

# Written by the children, for the children.



## Summer 2022

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In Year 3, for our homework we have been learning to build a carriage to use recycled materials and we have to complete 3 challenges. I have decided to do the 3rd challenge which is to carry an egg down a slope without anyone touching it. The other 2 challenges are to go 1M without touching it and the 2nd one is to let it turn a corner without falling over. On the 23 of May, year 3 are going to test their carriages to the challenges they picked. Year 3 also had Science Day and we did loads of experiments for the whole day.

By Naomi



### Axolotls by Ollie

This is an axolotl and here are the top five facts about them.

1. Only use black sand if it is longer than 6 inches
2. When their horns are forward they are unhappy
3. You can get black, white and golden ones
4. They can grow up to one foot long
5. They can turn into land animals

*The children chose all the topics for this term's bumper edition. Hopefully, there is something for everyone to enjoy reading about! Don't forget to check out the Jubilee pages too!*

## Crystals



Crystals are types of rock that have the ability to have powers such as cleansing your house and/or heal you and more! Crystals are very interesting, such as crystals called Tourmaline, Pyrite and Quartz. They all help in a way and in one way, they help with problems and Mental Health Problems. The health problems can range from pain to Mental Health Problems such as PTSD, mainly Smoky Quartz helps with that. As long as you have many Crystals you don't feel like you need another Crystal. Crystals can be very expensive, because there is a Crystal that in 20 years, can be no longer be mined.

By Michael and George

## Minecraft Story by Gabby

When I created a Minecraft world, I was lucky. 3 sheep, A herd of cows and 2 pigs were near me! I killed the 3 sheep first, then the cow herd and the 2 pigs. Then I mined 4 Trees and crafted a Crafting table and mined 4 more trees. I made a Wooden sword and pickaxe and night rose up. I murdered a horde of zombies 2 skeletons and a creeper! When day 2 began, I found a village and mined for iron! First, I got a stone pickaxe and sword, Then I Found some Iron and when I was on Y 10, I found diamonds! 10 diamonds I found I and made an iron pickaxe and mined Them! After 10 minutes of mining, I got 52 diamonds! day 3 began Before I got to the surface. I found 10 obsidian in a chest and went to the Nether. Just in case the Portal breaks, I have a flint and steel. I created a diamond sword and pickaxe and I found a bastion and I have gold. I traded the piglins and murdered some hoglins and piglin brutes. Finally, I found a Nether fortress and murdered some wither skeletons for wither skeleton skulls and blazes for blaze rods. I got 16 blaze rods and hunted for 16 endermen. All endermen I killed dropped an ender pearl and I crafted the 16 blaze rods with the 16 ender pearls and I got 16 eye of

enders. I came back to the overworld and found the stronghold. I found the portal room and placed the eye of enders. I was in the End. I saw the ender dragon, flying around the island. I shot the end crystals and defeated the ender dragon. I got the dragon's egg and headed home. The End

## Minecraft Jokes!

Why did the ender dragon struggles to read books?

Because she always starts at the end!

Did you hear about the creeper's birthday party?

It was a blast!

Why cars don't exist in Minecraft?

Because all the roads were blocked off!



## MOSAICS!

By Aanya and Evie

Back in January, there was a mosaic competition that invited lots of schools in Milton Keynes to show their artistic talents. These pictures were for the reading garden in Shenley Church End.

These are the drawn:



A bunny  
An owl  
A fox  
A squirrel  
A badger  
A hedgehog

animals that you could have

## **THESE WERE THE WINNERS OF THE COMPETITION!**

Aanya (HB7)

Sharanya (HB8)

Oliva (HB5)

Evie (HB6)

Farah (different school)

Liam (HB11)

There were over 250 entries when the time was up! There was a three-step judging column including runner ups. It was almost impossible to pick only six winners, well done to all the competitors and all the people who participated and well done to all the judges.

## THIS IS THE HISTORY OF MOSAICS

Mosaics were first created 4000 years ago at least. Mesopotamia came up the idea that spread around the world. Romans liked to use them to decorate their posh buildings, walls and floors. They are still used in the present day.

## KidZania

On Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> of June all year fives figuratively became 21 years old and got to experience many jobs: News Reporters, Secret Agents, Ventilation Purifiers and working at a Petrol Station. Here is a beginner guide for what you will need to know when going to KidZania! The greatest part was becoming a News Reporter, as we got to talk about a fire at the Grand Flamingo Hotel. We also got to talk with some survivors whom one burst out of the window and talked to us about their experiences. It was also very fun becoming a card Designer (In the Pokemon Anime Designer job) and we had so much fun, I had a Rowlet Card and he had a nice bow tie and also a special Crown. At the end everyone went to the shop where you can spend your KidZo's (the KidZania currency) you can spend it on many things but the only thing I could afford was the bouncy eyeball.

By George and Michael

### TIPS TO SAVE THE ENVIROMENT! by Sapphire

If you want to save the environment start with these simple steps:

Don't drive to school unless you live far away (like me and my friend Amelia).

Plant more fruit AND veg.

Make little holes in your fence if you can so hedgehogs can squeeze through.

Go litter picking if your bored it may seem small but it can make a huge difference

PLEASE PLANT MORE TREES TOO.

Also go to shops that sell paper bags not plastic.

Also try not to buy plastic toys.



## BRING BACK THE OLD WAYS!

by Evie

Do you ever miss eating in the hall?

Do you remember the times (if this happened) when you could eat in the hall then once you have finished you could just go outside and there would be an adult already out there? What about when you could pick if you just wanted custard or where you could sit? The reason all this changed was because of Covid-19 so we had to eat in our classrooms and line up to go out altogether.

So, this is a something for the teachers to maybe consider after corona virus:

### PLEASE BRING BACK THE OLD WAYS!

What do you think?

If you have any suggestions or comments about this issue, please email the editor—

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Here is the final article from our year six reporters.

### **Moving up to Secondary School**

Moving up to secondary can be scary and exciting. This article is designed to put you at ease about moving up to secondary. Check where all your classes are meant to be before its time to attend them. This will prevent any possibilities of you arriving at your class late. If you use a planner or a diary this can help you remember important things you need to attend. Prepare your uniform in advance. If you do this you will be aware of your school policies such as if you are allowed to wear jewellery or not. Check your school website to find out as much useful information as possible. Get into a good routine. Get into the habit of waking up early enough to eat breakfast to have enough energy for a long day ahead. Get a bag that is big enough to fit large textbooks. Also make sure you don't let food or drinks spill in your bag because its hard to get books clean. Well I hope these tips will help with the transition to secondary school. Don't stress just try your best!

### **ALL ABOUT SATs**

In year 6, you complete tests also known as SATs. They all start on Monday and end on Thursday, with a special treat on Friday. In total, you complete 6 stats papers: Monday: spag and spelling paper; Tuesday: reading paper; Wednesday: arithmetic and reasoning paper; Thursday: reasoning paper as the last test.

In year 6, you complete practice papers. There's no need to be scared for the tests in your practices, you won't have learnt some of it but when you get to do the real ones you would have learnt it all. All about SATs!

### **Books in year 6**

The books in Year Six will never disappoint you! The books are full of magical adventures and will always keep you hooked, especially 'Letters from the Lighthouse' written by kids' favourite Emma Carroll. About the book: Genre – adventure, family, history.

It's 1941, when Olive and Cliff Bradshaw are evacuated to the coastline. They were supposed to live with their older sister's (Sukie) 'pen pal', but the future holds something different. Family, friendships, war. What does the future hold for determined Olive and clumsy Cliff? Read the book to find out! I would definitely recommend this book to readers aged from 9 – 11. You'll never be bored again, just wanting to read more (the cliff hangers are **AWESOME**).

Are you worried about moving into year six? Do you want advice? Well if this applies to you read this article to find out about year six!

Topics—We have had so many amazing topics so far: light and shadows, World War 2, Christmas, Evolution and adaptation and more. During the topics you get to loads of different activities from something arty to a trip to somewhere information-packed. We also did computing which if you read on you can find out more about.

Computing—As you probably read in year six we do computing for one week instead of theme. We write blogs (A weblog, or blog for short, is a quite like a diary Some blogs will focus on particular themes, such as food or politics. A typical blog includes text, images and links to other blogs or web pages) in pairs and get to pick a theme and over a few days we get to write them. Its very fun to do and for the topics there is loads of options like movies, art, books, animals etc.

#### **Mini tips for moving into year 6**

- . You may be scared for year six but it's actually one of the best years in Loughton School
- . Don't waste your time in year six it may be the last year but it's the most memorable
- . The teachers are not strict they are really kind
- . Don't stress about the SATS you have got this
- . Even though the work is a bit harder it also is enjoyable

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## The Queen's Jubilee: The Guests by Prisha

In Milton Keynes, there were 17 street parties held to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee. This jubilee is to celebrate the Queen's 70<sup>th</sup> year on the throne on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June (also my bestie's birthday).

### Prince Phillip

He's dead. How would he be there.

### Prince Charles

She's his mother, he has to be there!

### Prince William

Very powerful speech about climate change ( or at least that's what I read up to)

### Prince Louis

Very funny child. Still sad I couldn't get the screaming child picture. Either way, very funny.

## HOW TO MAKE JUBILEE PAPER CHAINS

- First get newspaper and cut it into strips.
- Secondly paint or colour them with the patterns red, blue then white.
- Then if you want to you can write all the Queen's Jubilees inside
- After that turn one of the strips into a circle then do the same with another but through the middle of the other one and repeat until you've used them all.
- Then hang wherever you want them to go

### YOU WILL NEED:

- Newspaper
- paint or colouring pencils
- Glue

### How to Make Jubilee Bunting

First print out or draw an upside-down triangle. Secondly colour in your bunting with paint, Colouring pencils, pens or anything else you want to use but put it in the colours Red, White and Blue. Next cut out the bunting and get some string. Now you have to attach the string to your bunting with Sellotape. Now your bunting is ready so now you can hang it up.

What you need.

Sellotape

Scissors

Pens to draw with

Something to colour with pen

## FACTS ABOUT THE UNION JACK

The Union Jack is made out of three flags:

England  
Scotland  
North Ireland



Wales is not in the flag because when the flag was made Wales was part of England so they didn't have their own flag. The flag was designed by King James I in 1606. The flag used to be called the British flag or the flag of Britain.

Ireland wasn't meant to be in the original design but was added in 1801.

### Trooping the colour

The trooping of the colour took place on the 2 of June. The celebration featured a RAF flying past as the Queen and the royal family watched from the Buckingham Palace balcony. Trooping the Colour originated from traditional preparations for battle when a Regiment's Colour was trooped down the ranks so that they could be seen and recognised by the soldiers who would use them as rallying point in the confusion of battle.

### Jubilee Concert

The Jubilee Concert was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June at Buckingham Palace. The Concert showcased different musicians. Stars from the stage and screen, and the sporting world appearing at the event and on film included Sir David Attenborough, Emma Raducanu, David Beckham, Stephen Fry, Dame Julie Andrews, The Royal Ballet, Ellie Simmonds, and a specially recorded performance from Sir Elton John. Sam Ryder, the United Kingdom's Eurovision hero also performed live. Closing the two-and-a-half hour show was legend Diana Ross, with her first UK live performance in 15 years.



# School Performances



## THE LION KING by Naomi

We had a lot of fun doing the Lion King. Some people did sign Language and we had a lot of main characters. We performed to 2 schools and we also performed to the adults twice. We really liked it when we had to bow to Simba and Rafi Ki 2 got to hold up baby Simba the teddy. Mrs Green said that we did so well that we got an ice cream.

The lion king was fun but the best thing about it was that every single year three that was there got a part. The things that I loved about the lion king was everybody was together and they were happy and that's when happiness is in the air.

## CINDERELLA – ROALD DAHL

Love the twists of Roald Dahl's stories? Well, you're in luck! Year 6 are performing a play about Cinderella. But, it's not the traditional 'Cinderella falls in love with the prince and happily ever after', it's something different.

Beneath the Prince's charming smile is something more sinister and devious! Cinderella's heart is torn to shreds as she stares, horrified, at the gruesome scene in front of her.

By Sruthika.

### Review

The play so far is really good. It's got twists and turns, songs and comedy. I like the way the lights change colour for every different scene, it definitely brings the tension. I think the cast, teachers and choir (prop makers, admin team, tech team) have worked really hard on this and it's really paying off as the play looks awesome!

The cast have worked so hard and their solo singing is awesome. The teachers have tried (and succeeded) to make this play last-year worthy. The choir have memorised the songs and sang so well. The admin team have made programme cover so eye-catching and mysterious. The tech team (lights, audio and backdrop) have worked so hard to sync all their jobs to make the play 10x better! The prop team have produced fantastic, hand-crafted props for us!

By Inaaya, Sruthika.

Well done Year Six!

## What It's Like To Be A Reporter On LS News by Prisha

LS News produces the newsletters you get every term. One person from each class (HB1-HB16) is chosen to write an article on basically anything you want. You can work by yourself or with fellow writers.

Some things we've done on LS News are interviews, fact files, book reports and more.

You may not get to play with your friends outside at lunch, but you do get to be on the laptops so that's a plus!).

These are some quotes from the editors of LS News answering 'What do you like about being on LS News?'

Evie: 'I like my voice being heard around the whole school and not just one class room.'

Sapphire: 'You get to write anything.'

Ollie: 'You get to write down new stories and its really fun.'

Sruthika & Inaaya: 'It's fun because we get to write on computers.'

George: 'I get to eat early.'

Gurjeev: 'I like how we can explore what we write and explore the learning process of writing.'

Mrs Solloway: 'I like how everyone's confidence has grown over the year.'

## **Loughton School** by Gurjeev

We are at the end of another successful academic year impacted by coronavirus. Due to the high transmission rate of the new variant and isolation leading to high staff absence, we might've had the toughest year of all. At Loughton School we have an incredibly flexible team who continue to go above and beyond for our school family and children.

Despite all of this, we have seen renovations to our library and continued work to our sensory garden. To continue promoting active travel, we have noticed changes to the bike shelter and we have also seen some new scooter pods. We have also brought back clubs, trips and residentials that were greatly missed. You will also be happy to know that we -as a school- raised over 560 donations for the harvest appeal and over 380 gifts for the Christmas fundraiser.

This year we have all been to amazing places. Year 5 went to Bradwell Abbey to learn about the Vikings and Caldecott with year 6. Year 6 also went to Bletchley Park to learn about World War Two. Year 3 also went to Bradwell Abbey to learn about Kings and Queens. Year 4 went to Bradwell Abbey too, they learnt about Romans and Boudicca.

