



Dear Families,

One of our School and Trust priorities is to develop **Anytime, Anywhere learning** so I have looked back at places the children have visited and learned over the last half term and I have been reminded of the fantastic variety of places that children have been learning in. Every week, the children visit our wooded area and/or farm. Children from Year 2 – 6 take part in swimming lessons at Market Drayton pool, every year. The children visit our library and Market Drayton library. They take part in local walks, visits to places of worship, residential and much more! Learning in a variety of places is crucial for children as it improves their adaptability, broadens their experiences, and fosters a deeper understanding of the world around them.

Last week, our Year 5/6 Dodgeball team took part in the North Shropshire Dodgeball Finals at Thomas Adams School. It was a very competitive morning and the children made staff extremely proud by the excellent way that they conducted themselves, their fantastic teamwork and brilliant sportsmanship.

This week has seen the launch of **Banning the Banter** at Longlands, which is an approach that is being introduced in all schools within our Trust. You will have received an email from Mr Cross explaining this in more detail so that you are able to support us to ensure that all children understand the importance of speaking to one another in a respectful way.

Spotlight on Art at Longlands

You may have seen on our Facebook page that our students have been busy with lots of fun art activities! They've been painting, making sculptures, and trying out different art techniques. These activities are important because they help children express themselves, improve their hand skills, and think creatively. Art also helps them see the world in new ways and often helps them to make connections between different ideas and different subjects. Please follow us on Facebook to keep up-to-date with school events.

I have had the pleasure of covering some of our lunchtime duties with Fir class over the last couple of weeks. It is always a joy to see the children playing and learning new skills such as sharing and turn taking. This has also given me the opportunity to see our **Playground Leaders** supporting the younger children. I am so proud of the way that our older children show patience and kindness towards the younger children and how they encourage fun games and creativity.

Please remember that we break up next Friday, 14th February, for the half term holiday. We have a PD day on Monday 24th February so **the children return to school on Tuesday 25th February**.

New date for your diary - Comic Relief this year falls on Friday 21st March. This year we will be having a non-uniform day and children can bring in a donation that will be sent on to Comic Relief. We would suggest a donation of 50p.

Lisa Millington
Headteacher



This week at Longlands



Happy birthday to:

William Willow
Saanvi Maple

UPCOMING EVENTS

February	
11 th	Year 2 swimming
11 th	Year 3 Read the Game
12 th	Weekly Stay and Play 9.30-11 (baby and toddler group)
12 th	Year 2 open afternoon – begins at 1.30pm
14 th	Break up for half term at 3:15pm
w/b 17 th	Spring half term holiday
24 th	PD Day – children not in school
25 th	School reopens
26 th	Primary Dance Festival (Pupils attending will receive letters)
26 th	Weekly Stay and Play 9.30-11 (baby and toddler)
26 th	Y1 and EYFS (Fir Class) Bikeability
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27 th	Shropshire Tennis Festival Year 5/6 (The team will receive letters)
March	
4 th	Year 2 swimming
5 th	Weekly Stay and Play 9.30-11 (baby and toddler group)
6 th	World Book Day – dress as your favourite book character and bring your favourite book
6 th	Shropshire Tennis Festival Year 3/4 (The team will receive letters)
11 th	Year 2 swimming
12 th	Weekly Stay and Play 9.30-11 (baby and toddler group)

STAR OF THE WEEK



Acorns	Paisley A
Saplings	Charlotte
Fir	Hudson
Willow	Lucas
Maple	Jj
Rowan	Varshan
Elm	Mehtan
Beech	Kayla
Oak	Grace

