

WEEKLY 'HEAD'-LINES

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe it is the penultimate week before half term! I have had a great time this week listening to the music lessons and looking at artwork. The KS2 children have been working hard in music this week learning to understand staff and other musical notations. KS1 have been listening to and enjoying different pieces of music as part of music appreciation. The singing from the hall, on Tuesdays, sounds amazing and really lifts everyone's spirits.

Over the next two weeks, all pupils will be exercising their creative talent during Creative Arts Fortnight. Teachers have planned activities around the class topic. On Friday 14th February in the afternoon, parents will have the opportunity to visit a gallery of work which will be displayed in the hall and also go into their child's class to see their individual work. Look out for details of this event that will be sent home with your child.

Year 5 and 6 have been finding out about Darwin's time in the Galápagos Islands and have loved looking at different shark species. Reception pupils have been showing me their pastel drawings of pirates and desert islands.

We have had a lot of interest in our 'name our goats' competition with some very interesting names being put forward. There is still time to enter if you wish to be in with a chance of our names being chosen.

Please hand in to the school office by Monday 10th February.

Hope that you all have a lovely weekend and come back ready to be creative next week.

Mrs Zillah Cope

Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Upcoming Visitor

On 18th March Alison's Bee Class will be in school. She will teach each year group a little about bees, why they are so important to us and why we should not fear them. This is an important subject and one that is dear to our hearts, especially as we are trying to encourage bees into our bee box in the eco garden.

Sporting Success!

Three of our KS2 pupils took part in the level 2 Cross Country Competition at an Oswestry School last Friday afternoon. A special mention to Amy Adams who finished 3rd and will now go through to the School Games Final in March!

VR trips around the world

KS2 have travelled all over the world this week, some to nice warm climates and other to the South Pole all in the comfort of their own classrooms. They have been immersed in the environments that they are studying for their topics around voyages and discoveries.

Reminder

We have a P D Day on Monday 24th February so the children start back to school on Tuesday 25th February.

Longlands Receive Youth Sport - Trust Gold

Longlands Community Primary School has been awarded the Youth Sport Trust Gold Quality Mark for its commitment to physical education and school sport following a recent inspection last week. This is a nationally recognised badge of excellence for the quality of PE and school sport. The Youth Sports Trust also stated that the school's swimming provision data was outstanding!

We pride ourselves on providing high quality sporting opportunities for all students and staff. Extra-curricular opportunities are available before, during and after school with an aim to encourage participation and inclusion through school sport. We are thrilled to receive this sports quality mark and look to continue to thrive in school sport.

STEM Club at The Grove School

Some of our top scientists from key stage 2 have thoroughly enjoyed visiting The Grove School for their new STEM club.

Savannah, from Oak Class, says "We have a fantastic time! We have visited the National Schools' Observatory website and explored the moon! We have also used the Liverpool telescope to take pictures of the surface of the moon. I chose to take my picture of the section of the moon called E.D. We all really love science and wanted to demonstrate all of our knowledge in the quiz that asked us all about the solar system."

The children are looking forward the rest of their STEM club sessions.

Trust Newsletter

The Marches Academy Trust Winter Newsletter has been published. If you have not had a chance to read it yet, the Newsletter highlights the Cross-Trust activities that students participate in and is available to view by [clicking here](#).



KS2 children have been planting some potatoes during their lunchtime gardening session. We look forward to harvesting the crop and creating some delicious, healthy recipes with them.

Keep a lookout next week for more information about joining our working party to help spruce up our Social Farm.

Keep up with all of the exciting goings-on in our Eco Allotment and Social Farm over on our Twitter feed @LonglandsEco

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events.

- 12th Feb 2020 – Andrew Cope author visit
- 14th Feb 2020 – Creative Arts Parent Gallery
- 5th March 2020 – World Book Day
- 18th March 2020 – Alison's Bee Class

[Click here](#) to view our term dates.



NEWS

Our new website is nearly complete and will be live very soon. It will contain information on events, student achievements and key information. We will update you once it is live.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to this last week's award winners:

Fir - Amber Croston

Willow - Autumn Gear

Maple - George Manley

Rowan - Iannys Rupa

Elm - Summer Amond

Beech - Sean Bromwich

Oak - Miroslav Gazik

