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‘Investors in People’ success

The school recently had an inspection by Investors in People (IIP) The IIP Standard provides a national framework for improving an institution’s performance and competitiveness through a planned approach to setting and communicating objectives. The result is what people can do, matches what the organisation needs them to do. I am delighted to say that we were judged to be working at a very high level and have received the award of IIP for a further three years. The report was extremely encouraging and included the following comments describing the school as having:

- enthusiastic and valued leaders who inspire their colleagues
- a strong team of involved governors
- effective teams at every level, with colleagues who are supportive and supported
- shared values in a calm, determined, pupil-focused environment
- robust planning and review, with valued inclusion and engagement
- high quality outcomes and achievements
- pupils who like coming to school and learning
- an enviable record of pupil achievement and attainment
- strong support from parents and carers

I am very proud of the continued high performance of the school and especially pleased to hear that all staff feel that Longwell Green is a ‘very good place to work’.

Generation Green - British Gas:

Earn ‘Green Leaves’ for Longwell Green Primary School

Lots of you will have heard of ‘Generation Green’. It is a schools and community programme run by British Gas.

The programme supports schools, pupils, parents and the wider community in becoming more environmentally aware. Supported by British Gas’s Energy Experts, the programme means we can earn Green Leaves for our school by taking some simple eco related actions. We can then exchange our leaves for a variety of energy efficient rewards.

Our target is 42,164 Green Leaves. So far we have been awarded 11,588 leaves for Eco activities.

Every household can help us earn our rewards - that’s you, your neighbours, family and friends!

By filling in a quick online Energy Savers Report at www.britishgas.co.uk/esr you can earn 100 leaves towards our target. If you make a pledge you can earn an extra 50 Green Leaves towards our target. Thank you to those households who have already completed the survey and earned us some Green Leaves.

If every family in the school takes 5 minutes to complete the survey we will reach our goal!

Candis Club Community School Award

We are very happy to tell you that Longwell Green School has been awarded £6000 from grants given out by the monthly magazine "Candis". This grant will be used to purchase outdoor musical play equipment consisting of modular play panels and will introduce music through play for all children in school.

Bath Half Marathon

As some of you may already know a pupil at our school called Travis was diagnosed with a form Leukaemia in March 2006 when he was three years old. In May he will finally finish all of his chemotherapy treatment and will hopefully be clear of the disease.

His mum Michelle is taking part in the Bath Half marathon in March to raise money for the Oncology department at the Bristol Children's Hospital. She is running in celebration of her brave little boy but also in memory of his brave friend Jack Banks who lost his fight with Leukaemia last year aged 9 she is running as part of his Mums team 'Team Jack'

If you would like to help, both Michelle and the office have a sponsor form or if you prefer you can donate on line at www.justgiving.com/jackbanks where you can read more about Jacks story.

Michelle would like to thank those of you who have given her and Travis your support over the last three years.

Term Time Courses

If any parents are interested in obtaining information on term time courses for children held in local leisure centres, please collect a brochure from the school office.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Time

It's Sainsbury's 'Active Kids' time! I'm pleased to tell you that we are taking part in Sainsbury's Active Kids again this year. This represents an excellent opportunity for us to acquire lots of extra equipment and experiences that we may not usually be able to provide.

Last year, you helped us to collect a fantastic 23350 Active Kids vouchers (AKVs).

A win-win idea for everyone!

And look out for Sainsbury's very special 'thank you' for all your help so far in making Active Kids the huge success story it is. Because this year, every AKV is the chance for you to win a **£50 Sainsbury's shopping voucher every 5 minutes, between 8am and 10pm until 3 June.** Plus, you will receive a 2 for 1 activity experience of your choice every week you enter. Just follow the instructions on your voucher and don't forget to hand them into us afterwards!

You can also choose to convert your Nectar points into AKVs by visiting nectar.com (please select the right option from the drop down menu and follow the on-screen instructions).

So please don't forget to claim your AKVs – and make sure they reach us! Better still, it would be fantastic if you could urge your friends, neighbours and colleagues – and anyone else you can think of – to collect AKVs as well. Every voucher counts – and we'll make use of every one!

Boots for Africa

Tristan in Y5, whose dad is currently climbing Mount Kilimanjaro for charity, is also doing his bit to help others. He is appealing on behalf of his cub pack who are collecting old trainers and football boots to send to Africa. He would like anyone who may have grown out of trainers/boots to bring them to school so he can take them to cubs and then send them on to Africa. Thank you Tristan for being so kind!

Keep Fit

Do you need to get fit? A Body Conditioning class at Longwell Green School is held on Thursday evening 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm. Bring a drink, towel and £3.00. Suitable for all ages and levels of fitness. Further details: Linda Cornish (fully qualified instructor) Tel: 0117 3732219.



Dear Parent/Supporter,

We are once again looking at new and different fundraising ideas and on this occasion we are not asking you to donate money!

Instead we've found an ingenious way for you to buy wonderful products to keep your child entertained and help their development – plus help us raise the funds we need too. It's called the YELLOW MOON fundraising catalogue, and I'm pleased to supply you with a copy for you to look through and hopefully order from.

How YELLOW MOON can help us reach our goal

Simple really. For every purchase you make from the Yellow Moon fundraising catalogue, we will receive up to 25% cash-back (excl. VAT and p&p). So the more you, friends and family order, the more cash-back we'll receive. And if you think the products from Yellow Moon are expensive, you'd be wrong. Browse through the catalogue and you'll see hundreds of quality creative products and toys from just £1.99.

Here's how you can help us – and your child

- *Browse through the YELLOW MOON catalogue, choose from the hundreds of wonderful products and place your order direct with YELLOW MOON by phone, fax, post or online (please see page 3 of your catalogue for full details) – perhaps share the P&P cost with a friend and order jointly...*
- *YELLOW MOON will send your products direct to your door*
- *All orders placed using the unique Source Code for The Friends Of Longwell Green School will have the cash-back amount pooled.*
- *YELLOW MOON will send us a cheque for the collective amount*
- *IMPORTANT – when placing your order, please remember to quote the unique Source Code on the back of your catalogue to ensure the cash-back amount is attributed to us.*

We hope you enjoy purchasing from this fun-packed educational fundraising catalogue and would like to thank you in advance for your valued support.

Yours sincerely, Chris Pring - Friends of Longwell Green School

World Book Day Thursday 5th March

Every child in the school receives a £1.00 book token which can be redeemed at participating bookshops from Monday 2nd March to Sunday 29th March.

There are some £1.00 books but we are informed that bookshops only have a limited supply of these special books.

Book Fair

Many thanks to everyone who attended and helped at the book fair.

Unfortunately one of our selling days was affected by snow, so we didn't raise quite as much as usual, £343.59. However, this still meant that we were able to take just over £100 in books for the school.

Diary Dates

Just a reminder of some diary dates for the rest of the academic year:

13th February – 9.15 am L3 assembly for parents
16th – 20th February – HALF TERM HOLIDAY
27th February – 9.15 am W3 assembly for parents
27th February – Friends of Longwell Green, Nearly New Book Sale
4th March – Year 4 visit Steam World – Evacuee Day
4th March – Football match – Beacon Rise, away
6th March – 9.15 am Reception assembly for parents
10th March – 1.15 – 3.15 Year 6 girls Football Tournament, Hanham High.
Barrs Court away.
10th March – 7.15 pm Governing Body meeting
13th March – 9.15 am F4 assembly for parents
18th March – Boccia/New Age Kurling Festival, Hanham High
18th March – 7.15 pm Friends of Longwell Green meeting
26th March – 2.45 pm – 3.30 pm Key Stage 2 Open Afternoon
27th March – 2.45 pm – 3.30 pm Key Stage 1/Foundation Stage Open
Afternoon
27th March – Easter Disco
Week commencing 30th March – Parents Evenings (Tuesday, 31st will be late evening 3.30 pm until 7.30 pm
31st March/1st/2nd April – Explorer Dome in School
2nd April – 8.00 pm Friends of Longwell Green meeting
3rd April – 9.15 am R4 assembly for parents
3rd April – TERM 4 ENDS
20th April – TERM 5 BEGINS
25th April – Festival of Youth Sport 8.30 am – 1.30 pm Y6 Basketball Team
25th April – Friends of Longwell Green, As New Sale
5th May – 7.15 pm Friends of Longwell Green meeting
11th – 15th May – Year 6 national assessments
13th May – Year 4 Football Training/Tournament, Hanham High
19th May – 7.15 pm Governing Body meeting
22nd May – TERM 5 ENDS
1st June – INSERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS
2nd June – TERM 6 BEGINS
4th June – Class Photographs
4th June – 8.00 pm Friends of Longwell Green meeting
16th June – 1.15 pm – 3.15 pm Year 5 Sports Festival, Hanham High
20th June – 8.30 am – 1.30 pm Festival of Youth Sport Year 6 Girls Cricket
Week commencing 22nd June – Key Stage 1 celebration
27th June – Friends of Longwell Green, Summer Fayre
Week commencing 6th July – Key Stage 2 performances
1st July – Year 6 pupils Primary Transfer day (visits to secondary schools)
10th July – Competitive Sports Day
13th July – 7.15 pm Friends of Longwell Green meeting
20th – 23rd July – Year 6 Stone Farm residential visit
24th July – TERM 6 ENDS