

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

I can't believe there are only two weeks left until the end of the academic year. This has been a very strange and challenging year for all of us.

Yesterday, the Government released the guidance for the return to school for all children at the beginning of September. I will be writing to you all imminently to explain how we plan to do this at Longlands and please rest assured that comfort and safety of your children will be our highest priority.

The children in school this week have been building wind chimes, bird feeders and putting the finishing touches to the fairy garden in Forest School. Thank you to all the pupils and staff for developing our Forest School provision. It is now such a magical and fun place to learn in.

The school is looking crisp and freshly painted ready for your full return in September and the goat enclosure is now ready to receive our newcomers in September. We can't wait!

Following the sports conference that Mr Hounsell and myself attended last week, we have had requests from both the CEO from Youth Sport Trust and the CEO of Sport England to come and visit our school to look our sports and outdoor learning provision.

This is an incredible opportunity for us to showcase Longlands school on a more national scale.

Don't forget to keep up to date with sporting news and eco news via our twitter feeds @LonglandsSport and @LonglandsEco and watch out for the Former England, Juventus and Arsenal footballer challenge set to go onto our social media.

Happy weekend.

Mrs Zillah Cope

Headteacher



Home Learning Lighthouse Models

Darcey, Logan and Keera have made a fantastic effort with their lighthouse pictures and models to link to their home learning. The children have also watched a short animation about a Lighthouse Keeper which they will be using to write a story and a newspaper report.



Get dancing - Zumba virtual workshops

For the last few weeks of the summer term, we will be sharing some virtual weekly Zumba workshops from dance teacher Ali. We hope the children dance along and have fun! The video can be seen via our Trust newsletter. It would be fantastic if you could send in any photos or videos of the children taking part – please get in touch!



Sporting Success

Longlands are delighted to achieve the School Games Gold Mark and Virtual Mark for 2019/20! A brilliant achievement from all staff members and pupils.



Stars of the week

Congratulations to last week's award winners:

Fir - Ivory-Rose Morris

Willow - Gosia Hoja

Maple - Mason Giorgino

Rowan - Sophia Tann

Elm - Summer Almond

Beech - Georgia Urquhart

Oak - Savannah Dewey

Well done everyone!

Read Write Inc phonics

To help children learning to read at home during school closure, Read Write inc are streaming 7 phonics, reading and spelling lessons every weekday on our YouTube channel. Each lesson is ten to fifteen minutes long and available for 24 hours. <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/>

Latest DfE advice

Please see link to latest advice and guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>

Get Involved

At a time when we are all missing out on the magic of going to the theatre, The One Show, along with The Shakespeare North Playhouse is launching an exciting new playwriting competition, giving children and young people across the UK the opportunity to see their ideas come to life on stage. We hope this will help inspire the next generation of playwrights as well as encouraging a love of theatre and the arts in children and young people. [Click here to find out more.](#)

Competitions & Challenges

Sport challenge: Richard Whitehead MBE Double Gold Paralympic medallist and 4 times World Champion, is challenging students from across the Marches Academy Trust to complete as many star jumps as they can in 1 minute. To win a medal upon return to school, post a video of your attempt in the comments of the post on our Facebook page.

Biology Competition: The Nancy Rothwell Award celebrates specimen drawing in schools and highlights the benefits of combining Art and Science. The competition challenges entrants to draw, paint, sketch or digitally create artwork capturing plant and animal anatomy. Open to students aged 7 to 18 years old, closing date for submissions 31 July 2020. [Click here](#) to view full details and prizes available.

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

Current Affairs Competition: UCL open Democracy are running a competition for students aged 14 years+. To enter they need to share their vision of the future by submitting either a written article, short video or image that describes their vision for the world after the coronavirus crises has passed – entries close 10 July 2020. There are some great prizes up for grabs! Please [click here](#) for more details.

