



# Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been wonderful to see so many smiley faces back at school with us and we are extremely thankful for all your kind words of encouragement. The children have worked hard in their first week to learn all the new rules and have been so well behaved. They have taken all the changes that have been made into their strides and we are extremely proud of them. We know that this year will be a successful one for all pupils.

## **THE YEAR 6 TEAM – GETTING TO KNOW THEM**

### **HB13 – Mrs Kate Lai-Kit (Mon-Weds) [lai-kitk@loughton.school](mailto:lai-kitk@loughton.school)**

Hello! I am new to Loughton School and as an Newly Qualified Teacher I am really looking forward to working with such a great team of adults and children. My particular love is history; I enjoy finding out about different people, cultures and times, so theme this term is going to be exciting. I look forward to getting to know the children, encouraging them to challenge themselves and especially as a year 6 teacher I will be focused on building their confidence to move forward with new experiences.

### **HB13 - Miss Nana Brago - Year Leader (Thurs & Fri) [bragon@loughton.school](mailto:bragon@loughton.school)**

I am looking forward to this new school year as we have been away from school for so long. I cannot wait to teach WW2 as this was one of my favourite topics from last year. I also am looking forward to our residential this year. As they are planned for the summer term, I hope that the weather will be wonderful and that everyone will have an amazing experience that week.

### **HB14 – Mrs Jacqui Laverick - Deputy Year Leader [laverickj@loughton.school](mailto:laverickj@loughton.school)**

I am really looking forward to getting to know our new year 6. Despite the changes to our life around school, I think that we are going to have an exciting year together. I have taught year 6 for many years and I love my job, especially when I get to go on residential visits. My hobbies are keeping fit and reading, both of which I do as much of as I can!

### **HB15 – Mrs Charlotte Brown (Mon) [brownc@loughton.school](mailto:brownc@loughton.school)**

Hi, I've been a teacher for 18 years in secondary and primary, but love being a year 6 teacher. When I'm not at school I am looking after my 2 young children. I love anything to do with crafts and history. I look forward to getting to know you all more over the coming year.

### **HB15 - Mrs Cathy Higgins (Tues-Fri) [higginsc@loughton.school](mailto:higginsc@loughton.school)**

I have spent many years teaching at Loughton School and thoroughly enjoy it. I love being able to teach a variety of lessons; my favourites being maths and history. It has been lovely seeing the children settle back in to school and I am looking forward to watching them become independent, resilient learners, striving to do their very best and shine brightly this year.

### **HB16 – Mrs Jane Solloway [solloways@loughton.school](mailto:solloways@loughton.school)**

I am so pleased to be back in the classroom and can't wait to see what this year 6 brings. Already, I can see that my class are happy to be back with us again and we are going to work as a team to get our learning back on track.

I have a special role in school as "Writing Champion" and the children will soon be telling you about the exciting new resources we have purchased to inspire them to be creative and competent writers. I used to teach languages in the school and am thrilled that this year I will be able to teach French to HB16.

Additional adults that will be working in year 6 this year include:

**6x support group:** Mrs McPherson, Miss Darvill and Mrs Loe

**Learning support assistants:** Mrs Styles, Miss Ruggles, Miss Garner and Mrs Devlin.

## READING

Your child has been given a reading book for home and for school. We are in the process of printing reading logs for them and for you to record what they are reading and their thoughts. We will ask the children to hand back their books by Thursday each week where the returned books will be cleaned, packed away and left for a minimum of 72 hours before they are returned to the class book shelf. At this time, the library is not in use.

## PE days

Below you will find the days each class will have their PE lessons. As per the information distributed at the beginning of term, children will need to come to school in PE kits on the following days:

**HB13-** Tuesday and Thursday

**HB14-** Wednesday and Thursday

**HB15-** Monday and Tuesday

**HB16-** Wednesday and Thursday

Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for any weather that we may encounter as weather predictions for the day may not always be accurate.

Finally, children are not allowed any jewellery in school, apart from plain ear studs, which should be removable for PE lessons.

## LEARNING THIS TERM

This term, the title of our theme is 'From Darkness to Light.' The aim of this theme is to inspire year 6 children across a range of different subjects including science, design technology, history and RE. It links the darkness of World War Two through our chosen text "Letters from the Lighthouse", to how light is produced and the Jewish festival of Hanukkah. During our learning journey, we will uncover the secrets of one of the most significant events of the 20th Century and its local significance including learning about Bletchley Park.

You can also find out what your child is learning this year by visiting our school website and looking at the theme webs at the bottom of the following page: <https://www.loughton.milton-keynes.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum+Overview&pid=53>

## HOMEWORK

The homework set this term will complement the learning taking place in school. Our homework page link is as follows:

<https://padlet.com/sollowayj/YEAR6Homework>

All homework will be distributed on **Friday** and need to be submitted by the following **Thursday**. Please encourage your child to use the homework book to jot any ideas down or practice spellings, then upload their learning to the shared learning section for feedback.

Each week, pupils will receive mental arithmetic and English/SPAG, (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) homework. Theme homework is set as a project piece each half term. Please check your class Padlet page for any work set and support them in the completion of it.

We would also like children to read regularly and discuss their books with an adult at home. Even if you feel they are confident readers, they benefit from showing off their skills and talking about their reading.

## END OF KEY STAGE 2 SATS

It is yet unknown what SATs will look like for our year 6 pupils but any information that is shared by the government will be shared with families as soon as it is available. At this time, we ask at present in line with what has been published, **End of Key Stage 2 SATs** will take place in the **week commencing 10 May 2021** – Please make sure your child is in school for this week as no absence will be authorised for this period.

We also ask that parents do not use any existing test papers at home as they are used in school as part of our termly assessments. By testing your child at home, we are unable to accurately give a test score or assess your child's understanding and gaps based on this assessment. If you have used any tests during lockdown, please email Miss Brago to let her know.

Thank you for your support so far this term. We look forward to an excellent and exciting last year at primary school for your child.

Best wishes,

*Nana Brago* (Year Leader)

and the rest of the year 6 team.