

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,



House Gems

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

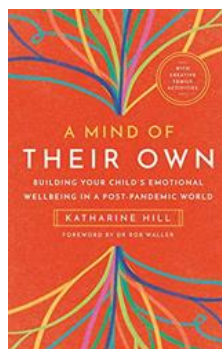
Nikhil R	Ospreys	Fire	Confidence
Elyssia W	Ospreys	Air	Determination
Laibah S	Ospreys	Water	Positivity and friendship
Malika G	Stingrays	Earth	Quality
Yahya	Hedgehogs	Earth	Determination
Simran K	Kites	Air	Understanding, caring and friendship
Zainub A	Ospreys	Fire	Determination and quality
Finum J	Longwings	Air	Independence
Max B	Longwings	Earth	Independence and understanding



Value of the month - Thoughtfulness


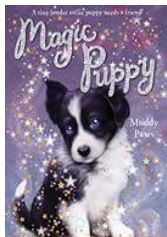
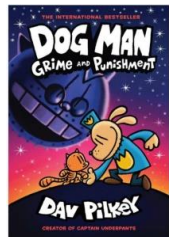

During the month of January, we have been thinking about the value of 'Thoughtfulness'. With the children we have reflected on the idea that being kind and thoughtful means making ourselves aware of the needs and feelings of others and then acting to help them. We have considered how to use our words kindly to make others feel better and how to pause to consider our actions before we react in various situations.





A Mind of Their Own – 9-11am on Wednesday 21st February in the Parent Hut

A Mind of Their Own is a one-off session which we are excited to be hosting at Loddon next month! The course gives you practical tools to build your child's emotional wellbeing. Attendees would usually have to travel to access this course so we are incredibly lucky to be able to run it here at Loddon. You will also be able to buy an accompanying book for £12.99 if you would like to. For additional information, including booking, please see the attached flyer. Kam Bhogal, Parent Support Advisor

LP  READING		This week's book recommendations have been written by Year Two children.	
	<p>I love this book. My favourite part of the story is when the girl finds the special dog and decides to bring him home and take care of him forever. I highly recommend this book because the story is full of love.</p> <p>Written by Kebe in Stingrays</p>		<p>This is a great book. My favourite character is Chief because of his personality. I would recommend this book because it has an interesting plot and it's funny to see all the illustrations.</p> <p>Written by Selena in Stingrays</p>
	<p>This is about a girl called Ella and her mum who is fairy. My favourite part is when mummy turns rain into chocolate milk. This book is full of fun and magic.</p> <p>Mollie in Turtles</p>		

If your child reads one of these books as a result of these reviews, we would love it if you could email psa@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk and let us know.



Funtastic Kids February Half Term Holiday Camp at Loddon Primary School

Funtastic Kids will be running a holiday camp at Loddon during Half term and spaces can be booked via: <https://funtastickids.co.uk/holiday-camps/> Timetables follow various themes and are rotated, Loddon's theme this February is: Moving Around! The timetable of themes can be viewed via the Funtastic Kids web site. February half term places are filling up, so they encourage you to book as soon as possible if you are planning to.

Do you have a few hours free per week and would like to work in a paid role as a PA? (Personal Care Assistant)

People who need social care support can source this through agency carers or through PAs. Reading Borough Council is trying to increase the use of PAs in Reading as this is a really personalised and flexible way of receiving support. A PA is employed by an individual employer to assist them with their care and support needs; PAs support people with a specific need to live independently and lead their best possible life. It is not a care role in the traditional sense; the role is hugely varied and can include support with: preparing meals; going shopping; going out and about; household chores such as washing, cooking and cleaning; dressing and personal hygiene; medical appointments and administration of medication.

Experience in care is not essential as training will be given. Online learning and classroom training are available. The pay starts at £12 per hour (£15.24 for self-employed PAs) depending on the role.

To find out more about the Personal Care Assistant role please email

pa.register@reading.gov.uk or look at [Personal Assistants - Reading Borough Council](#)

Yours sincerely

S. Phillips

Mrs S Phillips - Headteacher

Diary Events List: Spring 2024

Date	Time	Event
30-Jan-24	During day	Y5 visit by Winchester Science Centre to Loddon
30-Jan-24	9.30-13.30	Y6 visit to Maiden Erlegh School performance



30-Jan-24	13.30-15.00	Y1 REInspired 'Jesus as a friend' session at Brookside Church.
31-Jan-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut
02-Feb-24	15.00-15.30	Y4 parents view pupil artwork inspired by Orphism
06-Feb-24	During day	Y4 Green Park Wind Turbine visit
07-Feb-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut
10-Feb-24 to 18-Feb-24	Throughout	Spring Half Term holiday - School closed
19-Feb-24	Usual time	Pupil Spring term resumes
19-Feb-24	Fortnight	Y5 cycling proficiency training
20-Feb-24	13.30-15.30	Y2 REInspired session: Easter at Loddon Primary
21-Feb-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut
21-Feb-24	9.00-11.00	A Mind of Their Own session in the Parent Hut
21-Feb-24	18.00-19.30	Full Governing Body meeting - Attendance by invitation of the Headteacher or Chair only
27-Feb-24	During day	Y2 Magic Lantern workshop
28-Feb-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut
4-Mar-24	19.00-20.00	PTA meeting in the Parent Hut
6-Mar-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut
6-Mar-24	After school	PTA second hand uniform and book sale in the Parent Hut
13-Mar-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut
18-Mar-24	16.00-19.00	Nursery to Y6 parents evening - Remote via MS Teams
19-Mar-24	16.00-19.00	Nursery to Y6 parents evening - Remote via MS Teams
20-Mar-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut
21-Mar-24	1.15 for 1.30	Y1-3 Easter assembly at St Nicolas Church at 1.30pm
21-Mar-24	2.15 for 2.30	Y4-6 Easter assembly at St Nicolas Church at 2.30pm
27-Mar-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut
27-Mar-24	18.00-19.30	Full Governing Body meeting - Attendance by invitation of the Headteacher or Chair only
29-Mar-24 to 14 Apr-24	Throughout	Easter Holiday - School closed to pupils
15-Apr-24	Usual time	Pupil Summer term begins