

Summer Learning Fun!

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Our PLLUSS curriculum is all about learning through experience and in the summer, we have once again been able to explore so many new locations and experience new things. These trips help with all aspects of our curriculum, new language (communication), exploring and discovering new things (access to learning), traveling to new places and used different types of public transport (transitions) plenty of independence skills and relating and interacting with new people. We have also had so much fun with our learning experiences, engaging with new things and different leisure activities. I delight in seeing how our young people cope so well with so many different things it is testament to how they are learning and implementing so many skills that they will use in adulthood. A great final term to what has been a highly successful academic year for Loddon. Well done staff and students.



Seaside day trip



British Nature Park



Local Farm



New Forest walks



Fun at Wellington Country Park



Sunflower Plantation

Duke of Edinburgh Award



A massive thanks to the staff who have taken on the leadership and being part of the Duke of Edinburgh award. I am delighted that we have been able to start this up again. Having lost momentum with the award before lockdown it is great to be fully involved again and have staff who have trained to be leaders.

This summer the new team went to Foxlease for three days and completed the expedition and bushcraft skills working towards the bronze award. A day walking in the new forest, sleeping in the Foxlease centre, and then a day of bushcraft skills which included building a den and enjoying a lovely fire pit experience.

Duke of Edinburgh award has now a special section for children with learning difficulties which means we will be able to access bronze, silver, and gold awards now for all. This is great and the award is designed to give suitable amount of challenge to all young people making it inclusive but at the same time something to work hard towards building valuable life skills



Achieving Awards

We were so excited to hear that one of our students had this year been awarded a certificate celebrating the achievements of young people in Basingstoke. Laurence received the certificate for his determination in life to make everyday count, his community work experience and his work raising awareness of autism and his fun with Shakespeare in this year's film festival entry.



We have also achieved the Gold Green Tree School award and the Gold Whole School Well-Being award.

A Summer of Sporting Events

A great sports day was a fitting conclusion to the academic year. The races showed the sporting fitness of students, staff and families.



The inflatables and ice cream van were a success!

Swimming Gala



Our gala always includes lots of new inflatable water toys which means we can enjoy races up and down the pool even if one is not a confident swimmer. Swimming lessons every Friday are going well, and this gala celebrates the sensory fun our students have as well as providing energetic races. Inflatables are then available throughout the summer for different swimming times.

**“We are a school without classrooms”
Parliamentary Review – Best Practice winner
Loddon School 2021.**

Our article celebrated how our education methods embrace all learning locations, engaging students well so that deep learning can take place – often not found unfortunately in many classrooms.

Marion Cornick MBE in her work – ‘Beyond the Sacred Classroom’ – started our PLLUSS journey taking learning to new levels for all.

New Pound Exercise Class



A new exercise which is very much like drumming on hard surfaces has been a wonderful addition to our physical exercise programme – it might look just like drumming but with a full cardio workout built in.



Wildmoor music festival – invited schools brought their musicians to play – thanks Portfield School.



Enjoying the grounds while listening to the music festival and experiencing over 100 people on our school field – great achievements all round.



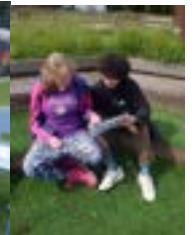
Our Annual Wildmoor Festival

Although the rain attempted to dampen our festival the students all had an amazing experience listening to music from a variety of acts and many different festival stalls and activities. Lovely to be able to share this time with some families as well. Hope you enjoyed it.



Outdoor Learning

Taking our learning outside throughout the year helps our students engage well in a comfortable environment, during summer we extend this opportunity to so many of our learning sessions.



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