

Lovelace Primary School Newsletter

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Happy 75th Birthday Lovelace!

Tuesday 13th October we celebrated the **75th birthday of Lovelace School** on Ada Lovelace day! We celebrated everything STEM, dressing up and with an afternoon of fun STEM activities. Our kitchen even made us a fantastic celebration lunch of hot dogs and birthday cake - thank you **Accent**!













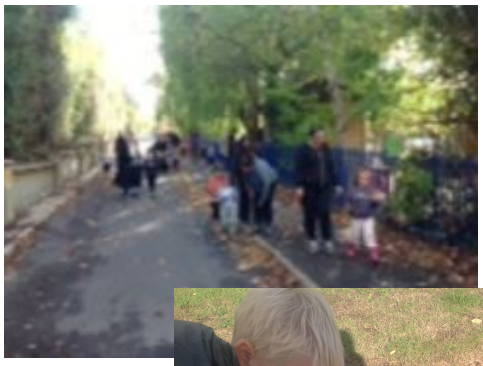






Celebrating Learning

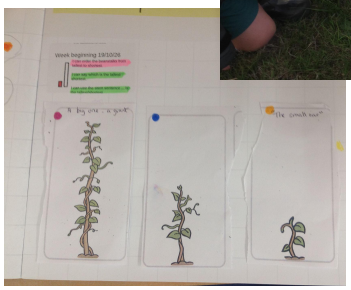
Phase One





This week, Reception have been looking at the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. In maths, we have looked at comparing length of objects and using vocabulary such as longer, shorter and taller.

On Eco Day, the children had a stack of cubes and went around the school grounds with their grown ups looking for natural objects of the same length.



Phase Two







Year 4 stepped back in time for an unforgettable Victorian Day! Dressed to impress in their finest Victorian attire, our young historians fully immersed themselves in the era. Throughout the day, the children took part in traditional Victorian maths lessons, practiced writing and sending seaside postcards, and slowed down to carefully observe and draw detailed nature sketches. It was a fantastic hands-on learning experience that truly brought the 19th century to life!.

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Phase Three

Year 5 stepped back in time for a fantastic immersion into history during their Ancient Greek Day. The children looked the part, arriving in impressive togas, tunics, and laurels that transformed their classrooms into scenes from the ancient world.

Embracing the competitive spirit of the original Olympic Games, the students took to the playground to test their athletic abilities in several classic events:

- **Long-Distance Running:** Learning how to pace themselves over longer distances.
- **Standing Long Jump:** Launching themselves as far as possible from a standing position.
- **100m Dash:** Racing down the track in a true test of speed.

Beyond the stadium, our students explored other rich aspects of Greek culture. They crafted custom bookmarks with their names written in the Greek alphabet, solved tricky clues to escape the Labyrinth, and brought classic mythology to life by acting out scenes from the tragedy *Orpheus and Eurydice*. It was a memorable, hands-on day that truly brought history to life.







Wider curriculum - a spotlight on SEN!

We have been listening to your feedback about our SEN offer here at Lovelace and we would like to set up a working group with families to work together to build a shared vision of SEN support for our community.



We will meet each half term over the coming school year - please don't feel you need to come to every meeting to take part. We appreciate your support to help us shape SEN at Lovelace for the future!

Our first meeting will be at 9.15am on Friday 13th November

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School Council



We are delighted to introduce our new School Council! The children have already been busy holding meetings and sharing the views and opinions of their classmates. So far, we have been exploring everyone's thoughts on our new catering company and discussing how safe we feel in school. The School Council plays an important role in making sure every child's voice is heard, and we look forward to sharing more of their ideas and achievements in future newsletters!

144 Club

All children in KS2 (Y3-6) have the opportunity to join an exclusive club called the 144 Club. To be part of the 144 Club, children need to prove they know all of the 12 times tables.

In order to qualify they need to complete the times table challenge in:
8 minutes for Bronze, 6 minutes for Silver, 4 minutes for Gold, 2 minutes for Platinum

Congratulations Eshaal, Jack, Kezia, Florence, Mihaela and Amelia (4 Hornbeam) and Arlo (5 Pine) who achieved BRONZE . Imogen and Leo (4 Hornbeam) who achieved SILVER. - WELL DONE

Celebrating Sports events

Friday 16th October
Year 5 and 6 Cross Country



These children took part at the cross country tournament. The day started with pouring rain but this did not dampen their spirits.
All the children were amazing, their team spirit was fantastic, cheering each other on and motivating their friends.
A shout out to Amelia who came 6th in her race and to Leo who came 5th in his race! An extra shout out to Freddie who lost his shoe on lap one but instead of stopping he continued to run shoeless, fantastic determination!!

Wednesday 21st October
Year 5 and 6 Boys Football

Our boys football team played fantastically in the incredibly wet rainy conditions! The boys were undefeated in their first game however unfortunately the rest of the tournament was rained off and postponed!



Communication changes after half term

After half term we will be streamlining our communication at Lovelace.

Please remember that from the first day of term in November that:

- Weduc will no longer be used to send **messages** to families.

  We will be using the Announcements function on the Class Charts App

- **Homework** will be set for children through the Class Charts App, teachers will no longer be using Google Classroom.
- Please report all **child absences** through the class charts App only from after half term. We will no longer be using the office answerphone.

PE kit after half term

To maximise learning time during our PE lessons, avoid PE kit going missing in school and to help year groups to de-clutter the cloakrooms children will be asked to come to school in their PE kit when it is their PE day after half term. They will wear their kit all day.

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct PE kit, tight black cycling shorts and short cycling shorts are not to be worn as PE kit.

Ear rings must also be removed on PE days before coming to school.

Plain House colour crew neck T Shirt (Jupiter - yellow, Venus – green, Mars – red, Neptune- blue	
Burgundy knee length shorts only. Children *are not permitted* to wear any other colour, cycling shorts style shorts or shorter than knee length shorts.	
A **plain black tracksuit** during the autumn and winter months. *This must be plain black and have no writing or images on.*	
Plain black plimsolls or plain black trainers are to be worn	

LOVELACE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Certificate of Achievement

The following received a certificate of achievement:

1 Beech: Filipe
1 Rowan: Alfie
2 Hazel: Kaia
2 Lime:Joanne
2 Cherry: Ella
3 Poplar: Scarlett
3 Aspen: Primrose
3 Elder: Liely
4 Larch: Valentina
4 Hornbeam: Imogen
4 Maple: Blake
5 Spruce: Olivia F
5 Pine: Calebe
5 Hawthorn: Zahra
6 Juniper: LoganS
6 Sycamore: Emily R
6 Cedar: Amrah

Learning Together
Succeeding Forever

Well Done
Miss Dixon

Ada Lovelace Day

13 October 2026

A celebration of the achievements in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM)

This certificate is awarded to:

Olivia (Rowan), Kate (Beech),
Emilia (Cherry), Alfie (Hazel) Joseph (Lime),
India (Poplar) Louie (Elder), Emir (Aspen)
Jaxson (Larch), Mihaela (Hornbeam), Zachary (Maple),
Finlay (Hawthorn), Emma (Pine) Yasna (Spruce)
Kaden (Cedar), Martin (Sycamore), Ron (Juniper)

Who has a creative mind and a keen interest in STEM!

How many house points has your house collected this week?!

Well done to everyone who has been awarded a house point this week, we are very proud of you! Each week the house points will be added to the display in the corridor and the newsletter.

First place



Venus

Second place



Mars

Third place



Juniper

Fourth place



Neptune



amazon wishlist

As a school, we spend lots of our budget on school supplies, classroom decorations, books, notebooks and pencils.

One way to cut down on our spending and get supplies for your child's classroom is by creating an Amazon Wish List.

Please click on the relative link below if you wish to buy an item for your child's class.

N - https://amzn.eu/0h0jbEjn
R - https://amzn.eu/0gKSJpuc
1 - https://amzn.eu/0ilxlrrr
2 - https://amzn.eu/0atL7JNN
3 - https://amzn.eu/02TJEzbS
4 - https://amzn.eu/09WiCcZS
5 - https://amzn.eu/03b3fnPU
6 - https://amzn.eu/0d3uXOfH
Meadow - https://amzn.eu/02claNOl

GET CAUGHT READING... IN STRANGE PLACES!

THE LOVELACE PRIMARY SCHOOL READING CHALLENGE

21st Oct - 2nd Nov

THE RULES:



#1: SAFETY FIRST:
No high roofs, dangerous heights, road hazards, or water risks. An adult **MUST** take or supervise the photo.



#2: BOOKS ONLY:
Physical books, eBooks, audiobooks, or comics all count!



#3: ONE ENTRY PER CHILD:
Choose your *best* strange place entry!

Holiday Clubs With Koosa Kids At Lovelace



Koosa Kids will be running their holiday clubs here at Lovelace.

They have released dates for **October** and **February** half term camps as well as **Christmas**.

Remember there are **sibling discounts** for their camps and that families can use **Tax Free Childcare Vouchers** to book places.

Look at our school website for more information.





Christmas Celebration Dates

Nursery	In nursery	11th December times tbc
Reception together	In lower hall	9.15 am 2nd December
Rowan, Hazel, Elder, Cherry	Lower hall	9.15 am 8th December
Beech, Lime, Poplar, Aspen		9.15 am 9th December
Larch, Hawthorn, Sycamore	Lower hall	9.15 am 14th December
Maple, Pine, Cedar		9.15 am 15th December
Hornbeam, Spruce, Juniper		9.15 am 16th December

10th December - Christmas jumper day, Christmas lunch, afternoon Christmas parties

Diary dates

Autumn term diary dates - Please keep checking the newsletter as more dates and events will be added during the term

23rd End of half term 3.15pm	
October Half Term 26th October – 30th October	
November	
2nd	Autumn Term 2 - Children Return
4th	Reception and Year 1 Phonics Workshop 2.30-3.15pm
5th	New Reception/Nursery 2027 Parent Tours 9.15-10.15am Year 1 local area walk
8th	Diwali
9th	**Book Fair Week** World Nursery Rhyme Week Y6 Sycamore Imperial War Museum
11th	Remembrance Day
13th	Children in Need SEN First Meeting – 9.15am
12th	Year 6 Cedar Imperial War Museum
19th	Year 6 Juniper Imperial War Museum
25th	iRock Concerts to parents 9.30am & 2.30pm
26th	Year 2 Christmas Journey at the King's centre
27th	Year 6 WW2 WOW day
28th	PFA Winter Fayre
30th	Reports to parents (emailed to parents)
December	
1st	Willow Room Parent Event 2.30-3.15pm
2nd	**Parent meetings** 1.40pm – 4.30pm
3rd	**Parent meetings** 3.50pm – 5.20pm
7th	Christmas Choir at The King's Centre 12-1pm
16th	Meadow Christmas Event 9.00-10.00am (Invite Only)
4th **INSET** – no school for pupils	
7th	Christmas Choir to King's centre
17th End of Nursery Term	
18th End of term 1.30pm	
Christmas Holidays 21st December – 2nd January	
January	
4th **INSET** – no school for pupils	
5th	**Spring Term Begins – Children Return**

Wrap around care at Lovelace

KOOSA Kids

BREAKFAST, AFTER SCHOOL & HOLIDAY CLUBS

FOR CHILDREN AGED 4–13

Ofsted

KOOSA KIDS BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOLS CLUB AT LOVELACE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Outstanding Quality

KOOSA Kids have been managing after school, breakfast & holiday club provision across Berkshire, Greater London, Hampshire and Surrey for 20 years. We are based in Camberley in Surrey (with existing clubs locally in Epsom, Kingston, Richmond and West Ewell) and our mission is to offer children and their parents outstanding, fun-filled childcare, for the best possible value.

Our team of childcare professionals are focused on delivering a fun-packed, safe and engaging environment for the children, whilst supporting working parents year-round with their childcare requirements. For more details about who we are & what we do, please visit **www.koosakids.co.uk**.

For further details about KOOSA Kids NEW breakfast and after school club at Lovelace Primary School, including how to register your interest, please see below or call us on 01276 21884.






BREAKFAST CLUB

- Kickstarting your children's school day, every school morning
- Open every school day from 7.45am until school starts
- Calm & relaxed environment
- Healthy and nutritious breakfast on offer
- Selection of quiet games and activities available e.g. art tables, board games, construction games & books
- Ofsted registered, high quality before school childcare, priced at £7.00 per session
- Club will be based out of the lower school hall

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

- Open every school day from school finish until 6pm
- Children are able to choose from a host of activities, including construction games, art tables, role play, book corners, puzzles, train sets, play mats and a large selection of active games such as football, hockey, rounders and more
- Healthy and nutritious snack provided (toast, crumpets / pittas & fruit platters)
- Ofsted registered, high quality after school childcare, priced at just £17.50 per session
- Club will be based out of the lower school hall, with access to the upper school hall (from 4.15pm), the playground & field

Book single/multiple sessions the working day before you need them, breakfast club by 1pm, after school club by 6pm, subject to availability. **If you require childcare on the same days on an ongoing basis, we can contract the days you need, guaranteeing your sessions each half term.**

For more information or to register your interest, email info@koosakids.co.uk or call 01276 21884

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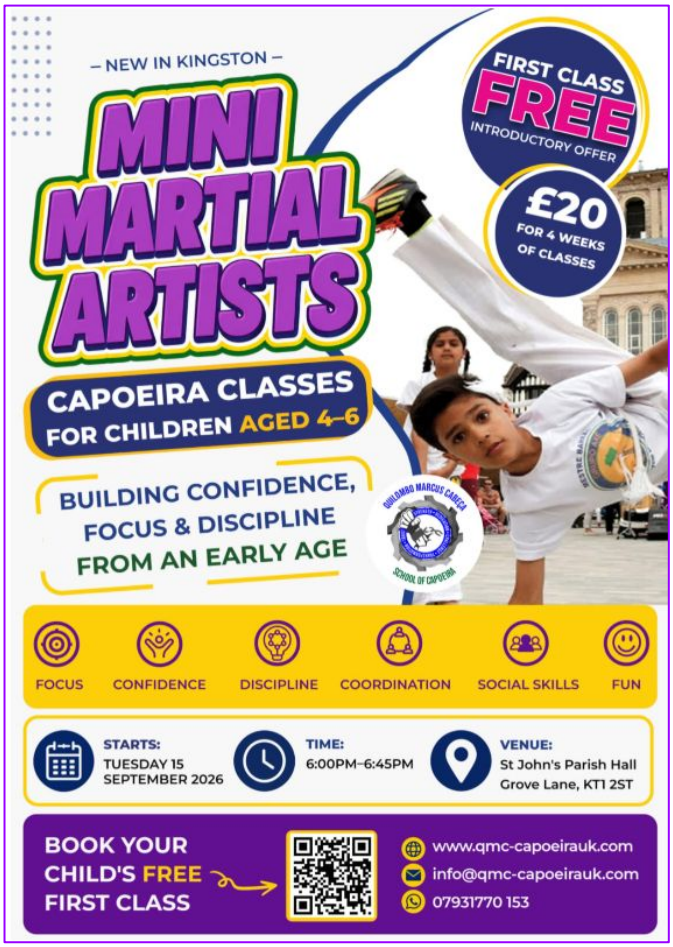
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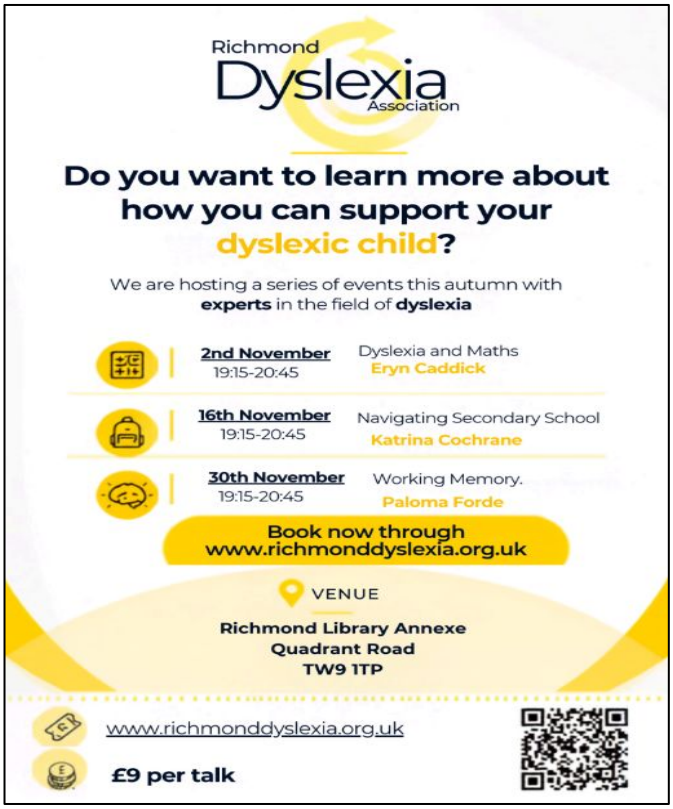
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Get in touch!

Information









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Family Hubs

Toilet Training



Online Workshop

Tuesday 27 October 2026
1.00 - 2.00pm

Would you like to know how and when to start preparing your child for toilet training?
If so, join our online Toilet Training Workshop.
A member of the team will send you an online invitation 48 hours prior to the workshop start date.
Booking essential via the link or QR code

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Click on the link to book:
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If you have any questions, please email us at:
Familyhubkingston@achievingforchildren.org.uk

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Autism Seminars for Families

Managing Emotions

Supporting families to manage anxiety, distressed behaviours and meltdowns

Seminar date: Thursday 12th November 2026

Start and finish times: 9.30am to 2.15pm

Venue name: Grand Avenue Primary School

Venue address: Grand Avenue, Surbiton

About the Seminar
'Managing Anger' is one of the Autism Seminars for Families which provides information and advice to parents and carers of children and young people with autism. This is a face to face seminar.

The Seminar will help families to:
> discuss why children with autism often have challenges with distressed behaviour and managing their emotions
> identify a low arousal approach for support through stressful situations
> explore the cycle of anger and possible support strategies
> examine strategies for managing feelings.

Seminar cost?
Families can book a 'Managing Emotions' seminar place for £5 each (cash please), which includes a full resource pack of useful information, advice and support guidelines. This seminar is delivered by a seminar facilitator using materials from The National Autistic Society.
Light refreshments will be provided, but please bring your own lunch.

How to book a place
Please complete the registration form by following this link –

https://forms.gle/kG5tQmgrJbDvuDZp9

or contact the seminar facilitator below for more information.
Name: Jane Pidduck
Email: jpiddu2@grandavenue.kingston.sch.uk
Telephone: 020 8399 5344

As places are limited please only book a place if you are able to attend and let me know ASAP if you know that you can no longer attend, so that I can give that place to someone else.

Swim Safe, Stay Clean



This week we have had a few children attempting to enter the pool with verrucas. Please make sure that if your child has a verruca they need to be wearing a protective latex sock to be able to swim in school.



NHS
South London Children and Young People's Community Immunisation Service

Has your child missed their flu vaccine at school this winter?



All children between Reception and Year 11 are offered the flu vaccine.
If your child has missed their vaccine at school, they can catch-up at a community clinic.

Use our link to book an appointment or for more information:
http://cypcis.kingstonandrichmond.nhs.uk/flu/2026/book

October 2026





Sign up to volunteer here:
https://volunteersignup.org/FQEPT

North Pole News Flash

He's making a list, he's checking it twice… 🎅
Santa will be at the Lovelace Winter Fair!
Tickets can be purchased here:
https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/grotto



Tickets are expected to sell quickly, so be sure to get yours before they're gone!