

# LODDON NEWS

The Loddon School Newsletter

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## Boating on the Thames

In September Owen, Sam, Jake, Hari and Lucy went on the Thames on a special boat trip. After an excellent cruise they enjoyed a picnic and then were shown around a special museum of the River Thames. The day was amazing and all the children were outstanding, all experiencing a new variety of activities and meeting different people. After a very successful mini trip on the Thames in the summer we have been able to offer this trip to a larger group of children and are delighted with the success achieved by all. A massive thank you to Ruth and Jo for organising and the staff who went.



*Having fun in a variety of activities this term*

## Shakespeare Workshop

On 27th September three of our students joined Cove secondary school for a Shakespeare workshop at The Anvil theatre in Basingstoke. The students were excellent joining in on stage with students from this local mainstream school. The workshop was preparation skills for the National Shakespeare Schools production of Macbeth. Our students have a small scene to perform at the theatre on Tuesday 1st November. I believe our scene has plenty of witches in. I am delighted we are taking part in this production and being part of this national scheme. Our thanks to Katy Rado our drama teacher.



## Macmillan Tea Party

Across the country on 30th September offices, schools and workplaces were holding coffee mornings for the Macmillan charity. As part of our citizenship work we held a Friday afternoon 'golden time' tea party. Each house produced a cake and we enjoyed a typical afternoon tea party in the library. I am pleased to say that we raised £32.84 for Macmillan Cancer Charity.



## Juice Bar

Our morning juice bar continues and the children are enjoying a host of different fruits and vegetables. Our catering team are being very imaginative with the displays of vegetables to help the children explore new tastes. Each house now takes it in turns to create the juice for everyone to enjoy in juice bar.

## Our theme this term - India

During our assemblies we have read the song of The drum, a lovely story about a journey and a young boy who helps different people and eventually gets his desired wish to have a drum. We then looked at all the things that one finds at an Indian market, reading a lovely poem and having the chance to dress up, smell the scents of the market spices, and taste some of the traditional Indian food. I am delighted by the participation of all in assembly time every Wednesday.

## India day

To celebrate all the work we have completed this term we held Indian day on Friday 21st October. The day started with a workshop teaching the children about the Indian wedding ceremony. The children were able to dress up and enact the elements of the wedding. Only in one session did we have two brides as Rachel and Lucy dressed up as wonderful brides for their betrothed.

Following the wedding workshop we had celebration assembly and awarded two visitors from Zambia, teachers at our partnership school with a special star award certificate. We then paraded down to the Barn to our very own Indian Restaurant. With the choice of three different curries the school eat lunch together restaurant style.

In the afternoon the students experienced Henna hand painting and then a Bollywood music party. We heard some lovely Indian music and were able to join in disco dancing Bollywood style. Adam and Hari were able to show us all how it was done, even giving us a preview at the end of the Indian restaurant lunch.

An Indian wedding workshop



**“This is the best home he has ever been in”**

Comment from a parent -  
Ofsted 2016





## Ofsted Care Inspection

On 16th September arriving mid morning unannounced as normal two inspectors called into school for our two day annual inspection.

The report will be published shortly and available on our web site, but here are a few comments made in their feedback:

- That our staff have strong trusting relationships with the children and they understand them well and communicate confidently with them to meet their needs.
- All our children are making good progress.
- Loddon Staff are totally committed to their role, have a very caring attitude and ‘go the extra mile’ to make sure they meet the needs of the children.
- That the school leadership place the children at the centre of all practice.
- That we have strong positive relationships with parents. Many thanks for all who answered the questionnaire or who spoke to the inspectors here at school or via the telephone. Those spoken to were selected by the inspectors.
- The staff and leadership were praised for their strong safeguarding practice and the proactive action the staff feel able to take supported by the leadership.
- Overall care planning and recording is very good.

**“The overall experiences & progress of children living in the home are good.” Ofsted 2016**



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