

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow! What an exciting week we have had at Longwill!

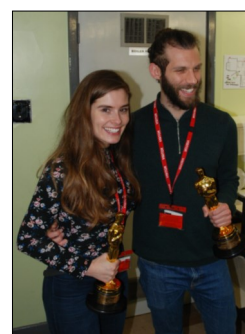
On Wednesday, we had some very special visitors. **Rachel Shenton** (actress and writer) and **Chris Overton** (director) visited Longwill and brought their Oscars with them. Rachel and Chris won the Oscars at the recent Academy Awards ceremony for the Best Live Action Short Film. Their short film, **The Silent Child**, tells the story of a young deaf girl called Libby and her journey to learning British Sign Language. It is based on the stories of many deaf children around the world without access to proper language support or education.



We have had BBC Radio and BBC TV visit too!

Thank you to all parents and carers for returning the consent forms for photos and filming at such short notice, to enable us to make sure we only featured children with consent in any publicity.

The Silent Child was shown at The Electric Cinema on Wednesday evening and the tickets were so popular that we sold out the cinema for two showings! Jay hosted the evening fantastically and it was a great evening with Rachel, Chris, Briar and Marnie taking part in a Question and Answer session after the film. Thank you to all who helped organize and take part in the event. Money raised from the sale of the cinema tickets and the raffle will go towards funding new library books for Longwill School Library.



Alison Carter

Longwill School in the media!

Longwill School was featured on Radio WM (95.6FM) today (Thursday) on the Alex Lester Breakfast Show at approx. 7:10am, 7:45am (interviews with children and parents) and 8:45am (interview with Alison Carter, Headteacher). You can listen online: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/wm>



The BBC National News were in school today filming and we have been told that it will be shown on television on Friday at 1pm. It may also be shown on the local news later in the day.

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Oscar design competition

While Rachel and Chris were at Longwill, we asked them to judge our 'Design an Oscar' competition and then to award the prizes.



1st Prize went to Year 6 for a joint effort!

2nd Prize went to William!

3rd Prize went to Ruby!



During the afternoon on Wednesday, Rachel and Chris toured round the school and met all the children. The BBC Radio interviewed them, along with some parents and their children. They also spent some time with the School Council, when the children had opportunity to ask them questions. They then judged the 'Design an Oscar' competition. Lastly, they joined in with the whole school assembly and announced the winners of the 'Design an Oscar' competition, and the children sang and signed some songs for them.

Thank you to everyone for making the day so special for Rachel and Chris, and all the children. What an inspiring opportunity for the children to meet Oscar winners!



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