

# Longdean Leadership Academy News



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Welcome to the Longdean leadership academy newsletter. Another busy term of fantastic work by our academy students. Miss McCawley

## Barclays Girls Football Partnership – Biggest Ever Girls Football Event.

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – International Women’s Day, Longdean female football coaches, and female sports leaders delivered our biggest ever football festival. 600 primary school girls from years 3, 4, 5, & 6 attended the event which was split into skills activities in the morning and games in the afternoon.

The Longdean Leaders delivered 8 different skills activities in the morning having received training from Mrs Hill and Miss McCawley. They were then given a team to manage in the afternoon.

Local referees/coaches/clubs all supported the event, and we had Herts FA come and see the event in action too. Mrs Hill was instrumental in getting our two female football pro’s – one from Watford and one from Tottenham Hotspur to attend.

A fantastic day which would not have been possible without all of our sports leaders. Thank you all!



  
“Sweet  
Caroline”



## Other Girls Football Leadership News



Our current Year 7 Girls Football Leaders know as ‘GAME ON’ leaders were trained by Mrs Hill as part of the Barclays Girls FA training available to all Secondary Schools. The girls took part in a virtual session, and will continue to get resources and support from Mrs Hill for the rest of the year. They are tasked with getting more female footballers involved in the game.

### ‘Barclays Game Changers’

Longdean School also nominated three girls to be part of our District Game Changers programme – These three girls will be tasked with raising the profile of girl’s football and inspiring the next generation of girls. Well done to Grace, Grace and Lucy for being nominated.



## Year 8

The year 8 sports leaders supported with the School Games Primary Year 6 Sportshall Athletics event on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February held at Longdean in the Sportshall.

Schools arrived during the afternoon, and leaders were in charge of timekeeping and measuring.

They all did a brilliant job of encouraging the year 6’s to be the best they could be.



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## Year 7

Our year 7's supported with two DSSN events this term.

Firstly, on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at the Year 3 Target Games event held in the School Hall – The leaders were split in half- During the morning half the group led the activities, whilst the other half scored for the schools. In the afternoon the leaders swapped roles. This enabled everyone to get experience of both leading and scoring. The event was a huge success, and the year 7's having been trained on the Friday before were a real credit to the school.



The second event took place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March which was the Year 2 Sportshall Athletics event again held in the main hall. Once again sports leaders shared the roles during both the morning and afternoon slot.

Well done to everyone that supported – It was lovely to see the improvement in confidence and leadership skills of some of the students.

## Year 9

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February year 9 sports leaders were asked to support DSSN deliver the year 1 sports festival at Hemel Hempstead Everyone Active. The leaders were brought to the centre by Longdean PE staff, and spent both afternoons delivering activities including balance biking, football, cricket, dance, crazy catch, basketball, skittles & trampolining.

On 18<sup>th</sup> March – DSSN held an Easter Egg Extravaganza for year 3 & 4 pupils at Longdean – Once again the year 9 sports leaders were split into AM and PM slots, and helped deliver the stations and score for the schools.



## Inclusion Champions

6 Inclusion Champions from year 9 were selected and received their school training from Miss McCawley and Miss Barry – Those champions were then invited to fill a space at the county training day on 8<sup>th</sup> February at Herts Sports Village – They were joined by seven other schools from across the county, and took part in activities based around Paralympic sports. They also enjoyed a talk from athlete role model Steve Frew, and two of our Hertfordshire young athlete role models. Miss Barry will now work with the champions to deliver a club/festival for pupils in year 7 during the summer term.

Well done to all of the Champions for all your effort and hard work during both training activities.

