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THE WEEKLY LETTER

Whole School News

Remembering Together

On Wednesday, pupils and staff marked Remembrance Day with a two-minute silence at 11am. We remembered those who served and those who lost their lives. It was a chance to think about respect, kindness and community.

Celebrating Our Pupils

We love hearing about what our pupils achieve in and out of school. That might be in sport, music or dance, or through helping others and working hard. Please share your child's achievements with their Year Leader so we can celebrate them too.

School Council: Having Your Say

Pupils have been sharing ideas about school life in tutor time. School Council members will discuss these ideas at year group meetings over the next two weeks. The whole-school Council will meet during the week beginning 30 November. We look forward to hearing their suggestions.

Homework: Your Effort Counts!

From this week, pupils will earn five positive points on Bromcom when they complete their homework. Bromcom is the school's system for recording rewards. This is another way to recognise effort and good learning habits, alongside our six school values (KIDMAP).

Looking Ahead to Christmas

Our Christmas window display challenge starts on Tuesday 1 December. This year's theme is Christmas Windows. Tutor groups will work together to decorate their classroom windows. They could make stained-glass designs, window art or a mini Fenwick's-style display. We can't wait to see what they create!

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Attendance Matters: Every Day Counts

National Recognition for Better Attendance

Longbenton has received recognition in the FFT National Attendance Awards. We are among the top 25% of schools for improving attendance.

This is thanks to the efforts of our pupils, staff and families. Thank you for helping children attend school regularly.

Why Attendance Matters

Coming to school regularly helps children learn, make friends, build confidence and develop routines. School is about more than lessons. Clubs, activities and time with friends are important too.

Missing just a few days can make it harder for children to keep up with lessons and feel part of school life. We encourage every pupil to come to school whenever they are well enough.

We know that getting to school is not always easy. If your child is worried, anxious or facing other difficulties, please talk to us. We will listen and work with you to help.

Moments Matter. Attendance Counts.

Year 7 News

A Message from Miss Kearton, Year 7 Leader

We've had a lovely week in Year 7. Many pupils have shown our school values, and I'm proud of them.

Congratulations to this week's Individual Success Award winners:

Kindness: Emily T
Integrity: James S
Determination: Wilson B
Manners: Luca B
Ambition: Elliott S
Positivity: Theo D

Edith D also won our award for 100% attendance over the past two weeks. Well done, Edith!

Achievements Outside School

We have three great achievements to celebrate outside school this week.

Well done to Seb R, who has started a day-release programme with Middlesbrough Football Club. We wish him every success as he develops his football skills.

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Well done to Lauren O and Emma E for their success at the Blackpool Sequence Festival. Emma reached the final of the British Under-12 Latin Sequence competition. Lauren reached the final round of the Waltz and Tango category and finished sixth overall.

Wonderful Work Across Year 7

Teachers have shared some lovely examples of pupils working hard in lessons.

In French, Clara F scored 12 out of 12 in both vocabulary tests. Ryan A has worked hard and completed all his French homework. In Geography, Lily C and Sofia G have impressed staff with their enthusiasm and excellent work. In Science, Ross O gave his best effort and did very well in his recent assessment.

In Music, pupils have shown real talent and enthusiasm in lessons, singing and playing instruments.

These are just some of the great things happening in Year 7. Well done to everyone who is working hard and helping others.

Year 7 Book Look – Friday 11 December

We look forward to welcoming Year 7 families to our Book Look on Friday 11 December.

You can visit your child in school, hear about their first term and see five pieces of work they have chosen.

Visits will take place at the following times:

9.15am–10.15am: 7MA, 7DC, 7AMO and 7LHO (surnames A–M).

10.35am–11.35am: 7LHO (surnames N–Z), 7MB, 7LRI and 7CSU.

We have already sent the details through the MCAS parent app. If you have not booked, please use the link below.

Book your Year 7 Book Look place

For further information, please contact year7@longbenton.org.uk.

Bringing Generations Together

We are continuing our visits to older residents in the local community.

After Christmas, Year 7 and Year 8 pupils can visit as part of school activities. Longbenton staff will go with them. Pupils can chat with residents, play board games and help with gardening.

These visits have gone well in previous years. They help pupils build confidence, show kindness and get to know local people.

If your child wants to take part, please ask them to complete the sign-up form on their Personal Development Google Classroom page. Please sign up before December so we can arrange the visits. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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