



Talking Heads

Friday 24th May 2024

Dear Families,

This week has been a busy week with trips. On Tuesday, **Year 6 visited Enginuity** where they designed and created small electric cars in groups of 4. The children had a great day and were keen to share their creations when they returned to school. Phoenix said, "It was a fun and enjoyable trip and I would really recommend it for other schools and families to visit in the future. The best bit, but also the most challenging, was trying to build a chair out of the wooden planks provided."



Maple class had a fun filled day at Park Hill Farm on Tuesday. Children had the opportunity to explore the habitats discussed in Science lessons and Farmer John taught us all about the animals they keep on their farm. Pond dipping was a highlight of the day and one group even caught a newt! Cookie the cat did a great job of leading the tour around the farm.

On Wednesday, **Years 3 and 5 attended a trip to the Mosque and Mandir** in Wolverhampton. They had an immensely informative visit to these places of worship. They used their curiosity to ask questions and discover the differences and similarities between religions. Isla loved seeing inside the beautiful domed Mosque. Adri said the visit was 'amazing' and she learnt that Hinduism was one of the oldest faiths.

Yesterday, our **school choir took part in a Marches Academy Trust Big Sing** where all schools gathered at Festival Centre Drayton to learn new songs. The children talked about enjoying singing as part of such a big choir, learning to sing in harmony and in different parts. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the mini-concert at the end as I know that the children enjoyed being able to share what they had learnt during the day.

I would like to remind anyone who would still like to donate to Mrs Mazan's **fundraiser in aid of breast cancer** that the [JustGiving page](#) is still open. Mrs Mazan started this fundraiser in support of our dear colleague and friend, Mrs Bourne, who is currently fighting breast cancer. Mrs Mazan and Mrs Bourne are friends and running buddies and it was amazing to see Mrs Bourne being able to run alongside Mrs Mazan for the Drayton 10K. They greatly appreciated all the support and encouragement on the way round!



Please be aware that we have added an **additional summer term date**. We will be holding a **picnic** on the field for the children on the **last day of term**. Packed lunches can be provided by the school kitchen for pupils who order it or the children can bring a packed lunch from home.

Finally for this week, I hope that all have a lovely half term break as we break up today and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 3rd June.

Lisa Millington
Headteacher



This week at Longlands



Happy birthday to:

 Sam, Oak, Eden, Fir, Evelyn, Willow, Tommy, Acorns
Tommy, Saplings, Thomas, Willow, Leo, Saplings, Beau, Beech
Rogue, Rowan

UPCOMING EVENTS

| w/b 27 th | Summer – May half term holiday |
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| 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 |
| 18 th | Stoke City Penalty Shoot Out |
| 18 th | Year 3 and 4 swimming |
| 19 th | Class photos and Year 6 leavers' photos |
| 19 th | Year 4 Read the Game |
| 25 th | Year 6 library visit |
| 25 th | Year 3 and 4 swimming |
| 26 th | Year 4 Read the Game |

STAR OF THE WEEK

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| Acorns | Dottie |
| Saplings | Jaiden |
| Fir | Kris |
| Willow | Anotida |
| Maple | Charlie |
| Rowan | Shelby |
| Elm | Maddison |
| Beech | Adriana |
| Oak | Lexi R |

