

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see the days starting to get longer and to have a settled spell in weather. This often helps people to feel brighter with the promise of spring around the corner. The settled weather also allows the children and staff to really enjoy being outdoors, learning in our social farm, eco allotment and Forest School area as well as enjoying the active learning that takes place throughout each of our days. There is further information about this crucial part of our curriculum below.

I have had the privilege of spending the last two days working alongside the other Headteachers in the Marches Academy Trust where we have focused on the importance of voice within our schools and across the Trust. These sessions have been incredibly thought provoking and led to lots of discussion and debate about how we can gather the opinions and ideas of all of the members of our school community who are so important to the success of the school. Over the rest of this school year, we will be developing the ways that we can further build pupil, parent, staff and the wider community voice into the decisions that we make for the school.

Carolyn, from Christians Against Poverty, has let us know that, sadly, the support sessions have now ended at the Zone.

This week has also seen sporting success. On Monday our Year 2/3 girls football team won the Grange Park Primary School Football Festival Cup at the tournament held in Telford. The girls played brilliantly, winning every match and scoring a phenomenal 44 goals over 5 matches! On Tuesday, our basketball team came second in the North Shropshire finals at Thomas Adams School. The team have worked so well together and this is a fantastic achievement. Yesterday, a team of Year 6 children represented school at the Varsity tennis tournament at The Shrewsbury Club. Again, this team showed commitment and hard work to win the tournament. We are incredibly proud of these achievements and the dedication and hard work of all the pupils and staff involved.

Lisa Millington
Headteacher



This week at Longlands

Primary Varsity Tennis Winners



Longlands Year 5/6 Basketball Team



Year 2/3 Footballers receiving the cup.



Active Schools



The Active Schools programme aims to provide more and higher quality opportunities to take part in sport and physical activity before school, during lunchtime and after school, and to develop effective pathways between schools and sports clubs in the local community.

At Longlands, good physical and mental health is at the heart of our curriculum. Healthy and active lifestyles are crucial to success as this will improve emotional well-being, reduce challenging behaviour, increase attendance and develop key skills such as leadership, confidence, social and team building skills – all skills that are vital to the future success of our young people.

Engagement in activity is encouraged throughout the day from our free Bright Start (Active Morning Club) to our wide choice of after school clubs and from our daily skipping and activity zones at break times to our active learning and breaks during lessons, helping the children to stay focused and engaged in their learning.

We have also started to extend this activity into the community by developing an Active Community Workshop with Hatton Court Care and we cannot wait until the next workshop!

If you want to know more about our active schools work or any other aspect of sport at Longlands, please visit our [Twitter sport page](#) and the sport section of our [website](#).

CELEBRATION



Happy Birthday to:

Madison Beech
Kai Oak
Phoebe Willow



AWARD WINNERS

Star of the Week

Acorns	Jaiden	Harlow
Saplings	Matilda	Tommy
Fir	Thea	
Willow	Archie	
Maple	Joseph	
Rowan	Ava	
Elm	Harper	
Beech	Marcel	
Oak	Jared	



UPCOMING EVENTS

February	
16th	School closes at the end of the school day
17th	School closed to pupils – Trust Collaboration Day
27th	PD day – school closed to pupils
28th	Return to school for Spring Term 2
March	
2nd	World Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character
9 th & 10 th	Year 3 and Year 4 Bikeability
13 th	Year 2 Chester Zoo trip
29 th	Art exhibition – open to parents pm
30 th & 31 st	Year 4 residential to PGL
31 st	Last day of Spring Term

