

# Long Crendon News



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Dear Parents/Carers,

**On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Mrs Bowden and I, with the help of Mrs McNicholas & Mr Ingham, took our KS2 School Council representatives to Parliament. I have never been more proud of our Long Crendon children - they were a real credit to the school! We travelled by train, then the underground to Westminster. After a walk along the South Bank, we had a guided tour of Parliament. We followed this up with a picnic in St James' Park and a walk up to Buckingham Palace. The children were respectful and asked lots of pertinent questions and were able to feed back lots of information to their classes.**

Very best wishes

Sue Stamp

### LONG CRENDON SCHOOL GOVERNORS UPDATE

The governing body holds one formal meeting (at which we cover statutory issues) and one informal meeting (when we discuss more tactical elements of the running of the school). Both of these have taken place recently and the governors thought that you would be interested in the following highlights;

You will have seen our new library, which was funded by a generous donation from the PTA for which huge thanks to all involved. The children and staff are really enjoying using a much more modern space which will of course help with their learning outcomes. With reading at the heart of all children's education we're expecting standards to increase even further.

Some new electronic gates will be installed around the end of July/beginning of August which will make a step-change to the safety and security of our site. The gates will be electronic and controllable from the school office so will stop any unauthorised traffic and the associated risk to pedestrians. We will also be fencing off the school field near the bike sheds to add further to the security of what is a large and open site.

The governors were pleased to hear that the school will end the academic year with no teacher vacancies, so retaining our team of qualified, experienced and engaged teachers.

We continue to monitor the financial performance of the school. The fiscal year only started a couple of months ago and as ever budgets are tight but we continue to manage costs effectively and are able to fulfil the obligations that we need to. The school is just able to set a balanced budget to cover the basics but rely on the PTA, other donations and parent volunteers to add the extras to enable Long Crendon School to be able to provide the high standard of education, in the broadest sense, that we as a school community engage with. Your efforts in that context are gratefully received!

Finally, Mrs Stamp has reported to governors that unauthorised child absences are increasing. The governors understand the reasons why this may happen (eg to take advantage of cheaper holiday prices) but we wanted to support the messaging from the school that

every day of education lost to a child can have a real consequence to their education. We would ask you to think very carefully before making such a choice.

**Tim Kidd**

**Chair of Governors**

## **SPORTS NEWS**

Apologies that some of this news is a bit late coming out!

### **CYCLING**

British Cycling came into school and gave some training to our Year 5 & 6 pupils. The children raced around a track on the field on cycles provided by British Cycling. For some this was a new experience which required courage and determination.

### **ROUNDERS**

The Year 5 & 6 Rounders team took part in a Festival at Waddesdon Secondary School. Teams were firstly put into 3 pools. Long Crendon won both of their games in the first pool and then were put into a pool with the winning teams from the other pools. They played with focus and determination, but also played tactically, showing that both physical skill and brain power is needed! They went on to win their next two games, thereby coming **FIRST** out of 9 teams. Well done to all the team.

### **TENNIS**

Four Year 5 & 6's took part in a Tennis Festival at Aylesbury Tennis Club on a sunny Friday. Again, physical skill is important but so is a positive mental attitude and thinking about where to place the ball. The games were tense and very close in score. Long Crendon did well coming 3rd out of 12 schools. Well done team!



### **NETBALL MATCH v BRILL**

In preparation for the KS2 Finals the Year 5/6 Netball team played against Brill School. The team had to quickly put back into action all those skills and team play they learnt during the Autumn term. They played with passion and the score was pretty equal for the first two quarters, but Brill managed to edge their way to a 13 - 9 win. Both teams enjoyed the game and the refreshments after!

### **KS2 PARTNERSHIP FINALS**

On Monday 18th June our children participated in the KS2 Finals at Stoke Mandeville Stadium. Five different sports were played and each of the nine schools that took part had earned their place by coming in the top 3 in their previous Festival. For the first time all five of our teams got to the Finals.....so well done to all of them.

All the children played with great determination and showed good sporting values.

Year 3/4 Badminton came 4th

Year 5 Badminton came 5th

Year 3/4 Tennis came 1st

Year 3/4 Hockey came 1st

Year 5/6 Netball came 5th

Fantastic results, especially Year 3/4 Tennis and Hockey who now go on to play in the County Finals :)



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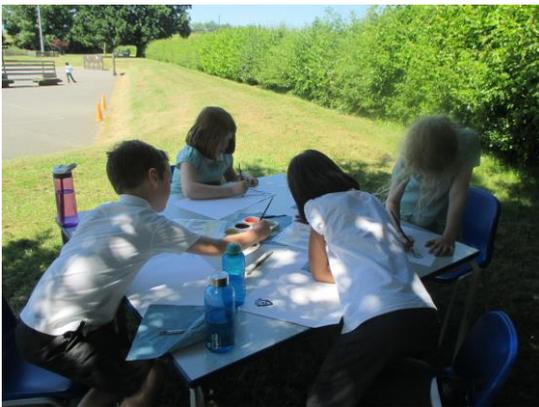
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### YEAR 3 TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE HOT WEATHER TO WORK OUTSIDE THIS WEEK!



Drawing Rangoli patterns as part of our RE/Art focus week



### BIKE BOOKS DISPLAY AT THE LIBRARY

It was great to see so many of you cycling and scooting to school last week and hopefully this will continue. Maybe you were spotted by the JRSOs and received a bright sticker. Huge

thanks to the Long Crendon Community Library staff for creating this amazing display. There are a range of books to borrow and activities to have fun with at home. If you haven't visited it yet the library opening hours can be found here <http://www.buckscommunitylibraries.org/long-crendon/opening-times>

Thank you also to Haddenham Cycle Training for organising the cycle and scooter training for nearly all of our year groups and to Sue Jones, our PCSO for offering security markings on bikes and scooters.



### THE PTA ARE SETTING A CLASS COIN CHALLENGE!

Pupils will join their coins together in the playground to see how long a line we can make. We would love our Long Crendon families to collect any spare change over the summer and bring it in on Friday 28th September. Prizes for the class with the longest line!

We will bank all the coins collected and money raised will go to the PTA and back into the school to fund educational resources.

So, start hunting for that loose change down the back of the sofa and look out for more info in September.

Many thanks,

The PTA

### DIARY DATES

#### JULY

Mon 2nd	KS2 Athletics Stoke Mandeville (4.30 – 8.30)
Tues 3rd	Bucks Transfer Day (1) Move up day for all classes (pm)
Wed 4th	Bucks Transfer Day (2)
Thurs 5th	KS1 Trip to Tiggywinkles
Fri 6th	LWS Transfer Day Parent Council Meeting – 2pm
Tues 10th	Drumming Assembly – 1.15pm
Wed 11th	Year 6 Production
Thurs 12th	Yr 3 Trip to College Farm
Fri 13th	*Sports Day
Mon 16th	Optional Parents' Evening
Tues 17th	Reserve Sports Day
Wed 18th	*9am - Summer Concert *KS1/KS2 PTA School Disco
Thurs 19th	Yr 2 Trip to College Farm
Fri 20th	<b>Last Day of Term</b> 9am - Leaver's Assembly

\*Further Information to follow