# Longlands Primary School (III)

Part of the Marches Academy Trust



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

Dear Families,

Our last week before the Easter holiday has been another busy week. It has been lovely to spend some more time outside in the milder weather and to see the insects that have taken shelter over winter, busy in the farm and forest school areas.

This week, we have, once again, been awarded the Youth Sport Trust Gold Mark. I am so proud of the work that the adults and children put into sport in our school. The feedback highlighted the excellent work that is put in by the PE Team, Mrs Hounsell and Miss Holding, with the support of the Trust lead, Mr Hounsell. They recognised the excellent PE lessons, the active breaks throughout all lessons, the quality professional development of all staff as well as the fact that all of the pupils take part, right from the time they join us in Nursery. Well done to everyone involved.

Enormous thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Dixie, Lettie, Jaelyn, Mrs. Hounsell, and Mrs. Brennan who spent their Sunday building a new chicken pen on our school farm. The chickens are now enjoying their little hatch, which allows them to interact with the goats. We would also like to say a huge thank you to Rachel and Wendy at Fordhall Farm who have worked with some of the young people who attend their Youth Services provision to build us a new guinea pig and rabbit run as well as bird and bat boxes.

A big thank you to everyone who donated chocolate and/or joined us for Easter Bingo on Wednesday and thank you to Mr Cross for being our fantastic Bingo caller. It was a great event filled with fun and laughter. Not only did we have a great time, but we also raised £280 for the PTA. These funds directly support school resources and activities. Also thank you for your support for our Comic Relief Wear Red day last Friday. The cake sale raised an impressive £90 for Comic Relief.

Please take a moment to review the attached Child Care Choices Poster. It provides valuable information on how you can access support for child care costs. Scan the QR code on the poster to get more information.

Please follow the link to see more information about the <u>national childhood immunisation campaign</u> which has been launched by NHS England and UKHSA (UK Health Security Agency). The campaign aims to encourage parents of children aged 0-5 years to get their children vaccinated. If your child has missed or may miss a vaccine, we strongly recommend getting them vaccinated. Recent data shows a drop in vaccinations for measles and whooping cough, so let's protect our little ones together!

Our school is committed to fostering open communication. The **Promoting Open Conversations Poster** is a helpful resource. It encourages children to express their feelings confidently. When children feel heard and understood, it positively impacts their well-being and the poster offers suggestions of how to do this at home.

You Said, We Did - following last summer's feedback, please see the summer dates attached. If dates have to change for any

reason, we will give you as much notice as possible. Finally, we would like to wish Mrs Hughes the very best of luck as she moves on from Longlands. She has

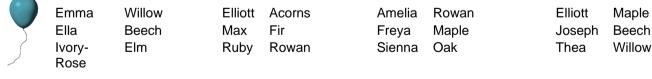
been a fantastic lead of our KidsQuest afterschool club and we thank her for all that she has done. KidsQuest will continue after Easter with current staff from Longlands running the sessions.

We wish you all a happy Easter and look forward to seeing you for the Summer term which starts on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Lisa Millington

### Headteacher



## Happy birthday to:



#### UPCOMING EVENTS



March		
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Break up for Easter Holiday	
w/b 25 <sup>th</sup> March and 1 <sup>st</sup> April Easter Holiday		
April		
8 <sup>th</sup>	Summer term starts	
9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup>	Chance to Shine Cricket	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Netball finals (The team will receive a letter)	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Hedgehog rescue talk for all classes	
16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup>	Chance to Shine Cricket	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Schools Mini-marathon	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	5 year old dental survey	
22 <sup>nd</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup>	Fir and Willow Bikeability	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 3 and 4 swimming	
30th	Year 3 and 4 swimming	
May		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Chance to Shine Cricket – Y2 to 6	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Deaf awareness assembly	
6 <sup>th</sup>	School closed – bank holiday	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 and 4 swimming	

#### STAR OF THE WEEK

Acorns	Saoirse
Saplings	Stanley
Fir	Max
Willow	Rory
Maple	Logan
Rowan	Lettie
Elm	Arrietty
Beech	Lexi
Oak	Jonah





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