

To make our dreams come true

through our shared Christian Values of compassion, respect, trust, wisdom and friendship

You are like a tree planted by the water, bearing fresh fruit every month,
Never dropping a leaf, always in blossom. Psalm 1:3

10th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,



We have marked Remembrance Day throughout the week and held a school Remembrance Service on Thursday. Each year this becomes more poignant.



Academy Status Update

After careful due diligence, the Governing Body voted on Wednesday 1st November and all agreed that the school should proceed with the conversion to Pickwick Academy. Pickwick Academy Trustees were delighted to inform us that the Board met and voted unanimously in favour of approving Longford School to proceed to convert to become an academy and to join Pickwick Academy Trust. The conversion date is 1st December 2023.

Enquiry-Led Learning

For more information about Curious City and Enquiry Based Learning- please see overleaf!



Festivities

The Christmas season is fast approaching and we have many events planned for the children. Please see the diary dates below.

Best wishes,
Louise Knipe

Dates for your diary:

- 17th November -Children in Need -see flyer
- 24th November-Celebration Worship -parents most welcome
- 8th December- Tree dressing and Christingle-1.15pm- parents welcome
- 8th December-FOLS Christmas Disco-5.30pm
- 12th December – Christmas Show with Mr Martin’s Band
- 14th December-Christmas Lunch- school pupils only
- 20th December – Nativity 11am- parents welcome
- Last day of term-20th December 1pm
- 21st December- 7th January- Christmas Holidays
- 8th January 2024-new term begins



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What are States of Being?



Enquiry

Our curriculum is based on an exciting enquiry-led process, providing challenge, nurturing oracy and encouraging curiosity. The curriculum is designed to allow children to be scientists, artists, historians, philosophers and more, and is grounded in people, places and stories. This dynamic curriculum was created by Lighting Up Learning, a Bristol group of learning and research practitioners, to empower young people and enable them to learn and grow, ready for the challenges of our ever-changing world.

States of Being

Children are inspired by the challenge of the enquiry and the States of Being characters, that enable them to identify with and be scientists, geographers, musicians etc, rather than the 'you are doing history' approach. Children are immersed in active learning and as they follow their line of enquiry they are encouraged to take ownership of their learning, guided and motivated by teaching professionals and guest experts within the fields of enquiry.

For example, recently Year 5 and 6 explored the question 'How are lives saved?' During this enquiry children studied as artists to find out about the structure of the heart, used their skills as mathematicians and scientists to measure the impact of exercise on the human pulse, examined the circulatory system and gained Mini Medic certificates when working alongside a first aid trainer and St John's Ambulance volunteer.



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