

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of September, we are starting to see the signs of Autumn around us with the beautiful colour changes in the trees and earlier sunsets. Along with these changes comes the cooler weather and, as mentioned at the beginning of term, unfortunately, we see an increase in winter illnesses. We will be working extremely hard at school to ensure that we keep the spread of these illnesses to a minimum and we ask that you help us in teaching the children to remember the basics of good hygiene including **covering your nose and mouth when you cough and sneeze and washing your hands regularly**. This will help everyone to stay fit and well.

On Saturday, the **school choir** opened the Ginger and Spice Festival. Thank you to all those who got up early to bring the children and to support them. They performed brilliantly and it was a pleasure to see so many of you there.

Also, a huge thank you to all those who came to support our **Macmillan coffee morning** yesterday and also to those who donated the delicious cakes. The hall was full and it was lovely to see parents and children enjoying their time together and meeting up with friends. We raised an amazing **£283** which will go directly to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Safety reminder – Please do not prop any of the gates open if you collect your children during the day or if they have stayed for a club. They are closed after the school day has started and again after the end of the main school day to ensure that the children are safe when in school or in clubs.

Special lunch reminder – Please support school in accessing as much funding as possible by ordering a **School lunch on Thursday. This is going to be extremely important to school this year as costs rise.**

Finally, **Good luck to Mrs Bourne** who is running the TCS London Marathon on Sunday!

Lisa Millington
Headteacher



This week at Longlands

Longlands' wonderful Tribute to Her Late Majesty, The Queen.



Choir performed brilliantly for the opening of the Ginger and Spice Festival on Saturday.



Willow class enjoying Forest Schools.

Well done to the girls' netball team who came second in their tournament on Wednesday and to the boys' team who showed true determination in their match against Baschurch.



Thank you for all of your support at the Macmillan coffee morning.

Focus EDIB = Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging



Here at Longlands, we pride ourselves on providing an inclusive curriculum where all children have a sense of belonging within the school community. In addition, we want to equip our children with the tools to succeed in a global and diverse world. As a school, and with the support of the Marches Multi Academy Trust, we are committed to delivering on all these objectives through our EDIB agenda.

To do this, we are ensuring that the wider curriculum offer is reviewed regularly and considers the Equality Act 2010. We have also recently introduced the No Outsiders scheme of work through our reading curriculum which explores many of the protected characteristics in the form of picture books – the children really enjoy the discussions around these texts.

Do look out for our EDIB floor book that is going to live in the school foyer for a celebration of the work we are doing around diversity and further communications celebrating diversity, in all its forms. **Mr Cross**

CELEBRATION



Happy Birthday to:

Ivy	Willow
Maisie	Elm
Lucas	Saplings
Rhys	Saplings
Mia	Beech
Leo	Maple
Oliver	Rowan



AWARD WINNERS

Star of the Week

Saplings	Luca-Andrei
Saplings	Everleigh
Acorns	Allie
Acorns	Ben
Fir	Shania
Willow	Amiee
Maple	Rogue
Rowan	Austin
Elm	Maisie
Beech	Pheonix
Oak	Jessica
PE	Sky

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events. Events at a glance:

- **Tuesday 4th October - Parent football reading workshop 9:15 – 10:15**
- **Wednesday 5th October to Friday 7th October – Year 6 Bikeability**
- **Thursday 6th October – Special school dinner**



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NEWS

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