



Headteacher's Message...

This week has been an eventful one! We received notice of our two day, Section 5 Inspection on Monday and then welcomed two **OFSTED** inspectors into school for Tuesday and Wednesday. They met with myself and staff, visited classrooms and spoke to many subject leaders, teachers of the deaf, teaching assistants, the Deaf Team, parents and of course the pupils!



This morning I have thanked our staff team for their exceptional hard work over the two days and also their dedication to our Deaf children each and every day and I am sure you will join me in this. Also, I have asked class teams to thank their pupils for the maturity they showed during the inspection—your children were a credit to you!

The inspectors spoke to many parents personally and heard about how you feel about our wonderful school and I would like to thank them and all the parents who submitted their views online. It is really helpful to hear 'Parent Voice'!

Your children are, as I said earlier, a credit to you and to themselves! They demonstrated resilience and confidence when meeting new people, who were keen to know their views. School Councillors met with inspectors who asked them lots of questions around whether they felt safe and happy at school as well as about the curriculum. Also, inspectors met with KS2 pupils over a lunchtime, chatting to them outside on the playground. I was really impressed with their confidence and ability to express their views about the school! Your children are great communicators!

The inspection has now ended. Now, we have to be patient and wait to receive the report and this can take some time. Once I have received the report I will share it with you all and also upload it to the school website. But, for now, can I just tell you how very proud I am of the children and staff of Longwill School for Deaf Children!



Alison Carter

Anti-Bullying 'Week' will be slightly longer this year and will be taking place from Monday 14th November-Wednesday 23rd November. The theme this year is **'Reach out'** which means that we will be learning about the importance of telling someone that we trust if we feel that we are being bullied. We will particularly explore **UNCRC Article 12**, which states that we all have the right to be listened to and taken seriously.



To mark the beginning of this important week, we will be taking part in **'Odd Socks Day'**. We would like all children and staff to wear odd socks to school (the odder - the better!) on **Monday 14th November** to celebrate that we are all unique. The day sends an important (and fun!) message to pupils that we should be allowed to be ourselves and always receive kindness in return. We are also asking for a minimum donation of £1 which will be sent to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help them to continue their important work.

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