



Headteacher's Message...

Happy New Year! I do hope that you all had a lovely Christmas holiday and wish you all the very best for 2023!

The children have now been back in school for a fortnight are back in the swing of things, working really hard on their new topics. Each class has created their page for our 'What's On' newsletter, which is now out. You can also read about other classes in school on our website.

I have lots of updates for you in this newsletter, but first I just wanted to let you all know that our OUTSTANDING Ofsted report has now been published on their official website. If you want to read it again online, here is the link: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/25/103603>

We are all so pleased that Ofsted recognised our high quality provision as being an outstanding school for deaf children!



Alison Carter

Fundraising for Longwill school

You can raise FREE donations for Longwill School - Birmingham EVERY time you shop online. Just use easyfundraising! Over 7,000 brands will donate, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/longwillschool/>

So far, we have raised **£400.08**, but we could raise so much more with all your support! Please help us!



Fundraising by Pupils:

I am pleased to announce that pupils raised £62.51 for Children in Need last term. Also, we collected £35 for Christmas Jumper Day and a further £51.85 for our own school funds on our non-uniform day. Can I thank all parents and carers for your continued support!



Visual Phonics by Hand

Mrs Jackson will be running a course for parents over the coming weeks. A letter has been sent home to you all earlier in the week. Please do help your child with reading and writing and sign up for this fantastic opportunity!

Newsround

Can I remind you all to watch the school news video, which you find on our website. Mrs Kumar and Mr Reid present this each week and it is full of information for the children about school life and the wider world. <https://www.longwill.bham.sch.uk/blog-1> Also, please look out for one of our pupils, who will present a little piece of news each week!

Debating Club starts up on 24th January.

Many children have signed up for this lunchtime club, which is being run by Miss Firstbrook. Please let her know if your child wishes to attend and has not yet told us. Also, we are extending our club 'offer' by allocating 45 minutes for extra-curricular activities on a Friday afternoon.

Children's Mental Health Week (6-10 February)

We have a fantastic week planned for the children, centred around the theme of 'Let's Connect'. We will also spend a day focusing on connecting online safely!

Parents Consultations 18th January 2023

Please continue to sign up, via the school office, or let your teacher know via Class Dojo if you still wish to attend.

Cold Weather!

The wintry weather is returning this week, so please send your child in with a warm winter coat, gloves and hat so that they are warm and cosy when playing outside.

Clubs

We run clubs each lunchtime for the children. Please do encourage your child to join in!

Monday: Gross Motor; Eco Warriors; Golf

Tuesday: Yogabugs, Lego; STEAM, Debating

Wednesday: STEAM for KS2; Bikes;

Thursday: Mathematics; Sports for KS1 and KS2

Friday: Chess

Youth Club runs for pupils over the age of 8 after school every Wednesday at the BID.

An invitation to a meeting regarding Birmingham City Council's SENDIASS service – Wednesday 18th January:

Parents and carers of children and young people with SEND are invited to a meeting regarding the council's SENDIASS service. The meeting is taking place at the Birmingham and Midland Institute on Margaret Street in Birmingham city centre on Wednesday 18th January from 10.30am to midday.

At the meeting Sue Harrison, Birmingham City Council's Director for Children and Families, will be joined by the independent Commissioner for SEND Services, John Coughlan.

They will share information relating to the external review of SENDIASS that took place last year, confirm the council's commitment to SENDIASS and answer any questions that parents may have.

A summary of the issues discussed and the answers provided to and questions will be shared after the meeting.



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