

Long Ridings Primary School

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Dear Parents,

As we approach All Hallows Eve and Bonfire night, the children had a visitor to assembly on Tuesday from the Fire Brigade about keeping safe at this time of year. We hope they all remember the key messages and keep themselves from harm.

On Tuesday the Long Ridings unisex football team (more about that later) took part in the borough tournament at Shenfield High School. Having only had one previous training session, the team got off to a slow start - losing the opening game 3-0. However, the team rebounded to win three and draw two of the remaining matches. This was great effort but unfortunately we missed out on a place in the semi-finals on goal difference! Special mention must go to Jess who was singled out at the end of the competition for her fantastic performances. She was our top goal scorer! Well done to all the players and let's hope for a successful season.

Player of the tournament - Jess W-A

On Wednesday a group of children took part in Boccia and New Age Kurling at Shenfield High School. This was a brand new tournament. The Year 6 Kurling team came a fantastic 2nd place, narrowly losing in the final to St. Joseph's. The Boccia team had great fun learning a new game and did really well. A fantastic effort by all children involved, especially as it's a new sport that they have not experienced before.

This week, Year 6 performed their class assembly to a packed hall of parents and grandparents. Children engaged the audience in series of short sketches, songs and dances, demonstrating their learning over the past few weeks. At the end of the assembly, delicious apple crumble - a wartime pudding - was served, which the children had prepared earlier in the week. Our thanks go to LSAs Mrs Hill and particularly Mrs Rainbird and volunteer Mrs Williams who helped the children make the crumbles and who gave up their own time and came in to support the children by taking care of refreshments on the day of the assembly. Voluntary donations towards the refreshments raised £70, which will be used to support other Y6 activities later in the year such as the end of year production. **Mrs Tucker & Mr Skingley**



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The Magic of the Theatre visited school on Thursday afternoon to perform 'Pinocchio' to the whole school.

This week was rounded off with the Spooky Disco's taking place after school on Friday. Thank you to the Parents Association for putting this event on, a lovely way to end the first half of the autumn term.

"After half term, on the week commencing 5th November, Foundation Stage will be exploring the topic of Diwali. As part of this topic, we will be teaching the children about the Hindu culture and celebrations associated with this special festival. We would really like to find a visitor to come and talk to the children about Diwali and perhaps share some first-hand experiences, pictures or other interesting items. The teachers will be there to support and we will help you to answer any questions the children may have. If you would like to volunteer to visit the children at any point during that week, please contact Miss Coysten or Miss Pumfrett.

Thanks for your continued support, having special visitors really helps to bring learning to life for our *littlest learners*". Miss Coysten

The new Autumn / Winter menus were sent home this week, starting back on week one. A reminder that payment for the second half term is £79.80.

The sale of Poppies, suggested donation of 50p and related merchandise i.e., wristbands and reflectors, suggested donation 50p and friendship bracelets and snap bands, suggested donation of £1.00 will be on sale after the half term holiday. If your child would like to purchase any of the above, they may bring in their money in a named sealed envelope or purse. Year 6 pupils will be visiting the classrooms on a daily basis.

A plea from the foundation classes and office. They would gratefully receive any unwanted boys' pants and socks and girls knickers, socks and tights in good condition. Thank you.

Please don't forget to hand your child's completed Immunisation Form to the school office by Wednesday 31st October at the latest. Please complete this, even if you do not wish your child to participate.

Wishing you all a good half-term. Back to school on Monday, 29th October.

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