



October 2023



Newsletter

School Message:

Firstly, I'd like to thank you all for the support you give to our school as parents/carers, it really does make a positive difference when relationships between home and school are strong. I'd also like to share with you how proud I am of our staff, who have worked tirelessly this term to continue to move our school forward on its journey. I feel very privileged to be the headteacher at our school, your amazing children make me smile everyday!

It has been really lovely to have all parents back in school for face-to-face parents' evenings this week; I hope the information that your child's class teacher shared with you was useful.

We are hoping to have our front fences and gates replaced over half-term which will also involve creating a wider gate at the KS1 entrance which should make things easier in the mornings and at the end of the school day.

Finally, I would like to sincerely wish everyone a restful half-term break and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 31st October.

Kate Trethewy

Headteacher



Interested in becoming a School Governor?

Applying to be a Governor

We are looking for parents and community members who can bring energy, ideas and professional and life experience to support Longthorpe School. Are you that person?

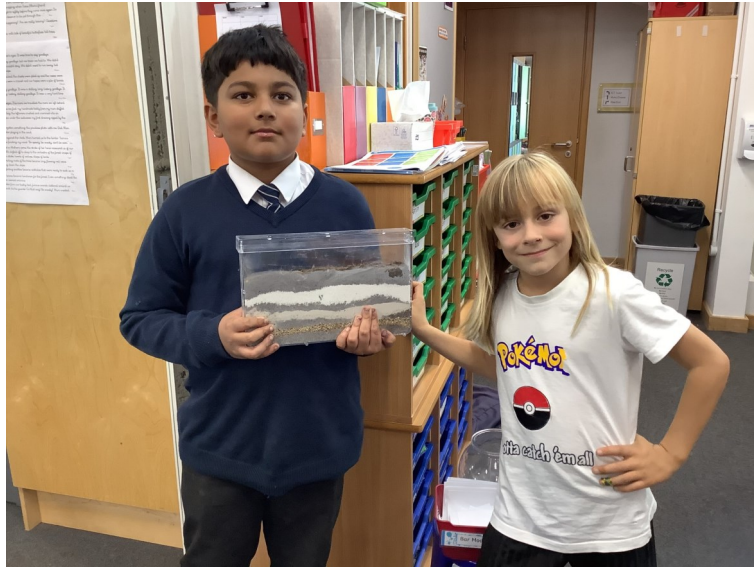
- ◇ Make a difference by helping to drive up standards
- ◇ Get to know your community
- ◇ Develop your new and existing skills through free training courses
- ◇ Improve your knowledge and gain a fascinating insight into the education sector and how policy, curriculum and strategic changes affect children within school
- ◇ It's a rewarding challenge
- ◇ You don't need any formal qualifications or particular skills

To find out more contact the school office on 01733 265959

To apply click here: [School Governor \(Longthorpe Primary School\) | Peterborough Keys Academies Trust \(pkat.co.uk\)](#)

The Wormery

The Wormery was made by us. We managed to find a family of worms and they settled in nicely. We added layers of small rocks, sand and dirt. Guess what? A worm managed to escape but in the end we put it back in his home. That day, we had a lot of fun. I wonder if you can make a wormery!



Did you know.....

- ◇ *Worms have been around for over 600 million years.*
- ◇ *There are thousands of different types of worm.*
- ◇ *In the UK, the most common type of worm is the Earthworm.*
- ◇ *They do not have arms, legs or bones. They are called invertebrates, which means they have no back bone.*

(Wormery Designers)



Harvest Festival

Thank you for all the donations for our Harvest Festival Collection. The children loved creating their line of food. We made our line reach all the way from Mrs Trethewy's office to past the library! This will make a difference to a lot of people in Peterborough.



Reception

Reception have hit the ground running! They are getting used to the routines and expectations of school. Our days are packed with building, painting, cutting, creating, stories, music, Lego, to name a few! We have taught our first 8 sounds, are practicing to write them and blend to read simple words. A massive thanks to our parents for their continued support and labelling all of our clothing.



Year 1

Year 1 have spent this half term researching their local area and where they live. We have been thinking about human and physical features and went out searching for them in our local area. The children spent a lovely morning doing fieldwork and observational drawings.



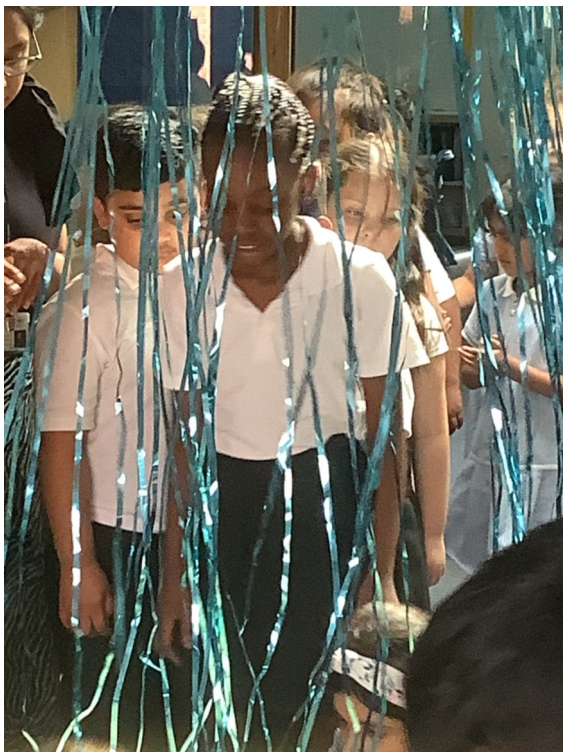
Year 2

This half term we have been learning about our local history. We finished the half term with a local walk to see Longthorpe tower, the post office, Thorpe hall and the Fox and Hound pub.



Year 3

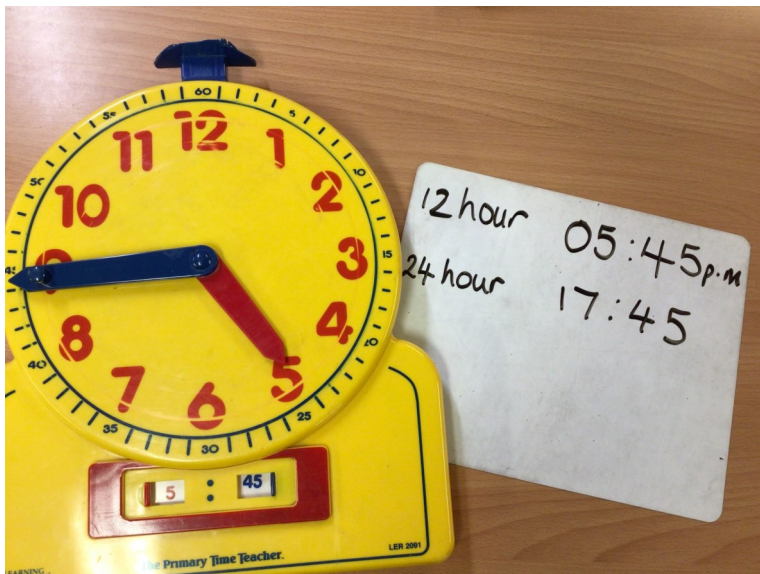
This term year 3 had a trip in a time machine. Don't worry we followed the Time Machine safety guide. We headed back to the pre-historic period and enjoyed cave painting.



Year 4

Year 4 are learning about converting time using the 12 hour clock and the 24 hour clock. Reading the time is an important skill and we would like some help reading the time. Please ask us to read the time at home and quiz us on the conversions in the photo that we have just learnt.

We are also looking forward to our trip to the Tate Modern to see Yayoi Kusama's work. Please remember it is the first day back after half term (Tuesday 31st October) and it is an earlier start at 8am.

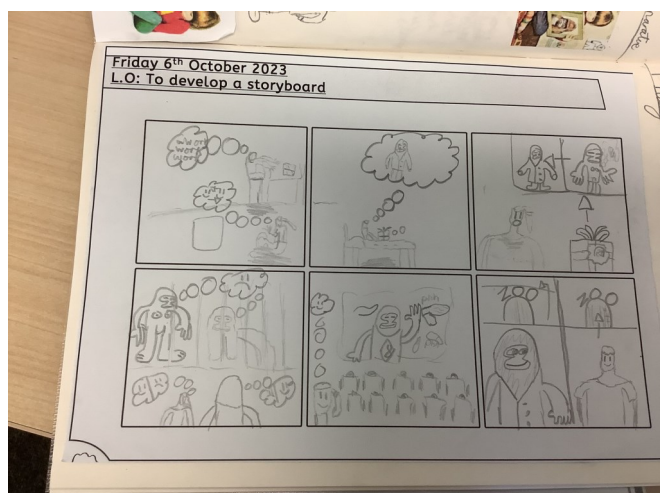
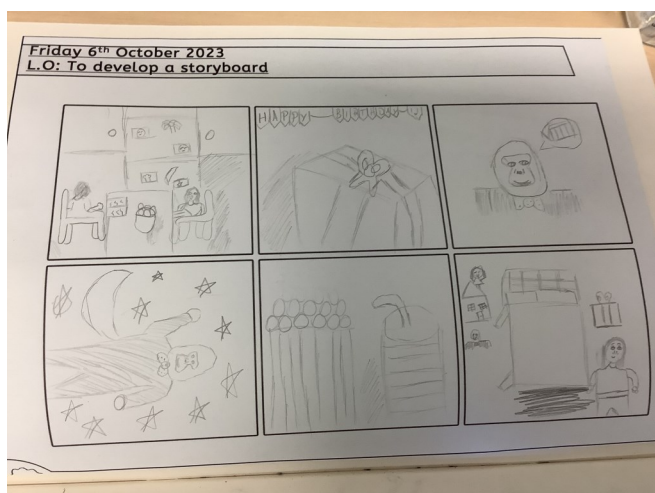


Time Conversion Chart		
60	Seconds =	1 Minute
60	Minutes =	1 Hour
24	Hours =	1 Day/s
7	Days =	1 Week
4	Weeks =	1 Month/s
12	Months =	1 Year

Year 5

Throughout this term, we have been writing an adventure story based on the book 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne. Children have thoroughly enjoyed the process of drafting their own sentences for a collaborative class version. They will now have the opportunity to write their own narrative based on the story – it's wonderful to hear children's fantastic thoughts and ideas.

During our Art lessons, we are also designing and creating our own illustrative narrative, where children can showcase their artistic skills to communicate a story. This year, we have also started Spanish lessons, where the children are showing great enthusiasm. They have learnt lots of fun facts about Spain and discussed the human features across the country. Children are also in the process of learning basic greetings in Spanish, which we are encouraging them to share at home.



Year 6

Helping EYFS (Reception Children)

Recently Year 6 House Captains (8 people) have been given the opportunity to go to EYFS (Reception) and help the children get their belongings. We read stories, guide the children to collect their things and help with getting the right children to meet their adult and go home. It has been a very enjoyable experience getting to know, understand and relate to the little ones. **(Year 6 House Captain)**

We enjoyed working with them because all the children were easy to look after. **(Year 6 House Captain)**



Playground Buddies

Being a playground buddy is a big responsibility, for example:

- ◇ Playing with children
- ◇ Lining children up
- ◇ Leading them to the bathroom or to First Aid
- ◇ Making sure they don't go to the KS2 playground/ equipment

It also involves helping children who have fallen out with their friends or there is a bench which says buddy bench, and if children sit on it, it means that they are upset and don't have anyone to play with. So we go and play with them.

It is an enjoyable task, we always make sure the children have fun but are safe!

(Holly, Aiala, Abdullah, Maya, Jiya)

House Points

Creative	410 Points
Courage	344 Points
Aspire	333 Points
Tenacity	325 Points

LONGTHORPE PTA & FRIENDS UPCOMING EVENTS

PTA– Festival of Light Disco– Thursday 9th November

Our PTA have kindly organised a 'Festival of Light' disco on Thursday 9th November:

Reception + KS1 (Years 1-2)= 4.15pm - 5.15pm
KS2 (Years 3-6)= 5.45pm - 6.45pm

Disco Entry: £3.00 per child



To secure your child's place please make payment and complete the booking form below by Monday 6th November 2023 (4pm)

Please note: you will need to make payment first to get the payment reference needed on the booking form):

Pay Here: [Please pay £3 to Longthorpe PTA \(sumup.com\)](https://sumup.com)

Booking form: <https://form.jotform.com/232914350504348>

LONGTHORPE PTA & FRIENDS



Upcoming Events

Parents Evening - Uniform and Book sale



On the 17th/18th/19th October the PTA will be having a stall in the school hall selling Uniforms and Books

Festival of Lights Disco



Thursday 9th November. Festival of lights Disco for each year group after school.

Christmas Fete \ Santa's Grotto



Monday 18th Dec

World Book Day event



Thursday 7th March

Our PTA have some great events coming up, if you would like to volunteer to help with these, or if you have any other great fundraising idea's please contact them via their Facebook page:



Longthorpe School PTA

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Term Dates 2023—2024

AUTUMN TERM 2023		
Autumn Term Opens	Wednesday 6th September	
Autumn Half Term	Friday 20th Oct - Friday 27th Oct	School closed
Staff Training Day	Monday 30th Oct	School closed
Autumn Ends	Tuesday 19th December	1pm finish
SPRING TERM 2024		
Staff Training Day	Wednesday 3rd January	School closed
Spring Opens	Thursday 4th January	
Spring Half Term	Monday 19th Feb - Friday 23rd Feb	School closed
Spring Ends	Thursday 28th March	1pm finish
SUMMER TERM 2024		
Summer Opens	Monday 15th April	
Bank Holiday	Monday 6th May	School closed
Summer Half Term	Friday 24th May—Friday 31st May	School closed
Summer Ends	Friday 19th July	1pm finish

Dates for your Diary

- **Tuesday 31st October— Year 4 Tate Modern Trip**
- **Tuesday 31st October— Year 7 2024— Application Closing Date**
- **Wednesday 1st November- Individual & Sibling Photo's**
- **Wednesday 1st November— Deadline for deposit -Year 2 Lion King**
- **Monday 6th November— KS2 Choir After School Club returns**
- **Monday 6th November— Deadline for payment for Festival of Light Disco**
- **Thursday 9th November— Festival of Light Disco**
- **Tuesday 7th November— Year 4 Parent MTC Meeting— 3.30pm**
- **Friday 17th November— Deadline for payment— Year 3 New Theatre Trip**
- **Tuesday 28th November— Year 3 Trip— New Theatre**

