

Loseley Fields Newsletter

January, 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Term started eagerly with two busy INSET days at the start of term. On the 6th of January Loseley staff and Governors collected together with the GEP executives and staff of all seven GEP schools at G-live in Guildford. The focus of the day was to look at STEM learning and there was a particularly interesting presentation given by the World Wildlife Fund. It was especially of interest to us here as this was telling us all about the ways we can teach the children to be making more environmental decisions both as children and as they become adults. I was also able to take to the stage and present a showcase of the work at Loseley over the last year. The focus of my presentation was to share with the audience the work that we have been doing both on social enterprise and environmental awareness through our curriculum and so I was able to show colleagues all about our citizenship pathway and outdoor learning and how that fits into our broad school curriculum. It was very well received by trustees, executives and staff from other schools. On the 7th we had our first training session with Create on REAL PE, which is a new PE curriculum that we have invested in at school; hopefully your children will begin talking with you about the exciting new approach that they are experiencing.

We have been able to secure some charitable funding from St Faith's Trust who are supporting us to further develop our Flourish work to enrich our pastoral offer further. This funding is going to allow us to employ and train another part time member of staff in 'Eco-therapy' so that we can run more Flourish Groups to include more children. We also plan that this new member of staff will provide support at lunchtimes by providing additional work in the gardens and also by running gardening clubs on two afternoons a week. We are hoping to get this person in post during February and so you will hear more soon about how your child can get involved in this extra-curricular opportunity. We continue to work towards tight deadlines for the new building. This week we meet with contractors who have tendered for the building of our STEM Lab and we are still on track to start work after Easter with a view to being completed to open in September 2020. This will provide a state of the art environmental and science classroom to extend our outdoor learning offer still further. I was absolutely thrilled to see just how supportive you all were during our recent cake and toy sale, organised by Year 4 children as part of their citizenship work to raise money for the crisis in Australia. Thanks to you the children managed to raise an amazing £181.00.

I am thrilled to be able to tell you that our longstanding flood issue at the front gate has at last been resolved. Ever since I have been Headteacher we have been trying to get this resolved but have been struggling to get Surrey County Council and Thames water to claim responsibility. At expense to ourselves we have now found a company who has been able to solve the problem without having to dig up the ground outside of our school grounds. I hope that this should resolve the problems that we have been facing gaining access to the school on rainy days. I thank you all for your patience with this.

Amanda Pedder
Headteacher

Loseley accredited with the Bronze Award from the Woodland Trust's 'Green Trees School Award' scheme

Thanks go out to Mr Etherton for continuing on with leading our school's work on Outdoor Learning with commitment and enthusiasm. This has meant that our hard work has been accredited with the Bronze Award. He is now working hard to meet all the criteria for the Silver Award so watch this space or visit the school website for updates. Our school's next 'Ground watch Newsletter' will also be published soon. These will be sent by parent mail but can also be found under our 'Newsletters' tab on the website.



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 4th February—Y2 Roman Day

Friday 7th February—Class assembly (Little Bears)

Tuesday 11th February—Safer Internet Day

Friday 14th February—Y5 visit to Portsmouth Historic Waterfront

Friday 14th February—Class assembly (Little Lions)

Friday 14th February—Break up for Half term

Monday 24th February—Back to school

Friday 28th February—Class assembly (Cygnus)