

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been filled with a mixture of sadness and joy. As you will know, we started the week by having to say goodbye to Vince the goat after a short illness. Our animals bring smiles and happiness but, when one of them dies, it gives us the chance to talk about this with the children in a caring and sensitive way so that they learn about death and the emotions that this makes them feel. As goats are herd animals and like to live in groups, it has been important that Leo has not been left on his own for too long. This has meant that we are ending the week with happiness after two new pygmy goats arrived yesterday to keep Leo company. We hope that our wonderful community will support us in keeping our animals safe after Vince was hit by a stone, which may have led to his injury and illness.

We will be holding a competition to name the goats shortly and hope to use this to raise some money towards their upkeep. After their ability to escape yesterday, I am tempted to call them Harry and Houdini!

On Monday, the children (and some of the staff) took part in the Silent Disco. This was a big hit and it was fantastic to see the huge smiles as well as the very loud singing. I am sure that this will be a fond memory for many of our children.

On Tuesday, Taylor Shaw, who are our lunch providers, brought a smoothie bike into school. The pedals on the bike powered the smoothie maker and the children had great fun pedalling the bike and trying the smoothies.

This week has also been Arts Week and this year we have explored the art of illustrating stories and storytelling. On Wednesday, the children took part in a webinar with John Bishop, illustrator of Slug in a Mug, where they heard about how he comes up with his creations. Yesterday, Jake the storyteller was in school and all of the children took part in storytelling workshops with Jake. We look forward to seeing our budding storytellers and illustrators writing and drawing their own creations in the future.

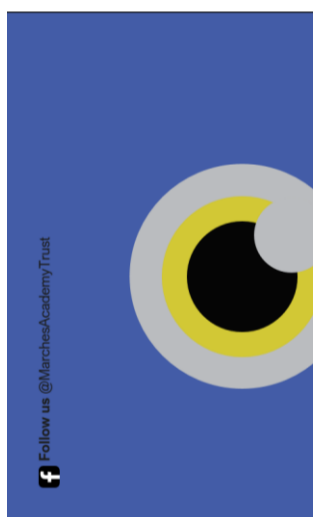


Lisa Millington
Headteacher

This week at Longlands



Breaking the myth – Week 5



Breaking the myth... Relationships & Transitions

Young people go through all kinds of changes as they grow up – including when they move into a new class, go to secondary school, move to a new house or area, or experience changes within their family. You may see the following:

- Changes in sleep patterns, eating habits and behaviour
- What can I do:
 - Get involved with what's going on in their lives
 - Keep talking, texting, sharing, sympathising, smiling.
 - Be interested in what's going on in their heads.

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What else?

Find attached some activities that you can do as a parent transitioning from Primary to Secondary:

[fyf-teacher-resource-year-7.pdf \(youngminds.org.uk\)](#)

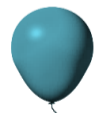
<https://www.tellmi.help/> (for 11+)

[pupil-resource.pdf \(youngminds.org.uk\)](#)

"The first step toward change is awareness. The second step is acceptance"

Nathaniel Branden

CELEBRATION



Happy Birthday to:

Fabian Elm Eva Oak Tamara Saplings Caoimhe Willow
Rory Fir Mehtan Maple Lily-May Beech

UPCOMING EVENTS

June	
26 th	Library toddler group visiting Longlands Farm
26 th	Year 3 Swimming
27 th	Year 4 Swimming
27 th	Care home residents to visit Longlands
28 th	Year 4 Read the Game
28 th	Weekly Stay and Play (baby and toddler group)
29 th	Y3/4 girls' football festival
July	
3 rd	Year 3 swimming
3 rd	Year 2 parent afternoon - see class info for time
3 rd	Year 6 Understanding Money workshop
4 th	Year 4 Swimming
5 th	Read the Game
5 th	Weekly Stay and Play (baby and toddler group)
7 th	L Factor – details to follow
7 th	Year 6 Sleepover
10 th and 11 th	Year 6 secondary school transition days
10 th	Swimming
11 th	Year R to Year 6 move up morning
11 th	Year 4 swimming



AWARD WINNERS



Star of the Week

Acorns Isla
Saplings Lorelai
Fir Wyatt
Willow Freya
Maple Shelby
Rowan Sally
Elm Joe
Beech Jonah
Oak Nate

