

LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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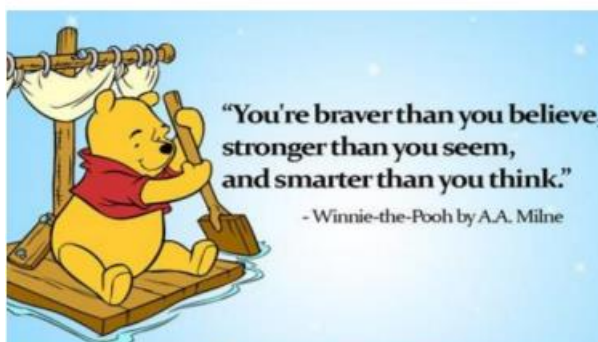
Dear Parents/Carers,



House Gems

Congratulations to the following children who have been nominated to receive a Values 'House Gem'.

Abbas	Greylings	Earth	Respect and caring
Sophia	Hawks	Fire	Kindness, caring and respect
Anay	Wyvern	Fire	Quality
Matthew	Firebirds	Air	Quality, independence and determination



Value of the month - Positivity

Our value of the month for May is Positivity. Having a positive outlook can change situations very much for the better; but being positive is sometimes very hard. Ideas around the value of Positivity are explored further in the Family VibEs leaflet, brought to you by Values-based Education International. [Positivity leaflet for families](#)

Eco Reps and the Eco Committee report

Each class from Reception to Year 6 has an Eco Rep. We meet several times a term to decide on projects in school, and to find out information to share with our classes. Here are some of our highlights this year:



- produced messages from each class to world leaders at the COP26 conference in Glasgow
- planned, filmed and presented a video with environmental tips to share in assemblies
- the return of the Eco/DT Recycled Christmas Decoration competition
- made recycled Christmas cards to show how creative you can be with old cards
- planted two buddleia bushes to encourage butterflies in our school environment

We are looking forward to watching these bushes grow, and we hope you will too.



In the Summer term, we will be supporting Environment week with plenty more planting, as well as having a new focus on recycling for everyone...so get ready to get even greener!

Mrs Ridell, Eco Group

Details of Wokingham Adult Education courses on offer in Summer term:

Some courses are free and those courses that have a cost are free for anyone who is in receipt of Universal Credit (work related), Employment Support Allowance, Jobseeker's Allowance, or are on low income and in receipt of Income support. For more details on our courses, or to apply go to <https://sites.google.com/view/wokingham-acl> or contact Catriona MacMillan via: 07785314603 or adult.education@wokingham.gov.uk

Learners need to live or work within the Wokingham Borough, or have a child attending a Wokingham school, AND be over 19 years old (as of 31st August 2021) AND have ordinarily been resident in the UK or EEA for at least 3 years. If they are an EEA National, you need to have obtained either pre-settled or settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme.

All Ukrainian adults and their family members supported through the Ukraine Family Scheme and Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme are immediately eligible for courses and are exempt from the 3-year residency requirement.

Hong Kong British National (Overseas) visa holders in the UK, are eligible to attend all courses except ESOL courses until 30/06/22.

There are a number of other exemptions including those for some asylum seekers or refugees. Please contact Catriona Macmillan via catriona.macmillan@wokingham.gov.uk or 0778 5314 603 if you wish to discuss any exemptions further.

Understanding Primary Education in England - 3 May to 24 May, Tuesdays 1.30pm to 3.30pm, Loddon School or 4 May to 25 May, Wednesdays 12.45pm to 2.45pm, Highwood School



These courses are aimed at parents who would like to gain a greater understanding of the different stages of primary education, and how they can support their child to flourish. Parents will gain an understanding of the curriculum and assessments as well as how support systems work in schools. The course is suitable for parents new to education in England and will also look at events schools celebrate as well as trips and residential. [Apply here](#). Cost £30.

Introduction to being a Teaching Assistant and Working in Schools - 4 May to 15 June, Wednesdays 10am to 12pm, School Green Centre, Shinfield

Find out more about different roles available in schools and gain an understanding of how to apply for roles. Explore your own strengths and weaknesses in your transferable skills and build your confidence to apply for roles in schools. [Apply here](#). Course cost £45.

Family Matters Course - 9 May to 13 June, Mondays 10am to 12 pm, Bradbury Centre, Wokingham

Aimed at parents and carers of children with autism or associated conditions (including dyslexia, dyspraxia, OCD, anxiety, PDA, ADHD). The course will help with skills around with relationships, financial understanding & to improve mental wellbeing. To book a place on this free course contact [ASD Family Help](#) or text/phone: 07733 601755

Helping your child with English - 7 June to 12 July, Tuesdays 1.30pm to 3.30pm, Loddon School or 8 June to 13 July, Wednesdays 12.45pm to 2.45pm, Highwood School

Helping your child with English courses are ideal for helping you gain an understanding of how your child will learn at primary school and how you can encourage and support learning at home through simple activities. [Apply here](#). Cost £45.

Building your confidence to get back into work or volunteering - 3 May to 24 May, Tuesdays 1pm to 2.30pm, Online via Zoom

Getting into work or volunteering after a break for any reason or for the first time in a new country can be daunting. This course will help you to identify all the strengths and qualities you have that employers want and look at ways to expand your experience through volunteering or further learning whilst building your confidence to take the next steps. [Apply here](#). This is a free course.

English for Speakers of Other Languages - Online on Zoom or classroom based

Improve your English in a small, supportive group. Build your confidence in speaking, writing, reading and listening and explore helpful topics such as health, work and education. We have a number of classes running, and assess new learner's levels to place them in an appropriate class - with a choice or online or classroom learning. [Apply here for an assessment](#). Course cost £45.

Excel for work - 5 May to 26 May, Thursdays 10am to 12pm, Online via Zoom

Learn and practice spreadsheet skills in Microsoft Excel. Improve your skills for the workplace in these interactive sessions. Learn how to create formulas and techniques for summarising and sorting data. [Apply here](#). Course cost £30.



Digital Skills for Beginners - 26 April to 23 May, Tuesdays 2pm to 4pm, Wokingham Library

Learn to make better use of your PC, laptop, iPad, tablet or smartphone. Gain confidence in using email, internet searching, online safety, online shopping or video calling. These sessions are suitable for absolute beginners and are free. [Apply here.](#)

IT Skills for Work - 6 June to 27 June, Mondays 10am to 12pm, Wokingham Library

Refresh or learn new IT skills, including Word, Excel and PowerPoint to help you at work or on your job seeking journey. Learners will practice file management and by the end of the course you will be able to use simple documents, email attachments and feel more confident with your IT skills. [Apply here.](#) Course cost £30.

Art Attack classes at Maiden Erlegh School for children in year groups 4-6. New term starts on 7th May. Fee £105 for 10 weeks. An opportunity for children and young people to get messy, experiment with 2D and 3D materials to create exciting works of art in a relaxed and friendly environment. For more information please access their [Web site](#)



Yours sincerely

Mrs S Phillips - Headteacher

Diary Events List: Summer 2022

Date	Time	Event
9 May 22	All week	Year 6 and year 2 SATS week
11 May 22	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning
16-20 May	All week	Walk to School week
18 May 22	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning
18 May 22	18.00-19.00	Full Governing Body meeting - attendance by invitation of the Chair or Headteacher only.
19 May 22	19.30-21.00	PTA meeting in the Parent Hut
23-27 May 22	All week	Y6 residential trip to PGL Boreatton Park
24 May 22	13.30-15.00	Y3 REInspired visit to St Nicolas Church: Sharing and Community
25 May 22	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning
27 May 22	All day	INSET day - School closed to pupils for staff training
30 May-3 Jun 22	All week	Summer Half term holiday - School closed
7 Jun 22	During day	Group photos

7 Jun-12 Jul 22	Weekly	Helping your child with English - Parent/Carer course
8 Jun 22	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning
10 Jun 22	9.30-10.00	F1 tour for prospective parents with Mrs March
10 Jun 22	15.30-17.30	PTA Jubilee celebration event in school grounds
15 Jun 22	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning
22 Jun 22	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning
24 Jun 22	17.30-18.30	PTA KS1 (Y1-2) disco in the Hillside Hall Volunteers needed please support the PTA.
27 Jun 22	Morning	Sports day at Gipsy Lane field
29 Jun 22	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning
30 Jun 22	During day	Reception height and weight measurements
1 Jul 22	Morning	Reserve date for Sports day at Gipsy Lane field
1 Jul 22	9.30-10.00	F1 tour for prospective parents
1 Jul 22	17.30-18.30	PTA LKS2 (Y3-4) disco in the Hillside Hall Volunteers needed please support the PTA.
1 Jul 22	18.45-19.45	PTA UKS2 (Y5-6) disco in the Hillside Hall Volunteers needed please support the PTA.
6 Jul 22	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning
11 Jul 22	9.00-12.00	Class swap morning
13 Jul 22	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning
19 Jul 22	9.10-9.40	Meet the Teacher
19 Jul 22	14.00-15.00	Y6 Leavers' celebration. (Will also be recorded).
20 Jul 22	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning
21 Jul-1-Sep 22	Throughout	Summer holiday - School closed
2 Sep 22	All day	INSET day - School closed to pupils for staff training
5 Sep 22	All day	Start of pupil Autumn term