



Long Mountain Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2024

'Let Your Light Shine'

Matthew 5- 15:16 Sermon on the Mount

Tales from the Office Friday 19th January 2024



It may have been a cold and frosty outside of school this week, yet the children have been busy working hard and warming up the school with their laughter. During the week we welcomed Revd. Fran Brealey into school, who will be joining our Tuesday collective worship rota.

On Friday we were joined by our Chair (David Stacey) and Vice Chair of Governors (Jan Potter) in our 'Celebration Worship', we then toured the school to look at key points within the School Development Plan. The governors talked to pupils and staff during the morning to support their understanding of how the school is currently progressing.

As a school we are always looking for ways to improve outcomes for our children especially for those who may need additional support in class. During the week I attend the launch event of a new project the school is embarking on in London. The SEND Developmental Peer Review Pilot aims to enhance SEND provision and outcomes in mainstream settings by providing schools to audit their current practice, celebrate and share areas of strength, and work together to push forward areas of development. Both Miss Edwards (SENCO) and I are looking forward to working with our partner schools from London and ensuring that we are using the best research and interventions to support our pupils and staff.

Anders Rowlands

Headteacher

Stars of The Week



It was lovely to sit and chat with some of the 'Stars of the Week' this afternoon, however as Lucas was not in school we felt it was only right that we meet again next week to have more squash and biscuits with all of the 'Stars' present. The three children who could attend today joined me while I was teaching Computing in Class 3 and we had a lovely time discussing what they had done in school this week.

Congratulations to this weeks winners :

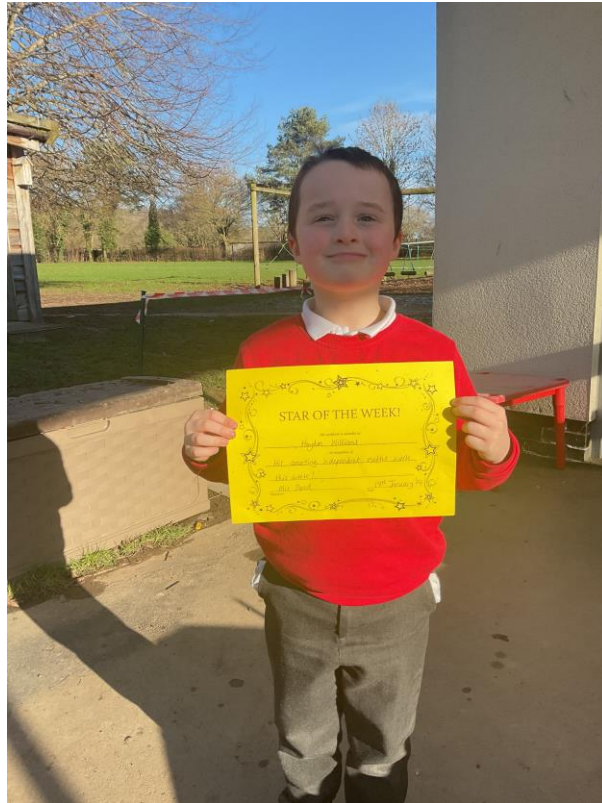
*Class 1 - **Nona** for her excellent reading progress.*

*Class 2 - **Hayden** for his amazing independent maths work this week .*

*Class 3 - **Rory**- for his brilliant attitude in English, showing great care and detail in his writing.*

*Class 4 - **Lucas** for writing an excellent piece of work on Percy Jackson.*





Class Dojo Winner

Congratulations to :

Class 1 - **Bonnie**

Class 2 - **Eva**

Class 3 - **Lauren**

Class 4 - **Holly**

Well done everyone this week!

All the points will now be zeroed and it all starts again next week!





Reading Challenge

Current Word Count

Class 2 : 122,294

Class 3 : 1,022,684

Class 4 : 808,257

Total Words Read So Far : 1,953,235

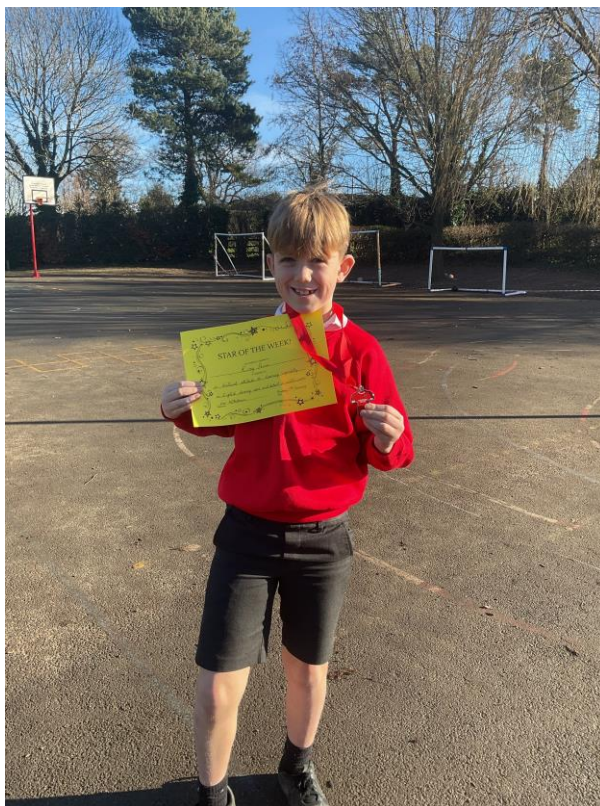
Open The Book



It was lovely to see the 'Open the Book' Team in school this week. We retold the story of Noah and the flood and discussed what it means to trust in people and in God. This story linked in really well with our worship theme for this term which is 'Trust'. As you can see Hayden played the part of Noah and really got into the spirit of it.

Outside Achievement

Congratulations to Rory, who competed in a tournament at Shrewsbury Town last weekend. His team won the tournament and were then invited to attend the game.



Measles

Cases of measles are increasing in the UK, including in the West Midlands, and it's likely that there will be cases in Shropshire soon.

Measles is a viral illness that can be serious and sometimes fatal. Spending 15 minutes with someone with measles is enough to get the virus. Symptoms of measles include high fever, runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes, small red spots with a bluish-white centre inside the mouth. A rash can appear later, usually on the face, upper neck, hands and feet, fading after 5 to 6 days. If you've not been vaccinated against measles, you can be at risk, but it's most common in young children. Someone with measles can spread the virus up to 4 days before a rash appears, and up to 4 days after.

Measles can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences, so make sure you and your children are up to date with MMR vaccinations and ask your GP about catch-up jabs if needed. The MMR vaccine is highly effective at protecting against measles.

If you are unsure if your child is up to date with all their routine vaccinations, you can check their Red Book (personal child health record) in the first instance. If you are still not sure, or if you need to bring your child up to date with their vaccines, you should contact their GP practice to check and book an appointment.

If you are concerned that your child has measles, please call your GP in the first instance, to reduce the risk of passing the disease to others in the waiting room. More information on measles and the MMR vaccine can be found using the link below:-

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

Long Mountain PTFA

The PTFA at Long Mountain is such a supportive group and I am forever grateful for the help they give the school. If you would like to join the PTFA for their first meeting of the year, they will be meeting at The Lowfield Inn on Thursday 25th January at 7:30pm. All welcome.

Also a quick reminder to follow the PTFA's facebook page - Long Mountain C of E Primary and Preschool PTFA - if you aren't already.

School Office Hours

The school office hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm. If your child is going to be off poorly or you need to contact school for any other reason, please could you ring between these hours. If you are unable to contact us via telephone, please email admin@longmountain.shropshire.sch.uk

Use of language on the playground

This is a polite reminder to parents to be careful in their choose of language used on the playground at drop off and collection time, we appreciate parents like to have a friendly chat but we can not have inappropriate language used in front to of the children.

Healthy Snack

All KS1 children (class 1 & 2) are provided with a piece of fruit each day at breaktime, if parents want to send a snack in for your child to eat at breaktime, please send in a piece of fruit. We are seeing a lot of children eating chocolate bars, crisps and sweets. As a school we encourage the children to eat healthily and would appreciate parents supporting us. We are a NUT FREE school so please do not send in any products containing nuts.

Key Dates

Monday 29 January 2024 - **PCSO Kate Mackintosh - Visiting Class 4**

Monday 5 February 2024 - **Assessment Week**

Friday 9 February 2024 - **Break up for Half Term**

Monday 19 February 2024 - **School re-opens**

Tuesday 20 February 2024 - **Mary Webb STEAM Event - Class 4 (in School)**

Thursday 7 March 2024 - **World Book Day - Dress up as you favourite Book character**