



## Talking Heads

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

Dear Families,

This week has been a week of **children's achievements**. Last Friday, our **Under 11 Girls' football Team** represented Longlands in the North Shropshire County Cup. As you may remember, it was a very cold and windy day but the girls fought hard and played brilliantly to win both their games and were crowned the winners. They will now go on to represent North Shropshire in the Nationals.



A number of our children recently took part in the Majesticks GC Bag Design Competition along with other pupils across the Trust and the country. The organisers contacted us to say that they had received hundreds of design entries and that **Bodan, Maple Class, had been shortlisted within the top 10 designs!** Well done Bodan!

**Sophia**, Elm Class, recently competed at the CNRG East Midlands Championship in Irish Dancing at Primary level and **has qualified for the CNRG World Championship** later this year! She has been working incredibly hard to achieve this and we look forward to seeing her next achievements. Congratulations to Sophia!



We are thrilled to announce that we have received funding for a **bike library at school**. Children can borrow a bike or scooter, along with a helmet, for a week at no cost.

To borrow a bike or scooter, an adult must collect a form (example attached) from the school office. Bikes can be borrowed from Wednesday to Wednesday. Collection is from the Meadow entrance at 8:40 am on Wednesday mornings, where Mr Burton will be available to sign them out. Returns are due the following Wednesday at 8:30 am at the Meadow entrance, allowing Mr Burton to check them over before the next group borrows them.

Polite reminder that we require parents/carers to call the **school absence line by 9am for each day** that they are absent from school to confirm the reason. If it is an ongoing illness that they are still recovering from, we also need this reported each day. In the event that no reason is given, the school will attempt to make contact by email and by phone. Thank you for your understanding.

Please see the poster attached for **Online safety training for parents and guardians** by West Mercia Police. This is a parent awareness session which will help you to keep your children and young people safe while they are online.

Due to the limited space in our car park and the need to keep access free for emergency services at all times, **we kindly ask parents not to use the car park for drop-offs or collection**. Exceptions are made for mobility needs and taxi collections where this has been pre-arranged.

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Headteacher



## This week at Longlands



 **Happy birthday to: No birthdays this week!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

February	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 swimming begins
4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Read the Game
5 <sup>th</sup>	Weekly Stay and Play 9.30-11 (baby and toddler group)
7 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 Orienteering competition (The team will receive letters)
10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 and 6 Football Partnership competition (The team will receive letters)
11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 swimming
11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Read the Game
12 <sup>th</sup>	Weekly Stay and Play 9.30-11 (baby and toddler group)
12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 open afternoon – begins at 1.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for half term
<b>w/b 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Spring half term holiday</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PD Day – children not in school</b>
25 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens
26 <sup>th</sup>	Primary Dance Festival (Pupils attending will receive letters)
26 <sup>th</sup>	Weekly Stay and Play 9.30-11 (baby and toddler)
26 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 and EYFS (Fir Class) Bikeability
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27 <sup>th</sup>	Shropshire Tennis Festival Year 5/6 (The team will receive letters)

## STAR OF THE WEEK



Acorns	William
Saplings	Tabitha
Fir	Frederick
Willow	Alanah
Maple	Ella
Rowan	Milena
Elm	Scarlett
Beech	Lylah
Oak	Sienna