

Dear Families,

Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done to our amazing Year 6 class who have completed the end of key stage 2 SAT tests this week. They have worked incredibly hard, approaching the tests in such a positive way and I am very proud of them all. I would also like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Collins, Mr Thomas and Mrs Chevins for the support that they've given the children throughout this year in the run-up to the SATs and also to Mrs Bevan and Mrs Mazan who supported the pupils so well this week.

We also have other year groups who will be completing national assessments over upcoming weeks. Year 1 and some Year 2 pupils will be completing their phonics assessments, Year 2 are working through the end of Key Stage 1 tests which are now optional but we are continuing to complete as they provide school with a good benchmark for how to support these pupils as they head into Year 3. Year 4 will also be completing the Multiplication Tables Check. We wish all these children, who have also been working very hard, luck over the next few weeks.

You may have noticed the new image in the top right hand corner of the newsletter this week. This is because our School Values have been updated. School values are important because they guide behaviour and shape character within the school community. By instilling these values, we create a positive environment for learning and growth.



Those of you who pass the KS1 playground may have noticed the new shed and signs. As the signs say, this is going to be our new Tinkering Shed. Tinkering is what happens when you try something you don't quite know how to do, guided by imagination and curiosity. When you tinker there are no instructions, but there are also no failures, no right or wrong way of doing things.

Research shows that children's mental and physical health is getting worse and that great play can make it better. The Tinkering Shed will be a place where children can develop their creativity and challenge while engaging in outdoor play. There will be lots of equipment in the shed that the children will be able to use to spark their imaginations and we look forward to seeing how their creativity and collaborations grow.

Lisa Millington
Headteacher



This week at Longlands



Happy birthday to:

Aya Acorns
Alfie Rowan

UPCOMING EVENTS

20 th	Bee day – wear black and yellow or dress as a bee
21 st	Year 2 Pond dipping visit
21 st	Year 3 and 4 swimming
21 st	Year 6 Enginuity Visit
22 nd	Chance to Shine Cricket – Y2 to 6
24 th	Wear Orange Day Fundraising – (More information to follow)
24 th	Break up for half term
w/b 27 th May	Summer half term holiday
June	
3 rd	Children return to school
4 th	Year 3 and 4 swimming
5 th	Year 4 Blists Hill visit
6 th	Athletics event (The team will receive a letter)
7 th	Year 6 pupils supporting The Zone community litter pick
7 th	Year 3 Exotic Zoo visit
7 th	Rounders competition (The team will receive a letter)
10 th	Year 6 Darwin Workshop – in school
11 th	Year 3 and 4 swimming
12 th	Sports' Day (<i>Moved earlier following feedback that the end of term was too busy</i>)
12 th	Year 4 Read the Game
14 th	Year 2 Bikeability

STAR OF THE WEEK

Acorns	Brodii
Saplings	Leo D
Fir	Dexter
Willow	Lwandile
Maple	Theo
Rowan	Caiden
Elm	Gracie
Beech	Betty-Jo
Oak	Alistair

