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National Apple Day

Apple day is a national event which emphasises the importance of the apple in our environment. As part of our Forest Schools work and our Horticulture curriculum we held a host of apple based activities. These included apple bobbing, making apple creatures, building bird feeders, apple printing and apple rolling. Café time during this special day had an apple feel and in the afternoon each house made and enjoyed eating toffee apples.

We have been very lucky this summer and now into our warm, dry autumn, as we have been able to spend so much time outside doing so many different things. Our outdoor learning has increased continually and become more and more creative all the time. Learning outdoors gives a freedom that allows our children to feel relaxed and so much more ready to learn.



Pupils thrive at Loddon. They make exceptional progress in all aspects of their learning. Ofsted 2018

Providing the best opportunities for all our students through our waking day curriculum.



The@trical Arts Company

We were very pleased to welcome the touring arts company who specialise in sensory creative drama workshops. Our theme for this drama workshop was Pirates. The children were able to explore the environment and join in the story and some collected treasures. Others were happy to dress up and be pirates, they got involved in foam sword battles defending their ship, while others learnt to row the ship, or save a ship mate from an attack from an inflatable crocodile.

The day was a great success and all students came along either with their classmates or individually to engage with the drama workshop experience.

Next event: Shakespeare Schools' Festival 5th Nov @ The Anvil

Artist in Residence

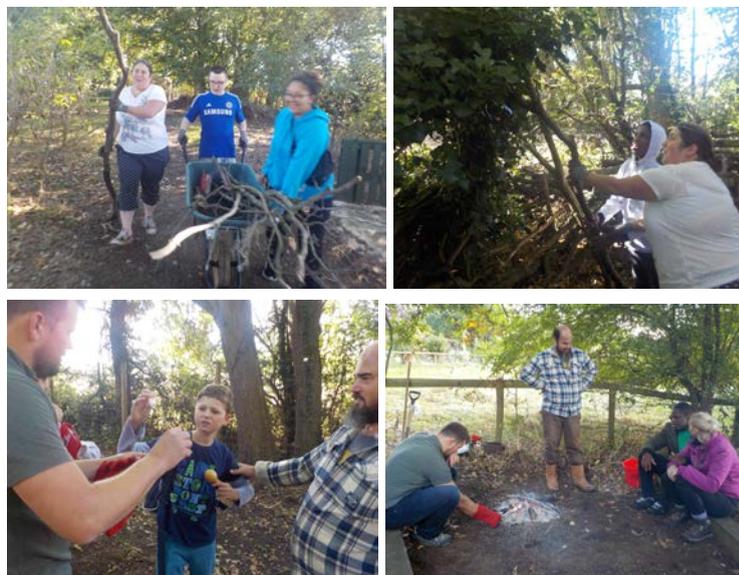
Darcey Turner is a sculptor from London whose works include 3D wire and metal covered people and animals. He is also an inventor, but loves to hold workshops with children. For our special art day in September we invited pupils from Addington School, Brookfield School and Priors Court School. The day was busy but our children worked very well mixing in with other children unfamiliar to them. It was lovely to see how accepting they were of each other. They used a variety of tools to create metal plates with creative designs on them and wire to sculpture the head and shoulders of a person waving. We have now placed our new sculpture in the amphitheatre in the grounds for all to see.



Ensuring our children are able to be fully integrated with other schools.

Den Building exercise

Making our children aware of how other children live around the world, exploring building skills and thinking about outdoor living were the key learning aims of our den building day. We also enjoyed making music and toasting marshmallows around the embers of our campfire.



Building plans for next five years

Since January we have been working with PMC estate consultants who help you to develop and cost plans which will improve your school environment. We gave them a number of things that we wanted to do: all students on main site, all accommodation to have en-suite bathrooms, remove the car park from central area where the children are, but maintain green space and build with as little disruption to the children as possible. The above plan creates a new Cherrywood type building and a new design house for the younger children created around a village green style idea. 1 and 2 is the main house on the map - which in future years will hold support services with new homes for all children built around village green.

Parahockey @ Leatherhead

Following our experience with the Olympians earlier in the year, we were invited back to learn more about hockey and to become part of the regional schools network for special schools wishing to play hockey within their schools and in competitions.





Classical trio played music concert for us.

A wide variety of learning activities

Work Experience continues to flourish with many children helping around school, the grounds and in the community.



Exploring the world around us has always been critical to our learning and now forms one element of the new engagement profile (discovery, curiosity and investigation). Learning and improving new skills is central to our PLLUSS curriculum and this term we have continued to show how we can excel at these.



Boat trip on the Thames starting at Henley.



Animal Assisted therapy is a winner for all.



Leaders are highly ambitious for pupils. They recognise the unique abilities in each and every pupil.

Reminder: Celebration Concert is Friday 7 December



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