

Dear Families,

This has been a short but very busy half term with lots of lovely learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom.

We are delighted to share that Longlands, once again, has achieved **Gold for the Youth Sport Trust Quality Mark** which is the highest level. I am so proud of the achievements of the children and staff who are so dedicated to the excellent sports provision.



Thank you to all of our families who came along to the **art exhibition** yesterday. The children's artistic achievements are wonderful and it was lovely for the hall to be a sea of colour.

During the Autumn term, a few of the feedback comments from the parent questionnaire mentioned about **knowing about events in advance**. We have been working hard at improving this and hope that the termly dates in advance as well as the reminders on the newsletter is helping with this. Your feedback is always welcome so please let us know of any comments you have,

We have had another reminder from the health team about the rising **measles risk** in our local area. The advice is for everyone to check their immunisations to ensure that they are up-to-date, due to the very serious health risks that measles cause. This advice is both for children and adults.

I am very excited that we now have the funding to make some more **classroom improvements** which will take place during the half term holiday. Fir class will be having new wooden flooring to match nursery, making our Early Years classes very flexible learning spaces. Rowan class will be treated to much-needed decoration and new carpets and Elm class will also be having new carpets. We are very thankful to the Marches Academy Trust for continuing to support us in improving the learning environments for all our children. We are planning to continue these improvements for other classes, as the funding becomes available.

Finally, Wednesday was Safer Internet Day. This is a day to help us remind the children about the importance of being safe online however, our children need this reminder everyday. We have seen an increase in incidents between children when they are online. Many of these have involved children when using WhatsApp. It is important to remind you that the age restriction to use WhatsApp is 16+. These restrictions are given to ensure the safety of your children so, if they are using this and other social media, please consider removing their access or, at the very least, make regular checks of who your child is talking to and what they are talking about.

There are also increasing incidents of strangers trying to communicate with children through many of the platforms that the children use. This can put the children in very serious situations. Good advice is to have internet monitoring systems and restrictions on your home internet, for children to only have limited, supervised access to devices, as well as regular reminders.

about the importance of telling someone if a stranger tries to communicate with them or if they see or here something that they shouldn't, when online. The children also need reminding about not giving out their personal information when online. [Home - Safer Internet Day](#)

The children are taught all of these skills at school but will need reminders at home in order to stay safe.



Lisa

Millington
Headteacher

This week at Longlands



Happy birthday to:

Madison	Oak	William	Fir	Charlie	Maple
Bonnie	Willow	Jacob	Willow	Archie	Maple
Tia	Beech	Phoebe-Jane	Maple	Eric	Acorns

UPCOMING EVENTS

February	
9 th	Break up for half term
w/b 12 th	Spring half term holiday
19 th	PD Day – children not in school
20 th	School reopens
20 th	Year 1 Library Visit
20 th	Year 2 swimming
20 th	Year 3 Trip to Burwardsley Castle
23 rd	Year 4 Meet the Romans Workshop (at school)
28 th	Athlete Visit to Longlands: Chris Tawiah basketballer
29 th	Athletics competition (The team will receive a letter)
March	
5 th	Year 2 swimming
7 th	World Book Day
8 th	Biggest Session Ever – Girls' Football Day
12 th	Year 2 swimming
13 th	Sportability Cricket (The team will receive a letter)
13 th	Parents' Evening
14 th	Parents' Evening
14 th	Comic Relief
18 th	Year 2 Chester Zoo trip

STAR OF THE WEEK

Acorns	Jenson
Saplings	Harper-Leigh
Fir	Adam
Willow	Ella
Maple	Freya
Rowan	Logan
Elm	Mason
Beech	Alfie T
Oak	Wiktorija & Sienna

