



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we were delighted to welcome teachers from Tilstock and Longlands to Lower Heath for a collaborative professional development session, focused on improving the teaching of writing across our schools. Staff from all three schools came together to compare children's books, discuss what is working well in their classrooms, and share practical strategies to further strengthen writing standards for our pupils. It was an incredibly productive session and a wonderful example of the strength of being part of a trust where schools support one another for collective improvement. By drawing on the expertise within our partnership, we can ensure our teaching continues to evolve in ways that have the greatest impact on children's learning. Using the feedback from this session, staff across the trust will now be working in smaller groups on specific "sticky issues" in writing, exploring solutions and refining their practice.

This is exactly the purpose of our collaboration days, and they continue to be hugely beneficial for teachers and children alike. Our next collaboration day will take place on **Tuesday 24th February**, with a focus on reading. This links perfectly with the National Year of Reading, and we are confident that the work we are doing together will lead to meaningful improvements in reading provision across all our schools.

Looking ahead, we are very excited about Art Week next week. The children will be working with art specialist, Catherine Williams, to create pieces for display at Prees Train Station. Please keep an eye on Dojo and Facebook for photos of the children in action and previews of their wonderful creations. We will let everyone know once the artwork is installed at the station - although this will take a few months to complete.



Helen Reynolds
Headteacher

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday to:

Hunter, Ethan and Bodi who had birthdays this week!



AWARD WINNERS



Congratulations to this week's **Award winners**, who are:

Isabella, Ben W, Evelyn, Eliza W.

UPCOMING EVENTS



- 26th January: Art Week (KS1 and KS2)
- 2nd February: Story Telling Week
- 9th February: Prees Sports and Social Club Lower Heath Bingo Fundraiser (6pm)
- 10th February: Skylark Trip to British Ironworks Centre
- 12th February: Saltmine Theatre Company whole school performance
- 12th February: Parents' Evening 1
- 13th February: Break up for Half Term
- 23rd February: PD Day – school closed for children
- 24th February: Collaboration Day – school closed for children
- 25th February: Back to school
- 26th February: Parents' Evening 2
- 3rd March: Colour Run for the Community
- 26th March: Whole school Easter Service
- 27th March: Break up for Easter

Speak and Shine

I wanted to take a moment to remind families of the purpose behind our Speak and Shine initiative. This project is all about empowering children to speak with confidence, clarity and creativity. We have been incredibly impressed with the children's performances so far, from speaking 'loud and proud' to bravely overcoming nerves, each child has demonstrated real growth and a wonderful sense of achievement. We've even had children (and parents!) writing their own poems, showing true authors in the making. Thank you for your continued support at home; it makes such a difference. Speak and Shine is something unique to Lower Heath, and it is proving hugely beneficial in developing this essential life skill.

As a reminder, we will continue to welcome parents to our Friday Celebration Worship to enjoy each child's moment to shine. Below is a list of the children who will be entertaining us for the remainder of the spring term. Thank you once again for encouraging your children to practise, prepare, and perform. We are so proud of the confidence they are building each week.



30 th January	Harper Thomson Jack Holding	Astrid Seamans	
6 th February	Isla-Rae West	Finley Griffiths Ivy McDougall	Elliot Griffiths
13 th February	Ben Brannigan	Neville Walley	Reggie Lloyd
HALF TERM			
27 th February	Albie Challinor	Alyssa Smith	Alfie Tommy
6 th March	Anna Millard	Robyn Thomson	Matthew Millward
13 th March	Tommy Dawson	Harry West	Kimi Benoit
20 th March	Aurora Evans-Smith Oakley Smith	George Singh Digpal	Reuben Kelleher



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