

Dear Parents and Carers,

Each end of month, I will be communicating with you all through a newsletter instead of a Vlog. I will still continue with my weekly Vlog for the rest of the month as the general consensus is that you are finding them informative a welcome change from the written form. I want to say a big **THANK YOU** to all our families for working with us during this lockdown period. We have had some great responses through our surveys about our remote learning offer from both our pupils and parents Your feedback is important and invaluable to us so that we are able to provide the best education for your child and ensure that they feel comfortable and supported both in school and at home. Here are a few comments from the surveys I would like to share with you.

'My experience from schooling at home as been good, and has felt very different to how we would usually do school work.'
(Year 6 pupil)

'I like having the teachers on video helping me learn'. (EYFS pupil)

'The work is explained very well on the videos with good examples of what is expected. The links to the work being put on seesaw is easier to access. PE sessions have been fun and a good variety'.
(Parent of a Year 4 pupil)

'The set work is very good but I'm learning with Alfie it's very different to how I was taught'.
(Parent of a Year 2 pupil)

Many pupils said the maths remote packages are their favourite. Pupils in school have been following the same curriculum and are coping well in smaller bubbles whilst missing their classmates.

Mrs Zillah Cope
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Parents Evenings via phone
Week Beginning 1st March 21

You will be contacted by your child's class teacher after half term via Seesaw / email with details of the date and timings.

Half term 15th - 19th of February

School will be closed to all pupils during this week.



IMPORTANT

The 22nd February is no longer a P D Day.

School will be open as usual for our vulnerable pupils and pupils of critical workers. Remote home learning will also be resuming on Monday 22nd February.

FOCUS

The snowy weather gave us the opportunity to be responsive to the children's interests and do what we do best at Longlands – which is to adapt our provision as and when we as professionals feel that the need arises. In school we spent time outside exploring the snow and generally having fun. The children at home were inspired by our creative 'snow day' provision and produced some excellent work.



This week, Year 6 pupils have been studying David Attenborough's 7 Worlds 1 Planet series. They plan to focus on a continent each week. This week the continent was Antarctica. The children have labelled a world map and colour coded the continents, written key facts about a polar animal, focused on key vocabulary relating to the topic such as 'inaccessible' and 'elevated', learned about adaptations of polar animals, completed reading tasks about Antarctica, plotted average temperatures in maths on a graph and carried out an exciting experiment entitled 'Blubber Gloves'!

Blubber Gloves

The children covered one hand in margarine (blubber) and placed a plastic bag over the top of the blubby mess and just a plastic bag on their other hand. They then went out in the snow to test the hypothesis as to whether blubber is a good insulator and keeps out the cold.



AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to this week's **Headteacher Award winners**, who are:

Fir Class: Leonard
Willow Class: Ava
Maple Class: Autumn
Elm Class: Olivia
Rowan Class: Jazmin
Beech Class: Kayci
Oak Class: Jack



NEWS

[Click here](#) to view what our students have been up to recently.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Remote Parents Evening – See above.