

Longfields Latest News



24th January 2025

In our assembly this week we marked Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Day which is celebrated on the third Monday of January each year, marking the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a pivotal leader in the American civil rights movement. Dr. King is renowned for his role in advocating for racial equality through nonviolent resistance and his famous "I Have a Dream" speech delivered during the 1963 March on Washington.

Why We Learn About Martin Luther King Jr. in the UK:

1. **Global Impact:** Dr. King's work had a significant influence beyond the United States, inspiring global movements for civil rights and social justice. His messages of equality, justice, and peace resonate worldwide.
2. **Educational Value:** Learning about Dr. King provides valuable lessons in history, citizenship, and social responsibility. It encourages students to think critically about issues of race, equality, and human rights.
3. **Cultural Awareness:** Teaching about international figures like Dr. King helps broaden our children's understanding of diverse cultures and histories, fostering empathy and inclusivity.
4. **Inspiration for Change:** Dr. King's legacy continues to inspire individuals and communities to advocate for equality and justice, providing a powerful example of how one person's actions can contribute to meaningful social change.

The Bronze Rights Respecting Schools Award

The Bronze Rights Respecting Schools Award is an initial recognition granted to schools that are beginning their journey towards becoming a Rights Respecting School. This award is part of a program developed by UNICEF UK to promote children's rights in schools across the UK. Achieving the Bronze Award means that a school has made a commitment to place the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) at the heart of its ethos and curriculum. At this stage, the school demonstrates an understanding of children's rights and has started to integrate these principles into its policies, practices, and relationships. The aim is to create a respectful and inclusive school environment where every child is valued and empowered to become an active participant in their community. A big thank you to Mrs Davies who has been leading on this.

Have a lovely weekend!
Ms Abbott

Message from Mark Winch, Chair of Governors:

Dear Parents and Carers

At the end of the Autumn term, we completed our Headteacher recruitment process, and I am delighted to announce that Emma Goodes will be the new Headteacher at Longfield's Primary from September 2025. Emma is an experienced Headteacher of a successful Primary school in Oxford. West Oxford Primary shares many of the same values as we do at Longfield's and Emma has led the school through their own period of change in the five years she has been Head.

The recruitment process was a robust two-day process. The Governor panel that led the recruitment process feel this is a very strong appointment as Emma is aligned to our current improvement work as well as the ethos and values of the school.

Although it will be a while before Emma starts officially at the school, we will look to start some transition visits in the second half of the Spring term and will look to ensure there are chances for you to meet her.

In the meantime, Ms Abbott will continue as Interim Headteacher to keep driving the improvement work she has been implementing since she started with the school.



★ Stars of the week! ★



Dates for your diary:

- 29.01.2025—Year 1 to Oxford Science Centre
- 06.02.2025—Year 5 to Hampton Court Palace
- 11.02.2025—Parents Evening
- 13.02.2025—Reception and Year 6 height and weight measuring
- 13.02.2025—Parents Evening
- 14.02.2025—Last day before February half term
- 24.02.2025—First day back after half term
- 06.03.2025—World Book Day
- 20.03.2025—Class group photos
- 21.03.2025—Red Nose Day
- 03.04.2025—Year 2 to Hatton Country World
- 04.04.2025—Last day of school before Easter holidays
- 21.04.2025—Easter Monday (Bank Holiday)
- 22.04.2025—First day back at school after Easter Holidays

Please see School Life Calendar for full dates

Please find this term's Primary Newsletter from the 0-19 Children and Young People's Public Health Service (previously school health nursing).

[Term 3: Primary School Health Nursing Newsletter January 2025](#)

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CYBER PROTECT WEBINARS



The Digital Dilemma: Keeping Children Safe Online

January 23rd, 28th, 30th
February 3rd, 6th, 10th, 12th, 13th

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