

LODDON NEWS

The Loddon School Newsletter

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A new web site for Loddon Foundation

The Loddon Foundation has launched four new web sites that are all linked, showing the wide breadth of work that the foundation does, the school, the training consultancy, the jobs section and the foundation itself incorporating it all.

I wish to thank all who have helped to make the sites come together & helping promote our work.

www.loddonschool.org

Recent reviews of the school

In January the school was inspected by the AQA examining board as we are a centre for the award scheme for the children. The inspector conducted a thorough review of all our assessments and recording of progress and gave us an outstanding report.

“...Jorge Garcia is an impressive UAS coordinator and I wish to congratulate all unit teachers for their delivery of the units. It was a pleasure to monitor The Loddon School, and I wish everyone associated with the Unit Award Scheme every success in the future.” AQA assessor

NVQ Assessment Centre

In order to maintain high standards of care at the school we teach the National Children’s Workforce Diploma, & Residential Childcare Diploma to all care staff. Our Standards Verification Assessment this week, that lasted from 10am to 5pm, gave us the status to award the qualification and stated that our standards were exemplary and we offered an outstanding quality and range and training for all staff.



Our weekly star assembly—some students and staff able to join in our school photo.

Family Picnic Day—2nd May

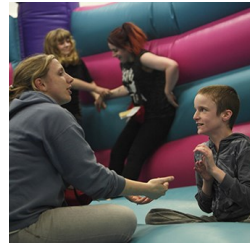
Once again the May Day family picnic day is rapidly approaching. We hope that you will all be able to attend and bring family, young and old to join with us all for a family fun day.

We have had a variety of entertainment over the years I understand and this year is to be no different. After the success of the inflatable obstacle in August which a few of you were able to join us for we thought we would hire it again for us all to enjoy. We will of course have our own bouncy castle in the leisure barn, bikes, play-ground and our animals to enjoy. Please put the date in your diary.



An African theme

The PLLUSS curriculum is the highly innovative curriculum designed especially for The Loddon School meeting the needs of our children. Further enhancing this and giving the children a themed approach for literacy and numeracy we have introduced termly themes. We have looked this past term at Africa, especially the fruits, animals, music, dance and arts. Our students have experienced a variety of new fruits, learnt to drum simple rhythms, made Africa masks, a large decorated lion, learnt about different animals and experienced African dance. Next term our focus is Chinese culture.



Maintaining our lovely buildings

After the massive building project for Cherrywood last year any works we do this year appear on a small scale, but they still remain important to us as we move forward every year aiming to offer more to our students and provide outstanding provision.

We have made improvements to the family room/ kitchen area with a new toilet area next to the main room. The coach house itself has been gutted and given a new lease of life, moving therapies and sensory work into this area of the school completely. Next month we start work on the sensory adventure playground next to the coach house which will include water play, muddy play, sand play, a teepee, and plenty of sensory plants. The money for this sensory playground has been raised over the years by staff and gifts from benefactors. The children will be able to use it by Easter.

The Loddon School are foster parents to two wonderful donkeys from the Devon Donkey Sanctuary—our recent inspection gave us an outstanding for our work as foster carers and praised the work of the Paddocks staff.'



Work continues in the main house, and all the bathrooms have been replaced with new tough but more 'homely looking' baths, sinks and toilets replacing the stainless steel ones.



Ravens has had a complete decoration and students are again moving back into this house.



Work continues on the grounds with a new play shed currently being constructed, new music instruments hanging on the nature trail and an amazing bug hotel created out of old pallets. A giants rocking chair has also been created using recycled wood and will be great fun for our students in the woodland story area.

We are about to start on a renewal energy heating system for the school with the building of a Bio-mass system, works will interrupt part of the car park by Kestrels for about six weeks but once completed we will return back to full capacity.

I wish to express my thanks to the maintenance team who are working extremely hard to provide high quality facilities for all at Loddon.

Becoming more high tech!

We are using twitter, Facebook and our web site now to keep you all in touch with our news. Please find the school calendar on the website www.loddonschool.org/school-calendar/

