



Longridge High School

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WELCOME CLASS OF 2029



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Last month we enjoyed an extremely busy Open Evening. It was lovely to welcome so many families to Longridge High School. They enjoyed taking part in a range of activities across all curriculum areas, ranging from CSI in Science to the Big Question in RE. Pupils from all year groups were on hand to demonstrate activities and chat with families. There were also tours around the school conducted by our Year 11 Prefect team. Families praised all the pupils for being so welcoming. Particular praise went to the prefects, who were all very informative in answering questions as they took tours around the school. Head Prefects Katrina Lancaster and Alicia Gildert spoke warmly about their time at Longridge High School, saying it was a privilege to be working as part of the Head Prefect Team. Year 7 pupils Harry Doyle and Elissa Siddiqui told a packed school hall about their first few weeks at the school, enthusing about how much they were enjoying it, and reassuring primary school children and their families that they would love it too. We also had a busy Open Morning, with prospective families enjoying tours around the school during a working day.

The new building is on target to be completed before Christmas – it has six classrooms for pupils as well as office space. In addition, we are having new roofs across much of the existing school, and this project will also be completed before Christmas. We will be having an official opening of the new block before the Christmas holiday – details to follow, but please have a look at the photos on page 5.

Last Friday, as part of World Mental Health Awareness Day, we raised £351.78 for Young Minds through a cake sale and the selling of yellow ribbons. Many thanks to everyone for their support.

Have a lovely half term and please do not hesitate to get in touch if there is anything you want to ask or for any support you think we might be able to offer.

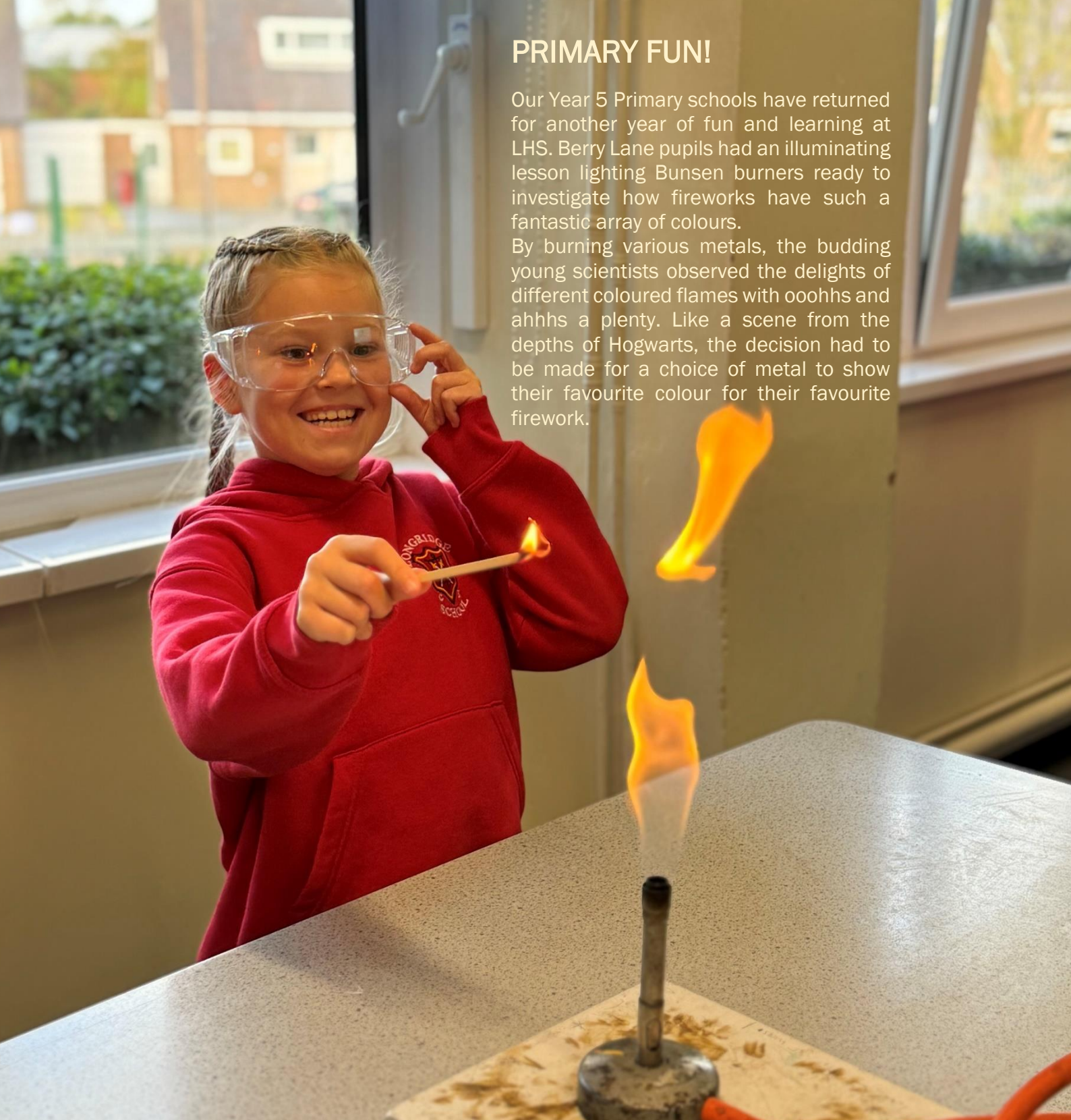


YOUNG MINDS
fighting for young people's mental health

PRIMARY FUN!

Our Year 5 Primary schools have returned for another year of fun and learning at LHS. Berry Lane pupils had an illuminating lesson lighting Bunsen burners ready to investigate how fireworks have such a fantastic array of colours.

By burning various metals, the budding young scientists observed the delights of different coloured flames with oohhs and ahhs a plenty. Like a scene from the depths of Hogwarts, the decision had to be made for a choice of metal to show their favourite colour for their favourite firework.





Enrichment

Last week, enrichment assemblies were delivered to all year groups by Mr Wright and the House Captains. Mr Wright and the House Captains discussed the importance of enrichment and highlighted all the available opportunities in school, which are available to view on the school website. Over the next few weeks, the House Captains will be visiting forms answering any questions.

House Captains Louisa and Ellie said, 'We feel enrichment is important throughout school as confidence is boosted and character is developed - we highly encourage everyone to take part in these and try something new.'

School Parliament – whole school election

Over the next two weeks, pupils will be learning about democracy in Learning for life. After this, we will be hosting a whole school election. This will be an opportunity for pupils to put themselves forward to be elected to the school Parliament. This is a group of 12 pupils who meet once per half term to discuss aspects of life at Longridge High School and contribute to positive change. This is a fantastic leadership opportunity for pupils in all year groups.

Year 7 reflections

'My name is Amber, and I am in 7D - so far I am loving life here at Longridge. One of my personal favourite things at LHS is that all the pupils and teachers are so kind and have helped me and my friends settle in well. My overall favourite lesson is English as we are reading the novel 'Refugee Boy' and have been doing work around that. I also enjoy taking part in extracurricular clubs such as Netball.'

Forty-Eight Hours of Shakespeare Fun!

This week, we took 30 Year 10 pupils on a cultural extravaganza in Stratford-upon-Avon. As the birthplace and home of our most famous playwright, William Shakespeare, we immersed ourselves into his life, his plays and his historical surroundings. Accompanied by Miss Lister, Mr Anyon and Mrs Gibson, the group spent two days exploring all that Stratford had to offer. We visited the birthplace home of Shakespeare and watched a superb performance of his play, Othello' at the Swan Theatre by the River Avon after a two course pre theatre meal at Zizzi's!

The second day was spent walking along the riverbank and visiting Holy Trinity Church and Shakespeare's grave. The tour was completed with an exhibition of the 'Play's the Thing' at the Swan Theatre as well as an interactive tour of his schoolroom and Guildhall.

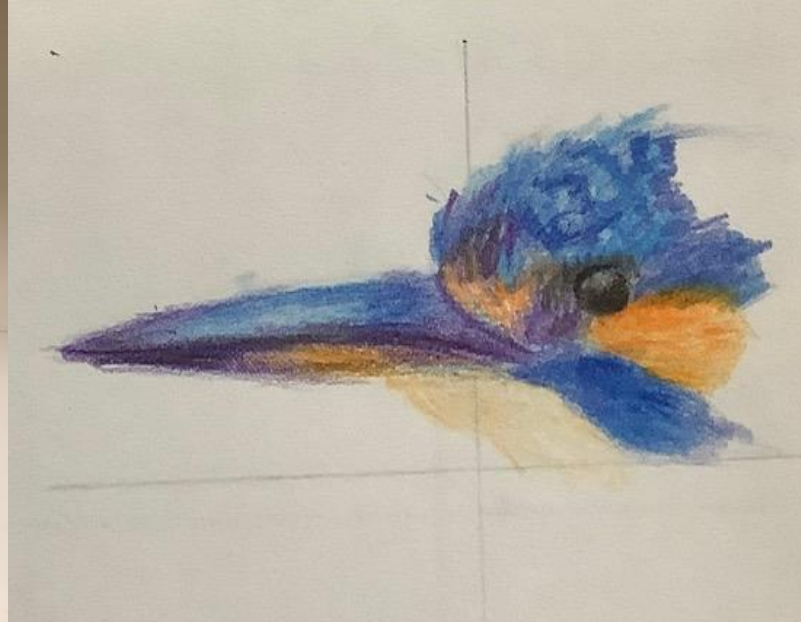
Miss Lister managed a selfie with Iago and reprised her role from last year as tour and quiz guide. A role she executes with great vigour and skill!

This year's winners of the coach quiz were Tom, Amelia, Samantha, Ella May, Lucy, Amy and Violet – a fiercely competitive and high scoring encounter. The pupils behaved impeccably throughout the visit and were a credit to themselves and the school! As Shakespeare himself said, 'All's well that ends well!'





There have been some wonderful pieces of Art created by the current Year 8 classes in Art. The pencil crayon studies are by pupils in 8D and the ceramic pieces are by pupils in 8M. We have some fantastic artists in the making! I can't to see what they create in their next project.



OUR LOVELY NEW BUILDING IS COMING ON A TREAT!

We are in the final stages of the completion of our new building. Classrooms are being painted and we are getting quite excited. The landscapes around the building are next on the agenda and we are expecting the furniture over the half term.....Turners' Construction have done a fantastic job for us.

