

# Longlands Primary School

## NOVEMBER BULLETIN



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a really busy and exciting few weeks in school, and it's been lovely to see the children getting stuck into so much fantastic learning. Classrooms have been alive with curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm, and it has been wonderful to see pupils throwing themselves into their lessons with such energy. From creative classroom projects to a wide mix of trips, visitors, clubs and activities, the children have been showing great enthusiasm and teamwork—we're very proud of them. Thank you for supporting your children to take part so wholeheartedly.

Just a quick reminder about uniform: please make sure children are coming in wearing the correct school uniform each day. It really helps them feel ready for the day and part of the school community. Please ensure children are wearing school shoes rather than trainers, and that they wear full, correct PE kit on their PE days. Our uniform policy can be found on the school website.

Good attendance and punctuality make a big difference to children's learning, confidence and routine. Please make sure your child is in school every day unless they are genuinely unwell, and arrives on time so they can settle in and start the day calmly with their classmates. Thank you for your support in helping everyone get off to a great start each morning.

As we head towards the festive season, keep an ear out for our Christmas gate music — I hope that it will bring a lovely bit of Christmas spirit and festive joy to the morning drop-off! DJ Baines is still taking requests for songs.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It makes such a difference, and we really appreciate it.

Kind regards,

Mr Baines

**Mr Baines, Head Teacher**

*What has taken place.....*

## **Author Banji Alexander Visited Longlands Primary School**

We were delighted to welcome **Banji Alexander**, author of *Lockdown Looms*, for an inspiring author visit. Banji shared his journey as a writer and spoke about the importance of reading, reminding pupils that **“good writers read.”**

He read engaging extracts from his book, bringing the story to life for the children. Pupils also had the chance to sing and perform a dance inspired by his work, filling the hall with energy and excitement.

The children were thrilled to meet him in person, and many eagerly lined up to have their books signed. It was a memorable day that left everyone feeling inspired and motivated to read and perhaps even write more.



## **Year 6 Citizenship visit to Erith Fire station**

The Year 6 children visited Erith Fire Station where they learnt about the importance of being safe. Workshops were lead by each one of the emergency services and children could ask questions and prepare themselves for their future.

## Kindness Week

We recently celebrated **Kindness Week**. Each class took part in activities that helped spread positivity in school and in the local community. We ended the week with an assembly where pupils shared what they had done and the difference it made.



We also received some kind thank you messages for the cards and notes that were delivered too.

*'Hello, I opened my post box this morning to find this lovely card in there. I spoke to my neighbours and they let me know that it was children from your school that visited our road last week to post them'*

*'I wanted to write to let the child know who delivered this card, that it really did make me smile and brightened up my day indeed, and to say thank you :) I hope that they know they matter too and to never give up on their dreams either!'*

*'What a lovely activity for the children to and so thoughtful to spread some kindness throughout the local community. There are a lot of elderly people that live on my street and this has this definitely made them smile too.'*

*'I was so pleased to receive your card and message yesterday. What a lovely idea and really appreciated'*

*'It really did make me smile!! Thank you so much'*

*'Good afternoon, I wanted to say thank you very much for the lovely card I received today which really put a big smile on my face. What a lovely thing to do.'*

**Remember: In a world where you can be anything, be kind!**

## **Sports Athletics Competition**

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 18 children from years Year 5 and 6 children took part in the Bexley School Games Athletics Competition. The children had been training with Mrs Ward leading up to the event. At the event, the children took part in events such as: vertical jump, long jump, chest push, javelin, speed bounce and a variety of relay races. I was so impressed by the children's determination and support of each other. Well done Team Longlands!



## **Saxon Workshop**

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November the children in Year 5 and Year 6 enjoyed an exciting and immersive Saxon Workshop that brought early British history to life. Throughout the session, they explored what daily life was like for the Anglo-Saxons, discovering how people lived, worked, and celebrated in their communities.

The workshop began with a lively introduction to Saxon life, where the children learned about homes, clothing, food, and traditions. They then took part in a range of engaging activities, including freeze frames and acting, to help them step into the shoes of Saxon villagers. Working in small groups, they created dramatic scenes showing moments such as village meetings, farming tasks, and family life.

The children also played a variety of Saxon-themed games, which encouraged teamwork and helped them understand how leisure time might have looked over a thousand years ago. These activities sparked plenty of discussion and curiosity, with the children asking thoughtful questions and sharing their own ideas about the past.

Overall, the workshop was a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn through creativity, movement, and play. They thoroughly enjoyed their time as Saxons and left the session with a deeper understanding of this fascinating period in history.

## Word Guerrilla

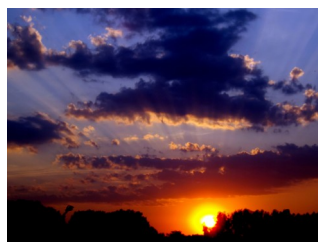
We were thrilled to welcome **Word Guerrilla** back to Longlands Primary School for another fantastic poetry-filled day! The school buzzed with excitement as children — and even the teachers — took part in engaging workshops and lively assemblies all centred around the power of words. The children explored how to express themselves through rap, singing, rhyme, and performance poetry, experimenting with different techniques and even incorporating music into their creations. Word Guerrilla thoroughly enjoyed his visit and shared how impressed he was with the warm, welcoming, and enthusiastic attitude of our children. It was a wonderfully creative day that inspired everyone involved.



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## Safety

During the darker mornings and evenings, please can we remind parents and pupils to be vigilant where pupils travel to and from school unsupervised. Any incidents of concern should be reported to the police.



# FRIENDS OF LONGLANDS CHRISTMAS FETE



PIZZA TRUCK \* ENTERTAINMENT \* BAR  
ALL DAY

MELK COFFEE \* SANTA VISITS \* CRAFTING CORNER

FAIRGROUND RIDES \* RAFFLE

## 6TH DEC - 12-3PM

LONGLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

CASH & CARD PAYMENTS | FREE ENTRY | REFRESHMENTS ALL DAY

## **DATES**



- Monday 1st December—Happy Puzzle sale after school*
- Tuesday 2nd December—Ashevak class assembly*
- Thursday 4th December—Choir performing at Thompsons*
- Thursday 4th December—Year 3 and 4 parent showcase*
- Friday 5th December—FOLS own clothes day (bring a bottle)*
- Saturday 6th December—FOLS Christmas Fete (bring your friends & family)*
- Tuesday 9th December—Rock Steady Concert*
- Tuesday 9th December—Flu immunisation catch up*
- Wednesday 10th December—Longlands Choir Concert*
- Friday 12th December—Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner*
- Monday 15th December—Lights, Camel, Action*
- Tuesday 16th December—Lights, Camel, Action*
- Wednesday 17th December—EYFS Christmas concert*
- Thursday 18th December—Choir performing at care home*
- Friday 19th December—Last day of term*
- Monday 5th January—Return to school*
- Tuesday 6th January—EYFS and Year 6 health screening*
- Wednesday 7th January—ROCK UK Launch meeting (parents of current Yr 4)*
- Thursday 8th January—Year 4 swimming lessons*
- Monday 19th January—Malone class assembly*