

26th June 2020

Exciting News: Information about classes for next academic year. We have a fantastic team, with some new faces joining us in September. Some are familiar from our partner schools in Banbury. We welcome Miss Kingston, Mrs Clark and Miss Jull to our growing Longford family.

Current Class	New class and teacher for September
Nursery Froebel class	See separate parent letters for more information on new class
Reception/Nursery Nightingale class	Nursery - See separate parent letters for more information on new class Reception children will move to Johnson class (Year 1) with Miss Kingston
Reception/Nursery Franklin	Nursery - See separate parent letters for more information Reception children will move to Johnson class (Year 1) with Miss Kingston
Year 1 Johnson	Johnson class will move to Kahlo class (Year 2) with Miss Jull
Year 2 Kahlo	Kahlo class will move to Brunel class (Year 3) with Mr McLeod.

Class Name	Teacher
Nursery Froebel Class	Mrs Clark
Reception /Nursery Nightingale Class	Mrs Brent
Reception /Nursery Franklin Class	Miss Richmond and Mrs Newton
Johnson Class Year 1	Miss Kingston
Kahlo Class Year 2	Miss Jull
Brunel Class Year 3	Mr McLeod

Food Parcels We will be providing food parcels from Longford Park to families in need. To ensure social distancing, we will be allocating a time slot for collection from school. If you feel that this would be helpful to you and your family, or if you have any questions regarding the food parcels, please contact Megan Evetts on HSLW@gfsschools.org to arrange your regular weekly slot.



Monday 22nd June



Froebel – As part of our ‘superhero’ theme, today we continued to look at the work done by doctors and paramedics and the different tools used to help people. We talked about what doctors do and linked to our story of the week ‘Zog and the Flying Doctors’. We have been getting creative to make thank you cards for our NHS workers and frontline doctors that have helped us throughout the recent uncertainties. Super work created today, well done.

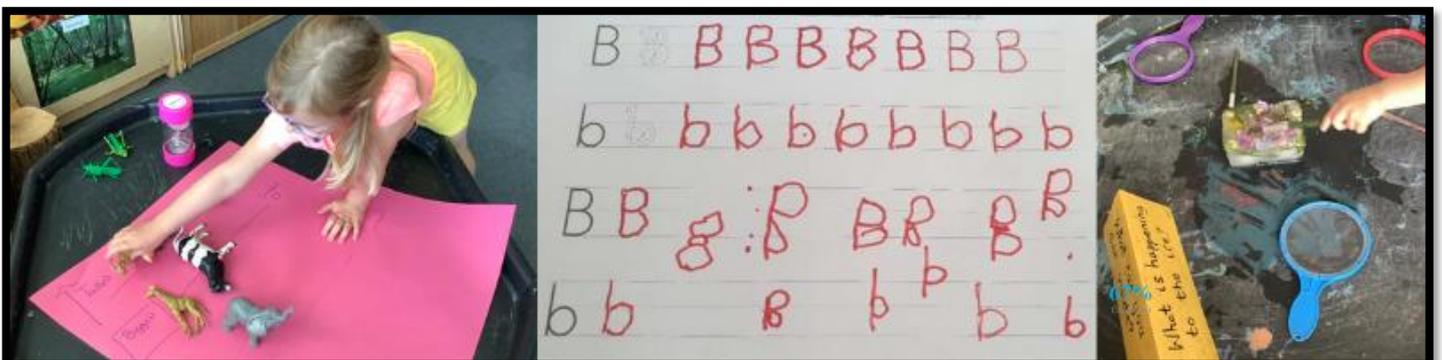
Franklin- This week, we continue our focus on ‘Superheroes’ and our new text is ‘Dogman’. The children have learnt about the different features of a comic strip and have discussed the different characters in the story. They chose a character and wrote a sentence in a speech bubble, to show what the characters might be saying to each other. We have been thinking about cats and dogs and talking about the differences between them. In Maths we have started our new focus on Length and Distance and have been learning about new vocabulary, such as wide and narrow and long and short.

Nightingale - As part of our ‘Superheroes’ topic, this week we started to focus on the Dogman comic book stories about Dogman and his superhero sidekick, Cat Kid. We sat in the sunny garden to practise observational drawings of real cats and dogs, and of Dogman and Cat Kid. We made predictions about what adventures the superhero pair would have together, and we have made masks and capes to support our own superhero role play. In the afternoon we listened to the first Chapter of the story and we are learning about the use of ‘onomatopoeia’ in comic books and thinking of our own examples.

Johnson - The first year 1 bubble returned to school today. They really enjoyed their first day back at school and it was great to see the children so happy. For those at home, children continued with home learning, completing BBC Bitesize tasks and science activities. One child was even reading on top of a car!!! (It was not moving!)

Kahlo – The children have made an excellent start at completing their maths work related to measurements. They have also thought really hard about what they would need in order to survive on a desert island in order to complete the science task this week. There have been some super readers this week and the reading tasks set have been completed to a great standard, showing that the children are incredibly good at understanding characters thoughts and feelings.

Tuesday 23rd June



Froebel- Today we have been focusing on the different parts of the body and how we look after them. Still focusing on our theme of doctors and nurses, we had a more in depth look at the transport used to help people in need. We used junk modelling to create role play ambulances and watched some interesting videos all about the different components of hospital

transportation and tools used to help us. In maths we have focused on the different methods to make the number 4 and the easiest layout for addition and instant recall. Great work today Froebel class.

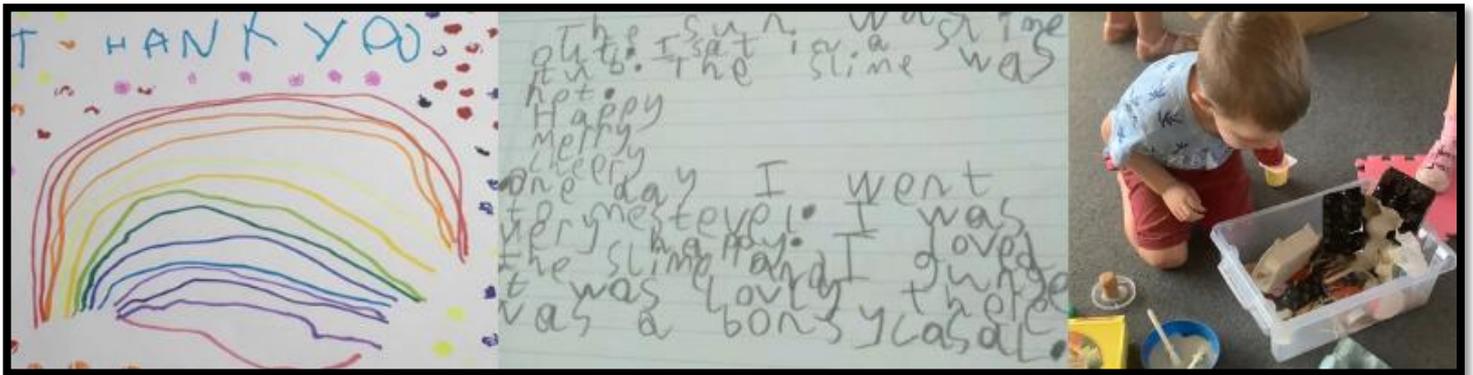
Franklin- Today has been a hot day so we have been enjoying investigating ice blocks containing flowers and leaves. The children used magnifying glasses to look carefully at what was being revealed when the ice melted. Outside, the children were painting ice cubes and watching the coloured ice melt into each other. We have continued to focus on measuring in Maths and compared the size of our feet against the size of different objects in the classroom, using words such as 'longer', 'shorter' and 'about the same'.

Nightingale - Today we have been creating traps to capture Evil Petey from the Dogman stories. We thought carefully, planning about how our traps might work and writing lists of the equipment we would need. We built a range of traps and then each presented our work to the class. Making the most of the warm weather, we set up a bike wash in the shade in the garden, all working together as a team to allocate different roles in this important work. A super day full of 'hands on' learning.

Johnson - The first year 1 bubble continued at school today. They are so happy to be able to see one another again. For those at home, children continued with home learning, completing BBC Bitesize tasks and science activities. One child has worked through the pain, as I know he's unwell, to produce some good Maths work. Well done Year 1.

Kahlo have produced some great work today, they have designed and even created their own musical instruments. They then went on to compare their homemade instruments with ones that are used during Brazilian carnivals.

Wednesday 24th June



Froebel – Today in Froebel class, as we continue with our 'People who help us' theme, we have begun to think about how firefighters and police officers help us in the community. We have looked at exactly what these important jobs entail, and what a day in the life of a police officer looks like. We have been getting active in the sunshine playing games of traffic police, giving our grown-ups hand gestures and instructive movements just like a traffic police officer. Some super work completed in phonics today too, your letters and sounds knowledge and skills are really developing. Lovely to see you enjoying the sunshine too. Great work.

Franklin – Today Franklin class have been continuing with their home learning. They have been busy measuring the height of their teddies and have also used books to measure the distance that they can jump! In literacy the children have been making comic strips to show what they have been doing during the day. They thought hard about the words that they could use, for example 'SPLASH' next to the paddling pool!

Nightingale - Some great home learning occurring today, with the children writing comic strips of their day using onomatopoeia words in speech bubbles to accompany the pictures they drew. At home they have been measuring toys and teddies and arranging them into height order, using lots of mathematical language.

Johnson - Johnson class were back to being busy at home today. The reading work continues to be great. The children are clearly enjoying reading at home and completing their tasks.

Kahlo. The children have been learning loads of fun facts about the history of chocolate and discovering how chocolate is made. They have made great suggestions about what desserts they would like to see chocolate in.

Thursday 25th June



Froebel- Such a beautiful sunny day to engage with our home learning outdoors. Today, Froebel class have enjoyed learning all about fire safety and our how our helpful hero's help our community in the fire station and around our town. We have also been spotting police cars and fire engines during our walks in the sunshine and completing an observational drawing of what they look like. Well done for another super day.

Franklin - It has been a lovely sunny day and the children have enjoyed using chalk to draw around each other and then measuring how many blocks tall they are. They also took part in some PE activities such as; throwing the beanbag into the hoop, dribbling a football in and out of cones, and attempting a long jump! We discussed the importance of exercise for a healthy body, as well as hand washing, brushing teeth and healthy eating.

Nightingale - Today we kept cool by exploring floating and sinking in the water tray and enjoying painting and drawing in the shade. The children have been continuing to write their own comic book strips, and we have also been looking at how to keep ourselves healthy. The children are so good at washing their hands thoroughly but we have also been thinking about how to keep cool in the heat and ensure our bodies get enough water.

Johnson - Bubble B group returned to school today. We had a great day with some handwriting, a bit of Maths fun and in the afternoon, we played water balloon cricket to try and beat the heat!

Kahlo Today Kahlo class cooked lots of delicious Brazillian treats, from cheesy Pao de queijo to chocolaty Brigadeiros. The children have also been showing off the fabulous work they have been completing via BBC Bitesize for maths.

Friday 26th June

Froebel - A lovely end to a busy week for Froebel class, we have been exploring some of our wonderful school values that our helpful hero's adapt to be helpful within lives, and celebrating the hard work they have done over the past few months. Our children are getting super at our phonic sounds and it is lovely to see so many children engaging with letters and sounds games. Keep up the wonderful work and enjoy the weekend.

Franklin - The children have thought of some great ideas for their own comic strips today,



choosing their own setting and exciting plot. They have continued to work on the topic of length and have made predictions about how many blocks long items from the classroom are. They were getting very accurate by the end of the session! Outside they have been playing with water, observing how ice melts and using large paint brushes to write on the playground.

Nightingale - Today we enjoyed water painting, writing the comic book-themed onomatopoeia words we have been learning by using water, brushes and squeeze bottles! We have concluded our look at measuring length in Maths and have enjoyed testing our best long jump distances. Next week we will be predicting and measuring the weight of different objects.

Johnson - Lots of home learning being done again. In school, we started on our writing work, learning about verbs today to build towards some fun poetry work. We also had a Maths quiz and we started some pattern-based artwork.

Kahlo - A busy day for Kahlo with lots of fantastic learning happening. Some children have continued to make tasty Brazilian foods and written about how they tasted. The children have also been showing off their great mathematical knowledge when completing the Friday maths challenges! Well done Kahlo class. Have a great weekend.

Home School Link Worker: From Megan Evetts - Just a reminder that I am still available to support families throughout these uncertain and challenging times. I will be contacting parents that I work with on a weekly basis by telephone, and all parents can contact me directly using the following email address - oxhslw@gfhschools.org



Additional Home Learning Support: You may have seen, over social media, that number of new resources have been launch nationally to support learning whilst schools remain closed. We intend to continue with our existing home learning offer and will be making use of some of the BBC Bitesize resources where relevant. These will be added into our daily overviews for you to make use of. Should you wish to access any further learning activities, there is now a wealth of daily lessons for all year groups through the following website: <https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom> The Oak National Academy is a new collection of high-quality lessons and online resources. Backed by the Government, it has been created in response to the coronavirus lockdown. Their online classroom offers free access to great teachers delivering video lessons, quizzes and worksheets. Available for

both primary and secondary levels, it covers a range of subjects. All of the lessons are ordered so your child can learn along a clear plan, with new lessons and resources each week. Please note, there is **no** expectation for you to use any of these additional resources. However, they are there for you to access should you wish to.

Have a lovely weekend!

Claire Martin

Head of School and the School Team

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1st Scarlett D

2nd Scarlett G

3rd Lucy B



STARS OF THE WEEK

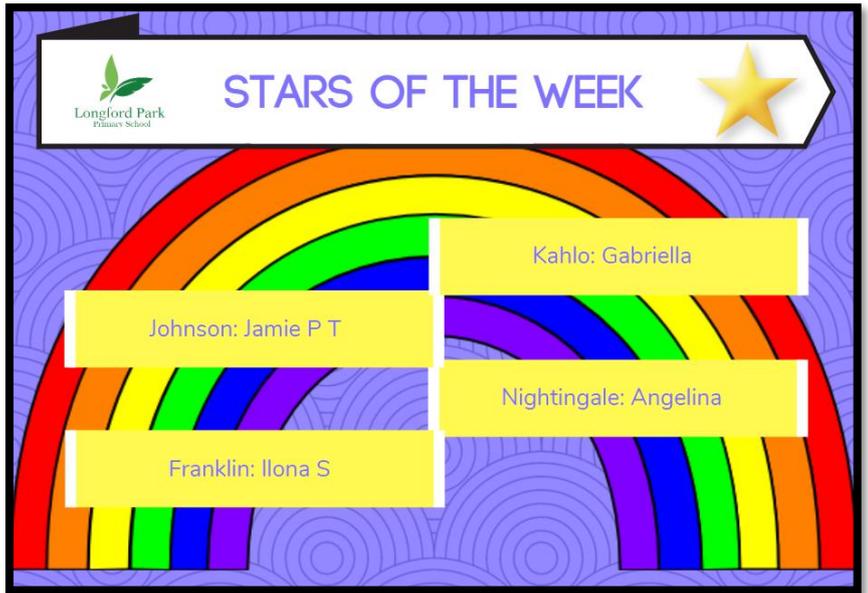


Kahlo: Gabriella

Johnson: Jamie P T

Nightingale: Angelina

Franklin: Ilona S



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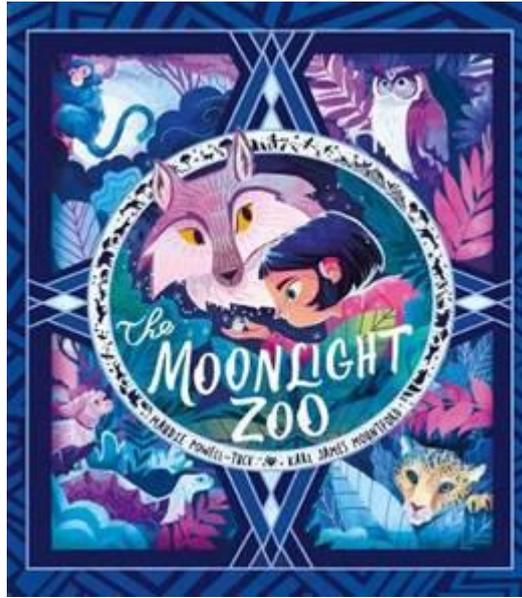
1st Teddy B

2nd Helena

3rd Charlie



Mrs Martins Book Recommendation



Author: Maudie Powell-Tuck **Illustrator:** Karl James Mountford **Publisher:** Little Tiger

Review

Eva has lost her cat, Luna. She's been missing for two days and Eva is really worried. Yet, as Eva stares out at the moon, wishing for Luna to come home, she hears a noise under her bed and crawls underneath, finding The Moonlight Zoo, a place that keeps all lost animals safe at night. Once inside the Zoo, Eva navigates her way through the Penguin Palace, Monkey Island and Wolf Mountain with the help of a wonderful grey wolf guide. Can she find Luna before morning comes? This magical tale is enhanced with Mountford's stunning high colour artwork and die-cut pages that encourage the reader to follow details and visual clues onto the next page. As well as being a visual treat, the story is a reassuring one with a happy ending, perfect for little ones that might have lost a pet. Even if they haven't, it's a sweet tale to share at bedtime with animal lovers.

COVID-19 SAFETY ADVICE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

OUR PRIMARY CONCERN IS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL OUR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND SCHOOL STAFF. PLEASE HELP US WHEN DROPPING OFF / PICKING UP YOUR CHILD:

- Arrive on time for your allocated start/end time
- Maintain 2 metre distancing from other parents and children
- Please avoid grouping around the gate. Give people space to enter and exit
- Follow any directional signage, especially one-way routes
- Leave promptly after drop-off or pick-up

REMEMBER, YOUR CHILD MUST NOT COME TO SCHOOL:

- If they have a temperature, a new cough or have a change in their sense of smell or taste
- If they are in an 'extremely clinically vulnerable' health category
- If they are living with anyone who is 'shielding'

ANY CHILDREN WHO DEVELOP SYMPTOMS WHILE IN SCHOOL WILL NEED TO BE COLLECTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

KEEP SAFE

Longford Park Primary School App

Now more than ever, it is essential that our parents have this app.

Through the app, we are able to:

- Send messages – much like text, but with more information and links
- Provide information – such as news items, school dinner information etc
- Contact information at the tip of your fingers
- Events and alerts for our events

Downloading the app

You can download the app from the Playstore (using Android devices) and the App Store if you have an iOS device.

iOS: <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/piota/id1297224201?mt=8>

Playstore: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.piota.app&hl=en_GB

Or search for **Piota – deeper engagement**. The icon is grey and looks like this:



Once you have downloaded it to your device, search for our school and connect.

Using the app

Once downloaded and after your child is enrolled with us and has started, you will be able to register your device with the app, by clicking on the padlock icon:

This will enable us to tailor information to you as a parent. We can send messages to class groups and even individually, so it's really important that you register your device as soon as you are able. Please ensure you allow the app to send notifications as this will alert you to any information that we are sending you.



If you have any questions regarding the app, please email the school office on info@longfordparkschool.org and will try to help you.