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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 8 News

A Message from Mr Patterson, Year 8 Leader

We are already half a term into Year 8, and it has been great to see pupils setting a good example for younger children. Our Year 8 pupils have earned lots of KIDMAP points, and staff have shared many positive comments about them. I'm very proud of the year group.

Well done to the pupils who won Individual Success Awards in Tuesday's assembly:

HERO: Millie N
Kindness: Annabelle C
Integrity: Joe G
Determination: Jack B
Manners: Oliver B
Ambition: Lucia B
Positivity: Charlotte G

Congratulations to everyone who won an award. Your hard work, kindness and positive attitude make a difference.

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Making a Difference in Our Community

After Christmas, Year 8 pupils can visit older residents in our community as part of school activities.

Pupils can share stories, play board games and help with activities. It is a chance to meet new people and show the kindness we value at Longbenton.

If your child wants to take part, please ask them to complete the form on the Year 8 Personal Development Google Classroom page before December.

It is great to see Year 8 pupils becoming more confident and responsible. We look forward to celebrating more of their successes soon.