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Sports galore.

The end of our 'academic' year saw us all enjoying a wonderful array of sporting events. As normal we have been exploring new places to visit and take part in different sports. We have visited the cycles4U centre and many are enjoying a variety of tricycles and bicycles; also the Aldershot Alpine Ski Centre for donutting.

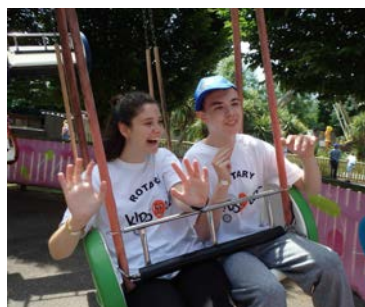
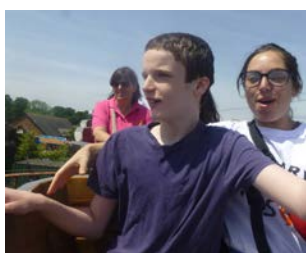
Two annual events, our Swimming Gala and Sports Day, saw so many of our young people taking part in a number of sporting events. The long distance run was greatly enhanced by our friends from Chineham Park Runners who came along and boosted the numbers and speed of our run. The egg and spoon race was hotly contested, and especially by the staff. It was great to see so many families joining in the fun of the day.



Children at The Loddon School achieve their full potential and, in many cases, do so beyond previous expectations.

Wildmoor Festival 2018

Our partnerships with our arts work have continued to grow and we hosted our first music festival at the end of June. Priors Court School joined us, bringing a band and sang their school song. Other schools had been invited and had hoped to come but due to a number of reasons had unfortunately had to cancel. We however enjoyed a wonderful day with four bands featuring. Boogie Monsters were on main stage and gave a fabulous performance allowing us to dance and join in. Our own Howard played his guitar and Michael and Dave sang and played in the 'Wings to Grow' stage by the paddocks providing us with a rich and varied musical experience. Our festival was supported by our own refreshments tent, the iced lemon crush was a real hit on such a hot day. Foam play and water play were a great hit as normal giving us all plenty to enjoy in a very relaxed atmosphere of arts and music.



Kids Day Out

Our thanks to Rotary International and our local Basingstoke and Deane Rotary group for the opportunity to visit Adventure Wonderland in Bournemouth. This is a national event where particular theme parks are closed to the public but opened especially to children with special needs. Adventure Wonderland is a small park and therefore the numbers are low which makes it ideal for many of our young people. We had a lovely time and thanks to our Rotary members we had a great base to store our bags and somewhere close to the rides to stop for short breaks if we needed them. The rides were enjoyed by all and we all had a great time. A favourite ride for most was the runaway train.

Linkenholt Show

For many years we have been visiting the Linkenholt country show. Over the years the competitions that schools can enter have grown and this year we entered them all, recycled crafts, plants and cooking enabled us to show our full complement of skills and we were delighted to win a trophy, certificates and medals for our different entries and coming second overall in the schools competition, competing against mainstream schools.

The children were able investigate different feathers and bones, to watch birds of prey and to come up very close to a variety of moths and insects.

You can see all our cups, trophies and certificates in the cabinet next to the library. We have entered many competitions over the past year and all our children have done so well and won so much in sport, the arts and in our outdoor learning.



The Loddon School won prizes for our sculpture and overall participation.



Receiving awards - The staff this year voted for Tim Clark - Vice Principal to be Employee of the Year stressing his positive attitude, inspirational ways of working, being a great ambassador for the school and an all-round team player. Our congratulations to him and all staff who were presented with awards.



We were delighted to welcome Jenny Allsopp this year to present our sports medals. Jenny is part of the England Para Cheer team who won the Gold Medal in this year's World Champions beating the USA team.



Prom Party 2018



The theme for the summer term was Hollywood and to draw together our term's theme we always hold a festival day. We had decided to hold a Prom and it was a great opportunity to hold our own Oscars and to incorporate our prom as well. The children had all made clay modelled Oscars, and painted them gold. These were presented during the ceremony. They had also made in their art sessions Hollywood stars with their names on them and film strip pictures which were a selection of pictures from their favourite films and their own photo. These are all now displayed in the Leisure Barn.

On our prom day we decorated the hall with a gold curtain and a 4 metre long red carpet. With the addition of an Oscar backdrop, far too many gold balloons and a photo booth with thrones for the Prom King and Queen we were ready!

The children collected their Oscars, had their pictures taken and enjoyed crushed ice lemon drink and popcorn. The balloons were released once all Oscars had been presented and we had great fun, dancing, playing with balloons, and singing along to our favourite songs.

Having planned to hold the prom for about an hour, (which is normally more than long enough for most of our young people) we were delighted to see that so many were able to attend and to stay for all the time - showing no anxiety even though the music was loud, it was hot and the hall filled with many staff and children. A massive step forward for us all - we will be repeating the prom next year.



This year's Prom King and Queen.






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