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Prize Winners

Participation and achieving, both on a personal level and in our local community, are a keen aim at The Loddon School and this year we have exceeded our previous achievements. We continue to enter the regional sporting activities and have brought home medals every time this year. We entered the History Makers Film competition and heard in June that we were winners, our trophy is in the new cabinet outside the library, and the prize money is being spent on new drama and music equipment. This month we also heard that our entry into the Basingstoke in Bloom competition has awarded us first prize in the Schools section for Small gardens and containers, and a Highly commended in the adult section for Community Gardens. We collect our prize in September.



Staff Awards

Friday 25th August was our annual staff awards ceremony and barbeque. The sun shone beautifully allowing the staff and children to celebrate together in the grounds of school.

The awards are nominated for by the staff and the first six awards decisions made by the leadership team, the final three awards are voted for by the team, an open nomination list and free voting creates a wonderful list of staff. All nominated staff receive a letter including the words of encouragement written by the staff.

1. Outstanding team Contribution - Kingfishers Team
2. Best newcomer - David Alonso
3. Learning and Care - Calum Patience
4. Service Excellence - Jamie Kale
5. Training and Development - Jennifer Lopez
6. Commitment to Excellence (LTC award) - Adele Hinton
7. Improving the Children's experience - Maria de la Cruz
8. Most Supportive Colleague - Jorge Garcia
9. Employee great with the children - Americo Lobo
10. Employee of the Year - Kelly Simpson



Kelly receives the Employee of the Year Award 2017.



Retirement

A little while ago Joy came into my office and presented me with a letter. A letter that took a great deal of agonising over, although not a complete surprise to me one that did not come totally easy. Joy has worked 'on and off' for 27 years with the school and has taken on a number of roles. In the last few years while I have been Principal she has worked closely with me as my Vice Principal. I only accepted her resignation on the agreement that once retired she becomes a Trustee, she agreed and the Trustees voted her in to begin in October. Joy's final day as Vice Principal will be Friday 6th October. I know we will miss her but I am very glad to say that after a good recruitment campaign and long listed seven candidates who toured the school, we shortlisted four and from the very strong field we have appointed Tim Clark - the internal candidate - who will be an excellent replacement as Vice Principal (Care).

Swimming Gala

In July we held our second annual swimming gala. The whole school participated in one way or another. It was great to see the variety of events on offer. Regular swimming of lengths, collecting rings from the bottom of the pool, reordering floating numbers, ring ball races, ring hoopla and water polo. Our thanks to Kirsty and Kamila for their grand organisation and the staff and students for great participation. We look forward to next year's gala.

Sports day

This year we decided to make a day of the event and to invite all parents to join us if they could. (Look out for the date on next year's calendar). It was lovely to welcome Lady Douro, the Grand Duchess of Wellington, our patron. Unfortunately she has been ill over the past couple of years and has been unable to attend school functions. The morning saw a number of different races, running (short and long distance), egg and spoon, ball races, and sack races. Most of all the races were enjoyed by all and even some of the parents joined in. A wonderful barbeque lunch followed the races and then zorbing was a great hit in the afternoon. The day was completed by the prize-giving and star awards. Medals and stars were plentiful as a result of a great day.

Thanks

Our thanks to all staff and parents who collected the Sainsbury's vouchers we have a large selection of sports goods arriving early in September and I am sure we will put them to good use.



“Achievement in personal development is outstanding and lies at the heart of the school.”

(Ofsted Report)

“ Excellent progress has been made by helping students to be motivated and keen to learn.”

(Ofsted Report)

The school aims to bring new experiences and opportunity to the children everyday - and we are achieving this!



Weekend Programme

I am delighted that the weekend programme goes from strength to strength. A recent weekend involving water sensory play was described by one member of staff as the best weekend they had ever experienced in the last seven years. The programme provides for the children a wealth of new themes and activities, but more importantly plenty of fun in their leisure time.

Round the World

The term's theme was 'Round the World' looking particularly at world celebrations in each continent. The students all had a passport which they collected flags in as they learnt about new countries in each continent of the world. We ended the term's theme with a film production. Each house took a country and celebration and displayed this in their scene in the film. Thanks to the great acting skills of the children and staff together with the editing skills of Dave Anderson (Music teacher) we have a great new film. You will be able to view some of these during the Christmas concert evening on Friday 8 December.



Staff use every opportunity to ensure that children learn, with suitably structured 'chill time' *Ofsted*



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