

E-Bulletin

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Dear Parents/Carers

Recent news and Events Clubs

- All the children have enjoyed learning about the artists their class is named after. Do ask them to tell you all the things they know!
- Our topics have all been launched with a 'spectacular start'. Reception and Year 1 built some wonderful dens to begin their Homes topic. Year 3 took part in an 'archaeology dig' to discover Egyptian artefacts and Year 2 held a medieval castles' day in costume.
- We have welcomed 8 new children already this school year, as well as our Reception children. It has been lovely to get to know them and all are settling brilliantly.
- Our Key Stage 2 children enjoyed cooking and tasting food from around the world. Volunteers from the Trowbridge Multicultural Food Festival cooked challah from Israel, halwa from Pakistan and flatbreads from Morocco. The children then enjoyed them in class. .
- We have all been enjoying watching the rugby world cup today England v USA in classes with packed lunches.

We are really pleased to be able to offer a wide range of extra curricular clubs this year. It is great to see so many children taking part. Clubs are allocated on a first come first serve basis but if you missed a place this term, you will have priority if you apply for a club in the next round of sessions after Christmas. Clubs last for 10 weeks over the autumn, spring and summer terms.

As well as after school sports and fitness clubs, we are also offering lunchtime clubs this year. So far we have Gardening Club (Years 4,5, & 6), Choir (KS2), Construction Club (Years 1,2, & 3) and Tag Rugby Club, run by a professional rugby coach for Years 5 & 6. Clubs will open for reception class in January.



Keeping Active together

It was so brilliant to see everyone enjoying the Stay and Play in the sunshine last Friday. We all know that being active outside is really good for our physical and mental health— and really fun too. I am very pleased that we can offer our fantastic playground for families to use in this way. If you weren't able to make it this time please do come along next time. We will run at least one 'Stay and Play every term over the spring and summer months.

Well done to the parents who have started Parent Zumba on Wednesday afternoons 2.15pm—2.55pm (all mums at the moment but dads are welcome too)! Fitness Walk is on Thursday mornings 9.00am— 9.45am. You are an inspiration to us all and setting a brilliant example to the children. There are still spaces— please do see Tanya or Lizzie in the office if you are interested. Look out for our next activity— Climbing Wall for parents (from 2.00pm—3.00pm) on 23rd October!

Cooking curriculum

We have been working hard to develop a cookery curriculum to help our children learn to cook healthy foods— an important life skill. Each year every child will have the opportunity to work in a small group in our teaching kitchen and learn to cook at least one healthy and seasonal dish – so by the time they leave us they will have at least 6 recipes up their sleeves! This term Year 6 will be starting off by learning to cook apple crumble.

Our wonderful chef, Erica will be leading the sessions. We are very grateful to her for her support. Our school meals provider, Sodexo, are very kindly providing the ingredients.



Absences

It is very important that children are in school every day. There is a direct link between how good children's attendance is and how well they do at school.

The teachers at Longmeadow work hard to do the very best for your children and we are grateful for your support in making sure that they attend.

Average attendance is 96%. This means that if your child has more than 6 or 7 days off in a year they risk falling behind the other children. Head teachers are not allowed to authorise absences except in exceptional circumstances.

Coming Up Soon

DATE	DETAILS
30th September	PCSO Rihanna visiting reception
2nd October	Reception and Year 1 - Parents phonics and reading meeting.
3rd October	Year 6 History workshop visit from Trowbridge Museum.
4th October	Year 4 trip to Bath Theatre Royal
8th October	Harvest Festival in School
9th October	Year 2 trip to Farleigh Hungerford Castle
11th October	TD Day – school closed
14th October	Year 5 Outdoor Adventure Activity day at Brokerswood