

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Longwill School for Deaf Children

Diary Dates

- 4.11.14. Y5/6 Bikeability
- 7.11.14. Parents Morning
- 14.11.14 Parents Phonics Course
- 02.12.14 F – Y2 MAC Theatre trip
- 16.12.14. Christmas Lunch
- 17.12.14. Christmas Play
- 18.12.14 Y1-6 Panto trip
- 19.12.14. Christmas Party

Training Days 2014/5

School will be closed to pupils on 3.11.14, 09.01.15 and 20.03.15 because of staff training. There will be one further training day in the summer term.

Swimming 2014-2015

Swimming continues every Thursday for Y1-6. Please can we ask that pupils come with the appropriate kit each week.

Parents Morning

Parent consultations take place three times throughout the year. The next one takes place on Friday 7th November. We have a speaker at the start of the session to talk to parents about the New SEND reforms and the Education Health and Care Plans.

How to contact us

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News

We have enjoyed another fantastic half term at Longwill School? During e second week of term we welcomed **Ofsted** onto school. It was really pleasing to be able to share the fabulous work of the pupils with the inspector. Our exciting curriculum, skilled staff and hardworking, motivated pupils impressed! Under a new inspection framework, which is incredibly exacting we were judged to be an extremely good school. Well done everyone!



The **Deaf Cross Country championships** took place in RSD, Derby recently and six KS2 pupils represented Longwill. They ran their socks off and we are very proud of them!

Black History Week celebrated black artists throughout the world. Pupils learned about these highly accomplished people and then shared their knowledge in a 'Show and Tell ' assembly.

Updates

Attendance. Thank you to all pupils and parents for supporting us in prioritising school attendance. We continue to encourage pupils with weekly attendance awards and this week individual pupils will receive half termly praise certificates.

Clubs

We run a wide range of **lunchtime clubs** which pupils can join. Currently, we run a Home Learning Club (teachers helps pupils with reading, writing and maths tasks), Biking Club, Signed Choir, Badminton,

Please encourage your children to attend some clubs.



Youth Club

This takes place every Wednesday at for school for pupils over the age of eight.

This is a fantastic opportunity for your children to meet other deaf children from across the city!

We can transport your child to the youth club and simply ask that you collect them? The club is organised by BID.

Please do phone school for more information.

Phonics Parents Classes

If you wish to develop your knowledge to teaching phonics to deaf children, please contact school. We are running a course which starts in a couple of weeks

Pupils artwork is showcased for you on our website. Please do take a look!

Staff and Pupils :

We bid farewell to **Chris Williamson**, one of our Deaf colleagues has retired after 27 years commitment. Also, another of our TAs, **Ayisha Ahmed** has begun her maternity leave. We wish them well.

Emma Cook, our Chair of Governors, and I meet every week to discuss school matters. The governing body are keen to develop closer links with parents and hope to publish a newsletter in the New Year. We have welcomed some new Governors (Nicky Atkins and Claire Hayward) and are in the process of appointing some more parent and community governors. You can look on our website for more information about all our governors.

Finally, we have welcomed more than **ten new pupils** to school since September. Our numbers are rising and, currently, we have 60 pupils on roll. The new pupils have all settled in very well.

Y6 pupils have completed a training course so that they can support younger pupils throughout school in their role of peer mentors. Each **peer mentor** is able to befriend younger pupils, look after pupils at play times and help resolve any playground upsets. Also, Y6 take their responsibilities as **prefects** very seriously and act as splendid positive role models for younger children. Photos of them receiving their awards are on our website.

Alison Carter.

Headteacher

