

Long Whatton C of E Primary School

Newsletter 07.02.2024

Live, Learn, Grow and Be Thankful



We have had a very busy start to the New Year at Long Whatton! We have had engage days to launch our new class projects for the term, that have included visitors coming into school and visits around our local area.

Our Key Stage 2 children are very excited to be going on their residential visit to Whitemoor Lakes next week! I know the staff team are also looking forward to the activities and fun too. A big thank you goes to our staff who are giving up their time next week to take the children. If parents have any worries or questions they would like to ask regarding the residential, please see Miss Hellowell who will be on the front door Monday to Thursday.

I can't believe we are nearly at half term again, it has gone so quickly. I do hope you all manage to have some rest over half term.



- 13.02.24 - 16.02.24 - Key Stage 2 residential visit to Whitemoor Lakes
- 13.02.24 - Pancake Day - Special Lunch menu
- 19.02.24 - 23.02.24 Half term
- 26.02.24 - Inset Day
- 06.03.24 - KS2 Gymnastics Competition @ Woodcote Primary
- 07.03.24 - World Book Day
- 08.03.24 - (2.30pm) Positive Social will lead a session for parents on helping your child to use social media positively
- 08.03.24 - PTA Mother's Day gift sale
- 11.03.24 - (2.30pm) - Easter Service
- 13.03.24 - Reception & Year 6 Height & Weight measurements
- 13.03.24 - (2.30pm) All parents welcome to the children's Spring Term Art gallery in the hall
- 18.03.24 - Messy Day (details to follow)
- 18.03.24 and 19.03.24 - Parents Evening (3.30-6pm)
- 19.03.24 - Courageous Advocacy Day
- 20.03.24 - Year 5 Easter Journey visit to St Botolph's
- 21.03.24 - Special Easter Lunch (details to follow)
- 22.03.24 - Break up for Easter Holiday

Swimming

Key Stage 1 Swimming dates:

13.02.2024	05.03.2024
27.02.2024	12.03.2024
	19.03.2024

HONOURS ASSEMBLY

29.02.24 - Reading Buddies: 2.30pm-2.45pm

Honours Assembly: 2.45pm-3.10pm

14.03.24 - Reading Buddies: 2.30pm-2.45pm

Honours Assembly: 2.45pm-3.10pm

ECO GARDEN

We have nearly completed our Eco Garden project ready for Spring. We really want to encourage as much pond life as possible to our garden so that the children can pond dip in the summer months. The funding that we received from East Midlands Airport has been spent on the build but we still need plants in and around our pond. We were hoping that someone may either have some spare plants or know of someone who may be able to donate some, to enable us to complete our project. If you are able to help, please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.



WE ARE TWINNING OUR TOILETS

1 in 3 people worldwide don't have somewhere safe, private or hygienic to go to the toilet.



The Collective Worship Team have been working hard to promote 'Toilet Twinning' which is a project based in a community overseas that helps families to build their own basic toilet, access clean water and learn about hygiene - a vital combination that saves lives. The children have organised a bake sale to raise money and once precious funds have been received and sent off they will receive the location of our 'toilet twin' which the children can locate on Google Maps.

LOCAL LINKING PROJECT



Before Christmas, the Robins sent off their class bunting to Spinney Hill Primary School in Leicester. They were very excited to receive bunting back at the start of the year as part of the Schools Linking project. This enabled them to learn about children from Spinney Hill who they look forward to meeting in the summer term.

KICKBOXING

TASTER SESSION



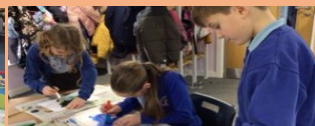
Last week, Hathern Stealth Kickboxing came into school for the afternoon to show the children different techniques and skills. Thank you to our Governor Chris Fearn for organising the afternoon and we look forward to some taster afternoons throughout the year.



Let's get creative!



This term the children have been exploring clay, printing, stenciling and colour as part of their Art projects and they look forward to showcasing their work in the art exhibition later this term.



Geography coming to life!

To launch our Geography projects this term we have been visited by a Geologist, the RNLI and an Arctic explorer. The children have been getting fully immersed in their new projects and gathering lots of knowledge.



We are really looking forward to the last few days of Spring One.

Best wishes, Mrs Gray and the Long Whatton Team