



Longlands Primary School

Friday 22nd September 2023

**WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL!**

A Message from the Headteacher:

Miss Janice Owen

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to the new academic year at Longlands Primary School. I hope you have all had a good summer break and were able to enjoy time with family and friends. It has been a positive start to the term, all the children have settled in well including our new Reception children. The children look so smart and ready to learn in their uniform. Thank you for ensuring that they are following our uniform policy from the very start. As always, I have been visiting the children in their classrooms and catching up with them at lunchtimes since our return. Some fantastic learning has already taken place and I hope you enjoy reading about a rich variety of experienced in the pieces from each phase of the school. As is often the case, we have experienced a few problems with some of our on-line curriculum platforms. We are endeavouring to get these glitches ironed out as soon possible, so thank you for your patience. If you encounter any difficulties going forward into next week, please contact the school office team and they will be able to help you.

Miss Owen

School Lunches



I'm sure that you're aware that school lunches are now provided free to all children from Reception to Year 6. However, if you are receiving tax credits or benefits it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that you apply for free school meals using the Government website link as the school receives additional funding of £1,455 per pupil eligible which is used to provide additional staffing and resources at our school. If parents do not register, we will not receive this vital funding. Please ask at the office if you are unsure.

As I have been around at lunchtime, I have noticed many of our children from KS2 enjoying a school lunch as part of the Mayors free meals for KS2. If you have signed up to this and for some reason you chose to send your child in with a packed lunch one day as opposed to having a cooked lunch, **PLEASE CAN YOU INFORM THE SCHOOL OFFICE**. This is due to the fact that our catering provider bills the school for meals cooked which in turn impacts on our finances. Thank you in advance for your understanding about this.

Miss Owen

Wrap around care at Longlands.

Wrap around care is in full swing and again is proving more popular than ever! We are almost at full capacity on certain dates!



Please ensure you are booking on Parentmail, or if you use childcare vouchers or have a last minute requirement that you are emailing the school office. The updated T&C's and registration form are on the school website.

Mrs Foster

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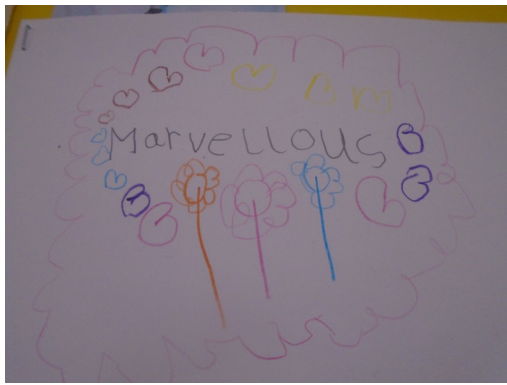
We are so impressed with how well the children have settled into Monet and Matisse classes. They have been making friends and learning the 3 school rules: Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe. They have been learning how to sit on the carpet with their legs crossed and are starting to remember to put up their hand if they want to say something or answer a question rather than shouting out. We have made Team Flags and learnt about how important it is to work as a team. The children have been enjoying 'explore and learn time' in both classes and also in the outside area and have been doing a great job at choosing their lunch, carrying their trays to their table and trying new foods at lunch time. This week we have been using the book 'The Colour Monster' as a stimulus for our learning and the children have been talking about different feelings.

Mrs Allen



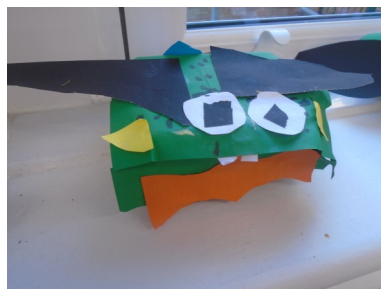
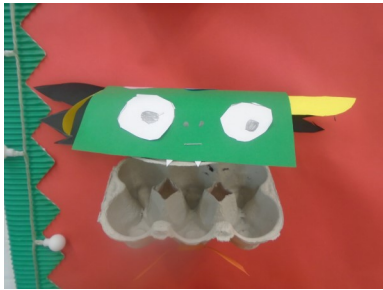
Key Stage 1

KS1 started the term with lots of enthusiasm, learning about their class artist and producing a piece of work inspired on their artist. They also used 'Seeds of Happiness' to set a target for the year, talking about their stretch zone and how they need to challenge themselves to learn skills. They also completed a colourful class flag. They started off by talking about the London 2012 Olympic Games and how the athletes all came together to represent Team GB. The children had to think of different attributes and skills that were needed to be part of a team. They then linked this to being part of their classes and how they could become a team.



Last week, the children started their Power of Reading Book, 'The Adventures of Egg Box Dragon'. They had to imagine what the dragon looked like, before seeing any of the illustrations from the story, drawing an image and using adjectives to describe it. Then in small groups, the children used an egg box to create a dragon. They used different coloured paper to decorate it with spots and even a bow tie! They worked well as a team and demonstrated lots of creativity to make fantastic looking egg box dragons. After creating their dragon, the children used their knowledge to write a set of instructions, including time adverbials and imperative verbs. In PE, KS1 have started to work on their football skills, learning how to kick the ball accurately and dribble. They are looking forward to continuing their skill development this term and playing some mini competitive games.

Miss Brook



Lower Key Stage 2

A HUGE welcome back to school! We are so delighted to have you all back in school and ready to learn in years 3 and 4. We have so many exciting lessons planned for the year ahead.

Our core book this term is 'Pugs of the Frozen North' by Philip Reeve. It is set in the frozen north, on the edge of the Arctic. It is about an orphan named Shen, who is ship-wrecked with 66 pug puppies. We have joined them as they embark on a very exciting adventure to 'The Top of the World'. In English, since the children have been back in school, they have been busy exploring the language within the text, and they have used this to create some interesting diaries and illustrations. We are so looking forward to finding out more about the story!

This has linked beautifully to our Geography and History lessons, where we have explored the Arctic and the Antarctic, making comparisons between the animals living there, the temperatures, land and sea, etc.

During our maths lessons we have revisited place value and rounding. The children have been thinking once again about the value of digits, of their position in a number e.g. the value of 7 in 743 is 7 hundreds or 700. We have investigated numbers and their values whilst playing games as well as representing them using manipulatives.

States of Matter is our Science topic this term. So far, we have explored the properties of solids, liquids and gases, and how smells travel through the air by a process called diffusion. This week, we have started to look at how properties can change state.

LKS2 Team

Science investigation...a solid or a liquid?



Upper Key Stage 2

Years 5 and 6 have made a fantastic start to the new term and we are so proud of them. We have been researching our class artists and producing our own art in the style of them. We have also been discussing what makes a good team and taking part in some team building exercises and even produced our own team flags! We have been getting absorbed into our book 'Skellig' and have enjoyed making predictions and inferences based on what we have read. Recently, we visited the rec to sketch any birds we could see just like the character Mina in the story. In Maths, we have been consolidating our place value knowledge. We have been discussing differences between being atheist, agnostic and theist in RE, thinking about why people may have these beliefs. In Geography, we have been map reading and using the scale to calculate distances. We are looking forward to all the amazing learning to come!

The Year 5 & Year 6 Team



Dates for the diary 2023

Tuesday 26th September—Individual school photographs

Thursday 28th September—Year 6 UKSA launch meeting

Tuesday 17th October—Parents Evening

Thursday 19th October—Parents Evening

Friday 20th October—Inset Day

Monday 23rd October—Friday 27th October—Half Term

Monday 30th October—Back to school

Monday 30th October—Friday 3rd November—Year 6 Bikeability

Thursday 9th November—Flu immunisation



Attendance—



Monet	91%
Matisse	82%
Murakami	82%
O'Keeffe	93%
Warhol	100%

Thomas	94%
Kahlo	100%
Basquiat	93%
Malone	96%
Ashevak	93%
Wei Wei	84%

Well done to Warhol and Kahlo for achieving 100% attendance

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Owen and the Longlands Primary School Staff Team.