

# Loseley Fields Newsletter

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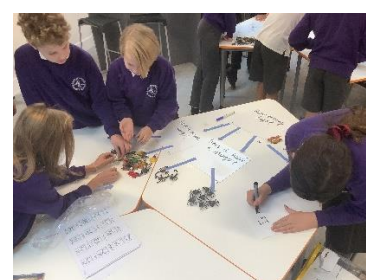
Dear Parents/ Carers,

## Learning comes alive in The Field Study Centre @ Loseley

As you are aware, the staff at school have spent the last two years writing our own bespoke curriculum, which extends beyond the requirements of the national curriculum; it is ambitious, broad and balanced. Our knowledge rich curriculum builds each year that our children are with us, giving them many opportunities to revisit and extend their thinking over time. Our science curriculum is a fantastic example of this where the children use their scientific knowledge to answer some big questions using enquiry focused themes as the children learn.



As well as having a well-designed curriculum, having the right environment for the children to explore their learning has been instrumental in inspiring our young learners to explore their scientific skills and understanding. Our lab is fully timetabled, and our children love having the opportunity to visit for their science lessons each week.



Mrs Vikki Davis, our very own Eco-Education Assistant, supports all the science and environmental science work that happens both inside the science lab but also when using our wonderful grounds. Mrs Davis works alongside our classteachers, taking their weekly planning, and helping them to resource and prepare the learning inside our lab. The knowledge and expertise that she brings to this role as a qualified teacher and through her previous career in conservation has really captured the imagination of the children. I am sure that they have all told you about our weekly weather watch where she takes the real data captured in our weather station and supports the children to present our own weather broadcasts in our whole school assembly; check them out on the school's facebook page if you haven't done so already. She cleverly teaches

the children about all the important elements of meteorology whilst also weaving in the important lessons of environmental protection and prevention of global warming. Her Wildlife Watch Club is another favourite amongst the children. Supporting this great work are our team of pupil sustainability champions, a team of Loseley Little Leaders who are working with Mrs Stanton this year to promote this learning in all areas of our school and home lives. They will be actively engaging us all to do our part over the course of the coming year and we ask you to support them in their efforts in the protection of our beautiful planet for their futures.



## INTRODUCING OUR SUSTAINABILITY AMBASSADORS

As part of our work in growing our little leaders of the future our school council this year are working with Mrs Stanton to work out ways that our curriculum can support environmental and sustainability themes; we call this group of advocates our Sustainability Ambassadors. Their first project is to look at how our children get to school each day and to find ways that we can reduce our carbon footprint. Please take a few minutes to read this message that they have written to all parents during their first meeting.

*'Why should you reduce the amount that you drive? First of all, you have probably heard about the COP26 meetings that are held around the world. One promise that was made was to cut down on the use of carbon emissions caused by cars and other vehicles. In 2020, coal was responsible for nearly 14 billion tonnes of global carbon dioxide emissions according to research from the Global Carbon Budget. We need to do our bit, wherever we are, to help build up to this promise. By driving 1 minute in the car you are using the equivalent energy of 3 hours of watching TV. So, if our calculations are right 60 minutes in the car is the same as 10,800 hours of running your TV. As you can see, driving places that are unnecessary uses up lots of energy. We are asking you all to consider the amount you use your car and to consider if you can walk to school or part way to school if you live too far away. Even reducing the length of the journey by a third or reducing the number of times you drive each week can make a big difference. We are exploring ways that we may be able to help you with this during our council meetings and will get back in touch with you again soon. Thank you for taking the time to read our first parent news update.'*

*The Sustainability Ambassadors of Loseley Fields.*



### PHONICS TEACHING AT LOSELEY

We are about to embark on some big changes at Loseley with the teaching of phonics across the school to meet the new DfE requirements. Mrs O'Hanlon has been leading on this work and been putting in all the groundwork over the last half term. Our INSET day in January will see all staff undertake training on our new programme and I will enjoy sharing this work with you in our next newsletter so that you can support your child at home with their reading.

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy and healthy Christmas break. Please remember that we have two INSET days at the start of term on January 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and so the first day back for the children will be Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Season's Greetings to all,

Amanda Pedder  
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