



Longlands Primary School

Friday 12th May 2023

A Message from the Headteacher:

Miss Janice Owen

Dear Parents and Carers

The summer term is well underway and school is certainly a vibrant and exciting place to be at the moment. The atmosphere and the children's enthusiasm for their learning is certainly a positive antidote to the inclement weather we are experiencing at the moment.



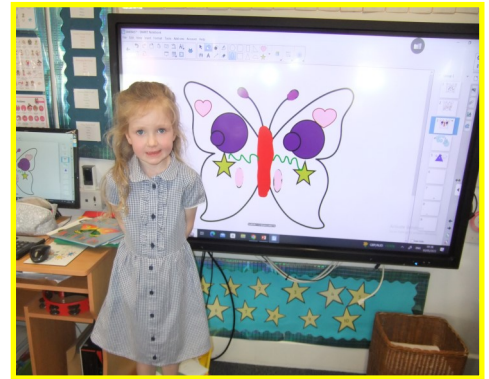
This term is always a hectic time with lots of additional activities such as trips and sports day and this first half term has been no exception! I hope you enjoy reading the news from each phase and I think everyone has mentioned our Coronation celebrations at the end of last week. We were lucky that the sun came out so that we were all able to celebrate as a school community in the playground. As it was such a hit with the children at last year's Platinum Jubilee, we had booked an ice cream van once again, which was of course the worst kept secret in the school last Friday. To our dismay, we were let down literally as I was leading assembly. However, the ever-resourceful Mrs Short came to the rescue with the contents of Sidcup Morrisons' freezer cabinet. The spirit of collegiality of my wonderful team was in evidence to ensure that the children were not disappointed and a fabulous time was had by all. I would like to extend my gratitude to Mrs Short for saving the day and to Mr Ward, Mrs Bourne and Mr Hulf for helping Mrs Short with the set up and serving of the ice cream at five minutes notice. Unfortunately, we ran out towards the end, which meant that the children of Ashevak and Wei Wei did not get an ice cream. However, that will be remedied this Friday afternoon and will also be a great end to SATs week for those children in Year 6. I would like to thank the children for being so understanding and mature about this- I am very proud of you all.

EYFS



Reception loved Skills Builder week! The children worked really well in teams to design and make games based on the theme of Snakes and Ladders. The children shared ideas, showed excellent listening skills, expressed their creativity and were able to present their finished product to the class. After playing them, all the games have been added to the display in the bottom corridor so everyone can see them.

We have started our topic on minibeasts and have already read the books; 'Mad About Minibeasts' and 'The very Hungry Caterpillar'. Some children tried to write their own minibeast poems which was very tricky and everybody wrote facts about different minibeasts showing their super scientific knowledge.



We learnt about which foods are healthy and which foods you shouldn't have lots of as too much could cause you to feel unhealthy. We also learnt about the life cycle of a butterfly and placed images in order to show our understanding. The children explored symmetry and were able to explain that if both sides were the same (identical) then something was symmetrical. They created symmetrical butterflies and images using numicon.

In phonics the children have started level 4 of the Twinkl Phonics scheme and are now learning all about adjacent consonants.



Last week we had a wonderful time celebrating The Coronation of King Charles III and made a picnic to share, made crowns to wear and enjoyed dancing to music both inside and outside in the playground.

Mrs Allen

Key Stage 1

KS1 have been busy with their new book 'How to Find Gold' by Viviane Schwarz. In the story Anna wants to find gold but Crocodile is more reserved and unsure. We have spent time completing role-on-the-wall posters, looking at their characteristics and appearance and how we can use adjectives to describe them. We have also created plans for how to find gold, thinking of what they would need to bring and the challenges they might need to overcome. We had challenges such as sea monsters, pirates, hidden treasure and stormy weather. Linking to our book, we have looked at linkages and joins to create a moving crocodile. We used split pins to create links and designed the head of the crocodile. We had to evaluate our designs and products to see what we could do better next time. In Geography, we have been learning about the four cardinal directions on a compass. We used these and our knowledge of physical features to design a treasure map, just like Anna and Crocodile did in our book.



In RE we have been looking at different sacred places. We visited Christchurch in Sidcup where Kevin and Adam showed us around. We learnt lots about why the church is special to Christians and what they do when they are there.



We had a lovely celebration for the King's Coronation. In the morning we made jam sandwiches and iced a biscuit. We also made crowns for us to wear for the celebrations later in the day. In the afternoon, we had a lovely assembly where we learnt about the Coronation and sang 'Sing for the King' as a school. Afterwards, we went onto the playground and enjoyed our food and ice cream, as well as danced to the music. It was a lovely way to start the weekend!

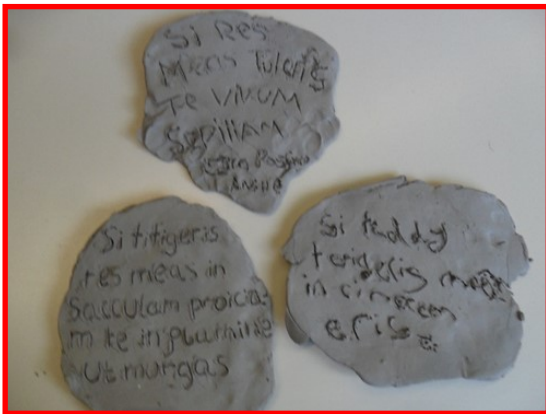
Lower Key Stage 2

This term has been so exciting!

As part of LKS2 learning, we invited a Roman visitor into school. The children had a fantastic day...

Playing Roman games, learning about the gods, Roman food, daily life ~(with hands on exploration).

They learnt about the Roman army, famous Roman emperors, a Roman funeral, weapons (more hands on experience). They truly had a wonderful time, learning so many facts to use in their lessons this term.



This led to a DT lesson, where the children creating Curse Tablets using clay and adding a curse in Latin (translated from English).

In English so far, the children have written a letter around life in Pompeii, constructed poetry based on an earthquake, written in role as a character from our Power of Reading book (Escape from Pompeii) and created and performed a play script based on the Roman myth, Romulus and Remus.

In Maths, Year 3 have focused on fractions, and angles and shape, and Year 4 have concentrated on perimeter and area.

The children have found our science topic 'Electricity' very interesting and exciting, as we have explored the sources of electricity, safety, and open and closed circuits.

Kahlo Class have also been lucky enough to visit the library this term, where they found out that when they join, they can borrow up to 12 books at any one time, and they can keep the books for three weeks! They each found an interesting read, which they have brought back to school to enjoy.

Lastly, the children were very enthusiastic as they made their own Rice Krispie Cakes for the coronation celebrations last Friday. Later in the day, on the playground, they munched these along with fairy cakes, crisps and a delicious ice-cream.

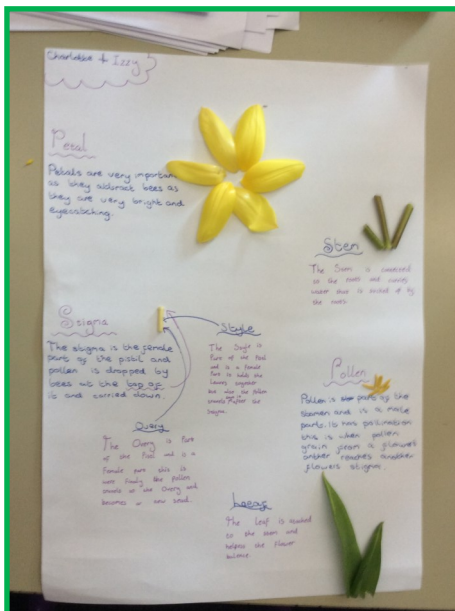


Upper Key Stage 2

What a busy few weeks it has been in Years 5 and 6! We have started our power of reading book 'Floodland' by Marcus Sedgwick. We are really enjoying the text so far and have produced some really excellent writing in role as the main character Zoe. Linked to our text, we have been learning all about rivers and climate change during our Geography lessons as the main character is trying to live in a world that has felt the effects of this.

In Maths, Year 6 have been working hard on identifying and measuring different angles. Year 5 have been learning all about shape.

Ashevak and Malone learnt about the special celebration of Eid el fitr which is a celebration at the end of the fasting month of Ramadan. We were very lucky to have a parent visitor who explained the importance of Ramadan and kindly allowed us to ask questions to find out more.



In our Science lessons we have been learning about plant reproduction and even dissected flowers and labelled the different parts.



In PE our muscles have been very sore as we have been working on our fitness and taking part in circuit training! We feel fitter already! As well as all this fantastic learning we really enjoyed the visit of the athlete, Ryan Scott, who discussed the importance of resilience and perseverance and challenging yourself to reach your goals.

We are looking forward to all the rest the summer term has in store!



Our Kings & Queens disco is next Friday 19th May. Letters have been sent home with the children and via parent mail. If you need a form, there are spares in the school office. Forms need to be sent in by Monday 15th May.

KINGS & QUEENS DISCO

FRIDAY 19th MAY

To book your place on the dancefloor...
...make sure you fill in the booking form!

Glow Shop will be open selling lots of accessories!

R & YR1&2 - 4.30-6:00PM
YR 3,4,5&6 - 6:30-8:00PM

£5 includes squash or water & hot dog!

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Thank you all so much for all of your amazingly generous donations.....we are nearly there in our target to purchase 23 Ipad and with your continued support with all of the events that FOLS put on we should be in a position to purchase the Ipad before the academic year is over.



IPAD-OMETER UPDATE!



Dates for the diary 2023

Monday 15th May — Friday 19th May — KS1 SATs

Thursday 18th May—Secondary transfer meeting for Year 5 parents

Friday 19th May — FOLS Kings and Queens Disco

Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June—Half Term

Wednesday 7th June—Yr 6 UKSA residential meeting

Tuesday 13th June—Sports Day (EYFS & KS1 10am—11am, KS2 11.15—12.30)

Wednesday 14th June—Contingency Sports Day (EYFS & KS1 10am—11am, KS2 11.15—12.30)

Tuesday 20th June—Class photographs

Friday 23rd June—Monday 26th June—Yr 6 Residential Trip

Friday 30th June—Reception 2023 stay and play session

Saturday 8th July—FOLS Summer Festival

Tuesday 11th July—Parents and Carers rock steady concert—14.30—15.15

Thursday 13th July—Year 6 leavers production 18.00—20.30

Monday 17th July—Year 6 leavers service at the church - 10.30am—11.15am

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



Attendance—



Monet	98%
Matisse	92%
Murakami	92%
O'Keefe	90%
Warhol	96%
Thomas	94%

Kahlo	94%
Basquiat	95%
Malone	92%
Ashevak	96%
Wei Wei	96%

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Owen and the Longlands Primary School Staff Team.