

# Long Whatton C of E Primary School



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*Live, Learn, Grow and Be Thankful*

I hope you are all looking forward to the Christmas holidays and have enjoyed all the Christmas festivities at school.

I am really looking forward to returning to Long Whatton full time after Christmas. Mrs Plummer will be returning to the Owls class full time. I know she is really looking forward to this. I am looking forward to catching up with you all and will aim to be back on the front door before and after school as much as possible. Please feel free to pop over for a catch up.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Forest School Fun



The Owls showed excellent teamwork skills at Forest School. They created shelters with the tarps and ropes, did fire lighting and ate smores from the fire.



## Geography

The children in the Robins had fun in their new Geography project - using four figure grid references to find features of a river as part of 'Misty Mountains, Winding Rivers'.



## Bikeability

The Owls had a fantastic four days learning new skills on their bikes. They went out onto the roads of Long Whatton and all achieved their Level 2. Well done Owls.



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## Happy Historians



The Owls were super historians at the History Museum afternoon. Sharing their knowledge about Dynamic Dynasties. The Squirrels became historians to show off all

their knowledge about the 1950s and the Robins went to the Forest School to share all their knowledge about History Through the Ages.

A huge thank you for supporting us in ensuring the children are wearing our school uniform.



## Excellent Elf Antics

Christmas Elf has had a wonderful couple of weeks in Long Whatton. He has thoroughly enjoyed the festivities and tried his best to be helpful with his little helpers. Christmas Elf looks forward to his new home where he can get up to more mischief!



## Beskilled Sports

This month some of the Owls attended the Beskilled Dodgeball competition and showed excellent teamwork and commitment scoring well against the other schools. The Squirrels also had a fantastic evening at their event taking part in the Beskilled Multi-skills festival, they also positioned very well against the other schools. Well done to all who took part.

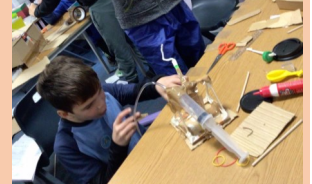


## Crazy Creativity

The Owls during their Design and Technology lesson showed excellent teamwork when creating their models using pneumatics as part of 'Moving Mechanisms'. The Robins as part of cookery have been busy making ratatouille - a big thank you to our PTA for purchasing new cooking equipment to make this possible.



The Art Exhibition was a big success and the children really enjoyed sharing their work in the hall for all to see—thank you to everyone who attended.



## 'The Christmas Story'

The Squirrels had a fantastic afternoon at Sutton Bonington Methodist Church learning about 'The Christmas Story'.

Collective Worship Group did a lovely video all about Advent which was shared with the other Beskilled schools.



## No Outsiders

The children from across the school shared their afternoon's work about No Outsiders and that everyone is welcome.



## Friends of the Honey Bee

To help our class charity 'Friends of the Honeybee' the Squirrels decided to plant some bee friendly plants.



## Creswell Crags

The children from the Robins thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Creswell Crags earlier this week as part of their History project—Through the Ages. A great way to end it off.



## Remembrance Day

The children showed their respects and laid their class poppy wreaths on Remembrance Day. They all took part in the 2 minute silence and listened to some poetry while remembering those who were lost.



## Anti-Bullying

The children across school took time to talk about anti-bullying and the importance of respecting others as part of Anti-Bullying week.



## Super Shoe Boxes

The School Council collected 20 shoeboxes donated by families at school for our "Link to hope" Christmas Shoe Box appeal. The Link To Hope charity will distribute the shoeboxes to families or elderly people in Eastern Europe.



## Let's Celebrate

The children have shown their hard work not only in the class room but also at school sports fixtures and other memorable events outside of school. They were all very proud to receive their awards.



We are really looking forward to the Spring term ahead. Best wishes, Mrs Gray and The Long Whatton Team.