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Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Whole School Weekly Update – 0097-20NLI

- Home Study Superstars – ask your child to check their school email account!
- Safer Internet Day – 9th February 2021
- Audible – free online books
- Book of the month reading competition – Get reading
- Orchards for Schools programme
- Careers – online careers resource ‘Start’

Remote Education

We would like to say well done to our pupils for another excellent week engaging with Remote Education on Teams. Our Remote Education section of the website is regularly updated, check the hints, tips and troubleshooting guidance if you or your child need any support:

[Remote Education Guidance | Longfield Academy | Swift Academies](#)

Rewards - Home Study Superstars



To add to our rewards package during the period of Remote Education, we will be sending digital postcards to pupils' school email addresses.
 Ask your child to check their email inbox regularly to see if their teacher has nominated them as a Home Study Superstar!

Welfare



Members of the Welfare Team are on site every day. Telephone calls, well-being services including Counselling, meetings and doorstep visits continue as usual. Please contact school if you wish to speak with a member of the Welfare Team. Please take the opportunity to visit the ‘Welfare’ section of the Longfield website and Longfield Welfare Instagram account where you will find helpful support, guidance and signposting. The links below are to our E-Safety, Mental Health and Safeguarding blogs. They provide a wealth of information to support your child during this period of lockdown.

<https://esafety.swiftacademies.org.uk/>

<https://swiftacademies.org.uk/swift-mental-health/>

<https://swiftacademies.org.uk/swift-safeguarding/>



We Are Longfield Daily



'We Are Longfield Daily' activities continue via Year Group Teams at 11.15am each day. Pupils are to open the assignment link to view the resources they have been set each day.

Safer Internet Day 2021 – Tuesday 9th February

This year's theme for Safer Internet Day is "**An internet we trust – exploring reliability in the online world**". The campaign focuses on how we know what online resources and websites to trust, supporting young people to question, challenge and change the online world. It will explore how influence, persuasion and manipulation can impact young people's decisions, opinions and what they share online. We want to give young people the skills to support one another, and the strategies to spot and speak out against harmful and misleading content online.

Pupils will be covering these themes in their assemblies for week commencing Monday 8th of February. there is also a Safer Internet Day online quiz that your child can take part in at: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2021/safer-internet-day-2021-quiz>

There is a wealth of E-Safety support and advice that can be accessed via the E-Safety blog on the school website. Support and guidance can also be found at the UK Safer Internet Centre <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2021>

Free Online Book Resource



Children everywhere can instantly stream an incredible collection of stories, including titles across eight different languages, that will help them continue dreaming, learning, and just being kids. All stories are free to stream on your desktop, laptop, phone or tablet. Explore the collection, select a title and start listening. It's that easy. <https://stories.audible.com/>

Book of the Month Reading Competition



Multiple studies suggest that reading for pleasure increases academic success, confidence and self-esteem. To encourage reading for pleasure we have introduced an exciting whole school competition. There are green clicks and entrance into the Grand monthly draw.

To enter, pupils need to:

- Read the 'Book of the Month'
- Send one form of evidence (we suggest a retrieval strategy) to Mrs Martin via email kmartin@longfield.swiftacademies.org.uk

February's book is '**Cogheart**' by Peter Bunzi.

Force of Nature Orchards for Schools

The school has signed up to the #ForceForNature Orchards for Schools programme. We have received ten orchard trees (apples, cherries, pear and plum varieties) & thirty hedgerow trees. The trees will support the school's "Good Life Project" to allow us to grow our own produce and encourage wildlife to visit the school site.

Spotlight on Careers with 'Start'

Help your child to explore their future

As part of the school's commitment to prepare pupils for a rapidly changing world, we are delighted to announce that we are using an innovative online resource called 'Start'.

Start will help your child to connect with their future career potential, develop their employability and help them to explore future career and study options at school and at home.

How should your child use it?

Over the next few weeks' pupils will receive a username and password via their school email account. Once logged on, pupils will be directed to suggested modules that will allow them to develop their profile as the job market, post 16-courses / providers and opportunities become available.

What if you want to use Start yourself?

Parents / Carers can also use Start to support their child. For more information or support to access Start, please contact Mr James Raw, Careers Lead or Mrs Gill Smith, Careers Adviser by emailing:

jraw@longfield.swiftacademies.org.uk
gillsmith@longfield.swiftacademies.org.uk

Community

Please continue to share with us any acts of kindness or positive achievements that our pupils have been involved with over recent weeks. As a community school, we want to celebrate with you and to help raise the aspirations of our young people. Please send any information to:
socialmedia@longfield.swiftacademies.org.uk

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact reception on T: 01325 380815 or by emailing
enquiries@longfield.swiftacademies.org.uk

Yours faithfully,



Mr N Lindsay
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