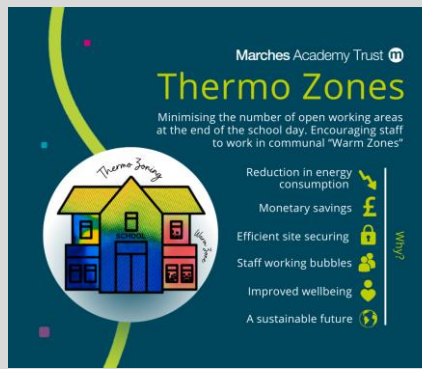


Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great start to the term and the children have settled back really well. It is wonderful to see their enthusiasm and engagement in lessons and also their kindness and empathy towards one another.

We have reviewed our homework policy and wish to make the homework as accessible to all families as possible and you will receive a letter explaining this in detail. This is often challenging for families when the homework is set with a only few days to return it to school so the children will be receiving a homework 'menu' which they can select from and will be set half termly, with some tasks still being completed weekly. Please speak to the teacher if you need any further information about this, after you have received the letter.

Sustainability and reducing costs is always on our minds and the Marches Academy Trust have been working with schools to find ways to improve this. Message from Marches Academy Trust:



During the recent Shared Services PD Day, staff were challenged to work in small teams to formulate a project idea around the theme of sustainability. Schools across the Marches Academy Trust have been tasked with conserving energy in response to the rising unit costs which we are all being exposed to at home and within the school setting. One of the first projects being rolled out across the Trust, following an initial pilot scheme, is the idea of having "Thermo Zones" –reducing the number of areas open at the end of the school day. This will encourage staff to move to the communal "Warm Zones", reducing energy consumption, allowing site staff to secure vacated areas earlier and provide staff with an opportunity to connect and share ideas. This is the first step towards a sustainable future.

Lisa Millington
Headteacher



This week at Longlands



Fir class had a special visit from PC Andy King today. They learnt all about his role and even got the chance to see his police car! The lights and sirens were super exciting!

Thank you to all of those who were able to attend the Y4 parent afternoon learning about the water cycle.



ATTENDANCE AWARDS

This week, we are celebrating great attendance from the Autumn term. Children who have an attendance of 96% or more will receive a bronze certificate, 97% or more will receive a silver certificate and 98% or more will receive a gold certificate.

Gold

Alistair Gardiner
Beau Haycocks
Chloi Schoina
Connie-Lee Urquhar
Ella Lawton
Fabian Moga
Hannah Faul
Ivory-Rose Morris
Jonah Mattherson
Jude Morris
Leland-Lee Spicer
Leo Egan
Lexi Hughes
Lily Morgan
Lucas Matthews
Lily Morgan
Lucas Matthews

Mia Jones
Nate Caldecott
Olivia Hughes
Olivia Bennett
Quinn Urquhart
Ronnie Higginson
Samuel Taylor
Shania-Rae Reynolds
Sienna-Rose Reynolds
Andrius Daujotas
Olly Hollis
Teegan Guest
Alexandru Arsenie
Emily Faul
Evie Partridge
Jake Gater
Johnathan Urquhart

Joseph Bloore
Kian Perry
Lettie Jones
Lily-May Haycocks
Maisie Nimmo
Mia Freail
Mia Williams
Phoebe Chamberlain-Kent
Poppy Bennett
Robyn Mellor
Sam Urquhart
Scarlett Furber
Sky Li
Skyla-Mae Dunne
Rogue Boswell

Silver

Amber Croston
Emma Croston
Gracie Nimmo
Jj Cakau
Wyatt Baker
Zachary Draycott
Arianne Gardiner
Emmy Kynaston
Esther Murray-Brooks
Evelyn Sumner
Jacob Bloore
Maddison-Rai Furber
Madison Hopewell
Mikey Bloore
Nancy Cakau
Nicholas Fisher
Ollie Riding

Rory Cunningham
Samuel Goodman
Sienna Goodman
Sophia Nutt
Taya Mynard
Tegan Jex

Bronze

Leo Guest
Bree Taylor
Isaac Hardy
Phoebe-Jane Dunne
Scarlotte McHale
Thea Birch

Happy Birthday to:

Nathan
Mikey
Harriet
Jake
Grace
Willow
Beech
Maple
Beech
Elm

UPCOMING EVENTS

January	
16th	Y2 parent afternoon
17th	Y2 swimming
19 th & 20th	YR Class and Y1 Class Bikeability
24th	Y2 swimming
31st	Y2 swimming
February	
3rd	Sponsored Skip
7th	Y2 swimming
14th	Y2 swimming
16th	Break up for February half term
17th	School closed to pupils – Trust Collaboration Day
27th	PD day – school closed to pupils
28th	Return to school for Spring Term 2

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Star of the Week



Saplings
Acorns
Fir
Willow
Maple
Rowan
Elm
Beech
Oak
PE
PE
Andrei
Jesse
Lwandile
Tilly
Connie
Lylah
Betty-J
George
Nicky
Ronnie
Thuli



NEWS

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