

Dear Parents and Carers,

The wintery weather, which returned on Wednesday, has led to a lot of excitement for the children and they have really enjoyed learning about the different textures of freshly fallen snow compared to compacted snow, how it melts and building different shapes with snow. We do our very best to keep school open, however, if unsafe weather conditions force school to close at any point, you will be notified by email and via the Facebook page. BBC Radio Shropshire will also have an up-to-date list of any school closures.

We are absolutely delighted to share that we have achieved the Youth Sport Trust Gold Mark again! This is a fantastic achievement and would not be possible without the PE team who work so hard to organise the PE sessions, active learning and competitions that the children regularly take part in. Sport is a crucial part of both physical and mental health and many of our children are involved in sport for competition and/or recreation and this, alongside our active learning in school, is a key part of our Personal Development for the children. Last week, we held the intra-school football competition which was planned by the Longlands School Sports Council along with Mr Mason. Our children take on many leadership roles such as representing their class mates on the Sports Council. I am also going to be meeting with the Sports Council in the coming weeks to plan what equipment we can invest in to improve our play time provision.



Swimming is also a big part of the PE curriculum and, this term, Year 2 are visiting Market Drayton Swimming and Fitness Centre for their swimming lessons. Learning to swim early gives the children great confidence and, as Mrs Hounsell said when sharing these photos, "Anxious faces always turn into huge smiles!"


Lisa Millington
Headteacher



This week at Longlands

After school clubs with Born Ready boxing



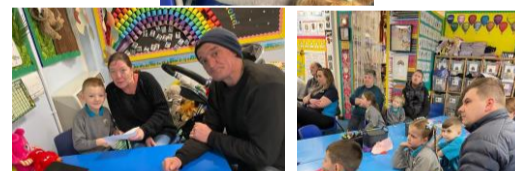
Year 3 are loving their Reading the Game sessions with Coach Neil and really enjoyed meeting Lenny the lion yesterday 



Longlands in the snow!



Year 2 parent open afternoon was a huge success. They made pouches for their worry dolls.



CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday to:

Jude Fir
Taya Willow
Molly Elm

UPCOMING EVENTS

January	
17th	Y2 swimming
19 th & 20 th	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

Acorns	Isla
Saplings	Everleigh
Fir	Rory
Willow	Ivy
Maple	Scarlett
Rowan	Mason
Elm	Grace F
Beech	Vlad
Oak	Dean
Play Leader	Leland
Play Leader	Marcel



NEWS

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