



LONGSANDS LINK – 7th May 2021

PARENT GOVERNOR

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor at Longsands. If you would like to know more about the role before it is advertised next week, please contact Mrs McKeown for a chat.

ONLINE SAFETY

Please have a read of our online safety letter that is attached to this week's newsletter.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS TOPS

We have now collated the orders and the total amount due for each pupil will be added to Parent Pay next week.



WELL DONE

A few weeks ago we added a notice to our newsletter, and displayed posters around school for Poppy the missing cat of a family in school. We are pleased to say that Poppy was found by George in Year 3 and has been happily returned home. The grateful family sent a special thank you gift to school this week and Mrs McKeown presented this to George today.

Well done George!

ATTENDANCE

As a reminder, if your child will be absent please contact school by **9.30am** at the latest to inform us. Contact can be made by using any of these methods:

- Telephoning 01772 795676
- Submitting a Pupil Absence Form on the 'Contact Us' section of the school website.
- Emailing the school office at: **office@longsands.lancsngfl.ac.uk**
- Sending a text message reply to a Longsands text message you have been sent previously.

Pupils of the Week

RECEPTION: ARIA
YEAR 1: MAISIE
YEAR 2: LILY
YEAR 3: EVIE
YEAR 4: EVELYN
YEAR 5: JOSHUA
YEAR 6: AMBER

Mrs McKeown's Message

I hope you all enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend even though the weather was not as good as we had hoped. Eid is coming up next week which is a joyful time for all concerned. As a reminder can I urge you all to be careful on the public car park as you park and walk through. There are designated bays for you to park in which will help everyone keep safe. Can I also remind you to hold hands with any younger children in school to avoid any accidents. Reception Class and KS1 children are all taking part in road safety practical lessons at the moment, so your support in this will help the children understand the importance of keeping safe.

Have a lovely weekend and keep in touch.

Mrs McKeown

EID

If you will be celebrating Eid next week, please ensure that you have completed a term time leave request form. These can be found in the main entrance area of school and on the school website. We are only able to authorise **one day** of term time leave for religious observance, any additional days taken will be recorded as unauthorised but will not incur any form of penalty. Ensuring that the request forms are completed and sent in to school will prevent any celebrations potentially being interrupted with a phone call to check on absence.

VISION SCREENING

Reception class will be having their vision screening test in school on **Tuesday 18th May**. As detailed on the letters that were sent home, you only need to return your slip if you wish to opt out of the test.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WC 10/05/21 - **WEEK 1**

Longsands Values

RECEPTION: GEORGE
YEAR 1: LARA
YEAR 2: VIRAT
YEAR 3: HOLLY
YEAR 4: BAXTER LANG
YEAR 5: LEXI, JENNA, JAYA & AANIYA
YEAR 6: OLIVIA

SPORTS RESULTS

Our Year 2 mini skills team were absolutely fantastic and practised extremely hard for their recent competition. They came in first place, so well done Year 2, we are really proud of you!!

Well done also to our Year 3 football team. They tried really hard and came in second place! Congratulations to you all, we are very proud of you too. We will have a photograph of our football team when all of the players are back in school.

NIPPON UK

We have attached a flyer to this weeks Link for anyone who may be interested in Martial Arts lessons at Nippon UK.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

STEPHEN, ALEXANDER, KIAN, LEXI and GRACE.



PLEASE TAKE A LOOK

Why not sign up for the PTFA fundraising shopping site: **easyfundraising.co.uk**



Our target attendance is 96%.

RECEPTION: 98.55%
YEAR 1: 97.07%
YEAR 2: 98.01%
YEAR 3: 96.55%
YEAR 4: 94.80%
YEAR 5: 98.15%
YEAR 6: 96.21%



Due to increased access to numerous different technology platforms, many children are at a greater risk of online grooming, cyber bullying and exposure to inappropriate or illegal content online. At Longsands we believe that promoting online safety plays a critical role in protecting our pupils online. It is important for us to work in partnership with you as a parent, to keep pupils safe online. Your child's teacher will contact you if they feel games at home are impacting on school life.

Our online safety measures enable us to provide an environment for all our pupils to thrive, grow and learn, whilst staying safe online. We put these measures in place through policies and security provisions which safeguard pupils against unsuitable content and contact, and ensure they maintain appropriate conduct.

We have a number of procedures in place to ensure children cannot access unsuitable websites when using school technology, including software which blocks all websites with adult, violent or age-inappropriate content. Social media sites are also blocked, unless they are school pages used within lessons and under supervision. Online safety is taught to all pupils during IT and PSHE lessons.

There are many ways you can help minimise the risks associated with children being online and increase online safety in your home – the list below provides ideas for some of the ways you can do this.

- Only give your children devices or access to devices that you feel comfortable with, and not as a result of peer-pressure deriving from their classmates/friends who are also using those devices. e.g. gaming systems and mobile phones at a young age.
- **Talk** to your children about why it is important to stay safe online. Explain that whilst the internet is a fun, exciting and knowledge-rich tool, it is also a place where people may wish to bring them into dangerous activities or expose them to unpleasant material. It is important to be clear that you are not saying your child may never use the internet again, or that everything on it is harmful – it is about teaching them to have a greater awareness and to be able to manage and report any risks.



- Discuss **rules** for being online and draw them up together, including which sites, games, etc., are acceptable. If certain games are off-limits, try to explain why, for example, because of excessive violence. If your child uses online gaming, consider setting rules, such as only talking to others in the same age range and having the conversation on speaker, rather than headphones, so you can monitor it.
- Discuss what information should be **private** and what is ok to share; for example, addresses, names of schools, and names should never be given out to strangers online, as this could allow them to identify where your child goes to school or lives.
- Keep an **open dialogue** with your child – letting them know they can always talk to you about anything that has made them feel uncomfortable online is key to keeping them safe.
- Ensure all devices used by your child are kept in a communal space, or a space where they can be supervised whilst using their devices.
- If your child uses a mobile device then set **parental controls** including on the Nintendo switch and the game Fortnite – do this as a dialogue with your child so they are aware of what they are not allowed to view; however, do not rely on parental controls on devices, as they are not always 100 percent effective and many children know how to bypass them.
- Make sure your child knows how to report or 'block' unsuitable content, messages or people online – show them how to block on the websites or games they frequently use and explain that they can always tell you, a teacher or another adult if they experience anything which makes them feel uncomfortable.
- Fortnite contains voice and text chat. Due to the nature of the game, your child may be chatting to strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report players for any inappropriate behaviour. <https://www.epicgames.com/help/en-US/fornite-c75/battle-royale-c93/how-do-i-report-bad-player-behavior-in-fornite-a3276>. Games such as Fortnite can be addictive. It is important that children play games in moderation and they continue to exercise and have other interests as well. Fortnite is rated PEGI 12 for frequent mild violence which means it is not suitable for persons under the age of 12.



| For more information on ensuring your child's safety online, you can visit the websites below:

- www.childnet.com
- www.internetmatters.org
- www.thinkuknow.co.uk
- www.nspcc.org.uk
- www.getsafeonline.org
- <https://parentinfo.org/>
- <https://parentzone.org.uk/parents>

5 Internet Safety Tips for Kids Youtube



Year 2 Mini Skills Winners!!

Come and join us!

6 REASONS TO JOIN OUR PTFA!

FOR THE CHILDREN

BECOME A ROLE MODEL TO SHOW YOUR CHILD YOU VALUE THEIR EDUCATION.

THE EVENTS WE PLAN WILL IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL EXPERIENCE.



FOR YOU

VOLUNTEERING IS A REWARDING EXPERIENCE

WE PLAN TO HOST MANY SOCIAL EVENTS TO RAISE MONEY AND ALSO TO ENJOY EACH OTHERS COMPANY.



FOR THE SCHOOL

HELP THE SCHOOL TO RAISE FUNDS.

HAVE A VOICE IN THE PURCHASES THAT ARE MADE TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN.



BE CONNECTED

THERE IS NO BETTER WAY OF KNOWING WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL.

MEET OTHERS THAT SHARE THE SAME COMMON GOALS TO HELP IMPROVE THE SCHOOL.



IT IS FUN!

WE AIM TO ENJOY OURSELVES IN ALL OUR ROLES.

FROM PLANNING EVENTS TO RUNNING A STALL IS EXCITING!



KEEP THE PTFA GOING

AS PARENTS LEAVE SCHOOL WE NEED TO KEEP THE COMMITTEE GOING.

COME JOIN OUR FRIENDLY TEAM AS MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!



"I work full time and help when I am able"

"I really enjoy seeing my grown up help out at events"

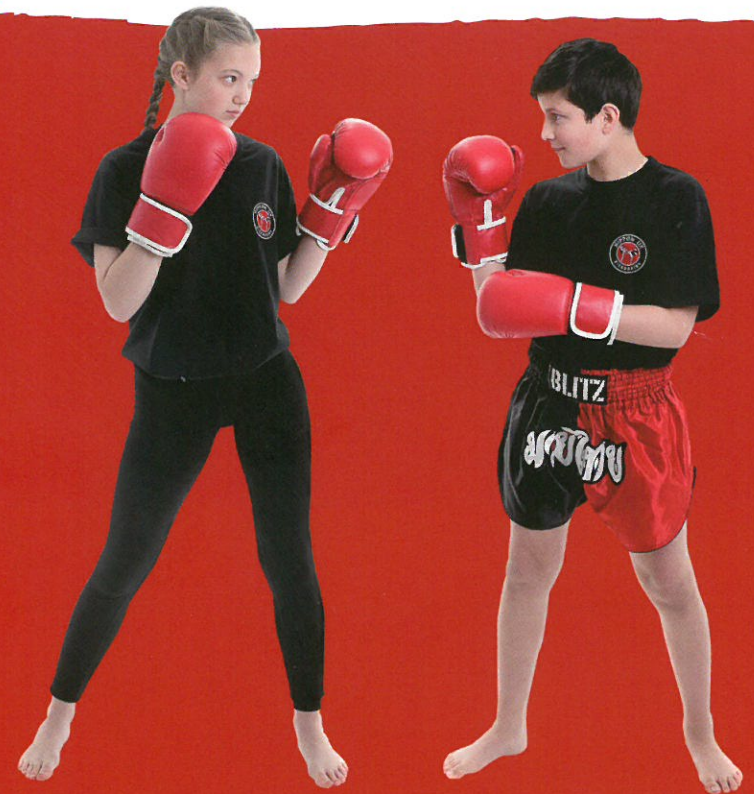
"I didn't realise how rewarding it would be"

"I've made life long friends"

NIPPON UK

MARTIAL ARTS

Helping **children** to develop **long lasting life skills**
with **fun, expert kickboxing** tuition



Tue & Thu 7:15pm - 8:15pm, Sat 11:15am - 12:15pm
Unit 5, 7 & 8, Fylde Road Industrial Estate, Preston PR1 2TY
First lesson free, £6 per class, from age 3+



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