a classroom assistant and worked with children who need more help in class all over the school.

2. **What did you do before working here?**

I worked for a company called Traffic Master and we used to track stolen cars and I would manage lots of people.

That sounds very exciting – like you're the car police!



3. **Why did you want to do this job?**

I like listening to children and making sure they're happy. I think this job will allow me to do that when I am helping them to feel better. I think that feeling happy at school is the most important thing.

Before working here, I've done a lot of work in the community with toddler groups and adult workshops. In 2014 I received a 'Pride of Milton Keynes' award for my help in the community. That's when I knew I was good at helping people.

Was it scary going on stage to get your award?

Yes because I had to have my photo taken for the Citizen with a comedian called Bobby Davro.



4. What experience do you have of helping in medical emergencies?

I have worked in the medical room before when Mrs Roffey was on holiday. I've looked after the adults who I

managed in my old job when they were poorly. I also have 2 children of my own – one is in year 4 and one is in year 1. They're not sick very often but they have been poorly before. That's been my most useful experience.

5. Who has been your toughest patient so far?

It was Sophia because she was really poorly and so we needed to call her grown-ups to bring her in some medicine.



6. Is this medical job your favourite?

It's very tricky to say because I haven't long been doing it. I've liked all the jobs I've done at Loughton and working with all the children.

Thank you to James T who conducted such a professional interview!

Latest news from the Student Voice

You asked:

Can we have some more sports clubs to attend after school?

We answered:

Mrs Green has arranged for sports coaches to come in and run additional sports clubs.

These include: football, dodgeball, hockey, athletics, gymnastics, basketball, Zumba and netball. Of course we still have lots of other non-sports clubs still running too such as digi-club, choir, art and drama.

We will get a say on which sports clubs are on offer during the summer term too.



You asked:

Can we please have some new equipment for the gorilla tubs?

We answered:

Mr Sullivan topped them all up just after the Christmas break with new equipment. They are each colour coded so that you know what belongs to which year group. He will look at them again after the Easter break and put in more equipment if needed.



You asked:

Can we please have some mirrors in the year 5 and 6 toilets because the year 3 and 4 ones have some but we don't?

We answered:

Mr Bazeley didn't have any spare mirrors and so he bought some new ones for us. 😊 They are now up in the year 5 and 6 toilets near both of the sinks.



You asked:
Can we dress up again for World Book Day (in March) this year?

We answered:
Previously, we have dressed up for world book day every other year. Mr Malloch leads the English at Loughton School so we asked him and he said yes! Keep your ears and eyes on high alert to find out more nearer the time.



You asked:
Can we re-launch the friendship bench as some of the younger children don't really know what it's for?

We answered:
Mrs Carter has said that she will re-paint the bench with some of the children when the weather is a bit warmer in the summer term. The student voice can then come to an assembly in the lower part of the school to re-launch it with them.



You asked:
Can we have play leaders again like we used to do?

We answered:
We cannot have play leaders at the moment as the year 5 and 6 children and the year 3 and 4 children have slightly different lunchtimes. Mr George and Mrs

Green have put a lot of work into trying to make this happen and have decided to change the lunchtime slightly after February half term which will mean that we can bring back play leaders!



You asked:
Can we put on a school talent show?

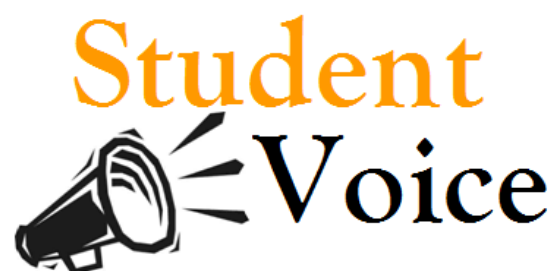
We answered:

Mr George thought it was a great idea and asked the leadership group who were also excited to get involved! We have decided to look at putting on the talent show after the SATs have finished to give the year 6 children something to

look forward to. We will be auditioning to our class teachers and then the best talents from each class will be chosen to perform to an audience.



We really do listen! If you have an idea for how to improve our school – let your student voice representative know and they will bring it to the next meeting!



Mr George's favourite achievement

One of my favourite achievements was playing with a group of famous rock musicians.

When I was 14, my parents bought me an electric guitar and amplifier. I had already been playing guitar since I was 11, and for a Christmas present I got upgraded to a shiny new electric.

After about 18 months, playing with my own band of school friends, I got asked to play in a church concert at the Priory Church in Dunstable. The church had organised lots of local bands (all under 18) to attend and play together as one super-group. They also said that two famous musicians would be coming along.

My friend Paul (bass player) and I went along, and practised for several weeks with lots of other guitarists, drummers, bass players, singers and keyboard players.



The week before the concert, we were told that Herbie Flowers and his guitarist would be the guest stars. Herbie Flowers was (and still is to many musicians) a very famous bass player; he played on tracks by people including David Bowie, Paul McCartney, Elton John, Lou Reed, Cat Stevens. He also played in the group Sky who were very famous in the 1980s (I was a big fan), and played bass on

the big 1970s concept album the War of The Worlds.

On the day of the gig, all of the band members showed up early to set up. I was in the guitar section with the other 2 guitarists, and then Herbie Flowers and his guitarist came in. Herbie was very funny and loud, and was telling jokes. He and his friend set up, and then started playing the tunes we had practised. When it was my turn to play a solo, Herbie turned and nodded at me and I had to play it just right. He spent a long time helping all of us to get our parts just right. We could tell how professional he was.



The gig went really well; we all played together for the first half, then Herbie and his guitarist played a couple of their tunes. Then Herbie announced he was playing Tuba Smarties. This was a famous Sky tune, with Herbie playing a Bb Bass Euphonium. It was very funny and had everyone laughing. We finished the gig with everyone playing together again.

It wasn't the best gig I ever played (that was when I was 35 and played to over 3,000 people – but that's another story) – but it was one of my favourite achievements in that I got to play in a band with a famous rock star!

Our achievements

In Year 3

My achievement is in karate. I received a gold medal around a month ago because I kicked a heavy, rubber pretend person. Now I'm working on my punches!
Freya HB3



I got a headteachers award sticker from Mr George for brilliant maths work.

Aswikan HB4



I play for Roman Rangers FC and have been for around 2 years. Recently we played a match and won 5:1 but we've won a match 16:2 before! We are playing in the 1st division.

James HB2



I do a freestyle and dance studio dancing around 3 times every week. I came first and third place in my most recent competition. I did one fast dance and one slow one.

Amaya HB1



On Saturday 21st January I went to a hotel to meet my kickboxing teacher, Stuart. I went there to collect a trophy in front of lots of people because I was 'outstanding' in my test.



One of my proudest achievements is in gymnastics. Around a month ago I passed my first test and I'm soon doing my second one. I have to be able to back-flip!

Scout HB3



I've been learning how to play the piano for around a year and I've been working on learning 5 pieces for a prep test which I passed. I achieved a certificate. The next step is to enter my grade 1 exam.

Meera HB3



For the last 3 years I have been going to swimming lessons every week. Recently, I moved up a level from stage 3 to 4. I had to swim 10m without stopping and I got a medal.

Rex HB1



Year 5 Cross Country champion!

In January, I took part in an athletics competition at Bletchley leisure centre and was awarded 2 medals; one for taking part and one for winning the 2 lap race. I was running against 3 other people who I had never raced before so I was quite nervous. We were chosen by our athletics managers from different clubs for being some of the best runners in the county.



I am also training at Stantonbury at the moment to compete in the national cross country competition in March. To be entered, you needed to be placed in the top 6 for your school competition. There will be around 100 children across the country who will take part.

By Laura C HB9

The staff have also been thinking about an achievement in their lives which they are proud of. See if you can guess who they each belong to!

Which member of staff is this?

1. My achievement was to walk down a glacier from Italy into Switzerland past the Matterhorn, roped to a guide. We had to cross crevasses and walk in snow that was sometimes almost up to our waists!



2. I ran the silver stone half marathon around the track that the cars drive on for the grand prix in 1:38



3. My greatest achievement in my life is bringing up my two daughters as a single mum. It is a role that you get no training for and therefore it is not an easy task. However, it is one of the most rewarding things you can do. For example: when you see them doing things for the first time (walking, dressing themselves, driving) and the love you receive from them is an amazing feeling. I am so proud of both my girls and I know I have been a big part of who they are now.



4. My most memorable greatest achievements have been climbing Britain's highest mountains - Ben Nevis & Snowdon - twice!! More recently I have climbed Scafell Pike.



5. An achievement I was proud of last year was completing the 10K race for life for the first time. I was never a sporty person at school so was particularly pleased with it. I ran to raise money for research into saving women who are suffering from cancer. This July I am training and plan to complete the same race in 45 minutes.



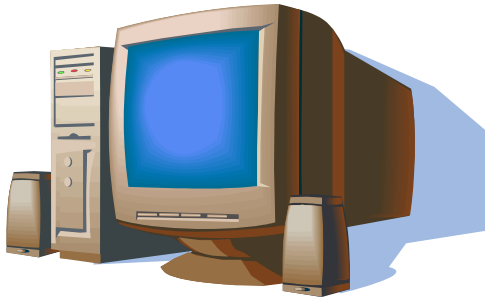
7. When I was 18, I was chosen to represent the United Kingdom at a European Youth Parliament event in Germany. 14 of us travelled by train and ferry to an area called Rheinland-Pfalz, where we discussed important topics such as the environment and cooperation amongst European countries. We also had lots of fun visiting the area and meeting local politicians. I remember the ferry journey home, vividly – the weather was awful and we were all seasick!

6. One of my biggest achievements was earning my 25m swimming badge when I was about 7. I was a very nervous swimmer and always want to keep my feet on the floor. With the encouragement and patience of my teacher I gradually built up my confidence. I was so proud the on that day I finally let go of the wall and went for it! I was even more thrilled the day I received my badge and watched my mum stitch it to my costume!



8. Around 30 years ago, I was responsible for installing all the first computers into BP oil throughout the UK. People were very nervous about using them as they were the first computers in industry. They held 10mb of hard-

disc space which seemed like lots at the time. Today, the average iphone holds 32gb (3,200 times bigger!)




9. Despite working in school finance for a long time, my maths O level was the one exam I took and failed many years ago! After taking the leap, I decided to sit my GCSE and Functional Skills (level 2) last year at the ripe old age of forty something – and passed!



10. About 3 years ago, I was on a skiing holiday with friends and skied down the Olympics down-hill course. It was really difficult but I made it all the way to the bottom without falling over!



Did you guess who each of the achievements belonged to?



Answers:

1. Mrs McPherson
2. Mrs Berry
3. Mrs Ruggles
4. Mrs Cooper
5. Mrs Hazlewood
6. Mrs Judd
7. Mrs Solloway
8. Mr Bazely
9. Mrs Mahoney
10. Mr Taylor

Should children's programmes be taken off the air?

When you think about it, there are tonnes of for and againsts as to whether children's TV programmes should be taken off the air, but this article is here so you do not have to think. No need for a huge discussion with your friends, just sit back and read.



Many people think that children's TV should not be taken off the air because there are programmes, which are educational, for example Newsround and Planet Earth. Other programmes can really boost your confidence levels. Some are inspiring for children, especially if they want to become musicians.

In addition, say you have had a miserable day; you might need something to cheer you up. Comedy shows or entertaining programmes can raise your spirits. It's always good for making your day better if

you're feeling down. Being a child myself, I have full experience of this, but it is not good as a long term source of entertainment because it can have a negative influence on a child's imagination.



Some people think that children's TV should be banned because children often ignore their parents and stop socialising with their family and friends. If you're a parent and your children are often watching TV, then you might think they are addicted. It's like they are trapped in TV world, where they can't take their eyes off the marvellous events happening on the screen.

In conclusion, some people agree with children's TV and others don't. What do you think? Should it be taken off the air? What side are you on? Write to us and let us know your views.

By Charles, Deriye, Abdulaziz and Catherine from HB15 and Usman and Holly from HB14.

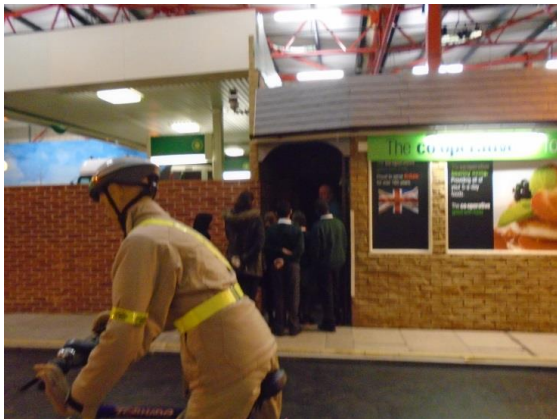
This term's school trips and visits

Year 5 visited Hazard Alley

I experienced an amazing educational trip to Hazard Alley. It was so much fun!



Some of the things I learnt were how to save people in different situations. Full of nerves, I made an emergency call about a girl drowning in the lake. The thing that scared me most was the spider.



My five favourite parts were:

1. How to make sure you are safe when you cross the road.
2. Learning that you shouldn't wear headphones when you are on the road.
3. Knowing I didn't need a booster seat any more.
4. Making and emergency call.
5. Learning how to save someone who has fainted.



By Zahra Q HB9

The school choir visited the
Young Voices concert
in Birmingham

After lots of rehearsing early on a Monday morning it was finally time for the main event! When we arrived at the area, we started our long rehearsal. The pop medley is always last because we start with all the harder ones. Some of the songs we even had to sing in different languages – Welsh and an African language too!



We met some famous people such as Natalie Williams and a really funny man called Andy. We also heard beatboxers and saw urban dancers but they were there to support us – we were the main event!



Our conductor was called David who has been working there for 18 out of the 21 years Young Voices has been running. It was really nice to have him there because he was really good.



After we had eaten our packed dinner, the real show started for parents and visitors at 7pm. People arrived and flooded the arena. Our first song was 'five guys named Moe'. We sang along the chorus with all the other performances such as 'My life' with Natalie.



Everyone was singing their hearts out for each song and even knew all the actions. One of the songs I know really well and was my favourite was called 'Stronger Together'.



At the end, in the pop medley we sang songs which the parents would know by Ollie Murs, Taylor Swift, Justin Timberlake and Adele.



At 9:00pm everyone started to go home but we were near the back of the arena so it took us a while to get out. By the time we were on the coach it was 9:45pm so everyone was really tired. Many children slept on the coach. We arrived back at Loughton School by 11pm and our poor teachers didn't get home until after midnight.



Mrs Hazlewood is our choir leader and she helped us to learn all the songs. Thank you to her for planning for us to go and the other adults for coming with us but Mrs Hazlewood deserves a treat for all her effort! Thank you.



By Rhianna HB12

Joke Page

What did one plate say to the other plate?

Lunch is on me!

By Fabio (HB12)



What did the pencil sharpener say to the pencil?
Stop going in circles and get to the point!

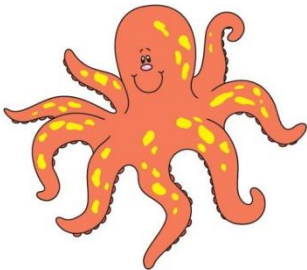
By Fabio (HB12)



What do you call an octopus that steals baby squids?

A squid-napper!

By Miles (HB12)



What stationary is the king of the classroom?

The ruler!
By Suprabath (HB12)



How do you tell the difference between a nail and a boxer?

One gets knocked in and one gets knocked out!

By Miles (HB12)



Why did the teacher wear glasses?

Her class were so bright!

By Fabio (HB12)



Teacher: You're late!
Child: There's eight of us in the

family but the alarm was set
this morning for seven.

By Edward (HB15)



What did one plate say to the
other plate?

Dinner's on you!

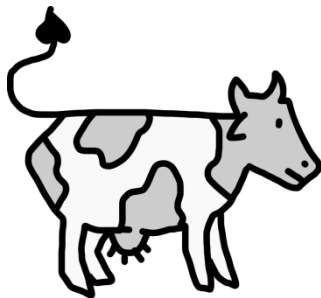
By Miss Churchman



What do you get if you sit
under a cow?

A pat on the head!

By Miss Serginson



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