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FRIDAY January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009

### **Lego experience in Years 4 and 5**

On Wednesday 21st January Years 4 and 5 took part in the 'Lego Experience'. Two visitors came to school and brought tons of Lego to make an eco Lego village.

We were taught how to make a basic building, including the roof structure and the brick pattern. We got into groups on mats and started to create our own buildings to add to the village. Once we had created our buildings we got creative and added extra features e.g. sheds, ponds and gardens.

Some groups made other models such as stadiums, post offices, parks and horse jumps.

We all enjoyed our experience. Here are some comments from children in Year 5:



"It was fun working together as a team."

"We couldn't believe the amount of Lego."

We learnt lots of new things and we were really proud of what we made, and it got us thinking about how we can improve our cities in the future. It was sad to break them up. Year 5 recommend this experience to other year groups.

By Jessica F, George H, Natalie and James G

*Children in year 4 added:*

It was "fun, challenging and a good puzzle" and "I enjoyed being able to make my own part of the eco-village."

Mr Garside who ran the workshop commented, "The children in Y4/5 are a model of co-operative and creatively-inspired behaviour. The best mid-junior age group project display I've seen for years'. Praise indeed!

Well done all the children for participating so enthusiastically in the day.



### **More Longwell Green sporting success**

On Sunday 18 January three pupils from Year 6, James, Katie and Eloise took part in an athletics tournament at Filton College. They joined children from all over the South West. The teams were Avon Crusaders, Avon Stormers, Double Gloucesters, Gloucestershire Gladiators, Somerset Saracens and Somerset Spartans. They have written the following report.

We all took part in both track and field events. When we got there we had to get our body warmed up. There were several different events; hi stepper and hop step jump, a Grand Prix and at least 15 more.

Katie: My favourite race was the Grand Prix. You had to go over hurdles and into tunnels

James: My favourite event was the 1 x 1 relay where two children run one lap each. I came second in this event.

Eloise: I enjoyed the Grand Prix. My team was Avon Crusaders. The Avon Crusaders girls won the trophy.

The winners of the girls' competition were the Avon Crusaders which was Eloise' team and the winners of the boy's competition were the Somerset Spartans. James and Katie's team, the Avon Crusaders came second.

We all enjoyed it very much and we would like to say thank you to Dean and the other coaches who have helped us train throughout the season. It was really good fun and we will keep training hard to get in more competitions.

### **After School Clubs**

Please note that because of a school event on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**, Kingswood Gym and Chess Club are both cancelled.

FRIENDS OF LONGWELL GREEN NEWS



**Quality Nearly New Sale**

**Saturday 25th April**



Details will be issued shortly



**Grand Prize Draw**



**Thursday 22nd May**



**Summer Fayre**



**Saturday 27th June 2009**

The Friends of Longwell Green would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

As you will no doubt know the Autumn term was a very active one in terms of events/activities and I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who made the **Nearly New Sale – Auction of Promises - Festive Fayre – Calendars - Christmas Disco** possible as well as all those who supported each of the above – as a result we have raised an incredible amount of almost **£9500**.

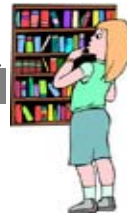
As you will have seen from previous newsletters we have managed to fund 3000 new books and we are in the process of acquiring a brand new stage – we will advise you when the order has been placed – and hopefully you may get to see it in action at one of the class assemblies.

Also a big thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas Parties for the children – to provide food for over 400 children over a 3 day period is no mean feat – so thank you once again.

As you will see from the above dates we have some exciting activities planned for the rest of the year and the majority of the funds will be put towards the enhancement/renovation of the Trim Trail – so watch this space for more details.....



## Children's Quality Nearly New Book Fair (Friday 27th Feb)



Are your bookshelves staggering under the weight of books no longer required/ or unused by your children, then we have just the solution for you – **The opportunity to earn cash by “recycling” them**

The Friends of Longwell Green would like to help by running a **Quality Nearly New Book Fair**, - this will involve you finding the books you wish to sell from Birth up to 11yrs (as many as you have), apply for a seller number and then price the book(s) with the amount you would like to sell them for.

*(A commission on the sold items will be given to the FOLG – and the funds raised will help fund the much needed renovations of the trim trail)*

Further Details Next week



## Easter "Eggstravaganza" Disco Friday 27th March 6.30 - 9pm



On the back of popularity of last year's event we will once again be holding an Easter Disco.

Easter Eggstravaganza Tickets will be available from **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

Please refer to the note/application form which will be issued via your Friday Folder on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February– as normal we do have a limit on the number of tickets and will be sold on a on a first come first served basis.





# *Invitation Book Big Fundraiser*

We have once again taken delivery of a quantity of Invitation books. They will be on sale through the Friends of Longwell Green, from Monday next week – until Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February. They will cost £19.99 each of which £4.00 is donated to the Friends of Longwell Green for each book sold. If you are not aware of the benefits of the Invitation Book scheme, do visit their website at: <http://www.invitationbook.co.uk/>.

If you would be interested in purchasing an Invitation Book please complete the attached request slip and post in the the Friends of Longwell Green Letterbox in the playground – books will then be sent out via the Friday folders – together with £19.99 (chq payable to FOLG)

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## Big Fundraiser offer

I would like..... copies of the book @ £19.99 each (chq payable to FOLG)

Child's Name.....

Class.....

## LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Rainbow Unit** Catherine Churchhouse is opening a new Rainbow Unit for girls aged 5 – 7yrs at Holy Trinity Church (next to Kingswood Park) 4.30 – 5.30pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2009 and needs to increase her numbers.

If your daughter has a friend or family member that would like to join the Rainbow Unit then please pass on her details, tel: 0117 9326969. She is happy to take any girl aged between 5 and 7.

She is also looking for leader help with the unit.

At Holy Trinity Church they also have a Brownie Unit that meet on a Tuesday, for girls aged 7 – 11 years old and at the moment they have spaces. For more information on the Brownies please contact Emma on 07907928622.

## Music in Libraries

The following events are taking place in South Gloucestershire Libraries in February:

Sharing of Music by Local Primary Schools. – all performances are free.

Holiday Workshops – African Drumming. Please book in advance at your local library tickets cost £1.50 for library members, £2.00 to non-members. Ideally suited to children aged 8-12. **For information on all events, call 01454 868006**