

WEEKLY 'HEAD'-LINES

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope that you are enjoying the beautiful weather while remaining safe and well.

Later next week we expect an announcement from the Department for Education about their plans for schools from September with clear guidelines about how we can meet their expectations. This should mean that I can give you answers about what school will look like in the next academic year over the next two weeks. We have also received information about how we can issue free school meal vouchers to our eligible families for the summer holidays. If this applies to you, Mrs Linton will be in contact with you about this scheme.

I am hopeful that we will all be back together as one community in September and in the meantime if you need any further assistance with home learning please do contact us.

Mrs Sonia Taylor
Headteacher



Teaching and Learning

As the warm weather returns and you're perhaps running out of ideas of how to engage your children in activities, why not engage them in a larger project? For example, something simple like a 'twig sculpture' will cover a range of skills required in schools. First of all, their creativity will be sparked as think about making an animal like a magical deer or a mythical creature like a dragon. However, they may prefer something more practical like a basket or a chair - the decision is up to them. Children can use their art and design skills to plan out what materials they can use that they might find, as well as materials they'd like from the house. Alternatively, you could limit the materials that they're allowed to use in advance, so they know the challenge ahead of them.

- Children then start off by finding the materials that might be useful. Collect them then put them in a pile where you are ready to work.
- Use dead twigs and small branches to build the main shape. Use twine to tie twigs together.
- Weave in grasses, leaves, flowers and feathers.
- You might allow the children to add their own decorations (tin foil, paperclips ... whatever you've allowed them) or you might stipulate that the sculpture has to be made only from things they have found.
- Use ICT skills to share the creation with friends.
- Use English skills to write either a background story for the character or a write-up of the design process.
- Share them with school to get deserved recognition.

For older children, ask students to write you five quiz questions on what they're currently learning; you could then allow them to teach you the subject that they're working on and then give you the quiz. Teaching others is a great way of embedding your own understanding, so this process would prove genuinely useful to your child.

Exciting Initiative Starting From September



FOOTBALL REFEREE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Starting in September 2020, The Marches Academy Trust are excited to be hosting a Football Referee Development Programme for students in Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 that attend Sir John Talbot's School and The Grove School.

The programme will provide students with a great understanding of how to become a football referee. Students will gain experience and support primary schools within the Trust refereeing their school league football matches.

For more information please email:
sports@longlands.sat.coop

Competitions & Challenges

Geography competition: The Royal Geographical Society are running their Young Geographer of the year competition, asking students to submit entries based around the theme of 'the world beyond my window', full competition details can be found [here](#). **The deadline for receipt of all entries is Tuesday 30 June 2020 at 5.00pm.**

History competition: Focus Games Ltd are challenging all age groups to create a unique piece of work, drawing, poster, short story, video or artwork in order to celebrate 100 Great Black Britons and their legacy. Entries close 30 September 2020. click [here](#) for more information.

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