

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to be able to share that Longlands has been allocated funding from the Youth Sport Trust which is going to allow us to fit a community outdoor gym. This is fantastic news as it is another way that Longlands is able to give the children excellent sporting and health opportunities as well as sharing this with the wider community. We are planning how the community use will work and will share the details of this in the near future.

On Wednesday, I met with the 4 ALL Foundation Eco Group and they have offered their time to school to help us develop our eco-allotment so that each of the classes is able to have their own growing area. We are extremely grateful to the group for volunteering their time as this will make a huge difference to the children. I would also like to say thank you to the other members of the community who have volunteered their time to help. If we have not been in touch yet, we will be over the next couple of weeks.

You may have seen that the BBC recently reported on a school absence issue that has started since the Covid pandemic. It is reported that there is an increase in absence from schools on a Friday as more parents are working from home at the end of the week or have shorter working weeks. Every school day is very important and any gaps in learning can have an impact as well as the impact that missing school can have on friendships.

This week is British Sign Language week and we are really lucky to have a member of staff who has been learning to sign. On Wednesday, Miss Duce led a training session for staff on some key words and phrases that can be used to support the children.

Lastly, we would like to thank Kaz's café for being a collection point for funds to support our Farm. They have raised over £60 in just a few weeks which will go a long way to helping us to develop the chicken, rabbit and guinea pig enclosure which we are hoping to have completed by the end of the summer term.



Lisa Millington
Headteacher

This week at Longlands



At Longlands, we aim to give children the chance to learn Science through hands-on experiences and finding things out for themselves. They are encouraged to explore, ask questions and build on things that they have learnt before. We believe that this is the perfect way to understand the world around them.



Science

We are very lucky to have an outdoor environment which allows the children to take some of their science learning outdoors. This lets the children take part in fieldwork and scientific study more often, especially for our Science units linked to plants, animals, including humans, living things and their environment and seasonal change.

We believe that a positive primary science experience is also key to encouraging our young people to study this at secondary school, and to even think about a career in Science.

We want all of our children to leave school as confident scientists who enjoy learning about the world around them and the way it works.



CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday to:

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| Adam | Oak | Leo | Fir |
| Hannah | Maple | Emma | Fir |
| Leland | Beech | Amelia | Maple |
| Logan | Oak | | |

AWARD WINNERS



| Star of the Week | |
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| Acorns | Harper |
| Saplings | Colby |
| Fir | Jj |
| Willow | Archie M |
| Maple | Hannah |
| Rowan | Corey |
| Elm | Lena |
| Beech | Madison |
| Oak | Sky |

UPCOMING EVENTS



| March | |
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| 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 |

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