



EVERY CHILD CAN ACHIEVE

Luddenham News

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Outdoor Classroom Day

Yesterday was Outdoor classroom day but we've extended it into some activities for next week too so it links with Mental Health Awareness Week. There's so much evidence on how getting outside can support good mental health which in turn can support learning.

Children went out for active maths, novel study and reading amongst lots of other things. Next week, we plan to do a house team activity outside.



Year 3 shared that they supported their maths learning of finding fractions of amounts using natural materials in Forest School. They made bar models with sticks and used leaves, stones etc to represent numbers.

Then then went on to support their history learning about Ancient Egypt and the River Nile by creating a physical map of the Nile and role playing how farmers grew crops, carried the water, builders created homes and irrigation channels. They reflected on why Egyptians settled by the Nile rather than elsewhere and could Ancient Egypt have existed without the River Nile.



Mental Health Awareness Week

The theme of this year's awareness week is ACTION.



We have an activity planned each day next week from assemblies to swapping classes. They aim to focus on the language of emotions with an introduction to our new characters which will form a consistent whole school approach to identifying these emotions and using them to help guide choices to make sure we are ready for learning. (ACTION for yourself)

We will also have an activity where we create a 'gift' for someone else (ACTION for someone else)

Children will also have an assembly from the Emotional Wellbeing Team. On Friday 15th May (Ranger's Day) don't forget to try and wear as little or as much green as you like. This is just to raise awareness that we are thinking about what mental health is and what we can do to help ourselves. (ACTION for all of us)

There is no cost for this week, just a time to stop and reflect on what we can do to help ourselves and others.



Triyay
Happy



Tanglefoot
Belonging



Dribble
Sadness



Luna
Awe

Rangers Day

On Friday (15th May) is our next Ranger's Day once again and to make sure your child is dressed appropriately, please see below the activities they will be doing:

Year R: Trip to Role Play Rascals (Thurs 21st May) – Separate letter sent for this trip (Wear P.E. Kit)

On Friday 15th May, children need to wear non-uniform with something green please for the activities they will be doing in school.

Year 1: Outdoor Learning - The children will be doing a range of activities outside at Creed (please wear suitable warm/waterproof outside clothing and wear old trainers, bring a packed lunch, sun cream and plenty of water). Separate letter already sent.

Year 2 – Team Games - The children will be working with the coach from Team-Theme on a variety of team building activities, learning some new sports and will probably be outside for some of the day. (Please wear sports clothes).

Year 3: (Safety Skills) - The children will be learning aspects of first aid and general personal safety through a range of practical sessions in the morning and theory-based lessons with their teacher, along with an additional Pickleball session. (Wear sports-clothes).

Year 4: Citizenship - Year 4 will be doing a selection of teacher led citizenship activities for the day in class, along with an additional Pickleball session. (Wear sports-clothes).

Year 5: Forest School - The children will be learning aspects of Forest school outside for most of the day, along with an additional Pickleball session. (Wear old sports-clothes, old trainers and any outside clothing that is allowed to get wet/muddy and wellies!)

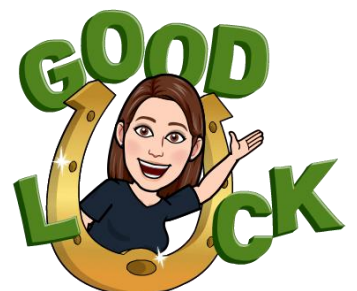
Year 6: Citizenship – The class will be taking part in a range of teacher led Citizenship activities throughout the day, along with an additional Pickleball session. (Wear sports-clothes).

We hope the children enjoy their sessions this term.

Staffing Changes

We're excited to announce that Miss Culver has secured the position of training to be a social worker. Whilst we're incredibly sad to see her go at the end of this term, we wish her the very best for the future and this new career.

We will also say goodbye to Miss West in Year 3 at the end of this term. Mrs Yates will be returning from maternity leave and will be teaching in Year 3. She will be popping in for a few days to see the children and team teach. We wish Miss West all the best and thank her for all she has done in Year 3.



Superstar Corner

Let us celebrate together your achievements outside of school this past week. Don't forget to send in your photos.



Congratulations to you both for taking part in two shows for The Perfect Nanny on stage at The Malthouse Theatre, performing with confidence and enjoyment.



Congratulations in competing in your first gymnastics competition on Sunday, doing floor and vault routines.

Well done!



Well done at District Cub Camp! You worked hard at all the STEM activities and did a great job leading a few campfire songs. Your parents still can't believe you were awarded the 'Packing Prodigy' certificate by the leaders.



A great time had by these three amigos at District Cub Camp, where they did 1st Teynham proud! Wonder who snored the loudest in their tent....

LSFA News

🌈 LSFA COLOUR RUN – Friday 22nd May! 🌈

★ This is a **SPONSORED** event and this is how we raise the majority of our funds ★

This year we are raising money to support our **school minibus**, which is so valuable for trips, swimming and activities 🚌

👉 Please set up your child's sponsorship page here:
<https://superkind.org/campaign/luddenham-school-friends-association-the-lsfas-fun-colour-run>

- ✓ Click *Join this Campaign*
- ✓ Create/approve your account
- ✓ Set up your page & **share with friends & family**

Or, if it's easier, you can simply **click the link and donate directly** without creating a page 👍

💛 Please don't forget to get your sponsorships in – every donation really does make a difference! 💛

🌈 🗉 🗉 🗉 Who's Ready to Gunge a Teacher?! 🗉 🗉 🗉 🌈

At this year's **LSFA Fun Colour Run**, we're excited to bring back one of our most popular (and messy!) fundraising activities... **Gunge a Teacher!** 🇬🇧

Even more exciting – the **same six fantastic teachers from last year have kindly volunteered AGAIN** to take part. We are incredibly grateful for their enthusiasm and support in helping us raise vital funds for the school 💛

A huge thank you to:

Mr Wickham, Mr McLanaghan, Mr Hadlow, Mr Boorman, Miss Case and Mrs Mealin 🙌

👉 Does your child want the chance to gunge a teacher? Make sure to get your raffle tickets!

🇬🇧 How it works:

- Tickets are **50p each** and can be purchased via Gateway
- Each teacher has their own raffle option
- You can buy tickets for any teacher(s), and as many as you like
- **Two winners per teacher** will be drawn to take part in the gunging! 😄

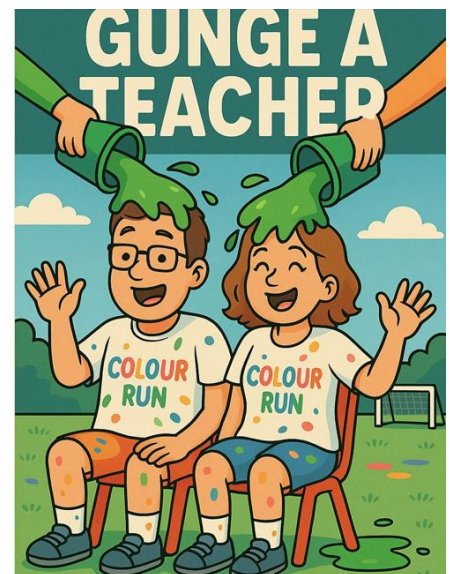
All proceeds will go towards supporting our **school minibus**, which is so important for trips, swimming and activities 🚌

Let's make this the **messiest and most memorable end to the Colour Run yet!** 🇬🇧 🌈

Please note the changes to lunches for the colour run, 22/05/2026.

There will be no hot school dinners on the day. If you have already booked a hot meal, this will be cancelled. If you still require a baguette for KS2 children or a sandwich for KS1 children, please book via ParentPay by **15th May**. EYFS/KS1 please select the baguette option to order a sandwich for your child (please ignore KS2 only for this day).

If you have any questions, please telephone or email the school office.



Lost property

All lost property will be put out for parents to claim at the colour run on the 22nd May. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity. Please can we also remind you to label clothes worn on non-uniform days also.

Sunday 10th May

Family Activity Session 10am-12pm
(ticketed event)

Monday 11th May

Y6 SATs Week & Mental Health Week
EYFS/KS1 Drama Workshop

Friday 15th May

Wear Green Day (for mental health week)
Ranger's Day

Monday 18th May

Y6 Share the Learning 2:45pm

Tuesday 19th May

Y2 Share the Learning 2:45pm (note year
group switch)

Wednesday 20th May

YR Share the Learning 2:45pm (note year
group switch)

Friday 22nd May

LSFA Colour Run from 12.00pm
END OF TERM

Monday 1st June

START OF TERM

Tuesday 2nd June

Class Photos

Thursday 4th June

Y6 pupils' event at Davington School - All
day

Monday 15th-Wednesday 17th June

Y6 Residential at Grosvenor Hall, Ashford –
Drop-off 12:00; Pick-up 14:00

Thursday 18th June

Y6 Potions Workshop and activities at
school

Friday 19th – Saturday 20th June

Y6 Activity Day and camping at school
overnight – Pick-up Saturday 09:30am

Monday 22nd June

Y6 Drama Workshop (in-school) – All day

Thursday 25th June

Sports Day Timings TBC

Friday 26th June

INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 29th June

INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Thursday 2nd July

Y6 Transition Day Exact timings and dates to be led by secondary schools

Transition Afternoon – Classes will meet their new teachers

Friday 3rd July

KS2 Swimming Gala Morning drop-off will be at Faversham Pools, parents may watch.

Tuesday 14th July

Y6 Production Evening Performance – 17:30

Wednesday 15th July

iRock Concert 09:15-10:15am

Thursday 16th July

Y6 Production Daytime Performance 09:30

Friday 17th July

Y6 Leavers' Party – 18:00 – 20:00*

Tuesday 21st July

Y6 Leavers' Assembly – 13:30*

END OF TERM

*Rough timings, more information to come.



We look forward to see those families signed up for the family movement session on Sunday. Starts at 10am, parking on site in the staff car park.



SWALE COMMUNITY DAY

Sunday 7 June 2026

FREE
entry

Come along to learn all about services and support available in Swale!

- Bike marking available
- Domestic abuse support
- Housing support
- Hands-on animal encounters
- Fire safety, rail safety and water safety advice
- Health and other advice services
- Sateda Community Share wear clothing scheme
- Community Projects
- Face painting
- Youth engagement
- Come have a go at archery, football, climbing wall and more
- Music by Sheppey FM and Kent Police Band

**APPLEYARD
SPORTS
GROUND**

**GORE COURT RD,
SITTINGBOURNE,
ME10 1QN**

10AM-3PM

Food, drinks, ice cream and activities available on site. Displays to watch throughout the day



**Kent
Police**