

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

The staff and pupils wish you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

Dates for your diary

15.12.15 Christmas Dinner

16.12.15 Christmas Show

16.12.15 Gym Festival

18.12.15 Christmas Party

04.01.16 Training Day

05.01.15 Back to school

02.02.15 Friendship Week

29.01.16 BSL Eisteddfod

15.02.16 Half Term Holiday

23.02.15 Parents Consultations

24.03.16 End of Term

Swimming News

All our TAs are training on 04.01.16 to enhance their skills at teaching swimming so that can support the instructors and pupils even better!

Children in Need Day

We raised £74 to support this great cause

Jolly Jumper Day

We raised £73 for the Childrens Hospital when we all wore our Christmas jumpers last week!

Gymnastics Festival

We will hold our first ever Gym Festival this week. The pupils will demonstrate their new gym skills in a whole school competition. Please look on the website for photos!

Autumn Term Highlights

This term has proved to be an exciting one, packed with excitements and opportunity! The children have achieved so much and have worked incredibly hard throughout!



Last week we formally recognised the leadership and hard work of our current School Councillors and our Y6 prefects as we awarded badges and certificates in assembly! They take their responsibilities very seriously and are excellent role models for younger pupils. The School Council has planned several fund raising events this terming are extremely busy planning playground improvements (thanks to the very kind generosity of those who attended 'The Red Party'). We are eagerly awaiting a new climbing wall for the playground and a mud kitchen in the Early Years Department.

A new Boccia and Curling Club at Lunchtime...

We have launched an exciting new club this term. It is open to any pupil who would like to be involved and meets every Wednesday at lunchtime. Please encourage your child to get involved.

Christmas Art Workshop

This took place last week and was a super event! Everyone gathered in the hall to create festive pictures, little snowmen (made from sock, rice and glue!) and tree decorations. We played Christmas carols and pupils worked together so very well. We have put some pictures for you to see on the website.

Attendance Matters...

Well done everyone! Our current school attendance figure is running at 94.04%. This is fantastic – and I am sure it will help all the children make good progress in terms of their learning.

MacMillan Cake Sale...

We raised £314 for the Macmillan Charity. Children and staff made lots of delicious cakes, buns and biscuits and then we all enjoyed eating them!

New website...

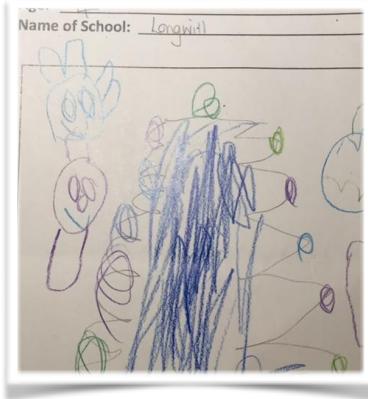
We have a new look website full of information about school life. It has the same web address as before. Please do take a look!

www.longwill.bham.sch.uk



Christmas Card Winners ...

Mrs Smart asked pupils to take part in the BID Christmas Card Competition earlier this term and we had a brilliant response! We were even more thrilled to learn two of our pupils were winners! Congratulations Alishba and Karsel! Along with their friends, they have been invited to see their work at the BID on Tuesday 8th December. You can buy cards if you wish. Please contact BID or school for more information.



New pupils...

We welcome Ahmad and his family to our school. He has joined pupils in Y4. Also, Kasim has joined us in Foundation. They have both settled in very well indeed.

A Christmas Message...

Today's Christmas Show proved to be a complete 'hit' and moved many in the audience to tears! The hard work of both staff and pupils really paid off! Staff began preparations for this lovely event several weeks ago and in more recent weeks our pupils joined in. Their enthusiasm has made parents, grandparents, teachers, friends and family burst with pride! Our school mission statement aspires to make our pupils confident Deaf people who can feel flourish in both the Deaf and hearing world! Today I saw that dream becoming a reality! It is a real pleasure to be part of our community.

Can I take this opportunity, firstly, to say a big thank you to all the staff at Longwill. They all work so hard to offer pupils the very best education possible! I can say the same about the parents... Thank you for your support!

I wish you all an extremely happy and peaceful Christmas and best wishes for a positive 2016!

Alison Carter

