



LONGSANDS LINK – 14th May 2021

SCHOOL TIMINGS

As mentioned previously, we are for the time being keeping the current start and finish times to school. This does also help with car parking at drop off and collection times. We will keep you updated of any changes. Thank you

NETBALL & BASKETBALL SKILLS

Well done to our netball and basketball skills team who took part in a Preston schools virtual competition on Thursday. There were various activities involving dribbling at speed with the basketball, netball shooting, throwing and catching as well as throwing for accuracy. Some of the practices hadn't gone too well but Mrs Monks was extremely impressed with how the team had improved their skills and they performed brilliantly in the competition. Well done to Amber, Shriya, Olivia, McKenzie, Harry and our super sub Kieran.

MESSAGE FROM WEST LANCS SCOUTS

For over a hundred years, West Lancs Scouts has helped children and young people develop skills for life and supported them to develop as responsible and active members of their community. The last year has been incredibly challenging for us all, but particularly young people. We believe we can offer children a change for more green time and less screen time. By getting young people outdoors and taking part in hundreds of different activities we want to support a generation of young people with their mental health and wellbeing. We offer something for everybody, for young people aged from 5 ¾ to 18yrs as Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and eventually Explorer Scouts and it's not just for boys - more than 1/4 of our youth membership is female.

Scouting is affordable and we want every young person to have the chance to benefit from what we have on offer. Please see our poster attached to this school newsletter.

Pupils of the Week

RECEPTION: FRANKIE

YEAR 1: KAYA

YEAR 2: HARRY

YEAR 3: JAMIE

YEAR 4: ELLIE

YEAR 5: MAX

YEAR 6: SHRIYA

Mrs McKeown's Message

Another busy week over with staff starting to plan lots of even more exciting events for the end of term. As mentioned last week, we have a Parent Governor vacancy and there are more details attached.

I have enjoyed being in Reception class for odd moments this week and have especially liked all of the home made boats the children have been bringing in. Most of the boats float as well!! One little girl was very proud to tell me how she had tested it at home in the sink and it had floated first time.

Just a quick reminder for you to only arrive at school just before your child goes into class to avoid congestion.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs McKeown

PE UPDATES

There have been updates to the 'PE Activity' page on the school website, with news on sports events and competitions. Why not take a look by visiting www.longsandscp.org.uk or by clicking **here**. (Ctrl + Click)

MAKE THE RULES DAY!

The PTFA are organising a small fundraising event - Make the Rules! Please see the poster attached to the Link for more information.

VISION SCREENING

Reception class will have their vision screening test in the school hall on **Tuesday 18th May.**



Remember to regularly wash your hands.

Longsands Values

RECEPTION: RADHA

YEAR 1: DEKONTI

YEAR 2: OLIVER

YEAR 3: PHOEBE

YEAR 4: ELLIE

YEAR 5: JACK

YEAR 6: ELLIE



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
BOBBY

EASYFUNDRAISING

Please consider signing up for this to support the PTFA. You use it as a portal to shop online - a few extra clicks and the PTFA receive donations at **NO COST** to you!
easyfundraising.co.uk

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Towards the end of the Summer term, we would normally invite John Hunt Photography into school to take class and team photographs. In order to keep pupils and staff safe, these will not take place this term. Moving forward and hopefully when all restrictions are lifted, the photographer has been booked to take pupil portraits in the next Autumn term.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS TOPS

The individual payment amounts following the deduction of the PTFA's contribution, have now been added to ParentPay. We would appreciate all payments to be made by **Friday 21st May**. We are expecting to have the garments back by the end of June to give the children plenty of time to enjoy wearing them in school.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WC 17/05/21 - **WEEK 2**



Our target attendance is 96%.

RECEPTION: 98.42 %

YEAR 1: 97.03%

YEAR 2: 97.97%

YEAR 3: 96.42%

YEAR 4: 94.71%

YEAR 5: 98.07%

YEAR 6: 96.06%



Together Everyone Achieves More

WANTED – A PARENT GOVERNOR

We are seeking a person who fits the following description

- Currently has a child or children in our school
- Has an open and enquiring mind
- Shows a willingness to listen and make informed judgements
- Is able to work well with others
- Is interested in education generally and our school in particular
- Has a desire to play a part in improving our school and supporting the Headteacher
- Is willing to give about 20 hours per term to attend meetings and training

If you match the above description, you could be the very person to become a parent governor. Everyone has something to offer and we want people from as many backgrounds and interests as possible.

REWARD

In return we can offer:

- An insight into the wider perspective of the school through long-term planning
- A chance to develop skills in strategic management
- The opportunity to work with our team of governors and staff in improving our school
- Training to develop an understanding of specific school management issues
- The support and assistance of local and county staff
- A sense of achievement in making a difference to our school
- The pleasure of seeing children learning

The governing body of our school is responsible for:

- Ensuring that pupils receive high quality education and that the conduct of the school reflects this aim
- Working with the headteacher on the strategic planning and management of the school
- Considering and agreeing the aims and policies of the school
- Discussing and approving the targets for improvement
- Appointing the staff
- Setting and monitoring the budget
- Monitoring the performance of the school
- Reporting to the parents and community on how we have accomplished our tasks

GOVERNORS LINK COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS

Governors are the link between the school and the community and representatives of all those with an interest in the well-being and reputation of the school are needed.

We are all volunteers working in our own time, and we are all busy people. However we feel that we gain much in personal development as well as a feeling of satisfaction that we have played an important part in improving education in the local community. There are opportunities to work with others on all aspects of strategic planning and management including financial oversight and personnel issues. Although we deal with the total school finances, we employ staff to do the actual work on our behalf, just as we take an interest in the teaching but employ teachers to actually teach the pupils.

TEAM WORKING

We work together as a team. Sometimes the whole governing body is involved and sometimes we work in smaller committees or working groups. This gives us the chance to develop specific interests of our own as well as for the benefit of the whole governing body. Those of us who are not currently employed outside our homes, find that being a governor provides an opportunity to get together with other adults who we may never have met in other circumstances, work as team members in a worthwhile cause and develop skills and expertise that we weren't certain we had before joining the governing body!

DIFFERENT PEOPLE

The governing body at Longsands seeks individuals from as many different backgrounds as possible in order to fully reflect the community the school serves. Everyone has something to offer. Specific training (free) is available to develop an understanding of school finance and budgeting, strategic planning, and personnel issues and there are staff in both local education offices and headquarters who are there to support and advise individuals and the governing body in their responsibilities.

REPRESENTING PARENTS

As a parent governor you would be a representative of the parents, but you would not be mandated to vote on their behalf. It may be useful to get the general feelings from parents on various issues from time to time, but in seeking to fill the post of parent governor, the governing body are looking for someone who will help them see the school from the widest possible viewpoint. Parents are vital to the work of the governing body. As a parent governor you will be a governor in your own right with the same responsibilities as everyone else to work together as part of the governing body for the good of the school.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Governors can make a real difference to

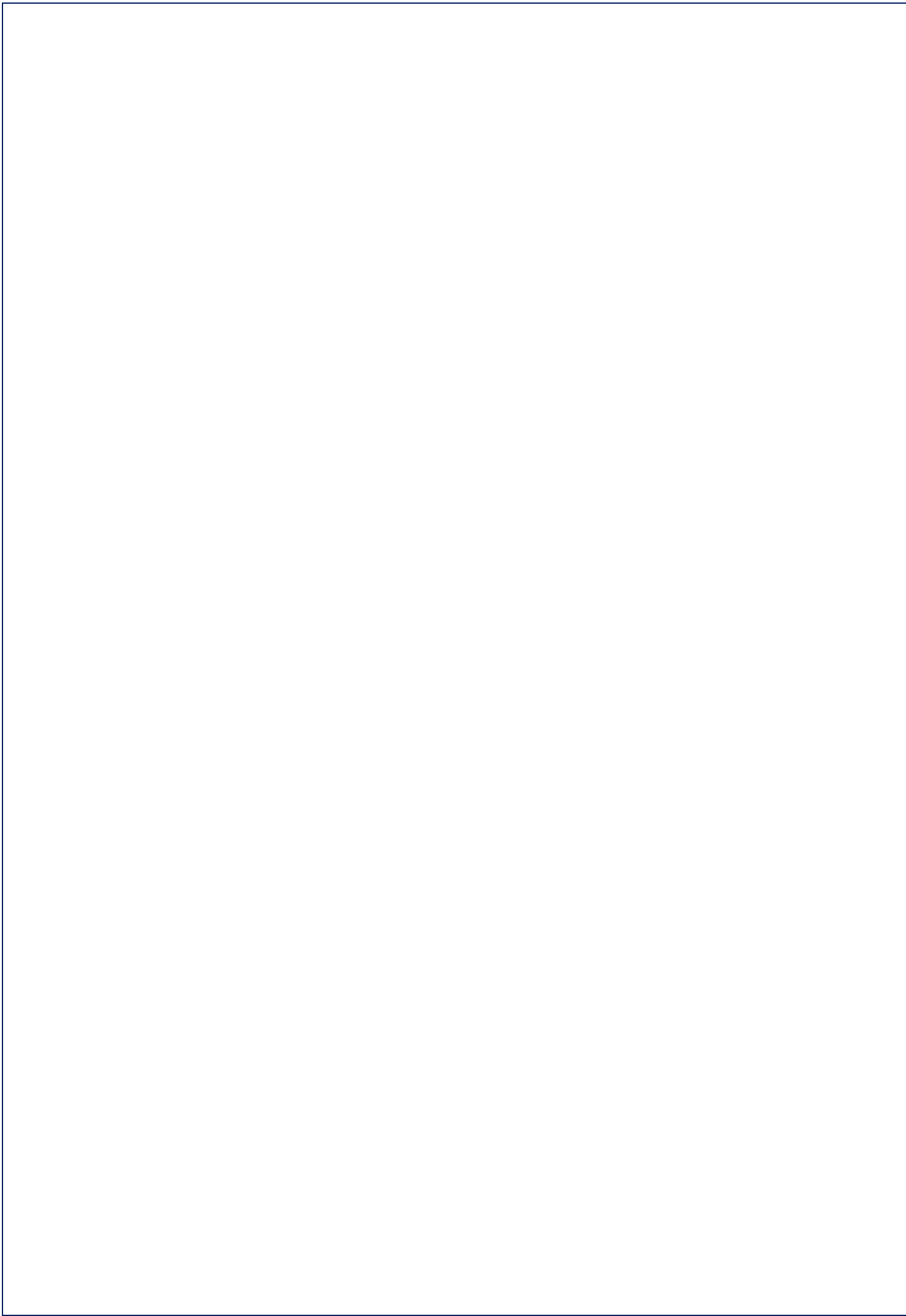
the performance of the school and have a real part to play in making the school successful. If you are interested in joining us please email Mrs Mckeown at head@longsands.lancsngfl.ac.uk to receive a nomination form if you wish to apply .

The timetable for the election is:-

1. Nomination form and biographical details to be returned to Mrs Mckeown by 12.00 noon on 21st May 2021
2. Ballot papers to be sent to all parents on Friday 11th June 2021 (Voting will only take place if there are more nominations than vacancies)
3. Ballot papers to be returned to Mrs Mckeown by 12.00 noon on Friday 25th June 2021
4. The votes will be counted at 2pm on Friday 25th June after which the result will be announced.

Governors have an important and influential role to play in the life of our school, and I do hope you will be able to take part in this election by becoming a candidate and by casting your vote when the time comes.

If you require any further information about being elected to the governing body, please do not hesitate to contact me.





Raise FREE
donations for

Longsands PTFA

THIS MONTH'S OFFERS

**BEST DEALS AND
DONATIONS:**

**HOME & GARDEN
BUSINESS
TRAVEL**



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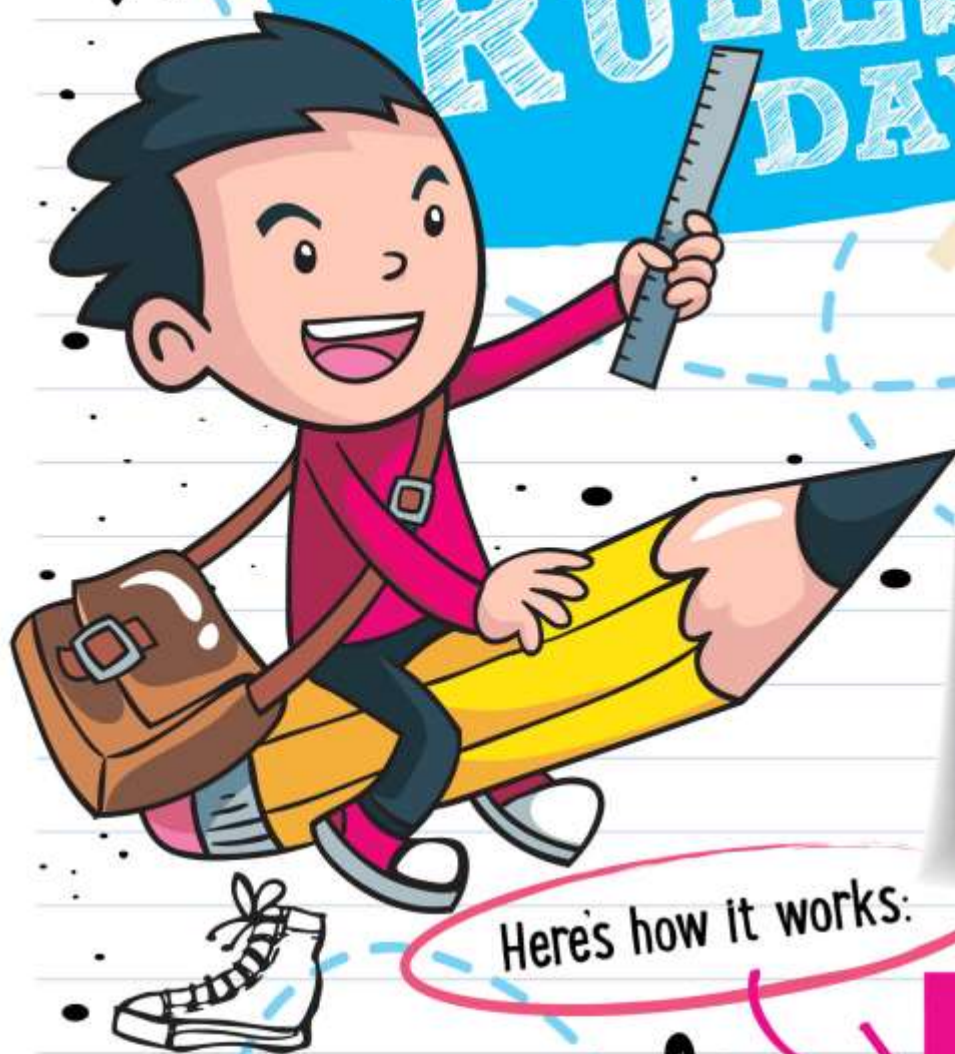


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LONGSANDS CP SCHOOL PTFA

MAKE the RULES DAY



Rules to be made include:

1. Wear a jumper/cardie not in school colours
2. Wear your school jumper/cardie inside out
3. Bring in a small treat for break time (**NO NUTS**)
4. Have crazy hair
5. Have a temporary tattoo
6. Wear nail varnish
7. Wear a hat
8. Wear odd socks
9. Wear odd shoes
10. Wear a bracelet on your wrist

Here's how it works:

When?
FRIDAY
28th MAY 2021

Parentkind
Member Association

**Pay 50p for every rule
you would like to make!**

Either bring in the **money**
to school on the day in a
sealed envelope

or

pay the **PTFA** online,
details on the **Link**



MAKE AS MANY RULES AS YOU LIKE!

50p per rule

So, if you'd like to make 4 rules ➡ 50p x 4 = £2.00

Please put your money in a sealed envelope, mark it for the attention of PTFA and bring it to school on Friday 28th May 2021

OR

Pay the PTFA directly online by Friday 28th May 2021

Sort code: 01-03-32

Account number: 76864650

Please include the reference '[your child's name] Year [x]', e.g. Joe Year 6

We are trialling online payments to the PTFA with this event.

Paying into the PTFA account directly avoids any commission costs the PTFA must pay using another online platform.

Very easy and it only takes a few minutes!

BUT BEST OF ALL IT MAXIMISES PTFA FUNDRAISING FOR THE CHILDREN

The Yogi Group

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

HOW TO LOOK AFTER YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

YOGA



**SUN
SALUTATION X 5**

WARRIOR I

**10 BIG
BREATHS**

SMILE



WARRIOR II

WARRIOR III

**HAVE A
DANCE**

SAY OUT LOUD

"I AM AMAZING"

**PRACTICE
MEDITATION**

**LISTEN TO THE
SOUNDS
AROUND YOU
FOR 1 MINUTE**



Visit www.theyogigroup.com for more tips



The Yogi Group

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

HOW TO LOOK AFTER YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

**DRINK
PLENTY OF
WATER**

**GO OUTSIDE AS
MUCH AS YOU
CAN**

**PRACTICE
GRATITUDE**

**DO
SOMETHING
KIND FOR
SOMEONE**

SMILE AT SOMEONE

**GET ENOUGH
SLEEP**

**TALK TO
SOMEONE YOU
TRUST**

**MOVE YOUR
BODY**

**EAT LOTS OF
FRUIT AND
VEGETABLES**

**REDUCE
SCREEN
TIME**

**DO THINGS
YOU
REALLY
ENJOY**

Visit www.theyogigroup.com for more tips.





Time to get outdoors.

Do You want to Learn New Skills?
Do You want to Get Creative?
Do You want to Get Outdoors?

Do You want to have Fun?

For More information and how to get involved, follow the link below.

westlancsscouts.org.uk/want-to-join/



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NETBALL AND BASKETBALL SKILLS TEAM



YEAR 3 FOOTBALL SKILLS TEAM