

### Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have all had a good half term and the children have returned to school full of energy and with really positive attitudes to their learning.

As you will know, on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February, all of the schools in the Marches' Academy held a Collaboration Day where we were able to collaborate with colleagues within our school but also in Trust wide activities. This has allowed us time to work together to explore research into how we plan and deliver our curriculum so that all children make excellent progress as well as further developing positive behaviour management skills for members of staff. We were also able to take a good look at the school, both inside and out, to continue to improve the physical environments for the children.

On Monday's PD Day, all of the teachers from across the academy Trust came together to further our skills and knowledge about providing an inclusive curriculum. This has given us a huge amount to think about. Longlands is already very inclusive for all children and families but we want to continue to improve and will be working on this, starting straight away and continuing over the next few years.

Last half term, we welcomed local active sports partnership, Energize STW, into school to help us create video case-studies of the work that we have been doing over the past 12 months of the national pilot of the Creating Active Schools framework. These videos have now been completed and will be shared with you in the coming weeks. They will also be shared with our wider community and schools across Shropshire to showcase the success of this program at Longlands. We are very proud of the children's sporting achievements and the health and wellbeing benefits that these bring.

To keep up-to-date with Longlands' School sports, please remember that you can follow our PE Twitter account [@LonglandsSport](https://twitter.com/LonglandsSport) which is free to join and you will be able to see more of the photos from the events that the children take part in. Look out for an exciting announcement in the near future which will help us to stay active as a community. More about this soon!

*Lisa Millington*  
Headteacher



## World Book Day



Yesterday was World Book Day and it was absolutely fantastic to see the time and energy that everyone gave to celebrating the day and sharing their characters with each other.

Reading is a vital skill for our young people but it is also a doorway to their imaginations, to anywhere the children would like to be or to new things they would like to learn about.



Starting on the 8th March and taking place every Wednesday thereafter, The Zone will be running both basic cooking skills and practical cooking sessions. free of charge! Register your place by emailing [MarketDrayton@4allfoundation.co.uk](mailto:MarketDrayton@4allfoundation.co.uk)



## CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday to:

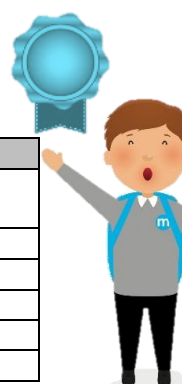
Mason Rowan  
Lena Elm

## UPCOMING EVENTS



March	
2nd	World Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character
9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 and Year 4 Bikeability
13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Chester Zoo trip
29 <sup>th</sup>	Art exhibition – open to parents pm
30 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup>	Year 4 residential to PGL
31 <sup>st</sup>	Last day of Spring Term

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



### Star of the Week

Acorns Reggie  
Saplings Max  
Fir Quinn  
Willow Caoimhe  
Maple Leo  
Rowan Alex  
Elm Poppy  
Beech Lexi  
Oak Dylan

