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Christmas celebrations

As usual our Christmas celebrations were spread out the full month of December. We started with the Winter concert and then moved swiftly into house decorating competition to make sure we all were fully into the festive season. The children loved making the decorations and slowly getting used to them being up. The sensory Santa was once again virtual as they are rebuilding their site, we look forward to returning to on-site sensory visit next year but thank them for the gifts received. Our Santa day was a great success with the snow globe. It is always good to venture out a little and nearly all children did go inside the globe and see Santa. A few needed times to experience and watch before entering. We missed Dave and his music at the Live nativity, but we all gave the carol singing a good go. Our Christmas lunch was a great occasion and well enjoyed.



'Live Nativity' @Paddocks



Christmas Lunch



On-line Sensory Santa



Santa Day – meeting Santa inside the Christmas Snow Globe.

"Pupils thrive emotionally, socially and academically here. "Ofsted Report November 2022

Winter concert



The young people delighted us with their performances. So good to see that the audience played their part as well.



Alice ion Wonderland tea party scene & disappearing down the rabbit holes. Fabulous dancing in the final scene by all.



The winter concert was a mixture of on-stage performances as well as film clips showing the wide variety of other performances, we have taken part in during the year and a sample of our making visits and wide variety of learning activities we have been involved in.



As a member of the Leaders Council of Great Britain, the Principal was invited to the House of Lords and had afternoon tea with Lord Blunkett.



Special staff events

After twenty years' service at Loddon School as Office manager we were very sad to have to say farewell to Lynne Morris, who has retired and gone 'back home' to Wales. We gave her a wonderful send off including a Loddon sweatshirt, Wales Rugby shirt and of course an England flag – just to remind her of us.



Our Curriculum, our learning

During the weekends



We have a number of themes that are picked up from our cultural calendar for the weekends and then we have the house-based themes – January to March we will be looking at Movies, doing craft activities, dressing up, House decorations etc.



Transitions and work-related learning are preparing our young people for their adult life.



There is some well-earned time for relaxation in our busy week, but we are still learning lots through our craft activities and sensory play.



A number of our female students have joined the Guides and are enjoying attending twice a month.

Parental Diary Reminder

Monday 6th May

We will once again host our Parent Picnic Day (which is now a barbeque) so no need to bring supplies with you, all will be well fed. It is a special day to invite members of your extended family to spend time at Loddon in the grounds with an inflatable obstacle course, food and or course the arrival of the ice cream van. 12 noon to 3.30pm more details to be sent out.



Our curriculum theme has been Australia, and we enjoyed a special day at the end of the theme. Our Australia day included a wintertime Barbeque (in the leisure Barn) and we experienced the beach style games. We have followed Kangaroo Hop, Commotion in the Ocean and Hop up and wriggle over in our literacy sessions.



Having fun at the trampoline park



A trip to see the philharmonic orchestra.



A trip to the coast, walks ,boat spotting and stone skimming.



A small group of students travelled over to the Isle of Wight on the Hovercraft

Special Outings



We have been able to take the children out to different places, exploring the adventure playgrounds at Wellington Country Park, picking pumpkins at a local farm, and a couple of trips to Marwell Zoo.

Our regular weekly trips to Cycles 4 All, and Camp Mohawk have continued alongside the many locations we find for long walks. It is part of our PLLUSS curriculum to help the children explore many different places and experience new news and I think from the photo evidence here you can see we are achieving this. Our team here at Loddon make sure we fill our timetables while also allowing some down time and relaxation.

"A unique waking day curriculum approach to the children's care and learning is child-centred and helps them to make incremental steps towards preparation for adult life and greater independence." Ofsted October 2023



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