

# Loddon Primary Federation

Kittens Lane

Loddon

Norfolk

NR14 6JX

Tel Infants: 01508 520118

Tel Junior: 01508 520392



Headteacher: Mr R Burbage

Website:

[www.loddonprimaryfederation.co.uk](http://www.loddonprimaryfederation.co.uk)

## FEDERATION NEWS

Friday 8th February 2019

### RE NEWS

Wow, what a fantastic, busy day we had at the Sea Life Centre on Wednesday! We were very lucky to arrive before it was open to the public and were given a VIP tour around the centre, getting a good look at different creatures from under the sea and learning lots about them. We started off looking at some hermit crabs, then moved on to looking at different types of fish and an octopus, before heading in to the tunnel and spotting Black Tipped Sharks, a Giant Sea Turtle (called Noah), eels and many other different types of fish!

We enjoyed exploring the different areas as a big group before gathering together to learn about starfish. The children were even allowed to touch a starfish if they wanted to!

Unfortunately the Humboldt penguins have gone on holiday to Scarborough, whilst their enclosure gets refurbished, so we were unable to see any penguins. Luckily there were plenty of wonderful sea creatures to see, and to make up for it the children were very lucky to be allowed to feed fruit to some large fish called Pacu fish! The children found this fascinating and were very excited- who knew Pacu fish eat bananas and grapes?!

We stopped for a lunch break before being able to look around the Sea Life Centre again at our own pace in little groups.

Before long it was time to board the bus and make our way back to school. We had lots of sleepy children on the bus going home!

Thank you so much to all the parents who volunteered to help us on the school trip today, we really wouldn't be able to run these sort of things without your help and support. A big thank you also goes to the Friends of the school who very kindly funded the cost of the coaches, meaning we were able to keep costs low.



### OFSTED

The Ofsted Report for the Juniors is now available and is on the School Website - We will publish the Infants Report shortly, once it is available.

### RED NOSES

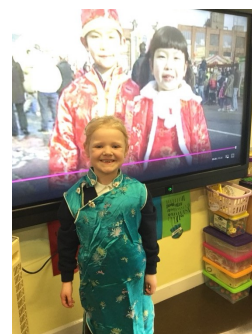
Red noses will be on sale in both offices from 25th Feb they are £1.25 each and there are eleven to collect including one rare green one and one ultra rare one.

### CHINESE NEW YEAR

Last week Year 1 had a visit from Mrs Smith's friend Lei who taught us all about Chinese New Year. We enjoyed making Chinese dragon puppets, masks and lanterns. Some of us also enjoyed dressing up in a traditional Chinese outfit.

At the end of the day the children were sent home with lucky money envelopes from Lei, a tradition for Chinese children at New Year.

The children enjoyed exploring flavours from China in the afternoon. We tried egg and rice noodles with sweet and sour sauce and prawn crackers with sweet chilli and soy sauce. Most children tried everything given to them, needless to say there were a few funny faces and dashes for water bottles after the chilli sauce!



### SOUTH NORFOLK SCHOOLS SWIMMING FINALS

Following on from the Cluster Competition last year, 5 Loddon Swimmers (Phoebe, Megan, Thomas, Jack and Spencer) travelled to the UEA pool as part of the Hobart Cluster Team. As ever, all our swimmers performed to the best of their ability with a number of top 3 finishes and victories for the Year 5 relay team and Spencer in the individual Butterfly. Overall, Hobart Cluster came a close 2<sup>nd</sup> to Wymondham, our best ever result! Congratulations to all our swimmers.

### PARENTS EVENING

Sign-up sheets are available at both schools for Parents Evenings on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th February. Please sign up to come and see your child's class teacher.

Mrs Sadler will be available at the Junior Site on Tuesday and in the Infant Library on Wednesday until 6pm. if you would like to make an appointment with her.



### **FORENSIC SCIENCE**

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 6B and 6C visited Hobart High School for a Forensic Science Day.



### **KINGSWOOD 2019**

Bags packed and on their way. More photos in the next edition.



### **PARENT FORUMS**

Following the parent surveys before Christmas (and Year 6 parents at Parents Evening), we will be holding Parent Forums again to discuss the school. These will be on:

Mon 11 Mar 9am Infant Site

Mon 11 Mar 3pm Junior Site

Tues 12 Mar 6pm Junior Site

Parents are welcome to come to any of the forums. The main focus following the questionnaire will be on the perception of behaviour, and moving children towards independent learning. I look forward to seeing you at one of these events.

### **LODDON LIBRARY TAKEOVER**

Last Thursday we had a great time at the Loddon Library Takeover, with games, snacks and listening to Stories.



### **SOUTH NORFOLK SPORTS COMPETITION**

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January we took a year 3/4 and year 5/6 team to the South Norfolk Sports Hall Competition. All the children did incredibly well against some very strong opposition. We won many races with some very determined children giving all their effort. In the end we finished 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the year 3/4 competition and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the year 5/6 competition. A wonderful effort by all of our children.



### **NEWSPAPERS REPORTERS**

Our Newspapers Reports are still out and about gathering article information. Here they are with Speed Watch and at Loddon Plaice



### **DANCE CLUB**

The Monday After School Dance Club will be performing at Celebration Assembly on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February, if you'd like to come and watch.

### **EDP AND EVENING NEWS LEGO EDUCATION**

We will be collecting the EDP and Evening News Lego Education vouchers. The top three schools will win £1,000 worth of Lego. The first token is in this Saturdays paper (9<sup>th</sup> February).