



LONG CLOSE SCHOOL

# PEGASUS NEWS

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## THE HEADMASTER WRITES...



Some weeks I will sit at my computer struggling to think of a theme for my newsletter but this week I have the opposite problem! It has been another hugely eventful week and once again we were left observing a minutes silence in memory of the victims of the London attacks. Today we all awoke to the news of a hung parliament and at the time of writing this I believe Theresa May is on her way to Buckingham Palace intending to set up a government with the DUP. Those of you who believe that I write this newsletter earlier in the week will know that this cannot be true because this last sentence could simply not have been predicted yesterday. My own voting experience yesterday morning was quite exciting - I was met on arrival at the polling station at 7am in the morning by a police van of

armed officers. It was only when I then noticed the bank of television cameras that I realised that they were there because Theresa May was clearly about to arrive and it was not just increased security in response to the events at the weekend. I have talked before about preparing our children for an unpredictable world and this week has once again shown us why. Senior pupils have fully engaged with the democratic process and 6 pupils prepared their own presentations, and voting yesterday morning led to the following, very interesting results!

Long Close School Election 2017		 ELECTION 2017	
Green	7		
Lib Dem	5		
Conservative	7		
UKIP	22		
Labour	10		
SNP	10		
Spoilt	1		
<b>Total =</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>Electorate (those eligible to vote)</b>	<b>83</b>
		<b>Turnout</b>	<b>75%</b>

I am sure that UKIP are disappointed at quite how unrepresentative this result is of the national picture! I also imagine that Mr Dunford, who ran this particular election process, will have some fascinating discussions around the balance between sound, effective policies and the power of presentation and persuasion. And whilst this was, on one level, a bit of light-hearted fun, it is part of the responsibility we have as teachers and parents to try and engage our young people with the political system in which they live. Incredibly well educated people, who understand far more about politics and the economy than I do, disagree on which is the right course for the country. It is incredibly hard to work out the merits of one argument or another but that does not mean that we should not try to get our children to be asking the right questions and to encourage them to look for answers. It is tragic that terrorism continues to blight our society but it is a reality that we have to face and only by actively engaging in current affairs and trying to establish an informed position will we be successful in ensuring that lasting solutions to some of today's problems are found. I have great faith that LCS pupils are heading in the right direction in this respect. They have a great opportunity to make a real difference in the future, learning from the mistakes that have created some of the problems we are facing today. General elections and terrorist atrocities are complex to understand and clearly the latter of these are tragic, but they do present us with an opportunity to help our children to start to unravel some of the complexities and to inspire in them a desire to find answers and to uncover previously unknown solutions to help society eradicate national and international poverty, injustice and war. A big task I know, but a laudable ambition, which we have a responsibility to try and hand onto the next generation of decision makers.

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SAT 10 JUNE 2017  
12 NOON—4PM**

### AFTER SCHOOL CARE MOBILE NUMBERS

*ASC team members can be contacted on the following numbers between 3.30pm and 6.00pm each day.*

***If you are running late to collect your child from ASC, please give the staff on duty a quick call to let them know. Thank you!***

***Nursery, Reception,***

***Yrs. 1 & 2:***

***07783 198 998***

***Years 3-11:***

***07986 316 132***

## EARLY YEARS UPDATE BY MRS HARRIS

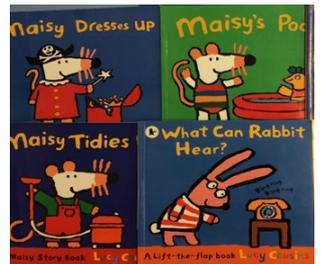
We are looking forward to seeing as many Daddy's as possible on Tuesday 13th of June for our Nursery children's Father's day Scrumy's gym and activities, from 9-11am. If a Daddy is very busy and unable to come please discuss with your class teachers, it may be that an Uncle or Granddad could come along to support the children and join in the fun. We also have an opportunity for the children to purchase a father's day present on Tuesday the 13th from the PTA Father's Day gift stall. The Early Years children will be taken to the main school Reception to choose a gift in the afternoon. If you would like your children to purchase a gift please send £5 in a named envelope in to your class teacher. Alternatively if your child does not attend on Tuesday afternoons and mummy's or other family members wish to buy a present, the Gift Stall is open 8:10am to 8.30am break time & lunchtime 3.15pm to 4.30pm in the main school Reception area. All Early Years children will take part in our exciting 'Literacy Comes Alive' Story and Activities day on Tuesday the 20th of June as per the school coms information letter sent out this week. We have our school educational visit for Reception and Red and Blue Room children which will be going to Bucklebury Farm on Wednesday the 21st of June, please see the website link below for more details of the venue. <http://www.buckleburyfarmpark.co.uk> On the Wednesday the 21st of June Yellow and Green room children are all invited to a Teddy bears picnic lunch, your class teachers will communicate further details on timings. The early year's team look forward to seeing you on Saturday at the school fair!

### YELLOW ROOM

This week Yellow room children have been enjoying some messy play! We had fun dipping our small world cars into paint and then 'driving' them onto card. The children enjoyed pushing the cars backwards and forwards noticing the tracks which were being left as they made circles and lines to decorate their card. The children then had super messy fun at the sink washing their hands independently. The children have been listening to short story Maisy picture books this week which has inspired lots of language development, we talked about the pictures at carpet times throughout the week. We have also been transitioning into Green and Red rooms in preparation for the children who are turning 3 and whom will move up in September 17. They explored the classrooms, had fun playing in the home corner, rummaging through the drawers and playing with the activities in the rooms. We will be continuing to spend time in the Green and Red room this term as it will help the children to make relationships with the staff and familiarise themselves with the rooms.

### GREEN ROOM

This week the children have been exploring the weather. On Tuesday the children arrived at nursery very wet and feeling a little blue! We decided that we could make the rain fun and develop a fantastic learning opportunity by making a rain gauge. Together Miss Hamblin and the children cut a plastic bottle and placed the top inside making a funnel. Miss Hamblin then made 1cm marks going up the bottle. We hung the bottle on the nursery fence, made predictions and then waited patiently until the next day. On Wednesday the children came into nursery very excited to see their rain gauge, although it was a beautiful sunny morning together everybody explored the rain gauge and we had had 3 cm of rain during the night!! The children then recalled their predications to see if they were correct as to how full, empty or half full the bottle would be. Following our topic and observing the drastic changes in the weather this week the children have been thinking about the importance of what we wear. They looked at a range of different clothing from summer dresses to furry winter boots and then matched them to the corresponding weather. The children then thought about the difference in what they wore to nursery on Tuesday and Wednesday. They discussed how on Tuesday they needed their coats and wellingtons but on Wednesday they only needed their summer uniform.



## THIS WEEK IN EARLY YEARS

### RED AND BLUE ROOMS

We have continued exploring the work of some famous painters this week, looking closely at the art of Italian painter Rudolf Arcimboldo and his use of fruits and vegetables in his paintings. The children found his work quite inspiring and soon set to work using fruits and vegetables to create their own masterpieces. It was very exciting as lots of letters written by the children over the half term holiday arrived in the post at nursery this week. The children enjoyed sharing their letters with both their teachers and their peers. Their writing and drawing was so amazing that we decided to display them in our post office role play area. Thank you for your support parents in extending your children's learning from home. The children have also been extremely busy making lots of very special surprises (sssshhhh!) for their daddy's in preparation for our Father's Day 'Gym and Activities' celebration. We look forward to sharing them next week!



### RECEPTION

After enjoying such wonderful weather over the half term break, Reception definitely needed a trip to the seaside. Unfortunately it was short notice to arrange a trip, so we brought the beach to our classrooms! This week we have spent time sharing times we have been to the beach and looking at traditional British seaside activities. We have looked at activities on the pier, brass bands, we even watched a 'Punch and Judy' show. The children wanted to find out about underwater creatures so we looked at the ones we would find at beaches near us and others that live in tropical warmer waters. The children have enjoyed being creative making jellyfish, decorating play dough mermaid tails, buying and selling ice-creams from the ice-cream shop and van, as well as making delicious treats at the ice-cream factory...lots of messy fun. We incorporated maths into our topic by doing a survey on our favourite flavour for ice-creams, recoding the information on a tally chart and what better way to end the week then eating a scoop of ice-cream in a cone, perfect for cooling down in this warm weather!



## PREP SCHOOL NEWS

### KEY STAGE 1

#### Year 1

Before half term Year 1 began a special science experiment whereby the children passed bread around before and after washing their hands and wiping other slices in different areas of the school. This week we discovered the results, looking at the mould on the slices of bread it could be seen that by washing our hands the bread was less mouldy.

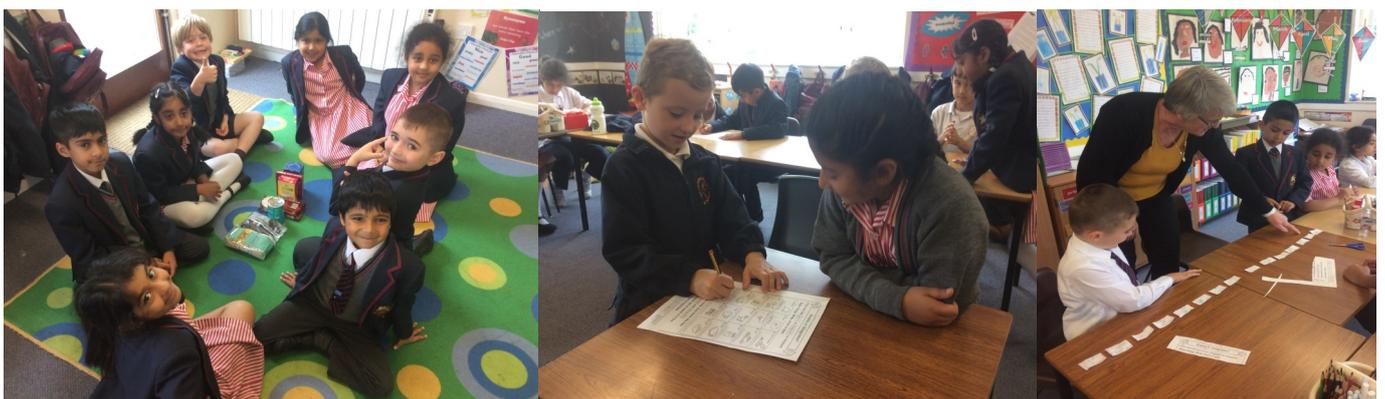
The children talked about the importance of handwashing and the results of the bread test.



#### Year 2

What great fun the children in Year 2 have had this week in maths. They started the week off getting together as a year group and investigating weights of different food items, paying close attention to the labelling on the food packaging. The children learnt that grams are used to measure lighter items and that kilograms are used to measure heavier items.

After looking at the units of measurement towards the end of the week the children moved onto weighing different parcels using scales. They had the task of helping postman Pete, ensuring that his parcels didn't weigh more than 500g! The children carefully ensured their scales were balanced before recording their answers. Great teamwork year 2!



## PREP SCHOOL NEWS

### KEY STAGE 2

#### Year 3

Year 3 have really impressed their teachers by their mature and sensible attitude towards their assessments this week. They have worked hard at revision and have started to show that they can double check and edit their written work. The children are enjoying revision sessions in maths and are so enthusiastic when feeling confident about a topic. This is so rewarding for you and your teachers. Keep it up Year 3! In between revision sessions, the children have enjoyed learning about light and shadows and some really interesting questions have arisen about the Sun and the Earth. We are looking forward to investigating how our shadows change in direction and movement throughout the day.

#### Year 4

Mrs Rees and Miss Malocca are both delighted with everyone's effort during our assessment week. The children have worked hard revising all topics and have been remaining focused during exams. Everyone is looking forward to visiting Windsor Castle on Monday 26th June, thank you for our parent helpers who have volunteered to come with us. If you have any interesting artifacts or books that you think would be useful for us to look at, please send them in as we would love to share them with the children.

#### Year 5

This week Year 5 have been preparing for their end of years exams. The pupils learnt some revision techniques and compared and explored a range of mind maps in order to identify what made a successful one. In RS the children had a fabulous time designing a quiz using the facts from their books. The children worked in pairs in order to come up with 10 multiple choice questions which then were answered by another group. The pair who managed to answer the quiz correctly and completed it the quickest won a little prize! All the students worked very hard on making sure that all the questions were quite tough! In spellings, they worked on words which end in y and explored whether they had an ies or y when changed to plurals.

The games lessons gave children a chance to release stress and have a fun time. The girls enjoyed a fantastic games of rounders and the boys played cricket at Lascelles Park.



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Date: Wednesday 14th June

Time: 9:00 to 11:00

For more information please contact 0344 515 1380  
or email [FAHWYF@shelter.org.uk](mailto:FAHWYF@shelter.org.uk)

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## MUSIC BY MRS BINGHAM

### SPACES AVAILABLE FOR DRUM AND WOODWIND LESSONS FOR AN IMMEDIATE START!

If your child is in Year 2 or above for drums and Year 4 or above for flute/clarinet or sax we have spaces with our lovely peripatetic music teachers for an immediate start!

Please collect a form from the front office or email me directly on [Amy.bingham@longcloseschool.co.uk](mailto:Amy.bingham@longcloseschool.co.uk) and I can get these set up for your child straightaway!

### Awards for Speech Day Years 3-6

Our Speech Day is a special occasion on the last day of term and during the event we celebrate the achievements of pupils in the Prep School and Senior School. As is customary, cups and shields are awarded to some of the children for a notable achievement. Those children have retained the cup/shield at home for the past year, but do need to begin collecting them in ready for this year's Speech Day. Please may we request their return by **Friday 23rd June**. Thank you!

### WINNERS OF THE SUMMER FAIR

#### PROGRAMME COVER:

<u>Nursery</u> - Noor Dhatt (Blue room)	<u>Year 4</u> - Prabhveer Mundra (4R)
<u>Reception</u> - Oscar Lenz	<b>OVERALL WINNER!</b>
<u>Year 1</u> - Naina Verma (1S)	<u>Year 5</u> - Raheim Wahedally (5C)
<u>Year 2</u> - Albert Veliu (2W)	<u>Year 6</u> - Layla Suleman(6O)
<u>Year 3</u> - Hari Selvan (3M)	<u>Year 7</u> - Vanshika Kolliboina (7J)

## SCHOOL EVENTS FOR W/C 12 JUNE 2017

**Tues 13 June—Father's Day Nursery Scrumy's Event**

**U9 Rounders v Dair House (a)**

**Wed 14 June—U11 Rounders v St Bernards (h)**

**U13 Cricket v Thorpe House (a)**

**Thurs 15 June—Yr. 8 Geography Field Trip to Slough**

**Fri 16 June—KS2 Sports Day**

**Reception Father's Day Stay & Play 'Lego Challenge'**