

#WE ARE LONGFIELD FORTNIGHTLY UPDATE



MESSAGE FROM MR LINDSAY

HEAD OF SCHOOL

We are all prone to some things which can make us less effective and less successful; as a term rolls on it can be more difficult to keep giving our all. This is when it is vital to make sure you are aware of your possible weaknesses and fortify yourself and surround yourself with support.

It is a strength to recognise your own areas for development and use the support units around you.

Sometimes Mr Rawle could be more bold and sometimes I over complicate things. It is key not just to recognise this in others but more crucially, in yourself.

I look forward to Mr Rawle breaking down something I say to its bare essentials so that it has more impact this December.

I look forward every day to the opportunity to serve this community and do all I can to give our children the best chances so they can be bold and make their own destiny.

ATTENDANCE WINNERS!

You Win, They Win competition:

- Year 7 - Benjamin Williams
- Year 8 - Michael Rooney
- Year 9 - Thomas Lally
- Year 10 - Ruby Hemblade
- Year 11 - Stephen K (Rhino's 2)

The Attendance Lottery Winners:

- 7 - Josh Pearson
- 8 - Abbie Hope
- 9 - Sam Scales
- 10 - Elisa Simmons
- 11 - Jessica Bragg

Form Groups currently with highest attendance:

- 7Rhinos 1
- 8Lions 1
- 9Falcons 2
- 10Falcons 2
- 11Lions 1



Well done to all pupils!

APP SPOTLIGHT:



Discord

Discord is a platform for people with similar interests to share and communicate. It is popular among the gaming community as it offers a way for video game players to communicate with each other and develop a community outside of the games themselves. (Internet Matters, 2021)

The Dangers

There are dangers associated with Discord if you do not set your privacy setting up correctly. You need to make sure that you set the setting on for the direct messages. These can either be Keep Me Safe which scans direct messages from everyone, My Friends are nice which does not scan friends' messages and I live on the edge which does not scan anything. As most conversations are private they can include live video streaming and location tracking if the user opts in. More information can be found at

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/parents-guide-to-discord-on-how-your-kids-can-use-it-safely/#what-is-discord>

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MRS HARRISON HEAD OF YEAR 10
IS FEELING PROUD:

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Mrs Harrision nominated year 10 pupil Chloe Liddle for the Exceptional Young Volunteer Award. Chole has done lots of fantastic work within the local community. In a strong contested field Chloe won the award. Well done Chloe!

MISS ELDRINGTON IS FEELING
PROUD:

Ex-pupil Chloe Pybus-Price came in to deliver a hip-hop workshop to some of our Year 10 dance pupils. How fantastic for our pupils to see an ex Longfield pupil now working in the dance industry!



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MRS KIRKBRIDE IS FEELING PROUD:

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The work: 30minutes Box Step-Ups AMRAP.

So proud of Alfie and Callum in the fitness suite by completing these challenges.

Alfie absolutely smashed it! He started off thinking he could only do 100 steps but ended up doing over 400. Alfie was absolutely beaming with his achievement! Super proud of him! Awesome effort!

Callum achieved an amazing score of 519! Super performance from Callum as well! Set off like a train, had to reign in his pace a bit when he realised it was harder than he thought. Remember lads hard work pays off!



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MRS KELLY

Grow your own bonsai pine tree

To grow your own pine cone bonsai, you will first need to find a pine cone that is young and fresh and that has not opened.

This is because you need one that still has its seeds.

Next you will need to dry out your pine cones, so place them in a dry spot and watch as they begin to dry out and open up.

If you want to grow the seeds directly from inside the pine cone you will next place your pine cone in your prepared soil. Loosely bury the bottom of the pine cone only, Don't bury the entire pine cone! From this point you will water it sparingly and wait for it to sprout - don't be tempted to over-water or it will rot.

That's all there is to it!

Give it a go!

CAREERS & COMMUNITY

Well done to all the Year 11 pupils who attended the Year 11 college application day.

Remember you should always apply to more than one college. If you require further support please contact :

Mrs Smith our Careers Advisor



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COMMUNITY HEALTH & SAFETY

Lateral Flow Testing

Please continue to complete Lateral Flow Tests twice weekly at home. A reminder that new Lateral Flow Test Kits can be collected from Main Reception at your convenience or from local pharmacies.

CYCLE SAFETY

When you're cycling to and from school please ensure that you wear a **cycle helmet** and **obey traffic signs**. Always be considerate to other road users and don't let yourself be distracted by using a mobile phone or listening to music. Make sure you can always be seen!

Cycle safety

Be safe, be seen this winter

CHILDREN IN NEED UPDATE:

Donations have continued to come in and our total has now reached a fantastic

£841.96



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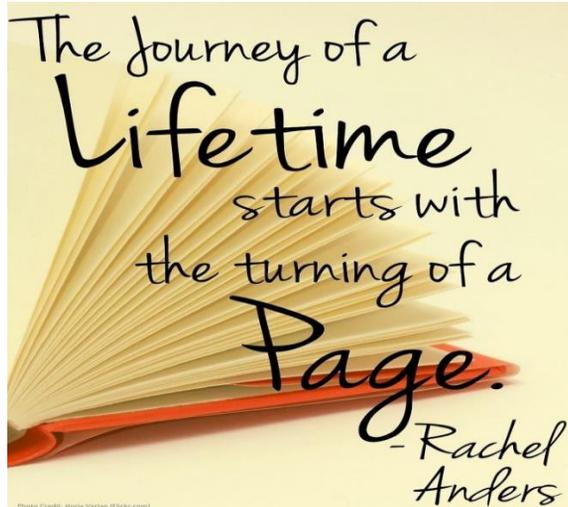




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MRS MORTON & MR CADD



WHOLE SCHOOL LITERACY

This term, pupils have been taking tests to determine their reading and spelling ages. For Years 7 to 10, these have been posted home. These tests will be carried out again next term so that we can monitor progress. Pupils in the lowest 20% of their year group will be offered intervention. This may take place after school. It is important that parents support us in supporting your child(ren). Please encourage them to attend.

We feel very lucky to be able to introduce two new staff members, Mr Scarr - SEN Support Officer and Mrs Forster - Literacy Support Officer. Along with offering additional support throughout the day, they will be leading the after-school interventions. Mrs Forster is working on some ideas to engage pupils in their love of reading – she is planning some fantastic events and promotions for our library. Our **aim** is for all pupils to be able to read to a standard that will allow them to access their lessons fully and make their life-long learning as easy and enjoyable as possible.

Our **hope** is that all of our children will enjoy reading and will see it for the magical escape that it can be. A book can take you to many places and open your mind to wonders only dreamt of – all from the comfort of your own armchair.

Some say, there is no such thing as a person that doesn't like reading – only those who haven't found the right book yet. Please support us by working together to help our children find the right book and set them on their journey by encouraging them to read at home and to select books from the library to enjoy.

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SPORTS ROUND UP

NETBALL NEWS

Y7 girls competed in a friendly Netball match against Carmel. A fantastic attitude was displayed by the girls in poor weather conditions.

There are big things to come for this squad! Well done and keep it up!

L to R: Grace Bradley, Edee Dimmick, Sophie Errington, Olivia Bedford, Ava Hickey, Lily Dimmick, Evie Dalton, Olivia Morley, Ophelia Babooram



FOOTBALL NEWS

Year 7 Girls: Beat Easington 3-1 in The County Cup!

Year 7 Boys progressed through The County Cup against Parkside!

Year 9 Boys Futsal: Runners up in the Town Competition.



WHOLE SCHOOL LITERACY

We are delighted to announce the appointment of our new Literacy Support Officer - Mrs Forster. A major part of Mrs Fortser's role will be as the school librarian and this means the library is now fully open for pupils to attend before school, at lunch time and after school to borrow books, complete homework or to attend IDL intervention sessions.

There are also some exciting clubs coming so watch this space!