

Longside School Wider Achievement

You'll probably hear teachers use the words 'wider achievement'. This means everything that children learn from hobbies, interests, volunteering, part-time jobs and so on. The skills they gain from these are important for young people for life, and also for their future college, university and job applications. These skills are valued by employers and are an important part of your child's learning and development.

We want children and young people of all ages to value and be proud of what they learn outwith the classroom, as well as in it. We want to give credit to pupils for what they are doing. The words we use for this are 'recognising achievement'. As well as formal teaching (the curriculum), we offer all sorts of opportunities like:



Leadership Roles	Pupil Parliament
Residential and other trips	House Groups
Bikeability and Swimming	Charity work – Race for Life
Sustainability	Enterprise
Pupil Buddies	JRSOs (Junior Road Safety Officers)
Presentations / concerts	School Clubs
School Events – e.g. Sports Day	

In school we try to keep a record of children's wider participation, this helps us to signpost any additional, enriching opportunities to children/families. Sometimes we will offer a child an additional responsibility in school to help nurture specific attributes.

We invite our children to share any wider accomplishment/achievement with their class and, when practicable, we will share it with the wider school via Facebook. Children are excited by each other's successes and this can spark a new interest and foster ambition!

What you can do now?

- Encourage your child to learn new things and to value themselves
- Encourage your child to take part in anything the school can offer (speak to the school if there are costs which you can't afford)
- Encourage your child to tell their teacher(s) about their achievements and bring in certificates, medals, items they have created, photos, etc.