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Children in Need has been a lot of fun, in fact LWG is 99% joy, and today again proved it! We are always so proud to see how engaged all of LWG children are with these fun events. Everyone makes an effort, and what we have found is, when everyone doesn't take themselves too seriously, it means everyone feels less pressure to 'be cool' and can relax into being a *child* and have a bit of fun on a silly dress up day! Well done families for encouraging and supporting this, and what a great thing; to have our children enjoy being children! A triumph in the world we live in! One of my highlights? Watching our pupils deploy surprisingly ruthless tactics to win! Who knew we had such mastermind strategists?! We'll let you know the winners next week (we need to count it all!)

Speaking of the modern world, you would think no emails would not change things much in a school, but it has been a very odd day in school!

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Reading buddies happened on Monday, a lovely example of our whole school family coming together. If you are new to school and don't know, Reading Buddies is our wonderful (now) tradition where we pair older and younger classes to share stories, across a number of points throughout the year. It shows the heart of LWG, the caring, family / team culture you won't find in every school. Our amazing children showed leadership by being ready to share, mutual care, and listened with respect to each other. They modelled great reading, continue to build lovely friendships across year groups, and showed yet again that reading is great! You will see a number of images throughout this newsletter of this happening.

Also inside you can see some more images of our week's Diwali and Hinduism day, as shared in last week's newsletter, but we had so many lovely images we wanted to share more.



Have a look inside for the huge number of photos, and the events happening over the next few weeks.

A big thanks for your support as always and have a restful weekend!











Curiosity and kindness on our Interfaith Day this week!



The school was yet again alive with excitement (I mean, when is it not?!) and curiosity along with thoughtful conversation this week for our whole school Interfaith Day!

Children often come home saying they "just played," so here is a quick peek behind the curtain at the loveliness that filled our classrooms as we explored the big question: "What helps you when life is difficult?"

Across Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Humanism, and Islam, here is what our brilliant learners discovered:

Our younger learners in EYFS and Key Stage 1 became super active listeners, watching guest speakers match symbols like prayer and nature to what brings people comfort, before drawing their own personal stories and happy places.

Our older pupils ranked resilience strategies in lively Diamond 9 debates, studied role models like Malala Yousafzai and Marcus Rashford, and drew strong roots trees to map their personal values.

Every child designed a square for our collective Interfaith Quilt of Hope, and we wrapped up with a fantastic live online Q&A with our guest speakers.

Beyond learning fascinating facts about different traditions, your children flexed huge life skills: active listening, empathy, critical thinking, and respectful debate. Seeing them think about different viewpoints with such warmth was lovely!

We couldn't fit all the wonderful photos and pupil quotes in today as the Microsoft issues have slowed our day down quite a lot and now we are pushing to catch up, so look out for more next week! Thank you to our dedicated staff and to our amazing families for raising such open hearted young people. I hope you are proud too!

See inside for details of the Parents vs Staff netball match from Monday!

"My reading buddy is my friend now." A Key Stage One child sharing how much they enjoy reading buddies (and I need to say there was an element of surprise in their voice, which I thin is lovely; it seems they had not anticipated them becoming friends, but they clearly are!



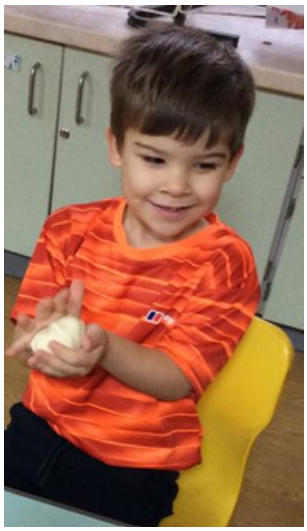






EYFS Diwali Wow Day

The children started their day byexploring what Diwali is and watched a girl called Jessica and her family prepare for Diwali celebrations. The children then enjoyed a range of different activities associated with Diwali. They created their own Rangoli patterns using powder paint, made salt dough Diva lamps which they decorated and showed off their writing skills by making Diwali cards for family and friends.















During the afternoon, we were lucky enough to have a LWG grandparent come to visit and help us make chapati's. She brought her traditional chapati warmer, board and roller. Some of the children even got to have a go! All the children were excited to eat the chapatis, they were delicious!

The children enjoyed celebratingDiwali in the home corner withtheir friends!







YEAR 3'S PREHISTORIC EXPLORATION

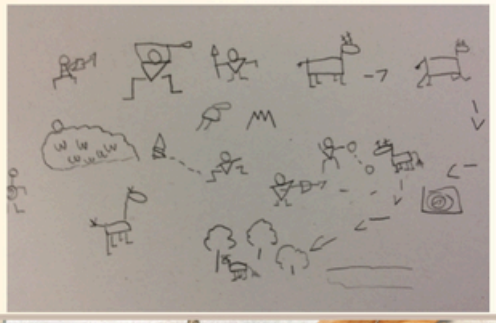


WOW Day 2

Year 3 enjoyed their second WOW day of the year with a fascinating day exploring the prehistoric period of British History: the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.

Throughout the day we learnt lots about this formative time for Britain and the way culture and habits started to evolve. We learnt about the nomadic style of the early Stone Age through to the early settlements and then moving into the development of strongholds across the country.

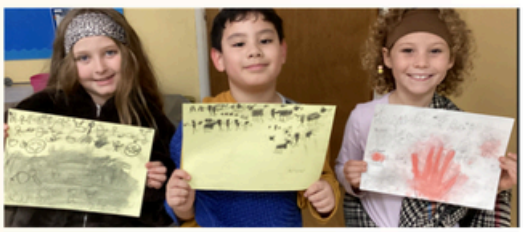




In the morning, we went outside with some images of famous sculptures from the time periods and recreated their likeness using our fantastic selection of play materials. We had some fantastic recreations of Stonehenge and a Bronze Age Roundhouse. The children were inventive and creative in recreating them as accurately as possible. Wonderful teamwork, fantastic building and encouragement shown by all.

Next, we had a go at recreating Stone Age Cave Art. We practiced using a range of techniques and mediums to create cave art inspired pieces that told a story. We learnt about why they created art and what we think its purpose is. We also learnt about some famous examples from across the world.

In the afternoon we tested ourselves with some survival quizzes to see if we had what it takes to survive this fascinating and mysterious period of History













More photos from last week's Diwali and Hinduism learning







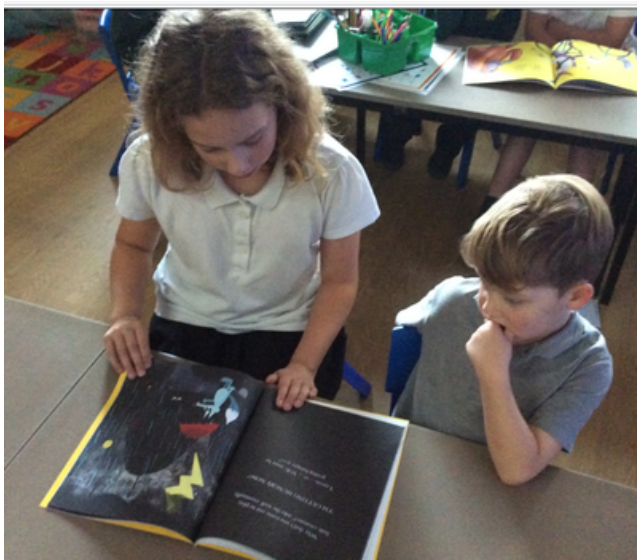








Over the next three pages are more “Book Buddies” photos.





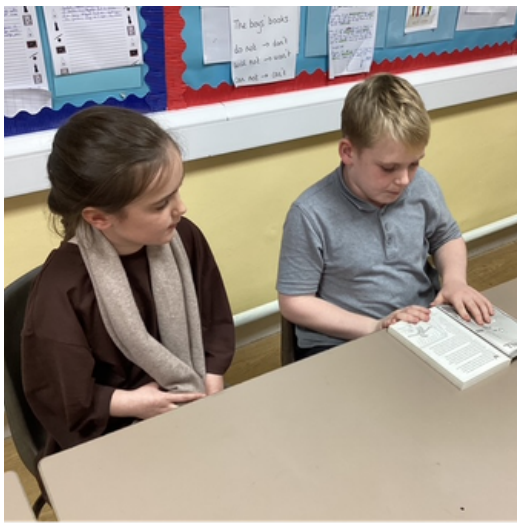










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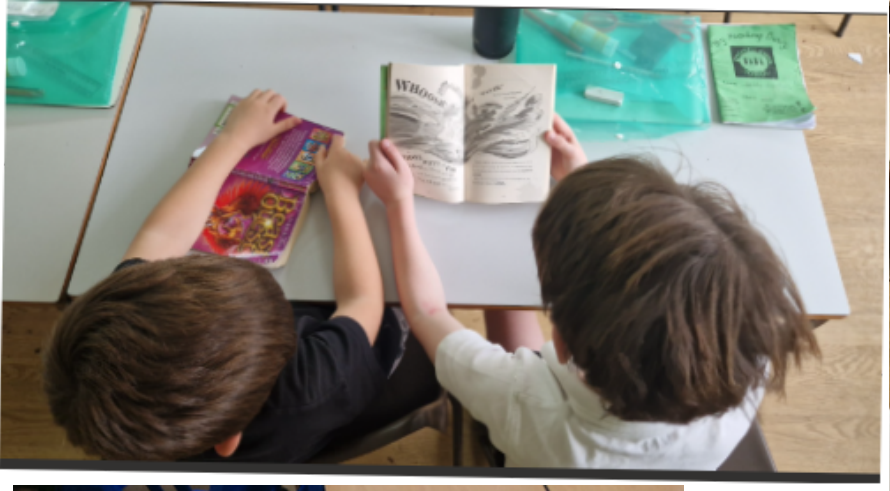









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Fundraising Fitness Challenge – 1 November 2026. *Written by Anna Sanders, organiser.*

What an incredible day of community spirit, fitness and fundraising! Adults kicked off the event with a HYROX-style workout, followed by the children, who all threw themselves into the challenge with great enthusiasm. Alongside the workout, there was a fantastic cake sale and raffle, helping to raise over £5,000 for a local 25-year-old who has been diagnosed with stage 4B ovarian cancer. A huge well done to all the children who took part: Bobby, Arlo and Betsy Sanders, Oscar and Isla Cole, Rowan and Cam Howell, Franklin and Henry Brown, Jacob Worgan-Hill, Isla, Darcy and Florella Doyle, Lucy Kupai and Ellie and Amber May. We would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs Bryant, Mrs Weeks and Mrs Hatcliffe for coming to support the event by buying raffle tickets and cakes. Everyone came together brilliantly, had lots of fun getting active and, most importantly, raised an incredible amount of money for a worthy cause. We are so proud of everyone – a wonderful example of what can be achieved when community pulls together!



Longwell Green PE News

Staff vs Parents Netball – Monday 9th November 16 – 11

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our staff versus parents netball match after school on Monday. It was a fantastic success, and it was lovely to see so many people staying to support both teams.

A special thank you to the FOLGs for running the tuck shop and helping to raise valuable funds to support the children. We really appreciate their support and all the hard work that went into making this event possible.



The match was closely contested, with the score level at 4-4 after the break. Both teams played brilliantly and thoroughly enjoyed the occasion, with staff team eventually securing a 16-11 victory! Thank you again to everyone who played, cheered, supported and helped make it such a brilliant afternoon.





Be your best!

We talk a lot about how much fun primary school is (and we work really hard to make it so), because children learn best when they are curious, and engaging with it all. You know, as we always say, that behind every fab classroom moment is the partnership between school and home, and I hope you know we see you, parents and carers, as the most important part in making sure your child can be their very best.

To help us keep continuing to develop and grow and also continue to be the great community we all make up, we would love to hear your thoughts. What does your child really love about their time at Longwell Green? What are the things that help them feel they can take a risk, make things better when they have gone wrong, feel confident, and want to try to be their best?

Maybe it is a favourite school tradition like today's Remembrance Day, a particular something that they love, or simply the feeling they get when they walk through the green gates in the morning, your voice matters to us. Please take a couple of minutes to share your thoughts by filling out our quick feedback form.

Thank you, as always, for your kindness, your support, and for partnering with us to make every school day the best it can be.

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