



# Long Mountain Newsletter Friday 6th October

*'Let Your Light Shine'*

**Matthew 5- 15:16 Sermon on the Mount**

[Tales from the Office Friday 6th October 2023](#)



Thank you to everyone who came to our Harvest Festival and for those who supported us to provide much needed donations to the Rea Valley Foodbank this week.

All the children performed so well at Worthen Church today and I would like to thank all of the staff for not only working so hard to support the children with their parts but also keeping them safe walking down to the church.

This week I have been busy covering duties and I was so pleased to cover an English lesson in Class 4. It was so nice to teach a lesson to the Year 5/6 children based on how to use commas to support the development of complex ideas. Sometimes I do feel I am unable to leave my office - so it really was lovely to get out and about and share my passion for teaching English.

On Thursday night I managed to take a football team out of school and compete against schools from Shrewsbury - please see below for my detailed match report.

A big thank you to all the pupils, staff and parents who made our Harvest Festival a success. It was lovely to see the children perform in front of parents. I will do a longer write up next week.

Anders Rowlands

Headteacher

## Stars of The Week and Hot Chocolate With The Head



Congratulations to :

*Class 1 - Archie P F* for helping to make a lovely chocolate cake in class.

*Class 2 - Theo* for 100% readiness to learn.

*Class 3 - Martha* for being an absolute star in our art lesson, she always helps others calmly and patiently.

*Class 4 - Catrin* for excellent contributions in class and showing great confidence.

## Football Club Cancelled Next Week!



I am very sorry but I will need to cancel Football Club on Tuesday 10th October as I am taking a team to St Winefride's School to compete in an Under 11s football match.



## Football Success



You will often see me around school wearing my Chirk Youth FC clothing. I am proud to say I am the manager of Chirk Under 13s and I am blessed with an amazing group of boys and girls who compete to a high level. And now I can also say that I have an amazing Year 5/ 6 football team who are starting to mix it up with much larger schools in the area.

On Tuesday I was joined by Mr Feltham, who kindly offered support with lifts, and two governors to support our team at Shrewsbury School. According to Mr Feltham we have not had a school team for the last 5 years, so I was eager to get the children out competing against local schools. My plan was simple - win one game in the tournament - after all we have only completed two training sessions and we will be playing against larger schools. However as soon as the players stepped onto the pitch I knew we were going to do much better than that. In the group stages we took 9 out of 12 points and only lost to the eventual winners of the tournament. We then marched on to the quarter finals where we ended in a draw. Zac won the toss and elected to take the first penalty, which he slotted home with ease. Our superstar keeper Spencer took to his line and pulled off an amazing save. We were then through to the semi-final... Unfortunately we were unable to win our next match, losing narrowly to Meole Brace who edged us out of the competition.

I am honestly so proud of the team this week, especially as some of them had competed in the swimming gala on the same day. I love managing a team and seeing a group of players working



together to support each other. The players should feel very proud of themselves as they represented the school with grace and passion.

## Swimming Gala



Nine children from KS2 were selected for the fantastic opportunity to compete in the Varsity Swimming Gala on Thursday at Shrewsbury School. All the children swam well and achieved an amazing third place overall!

Well done to Sam, Connor, Spencer, Richie, Toby, Lucas, Ila, Toby and Rory.

From Mrs Nevison

## Class Dojo



Congratulations to :

Class 1 - **Nona**

Class 2 - **Theo and George**

Class 3 - **Arthur**

Class 4 - **Richie**

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

## Pre-School News

Mrs Evans has asked me to share a few website links that parents might find useful.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/early-help/the-parenting-team/>

## Key Dates

**Tuesday 10 October - Under 11s County Plate to be played at St Winefried's School including Trinity School - 3:45pm kick off**

**Wednesday 11 & Thursday 12 October - Year 6 Bike Ability**

**Wednesday 25 October - Class 4 Swimming**

**Thursday 26 October - Pupils break up for half term**

**Friday 27 October - PD Day (school is closed to pupils)**

**Monday 6 November - School re-opens**

**Tuesday 7 November - Flu Immunisation - Reception to Year 6**

**Friday 10 November - Remembrance Day Service**

**Monday 13 & Thursday 16 November - Parents Evening**

**Tuesday 14 November - Tempest Photography - Individual and siblings**

**Friday 24 November - Class 1 Inspire Afternoon**

**Thursday 7 December - Theatre Severn Pantomime - Class 1 to Class 4**

**Thursday 7 December - Pre-School Nativity Singalong and Christmas Party**

**Tuesday 12 December - Class 1 & 2 Christmas Performance**

**Friday 15 December - Class 3 & 4 Christmas Performance - Worthen Church**

**Monday 18 December - Class 3 & 4 Christmas Party**

**Tuesday 19 December - Class 1 & 2 Christmas Party**

**Wednesday 20 December - School breaks up for Christmas**

**Thursday 4 January 2024- School re-opens**

## Reading The Game

Congratulations to Willow and Stan for their certificates from Coach Neil this week. They worked so hard in their session this week and they worked on which three places they saw a particular character in their story





## Sponsorship Opportunity



As I previously stated in the newsletter, I love taking our pupils out to sporting events. This week though, I discovered that we did not have a full kit and we do not have even have a Long Mountain Kit.

We would love to hear from any local businesses who might want to sponsor us. I am sure we can do some fantastic advertising for you while we compete against local schools. If any parents are interest then please contact me at [head@longmountain.shropshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@longmountain.shropshire.sch.uk)

## PTFA Update



A message from the PTFA:

Hi everyone. It's that time of year when we start to look for some great Christmas raffle prizes. It's traditionally always one of the best fundraisers for the school. If you own a business or work for a company who would like to donate a raffle prize, please let one of the PTFA know before the end of October. You can message our Long Mountain Facebook page or let Amanda know in the school office. In return for the publicity on Facebook and in the newsletter, more importantly you'll get the feel good factor by supporting the school and pre-school. Thank you!





## LONG MOUNTAIN PTFA FUNDRAISING 2022/23

### OUR EVENTS



Thank you for helping us to raise an incredible **£5,397.07**

### OUR ACTIVITIES



The PTFA is a registered charity run by a friendly group of parents who work closely with school and preschool to organise fundraising events to enrich the education and experience for all children at Long Mountain.

We meet in the pub every other month, and we also organise committee social nights, so joining us is a great way to meet other parents, get involved and have fun.

### EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT THE PTFA:

#### EASY FUNDRAISING – RAISE MONEY EVERY TIME YOU SHOP ONLINE!

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) - It doesn't cost you or us a penny. Please visit the website or download the Easy Fundraising app. It's a free fundraising platform that allows us to earn money when we shop online. It works with over 7,000 brands, from Morrisons, eBay, JD Sports, M&S, RAC, Booking.com and loads more.

Once signed up, the retailer you shop with will send us a donation based on how much you spend. It only takes 2 minutes to register for free and all you need is your email address. Share with your friends and family too – the more the merrier.

#### DONATE ££ OR RAFFLE PRIZES & BUY/SELL TICKETS

Do you own a local business or work for a company who would like to donate a raffle prize or help in any other way? Please get in touch. In return for publicity on our Facebook page and in the school newsletter, you'll also (more importantly) get the feel-good factor by supporting the school.

#### ATTEND EVENTS

Everything will be publicised in the school newsletter. Please attend events and participate when you can.



### ADD YOUR NAME TO OUR VOLUNTEER LIST

To be called on as and when we need extra pairs of hands (no pressure or commitment). Some companies offer employer-supported volunteering (ESV) which gives employees the opportunity to volunteer during working hours, and some will offer to match fund any money raised.

### COME ALONG TO OUR MEETINGS

We meet at The Lowfield Inn in Marton, every other month on a Thursday evening. Please keep an eye on the school newsletter for dates.

**GET IN TOUCH**

Follow us on Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/LongMountainSchool](https://www.facebook.com/LongMountainSchool)  
Message our page and we'll get back to you.  
Or come and say hello on the playground!



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### A message from our PTFA Chair, Claire Owen:

Thank you to everyone who has supported the PTFA over the past 12 months. It's great to work alongside a fantastic group of parents and teachers to fundraise for the school and pre-school. We're thrilled with the amount we've raised and we're looking forward to working with our new headteacher, Anders Rowlands, to spend the funds on much needed resources and some amazing experiences for the children. Watch this space for more news about PTFA events and activities. coming soon!

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### A few highlights from 2022/23...



## PARENT GOVERNOR REQUIRED

Parent Governors play a vital role on governing bodies, holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school.

Through the children, they have a first hand experience of the delivery of the curriculum, and how the school is perceived from the community's point of view. This enables parent governors to bring a different perspective to the strategic management of the school.

### TO EFFECTIVELY FULFIL THE ROLE, PARENT GOVERNORS SHOULD:



## Messy Church

On Saturday 11th November, Worthen Church are holding a 'Morning Coffee plus more' drop in for anyone who would like to attend. All money raised will go towards the cost of Messy Church 10.30 - 12.00

## Birthday Cakes



Over the last couple of weeks we have had questions regarding children bringing cakes in to school to celebrate their birthday and other special events. We have looked into this and due to the different allergies of children in school and Natasha's Law we will only accept shop bought cakes which are in a sealed box.