

Dear Families,

As we move into the last couple of weeks of term, lots of events are taking place to round up this academic year and also to prepare for the next year.

Firstly, I would like to share our very exciting news that we are the first school in Shropshire to be awarded the AFPE (Association for Physical Education) Quality Mark award. Not only have we been awarded the Quality Mark but we also achieved Distinction! I am so proud of the whole school team but would like to give extra special thanks to Mrs Hounsell and Miss Holding for all of the work that they do in school organising our curriculum, clubs, teams and events and also to Mr Hounsell for the Trust support that we received for PE. A representative from the awarding team messaged to say, "Absolutely well done to you all. The Panel were extremely impressed with the evidence from the Validator exemplifying excellent practice and your high quality application and self review. Well done on placing PESSPA front and central."

Over the last few weeks, we have **welcomed our newest pupils** into Fir class and it has been lovely to see them settle in with their families supporting them and then by themselves. On Monday and Tuesday, all of **Year 6 pupils visited Grove School** for their transition days. The days gave them a chance to see their new Year 7 space, called The Shore, which will be a fantastic space for all of the new Year 7 pupils to adjust to life at secondary school. Mrs Collins and Miss Highfield also joined the children for the transition days as they will both be working across Longlands and Grove School for the next academic year. Mrs Williams has also started her transition home visits ready for our new nursery pupils who will be joining us in September. All of our other classes also had their **move-up morning** on Tuesday and it was wonderful to see how well they settled in and the relationships that they are already building with their new teachers.

Our transition sessions are very important as they help to **build a sense of belonging** for each of the children both in the school as a whole and within their classes.

Last week, **Years 5 and 6 took part in a Stop Motion animation workshop**. They used iPad and Lego to learn how to animate and make mini-movies! Ali from Year 6 said, "It was a good workshop and I enjoyed making our Lego man and animal look like they were moving."

On Monday **Year 2 had a Seaside workshop**. The children watched a Punch and Judy puppet show and then got to have a go with the puppets, making voices and seeing behind the scenes. Charlie from Year 2 thought that the puppet show was good because Punch was funny.

**Congratulations to our KS2 Rounders** team who won the Trust Primary Rounders competition, last week. They showed great team work and we are very proud of them.



Finally, thank you to the person who made the very kind donation via our Amazon Wishlist, this week. This is very much appreciated both by the staff and children but also by our furry friends!

Click this link to find out how you can get involved!

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3JRHX7EQM9JNA>

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Headteacher



## This week at Longlands



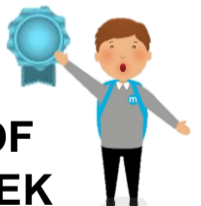
## Happy birthday to:

Jessica C Rowan  
Edward Acorns

## UPCOMING EVENTS

15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 taster day at Grove
16 <sup>th</sup>	L Factor awards ceremony am
17 <sup>th</sup>	Sponsored Walk and Nursery Toddle
17 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Read the Game
17 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil reports to parents
18 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' evening drop-in (no appointments)
19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Sleepover – in school
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bring your bike/scooter to school day
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 Leaver's assembly
23 <sup>rd</sup>	School disco
24 <sup>th</sup>	Attendance award assembly
24 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil picnic on the field
24 <sup>th</sup>	End of summer term
September	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	PD Day – no children in school
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Autumn term starts – children return to school

## STAR OF THE WEEK



Acorns	Aya
Saplings	Elliot
Fir	Matilda
Willow	Whole Class for being amazing at the L Factor!
Maple	Rayah
Rowan	Amelia
Elm	Gabriel
Beech	Lucas
Oak	Whole Class for best SATs results ever!