

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to welcome back some of our EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils this week as well as our two key worker groups. They have coped so well with the new systems and rules in our school. It was so nice to walk past classrooms and see children in them. All the children have taken the social distancing in their stride and even our very youngest children have blown me away this week with how careful and grown up they have been. There have been lots of smiles from the children and lots of very positive comments from our pupils and parents.

I want to personally thank pupils, staff and parents for all working together to make the first phase of our return to school a huge success. The children who still remain at home, have been working hard and sending in lots of activities that they have been involved in during the week too. A big well done. The staff can't wait until all the pupils can return back to school and we can all be together again as we are missing everyone!

This week, Nicky and Keera in Year 3 were interviewed live on BBC Radio Shropshire after the presenter saw their wonderful news broadcasts on our school website. Their broadcasts were played over the airwaves and then they were asked questions about their homework project and home learning experience. They both did really well and did Longlands proud. Well done.

I have had lots of great photographs of learning activities that have been going on both in school and at home. Keep working hard.

Mrs Zillah Cope
Headteacher



NOTICES

County Lines – Know The Signs

West Mercia Police are running a campaign to raise awareness of County Lines. They have been highlighting that County Lines drug gangs are exploiting young and vulnerable people across communities, even during lockdown. They are coercing them to sell drugs as well as get involved in other types of crime, using sophisticated grooming techniques which can often result in control through fear and violence. Know the signs. For further information [click here](#).

PE and Sports Apprentice

An exciting role has become available within The Marches Academy Trust for a PE & Sports Apprentice. The role will see the apprentice support both Lower Heath C of E Primary School and Tilstock C of E Primary School, with the possibility of travel to other schools within the Trust. For full details please [click here](#). Applications close - 21/06/2020.

Half Term Project Work

Please can we encourage our pupils to send in photographs of their project work that they did over half term? We would love to see them and share on our website.

Email to:
admin.longlands@longlands.sat.coop

Social Farm

Lovely to see our pupils working with our amazing animals.



#togetherwegrow

New Age Kurling and Fitness

We've had great fun this week with socially distanced New Age Kurling and a fitness workout.



Competitions & Challenges

MAT competition: Do you see yourself as a future leader – an MP, a member of local government or someone with world-shifting ideas that need to be shared? SJT have created a competition, inviting short video submissions from young people across the county on the topic of 'improving the lives of young people in Shropshire'. We want to hear your views. How can we make our county an even better place to be? The competition will be judged by Karen Bradshaw Acting Chief Executive of Shropshire Council. Guidelines:

- Videos should be one to two minutes long so think very carefully about the messages you want to share. Film in landscape if possible.
 - We suggest you deliver your speech/presentation in a formal style.
 - You could consider issues you are passionate about such as: the environment, education, health or facilities for young people.
 - Videos should be emailed to barnett.c@mmt.co.uk and campbell.c@mmt.co.uk
- Closing date: Monday 22 June.

History competition: The Historical Association are running a 'Write Your Own Historical Fiction Competition 2020'. Winning students will each receive a cash prize, engraved paperweight and a year's free subscription to the Historical Association for their school. Entries close Friday 26 June 2020, click [here](#) for more details.

Geography competition: The Royal Geographical Society are running their Young Geographer of the year competition, asking students to submit entries based around the theme of 'the world beyond my window', full competition details can be found [here](#). **The deadline for receipt of all entries is Tuesday 30 June 2020 at 5.00pm.**

History competition: Focus Games Ltd are challenging all age groups to create a unique piece of work, drawing, poster, short story, video or artwork in order to celebrate 100 Great Black Britons and their legacy. Entries close 30 September 2020, click [here](#) for more information.

