

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has seen lots of the children learning about and celebrating Chinese New Year. This included our special Kids Quest session on Monday with lots of children enjoying trying the food and activities on offer. We would like to say a huge thanks to Lucky Star Chinese Take Away for providing the food, to Miss Holding for organising the evening and to Mrs Burton and Mrs Hughes for running the session. This was a lovely way for lots of children to try out our Kids Quest sessions and there will be more special events in the near future so look out for these.

Below, you will see a some examples of the range of activities that the children have been taking part in this week which range from outdoor learning in the snow and with the animals through to completing science experiments to see the effects of gas in drinks and computing with the children learning about computer networks, how devices are linked to the networks and then the journey a file takes when it is downloaded. I am always impressed by the creative and engaging lessons which the teachers plan and prepare for the children. To see all of the photos and videos of these activities, please access our social media streams on [Facebook](#) and Twitter [@LonglandsEco](#) and [@LonglandsSport](#)

Industrial action – As you will be aware the National Education Union has announced a series of 4 planned strike days, which are scheduled to take place on the following dates: Wednesday 1st Feb 2023, Wednesday 1st Mar 2023, Wednesday 15th Mar 2023, Thursday 16th Mar 2023. We will be sending a letter today to confirm the details for this as we have had to make the difficult decision to partially close the school next Wednesday 1st February. Please read the letter carefully for full details of which pupils will be in school, work set for those who will be accessing remote learning and meals for pupils in receipt of free school meals.

Lisa Millington
Headteacher



This week at Longlands

Fantastic finished pouches for Y2's very own worry dolls after reading 'Silly Billy' by Anthony Browne



Year 6 have been writing 8 beat rhythms as part of our learning in music! Lots of budding composers in Oak Class!



Chinese New Year Celebrations



CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday to:

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| Oliver | Elm |
| Kai | Fir |
| William | Willow |
| Alice | Saplings |

UPCOMING EVENTS

January	
31st	Y2 swimming
February	
1st	Partial school closure due to strike action (see letter for details)
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

[Click here](#) to view our term dates.

AWARD WINNERS

Star of the Week

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| Acorns | Ben |
| Saplings | Eden |
| Fir | Emma |
| Willow | Nathan |
| Maple | Amelia |
| Rowan | Robyn |
| Elm | Phoebe |
| Beech | Chloi |
| Oak | Adam |



NEWS

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