

Longlands Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 16th September 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was with great excitement that we welcomed the children back to school last Monday. As always, it is wonderful to hear about the childrens experiences over the summer holidays and in many cases to see how much they have grown in six weeks!

During our first whole school assembly last week, it was fantastic to see how smart the children were looking in the uniforms and school shoes. Please can I remind parents to ensure that children have the correct PE kit (details of the uniform policy can be found on the school website) and as always, to make a plea to label your childs clothing!

School is looking very inviting and colourful, as teachers have worked hard over the holidays to ensure that classrooms are well organised and inviting. I would also like to thank Mrs Pearce and the office team for all the work that they too have put in to ensure that the term started smoothly.

We always endeavour to keep our communication systems and processes up to date over the course of the academic year. Please note that class teachers will be updating both the website class page and Google classroom on a regular basis. The schools website is also updated regularly with news items and the calendar is populated on a regular basis so please do take the time to check it.

Finally, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new Reception children in Monet and Matisse classes. They are settling in very well and we hope that their time at Longlands Primary School is a happy one.

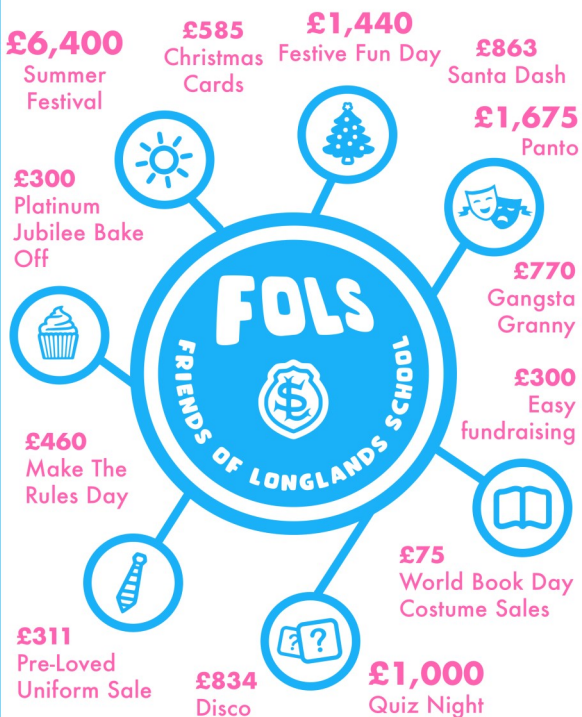
Miss Owen



During the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations earlier this year the residents of Appledore Crescent held a Jubilee celebration and very kindly donated the money they raised to our school. We have used this funding to support our OPAL project and the equipment has arrived over the holidays. Thank you to Mr Sweetman and Mrs Hughes (residents of Appledore Crescent) from our parent body who approached me with their offer and have liaised with both their neighbours and school.

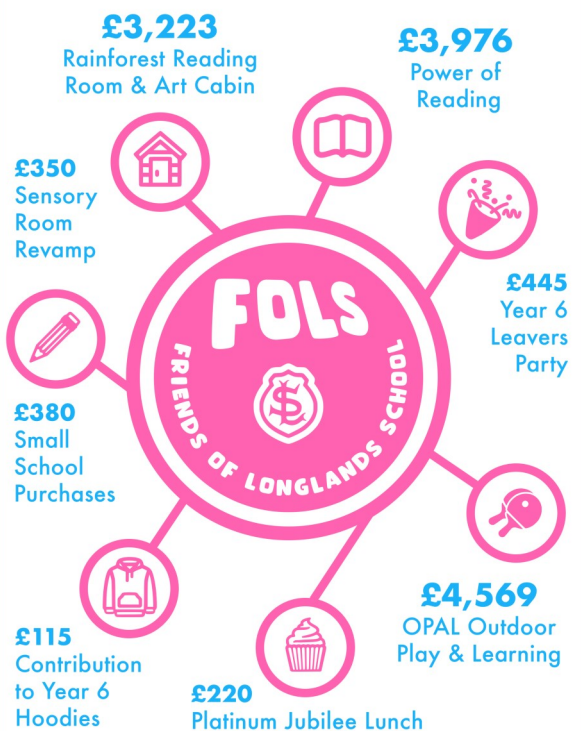
A huge THANK YOU to all of our FOLS (Friends of Longlands School) and the whole school community who raised a fantastic £14,837 over the course of the last academic year. Join the FOLS instagram @Friends_of_longlands_school and Facebook: Friends of Longlands School pages to see news!

WHAT DID WE RAISE?



TOTAL RAISED = £14,837

WHAT DID WE SPEND?



TOTAL SPEND = £13,227



The Death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

It was with great sadness that the country learned last Thursday of the death of the Queen. I did talk to the children about her life and the many accomplishments of her reign in assembly at the end of last week. We were also able to look back fondly on our whole school party, which we held for the Platinum Jubilee. We also discussed the importance of thinking about her family at this very difficult time and used this as a focus for our reflection time at the end of assembly. I am also pleased that the school was invited to take a small group of children to sign the book of condolence at the Civic Offices, which we did this week.



PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY 19TH OF SEPTEMBER FOR THE ADDITIONAL BANK HOLIDAY TO MARK THE FUNERAL OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN. SCHOOL WILL RETURN AS NORMAL ON TUESDAY 20TH.

EYFS



The new Reception children have settled in marvelously! They are all following our 3 school rules of Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe beautifully. They have been learning about their class artists and have been creating



fantastic pieces of art work for their class display. Matisse children created their own snail pictures and even experimented with different patterned paper to create their own pictures in the style of Henri Matisse.

Monet children looked at Claude Monets painting of the 'Bridge over a Pond of Water Lilies' and created their own water lilies and bridge paintings using a variety of techniques. We have been talking about how important it is to be part of a team and show kindness to everyone and have created our own team flags. We



are very impressed with them at lunch time as they have been incredibly independent and have been carrying their own trays around the lunch hall and trying different foods. The 'big playground' has been a huge hit too and they have enjoyed exploring the Rainforest Reading Room, large construction and sand and water areas.



We are looking forward to starting our topic on colour and pattern next week.
Mrs Allen

Key Stage 1

KS1 have settled very well into their new classes, learning new routines and procedures. They have been busy creating new team flags for each class; thinking about the qualities needed within a good team, such as hard work, support and friendship. In Art, the children created self-portraits on a paper plate, thinking carefully about all the features they needed to include; these have brightened up the classrooms beautifully! The children have started their new Power of Reading book, 'Out and About' where they have listened to poems about sand, water, wind and mud. They've also created descriptions about the wind and written their own poems. In Science, the children have been learning about the four seasons and the changes that occur. We have started by taking a photo of the tree in the playground and we are going to observe the changes throughout the term. Its been a fantastic and enjoyable start to the new academic year, with some great independent skills and determination on show!



Lower Key Stage 2

Welcome back to year 3 and year 4! We are so delighted to have you all back in school and ready to learn. We have many exciting times ahead.

Our first book this term is 'Pebble in My Pocket' by Meredith Hooper. It tells the dynamic story of rock formation; showing the reader the processes that the pebble goes through from its beginnings in a fiery volcano 480 million years ago - how it is moulded by fire, then shaped by erosion. 480 million years ago is an epic amount of time, we want children to understand the concept of this amount of time so we created timelines to illustrate this. Children have also created illustrations and poems to express their responses to the text, and we look forward to 'diving' further into the story of the 'pebble in my pocket'.

During our maths lessons we have revisited place value, every digit in a number has a place value. Place value can be defined as the value represented by a digit in a number on the basis of its position in the number. For example, the place 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.

Rocks is our science topic for science, which links wonderfully to our core book. We look forward to investigating the different types of rocks and the science behind their existence.



The children revised the meaning of BC and AD before placing significant events on a Timeline.

Mrs Rossiter

Upper Key Stage 2

Years 5 and 6 have made a fantastic start to the new academic year and we are immensely proud of them. We have had a busy couple of weeks! We have learnt about our class artists and produced amazing art work inspired by them. We have also been working really hard in our maths lessons, looking at place value and ordering and comparing numbers. In English we have started our Power of Reading text 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson, we have enjoyed learning about the Amazon Rainforest which is the setting for this book. As well as all of this super work we have been discussing what makes a great team and even produced our own class flags! We are extremely excited about all the fantastic learning we will be doing in the weeks to come.



Mr Allen

Wrap Around Care



Our Wrap Around Care provision is now in full swing and the children are having a great time! Breakfast club have been playing shops, making play dough food and making loom bands and After School Club have had a 'disco' night, played hide and seek in the playground and Friday night is movie night!

Isla said "There is always something to play with" and Eric said "I like the food and it is fun!"

If you would like to use any of our wrap around provisions, if you have not done so already, please fill in the below Ts & Cs and registration forms before booking your child in via the Parent Mail app. The calendar is now open up to the end of this half term.

Hours are:

Breakfast Club: 07.30am—08.55am

After School Club: 3.15pm—18.00

Please be reminded of the terms and conditions for After school club. "If a child booked in is collect later, there will be a £5 charge for the first (or part of) 15 minutes. A further charge of £5 for every 5 minutes will be charged after 18:15."

Any questions, please speak to the school office.



Voluntary School Fund

You may be aware that we ask for a voluntary contribution of £10 per child on an annual basis. This is to support the school in providing enhancements to the quality of experiences children have exploring our curriculum. For example, we use this fund to pay for such things as theatre groups and various curriculum theme days.



In order to pay your contribution, please go to your ParentMail app where there will be an item in 'Shop'
THANK YOU!

Miss Owen

Dates for the diary

Monday 19th September —Bank Holiday

Thursday 22nd September—New Parent Tour

Tuesday 27th September - Author visit

Wednesday 28th September—Friday 30th September—Yr 5 Residential to Wales

Thursday 29th September—Yr 3 &4 Stone Age Day

Wednesday 5th October—Individual School Photos

Thursday 6th October—New Parent Tour

Tuesday 18th October—Parents Evening

Thursday 20th October—Flu immunisations

Thursday 20th October—Parents Evening

Monday 24th October—Friday 28th October—Half Term.



School Meals

INDEPENDENT CATERING

Independent catering are our new caterers who provide our school with our school meals. The children and Staff alike are enjoying the variety that independent catering have brought to lunch times and the children are loving the restaurant feel that the table cloths are bringing.

A video of what independent catering do as well as the menu for this term are all on our website. Meals for EYFS & KS1 are free to everyone and for KS2, the cost is £2.50 a day payable via ParentMail. If your child currently has a packed lunch but you would like your child to try the school meals, please contact the school office.

Extra polio vaccine dose for children in London

Children aged 1 to 9 years old in London are being offered a dose of polio vaccine. For some children this may be an extra dose on top of their routine vaccinations. In other children it may bring them up to date with their routine vaccinations.

There are signs the virus may be spreading in London and the number of children vaccinated in London is lower than it should be. Boosting immunity in children should help protect them and reduce the risk of the virus continuing to spread.

If your child is eligible for an extra dose, the NHS will contact you to ask you to book an appointment for the vaccine.

Find out more about the polio booster campaign on GOV.UK.



Attendance

Monet	99%
Matisse	100%
Murakami	97%
O'Keefe	94%
Warhol	97%
Thomas	95%

Kahlo	97%
Basquiat	97%
Malone	93%
Ashevak	98%
Wei Wei	99%

