



# Longlands Primary School

Wednesday 19th July 2023



*A Message from the Headteacher:*

*Miss Janice Owen*

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*I realise that is something of a cliched statement, but I simply do not know where this year has gone. As always, it has been eventful, filled with lots of amazing learning and exciting extra-curricular events and opportunities. Indeed, as I am writing this, I am distracted by the whoops and cheers from the Skills Builder fashion show taking place in the hall. This is the culmination of the work that all children were involved in last week which as always was a great success.*

*Today was our leavers assembly at Christchurch and this afternoon will mark our last achievements assembly of the year. Our final assembly of the academic year will be on Wednesday, when we will have an opportunity to both say thank you and goodbye to our members of staff who are moving on to new and different challenges.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of our staffing team for their hard work and dedication to our school over the last year. This year has undoubtedly felt the most 'back to normal' year we have had at school since COVID which I think has been reflected in so many ways.*

*As we say goodbye to Year 6, we now have lots to look forward to in the new academic year and I hope that it will be just as enjoyable and successful as this year has been.*

*Miss Owen*

## EYFS

Last week all the children were very excited to find out which classes they will be in next academic year and meet their new teacher. They all spent an hour in their new class and came back happy and smiling and any nerves were washed away.

This week we had our very own fashion show with Year 6 and after designing fabulous items of clothing they walked down the catwalk and 'struck a pose' while Madonna's 'Vogue' played in the background. We were very impressed with how confident all the children were whilst modelling their clothing! We clearly have some real talent in our school.



We are so incredibly proud of all the progress that the children have made this year and it was so wonderful to welcome all the parents and carers into the classrooms yesterday to share the children's learning with them. Team Monet and Team Matisse are ready to enjoy their summer holidays and then embark upon new adventures in September as they move into year 1.



## Key Stage 1

It has been a busy end to the year in Key Stage One! The children finished their Power of Reading book and created lovely zigzag books of their favourite memories. They worked really hard to explain why they had chosen the memories and decorated the book with beautiful pictures. In Maths, Year One were looking at measures and they were able to bring this Maths to life by baking shortbread.

The children all became fashion designers for the last week, working together as a team to design and create an item of clothing, linked to a theme of their choice. We had a wide range of themes such as fireworks, cats, rainbows and space. They worked hard on their listening skills, as well as using their imagination. At the end of the week, the children participated in a catwalk to show off their creations, thinking about how to walk and pose. It was a really fun way to end the term! We've also been lucky enough to watch the Rock Steady concert and the Year Six production, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We'd like to finish by saying a huge well done to all of the children in Key Stage One who have worked tremendously hard throughout the year. You have made all of the teachers extremely proud!

You are all superstars!



## Lower Key Stage 2

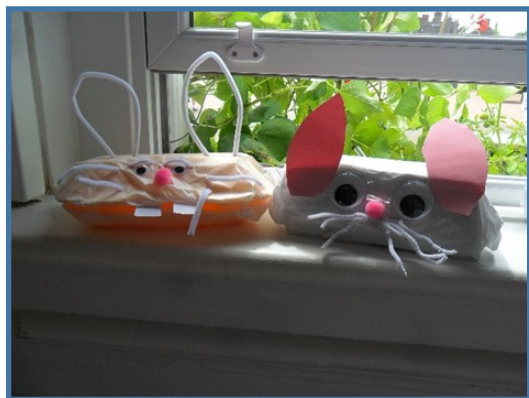
*What a fantastic end to this year!*

*The children in LKS2 have really enjoyed our core text, The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane. In these last few weeks, they have worked incredibly hard on further diary extracts and written a narrative.*

*As part of their continued studies in geography, the children have identified the oceans of the world and have made a study of the Atlantic Ocean.*

*In Science, the children have explored how magnets behave towards each other, forming theories to explain it. They have investigated magnets, to understand that they have 2 poles and that opposite poles attract and like poles repel.*

*In Maths, Year 3 have now completed their learning on using strategies to solve calculations and Year 4 have worked hard on Coordinates, to understand coordinates and translations.*



*In DT, the children have been busy making their own Edward Tulane, complete with bendable ears and whiskers, thinking carefully about how to attach the parts.*

*This last week, they have worked hard in Skills builder, to consider what Fashion means. After learning about catwalks and buyers in the fashion industry, they designed their own changes to an item of clothing. Using buttons, bows, ribbons, badges, netting and all sorts to make those changes, they have had the opportunity to use the catwalk to show the clothing off, just before the end of term.*

*What a brilliant year the children have had this year!! The children have worked so hard!*

*All the teachers in LKS2 would like to say a huge well done to everyone for working super hard this year.*

*We hope you all enjoy the summer break and we wish all of the children good luck for the new term!*



**Mrs Rossiter**

## Upper Key Stage 2



What a year it has been! You have all worked so hard and we have had so many glorious moments. Each topic has brought us together as we explored a variety of different types of lesson and ways to learn. Our learning has taken us all the way from early Islamic civilization to Dystopian futures! What a journey!

Your engagement in our Power of Reading books and your enthusiasm for learning has been fantastic all year. You have worked hard in all of your subjects, you should be proud of your accomplishments.

We are proud of you. Well done for being fantastic, we know you will continue to shine in your next chapters of life.

Miss Childs, Miss Griffiths and Mr. Allen

## *Year 6 Residential visit to UKSA—Isle of Wight*

*On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, Year 6 set off to the Isle of Wight for 4 days of water sport fun. We were blessed with beautiful and sunny weather. The children were able to learn how to kayak, paddleboard, sail a keel boat, and sail a dingy. They all encouraged each other to take part in each of the activities. It was lovely to see the children's water confidence increase as the trip progressed. We also had a surprise visit from Mr Allen, who was able to join us for paddle boarding and keel boat sailing. It was certainly a fantastic opportunity for all of the children and I know that they will all take away special memories from the trip.*



*Miss Gayson*

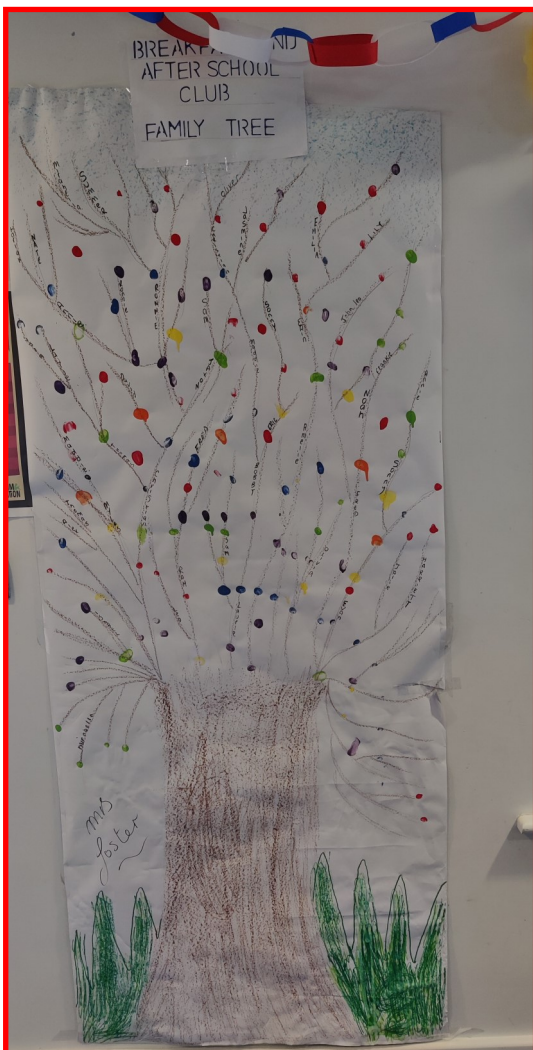
## Wrap around care at Longlands.



What a year we have had in Wrap around Care! We have celebrated our 1 Year anniversary and we are almost at full capacity! The children have been having a wonderful time playing in the playground, putting on shows, watching movies, singing and dancing as well as learning life skills helping to wash up, dry and put away! There has also been lots of time to chill out colouring, playing lego and reading a book curled up on our comfy chair!

We are really looking forward to seeing all the children back in September. Please look out for the updated T&C's that will be sent out shortly and ensure that your children are booked in as soon as the booking system opens for September.

Have a fabulous Summer!



### Gold School Games Mark



As always, the school's PE and Sport offer is extremely important to me and the rest of the school team. PE and Sport provide children with valuable skills that they will take into all parts of their lives, as well as having a direct impact on their health. As a school, we worked closely with Bexley School Games to ensure that we are providing children with the best sporting opportunities. We are incredibly proud to announce that this year the school has been awarded a Gold School Games Mark. This is for the school's participation in Bexley School Games competitions and festivals, as well as the sport offer as a school. In the next academic year, we hope to participate in even more festivals and competitions so please keep an eye out for any parent mail regarding this, as your support with this is invaluable.



### School Uniform

As you may recall, when last polled our parent body voted overwhelmingly to retain our traditional school uniform. I have noticed a number of children not in school shoes or an attempt at black footwear over the past few weeks. I am aware that feet grow and it is not always possible to purchase new shoes so near to the end of term. Going forward, please can parents be reminded that we have a lovely traditional smart uniform which we expect to see our children wearing with pride. Details of the school uniform policy can be found on the school website.

Thank you in advance for your support and co-operation to ensure that our children are smart, ready for school and ready to learn when we return in September.

## **Dates for the diary 2023**

Wednesday 19th July—Last Day of Term

Thursday 20th and Friday 21st—INSET Day

Monday 4th September—INSET Day

Tuesday 5th September—Back to school

Tuesday 12th September—Year 6 Secondary Selection Test— School opens for children not attending selection test at 1.15pm

Wednesday 20th September—Friday 22nd September—Yr 5 Residential trip to Rock UK

Tuesday 26th September—Individual school photographs

Friday 20th October—Inset Day

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



## **Attendance:**



Our overall attendance for the academic year is 95%. It is important that our children are in school, ready to learn every day. We are unable to authorise holidays in term time. If your child is off of school due to illness, please report this either by calling and leaving a message on the absence line, emailing [admin@longlands.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:admin@longlands.bexley.sch.uk) or the absence function on Parent Mail.

**On behalf of all of the Longlands team, thank you for all of the wonderful gifts and more importantly kind words.**

**Have a safe, restful and happy Summer and we look forward to welcoming you all back in September.**

**Miss Owen and the Longlands Primary School Staff Team.**