



Long Sutton County Primary School

Newsletter 1st July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This newsletter marks the end of my first week as Headteacher at Long Sutton County Primary School and I would like to say a huge thank you to the children, families, staff, governors and wider community for making me feel so welcome. It has been such a pleasure to start to get to know everyone and I am very much looking forward to continuing to learn more about the school and community. There are many exciting plans in place for our school and I am keen to build great relationships with you as we all continue to work together for the benefit of our very important young people.

In the meantime, myself and the team here at Long Sutton will endeavour to make sure the end of this academic year is as smooth as possible. I am always keen to talk to families so please do let me know if there is anything I can help with.

I wish you a great weekend and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday.

Kind regards,

S Gray

Miss S Gray
Headteacher

Governor news

After 35 years as a governor and 13 years as Chair of Governors at Long Sutton Primary School, Mr Chris Wesley has made the decision to retire. He has given many thousands of hours willingly and voluntarily to support the school, has been a well-known face around the building and a source of advice, assistance and encouragement to many over the years. His help during the Covid period was invaluable. We will miss his wise counsel and support and send him best wishes for the future and hope he can enjoy many peaceful evenings without attending meetings.

If anyone would like to contribute to a leaving gift to mark such amazing help and support, please contact the school office.

Geoff Palmer
Governor

As a school we very much echo Mr Palmer's words and would like to thank Mr Wesley for his dedication and support for the school over such a long period of time. We wish him all the very best for the future.

If anyone is interested in joining our Governing Body please do come and have a conversation with Miss Gray or Mrs Hales.

The Mini Olympics



On Thursday 16th June 2022, a mixed group of year 3 and 4's along with our eight 'bronze young ambassadors' attended the Inspire+ Mini Olympics event at the South Kesteven Sports Stadium. Each different school attending was allocated a different country for the opening and closing ceremony – ours was Greece. The Bronze Young Ambassadors, with the help of Miss Hannam, created an impressive double-sided flag, Olympic torch, individual Greek headbands and mini flags. We entered the stadium in true Olympic style with the Bronze Young Ambassadors welcoming us through the gates and ended the day with drummers and carnival characters waving us goodbye! Throughout the day, children were given the opportunity to take part in a variety of different events including athletics, netball, wheelchair basketball, boxing, team building and dancing. All children were adverts for the school, worked well as a team and put in huge amounts of effort, trying their best, despite the temperatures being so warm. All

staff were very proud of them being Long Sutton stars!

It was lovely to see so many parents come along to support and encourage the children during the activities, so thank you parents.



Jude from Year 3 said, "It was a really good day. I really liked the drummers and carnival performers parading during the opening ceremony. My favourite activity of the day was the athletics running races on the track at the stadium."

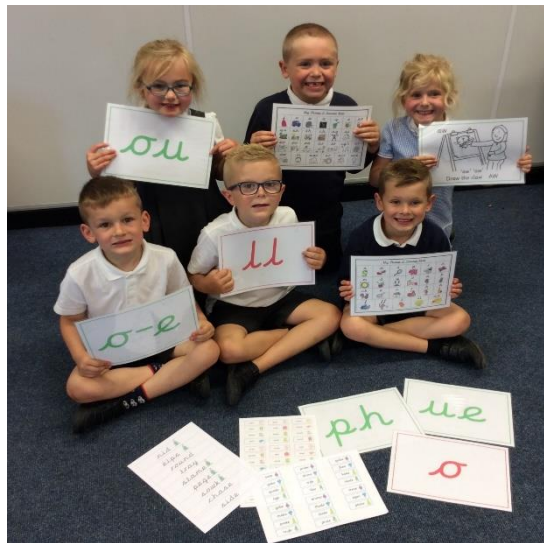
Emily's thoughts on the day were, "I was very thankful to be invited to the Mini Olympics as one of the school's Bronze Young Ambassadors. We enjoyed supporting and encouraging the younger children in the carousel of activities. They all worked as a team and enjoyed themselves.

Rosie commented saying, "It was fun. I particularly liked the opening ceremony as our flag, Olympic torch and Greek headbands were really good. I enjoyed doing the activities with Macey and Poppy."



Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Just before the half-term Miss Harper and Miss Askher completed the phonics screening checks with all Year 1 children. We are all so proud at how they all approached the check and how they have done. We would like to thank all the parents and carers for their continued collaboration with the Phonics Screening Check packs the children completed at home.



"I would like to say well done to all of Year 1 for working extremely hard throughout their Phonics Screening Checks. You should all be proud of the progress you have made!" -Miss Askher.

"We are so proud of how well our children have done in the phonics screening checks this week, they have truly blown us away and all their hard work has paid off." - Miss Harper.

"The phonics screening check was fantastic" – Elsie.

"It was fun" – Milo.

"The phonics screening check was easy" Bailey.

"I think it was amazing" Charlotte.

Staff Changes

We are delighted to let you know that we are welcoming some new members of staff to our school. Miss Fellows and Mrs Hill will be joining our teacher team and Miss Stretton and Miss Griffiths will be joining our teaching support team as teaching assistants. We are confident that everyone will make them feel very welcome. Mrs Ford will be leaving us as our SENDco and we wish her all the very best as she starts her new role as a Specialist Teacher for the local authority. Mrs Ford has been working hard to gain her qualification to become a Specialist Teacher for the last two years and we would like to congratulate her on her achievement. Mrs Parker will be joining us from Keystone Trust in September to ensure support for our SEND children continues to be effective. Mrs Parker is already working with Mrs Ford to ensure there is a seamless handover in place.

Long Sutton Library News

We are so lucky to have a library in our community and are pleased to be able to work closely with the Library Manager, Tarina Jones. There will be a Library spot in our newsletters to keep you updated on events and highlights. Please pop along and use this local resource!

...well it's been a while. Firstly, the pandemic and then our ongoing roof work. But finally, we are there. Completed. Hooray!! And it has been great to see so many families coming back to the library to see us, now everyone is allowed back inside. We can't believe how some of the children have grown-up and changed. Bumps are now babies and others have finished at Primary School and have moved to Secondary. How time flies.

When we had the roof work, we also had a big stock refresh, so a lot of new books have been ordered and arrived – both for adults and children. We are working on our Children's Non-Fiction too, but we have some really cracking books available now. Come along and have a look. If you're not a member of the library but would like to join, just come over with some ID with your name and address on it, even if you only want to sign up your children. Not only will this entitle you to take 30 books out for three weeks, but also allows you to access our e-resources too. These include Theory Driving Test, Encyclopaedia Britannica and e-magazines. The e-magazines enable you to view most magazines and children's comics for free. With the cost of living rising, it's a luxury that this time, you can afford!

This year's Summer Reading Challenge is almost upon us again. This time the theme is Gadgeteers, so all to do with science and innovation. We will have details of all of our activities here at Long Sutton Library that we will be doing soon. Look out for posters and signage to say what's what. The Challenge launch date is Saturday 9th July. So come along and sign up.

I look forward to seeing you all soon

With very best wishes

Tarina Jones
Library Manager
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Opening hours
Monday and Thursday 2.00pm – 6.00pm
Tuesday and Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm
Saturday 10.00am – 1.00pm
Wednesday CLOSED

The Keystone Cup Football Tournament

On Friday 24th June 2022, a small group of year 5 boys attended the first ever 'Keystone Cup' held at Boston Tower Road Academy. Eight teams were entered and they competed in the group stages

against Bourne Westfield A, Surfleet and Gedney. The boys won their first game, drew one and lost their last game – it was a very intense but thrilling atmosphere!

The boys progressed through to the semi-finals to compete to win the Silver Cup. They played brilliantly in their semi-final game with Noah and Peter in particular standing out as their front-end speed was awe-inspiring and Brandon's defence skills were incredible, managing to stop Gedney from scoring! Marcel got some great tackles in too! They managed to win their semi-final and progress into the final which was very nerve-wracking for those watching on the side lines. Unfortunately, the boys came just short of winning their final but put up a very good fight – determination, passion and self-drive was evident. Even those boys who didn't have much exposure to playing competitive football in the past, really made Miss Hannam and Mr Nyang proud with their consistent efforts.



The boys showed such great teamwork skills and encouraged each other when times were tough as well as celebrating in style when they scored some amazing goals from some very tough angles.

Marcel said, "It was quite upsetting that we lost our final game against Bourne Westfield B, however, we did really well to even get into the playoff game and win our semi-final beforehand. We worked well as a team, passed the ball to each other a lot and had good support from the spectators. Our attacking skills were especially good."

Noah's thoughts on the day were, "Friday was one of the best days I have had in Year 5. I think we did really well to get into the final of the Silver Cup. It was very challenging but we encouraged each other even when the ball didn't go our way. We kept trying to run for it and didn't give up."

Brandon commented, "It was a really fun day playing football against the other schools. The hardest game was when we were playing against Bourne Westfield A, but Noah did well attempting to score some goals."

Book of the month

My recommendation this month is 'Varmints' by Helen Ward. At Long Sutton Primary School, we love a picture book and this is a beautifully illustrated example. Varmints has a reading age of 5-7 but can be enjoyed by children who are far older.

In the book the most overlooked threat in the world is that of the loss of peace and quiet. The Varmints come and build their city where once was grass. Before they realise what they have done, there is nothing but a huge dark city. Can someone find the time and space to stop, think and plant seeds of change?

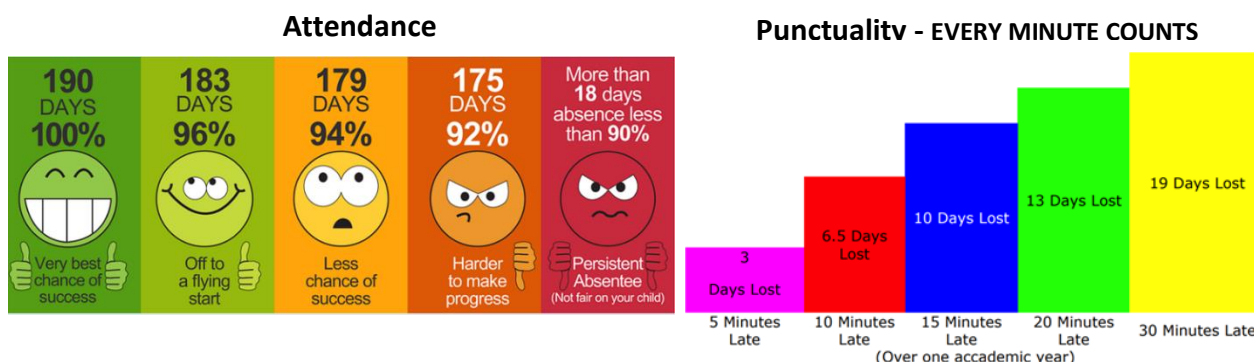


As always there will be two copies available in our library for any children who wish to read it. Remember Tarina and her team at Long Sutton library can also obtain copies of this book; we would strongly encourage you to join and use our local library.

Attendance and Punctuality

We all know and understand how important it is for your child to be at school as children learn to socialise and play, they learn new information and are taught skills to help them to develop and grow.

As a school, we look closely at attendance and lateness as it has a huge impact on your child's learning.



Please ensure your child is at school on time every day. Gates open at 8:30 and close at 8:50, children should be on site before the gates close. If your child is late, please accompany them to the school office to sign them in.

If they are too ill to come to school, please call the office and keep us up to date, daily, as to how they are.

If your child has a medical appointment let us know and try to return your child to school as soon as you can.

Lunches

Lunches can now be booked for September via Parentpay. Any allergens can be found on the website.

Nursery Worker – Casual

We are looking for a casual nursery worker to cover staff absence and peak times in our popular nursery for 3 and 4 year olds. Hours will be in term time only. You must have a good standard of education with GCSE grade 4 or above in Maths and English and possess a NVQ Level 3 or 2 in Child Care and Education or equivalent. Application packs are available on the school website:

<http://www.long Sutton.lincs.sch.uk/news/vacancies.html>

Please contact Tracey Roscher (School Business Manager) for further details.

Forthcoming dates

Wednesday 6 th July	EYFS and KS1 Sports Morning
Wednesday 6 th July	Rounders Competition at UALS
Wednesday 6 th July	Year 4 Taster Morning at Spalding Grammar School and Spalding High School
Thursday 7 th July	Aspirations Workshop Year 6
Friday 8 th July	KS2 Sports Morning
Friday 8 th July	Reports to parents/new class information
Wednesday 13 th July	Transition afternoon for Reception to Y5
Thursday 14 th July	Year 6 production (6.00 pm)
Friday 15 th July	Year 6 production (1.45pm)
Friday 15 th July	Year 2 Trip
Friday 15 th July	Year 4 Camp Out
Thursday 21 st July	Year 1 Trip
Thursday 21 st July	Leavers BBQ and Disco 5.30-8.00pm
Thursday 21 st July	Leavers Assembly 2.00-3.00 pm
Friday 22 nd July	End of the school year- Yr 6 guard of Honour (3.00pm)