



# NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



## Headteacher Comment:

'What did you do at school today? This is a question that I'm sure many of you ask when you pick up your children from school. I hope that you get a long and detailed answer about all the learning that has taken place and how much fun the children have had. I warned the new Reception parents at the induction meeting on Tuesday evening that the answer is more likely to be 'not a lot' or 'I can't remember'. This of course isn't going to be true.

Children can often not be ready to talk about their day when they first leave school, but I know from experience that later on, usually when they should be going to sleep, you will start to hear more and more information about what happened and what was learnt. That is if there is an opportunity to talk. We are all guilty of spending too much time on our phones not talking to those around us. How many times have we seen young children and their parents sitting on a bus or in a restaurant playing on a phone on a tablet.

Engaging with our children, talking to them and doing things with them develops many skills. The primary one being speech. Schools are seeing more and more children starting school who find it harder to listen, harder to speak clearly and harder to concentrate. That is why putting away the phones and tablets and talking and doing things together is so important.

To start the conversation off today, below are some photographs of some of the great things that have taken place this week at Larchwood. Year 4 have been producing excellent art, Reception have had their work published in a book for young writers, Year 2 and 3 took part in a map workshop as part of geography fieldwork month as well as Year 3 going on a local walk, not to mention the district cricket and rounders we took part in. Have a chatty weekend – and please read!



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## Sports Day

Just a reminder that the two sports days are being held next week. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have theirs on Monday starting at 10am, while Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have theirs on Wednesday at 10am. Children come to school in their normal uniform, but each child needs to have a T-shirt in school for their colour (slips will have been given out) and will wear this with their PE kit. Parents are to enter via the KS2 doors (near the main office) which will open at about 9:50am. We look forward to an enjoyable morning which will finish around 11:30am.

## Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Team	Monitor	Demonstrate	Prohibit	Academy	Evident	Ultimate



## Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Daniel in 3B for showing the value of responsibility and being an amazing young man.



## Stars of the Week

RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B
Brodey	Jack	All of 1A	All of 1P	Joel	Reese	Harrison
3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R
Teddy	Sophie	Aarian	Henry	Abina	Harvey	Freddie



## Reading at Home

Well done 2G 5P and 6R. 6R win the trophy once again.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RM	2 (7%)	15 (50%)	13 (43%)	28 (93%)
RT	8 (28%)	7 (24%)	14 (48%)	21 (72%)
1A	7 (24%)	7 (23%)	16 (53%)	23 (76%)
1P	4 (14%)	6 (24%)	16 (62%)	22 (86%)
2C	4 (13%)	3 (11%)	22 (76%)	25 (87%)
2G	0 (0%)	9 (32%)	19 (68%)	28 (100%)
3B	1 (4%)	4 (14%)	23 (82%)	27 (96%)
3C	5 (16%)	5 (16%)	21 (68%)	26 (84%)
4LC	1 (3%)	8 (28%)	20 (69%)	28 (97%)
4T	6 (21%)	7 (25%)	15 (54%)	22 (79%)
5L	3 (11%)	6 (21%)	19 (68%)	25 (89%)
5P	0 (0%)	7 (26%)	20 (74%)	27 (100%)
6C	2 (7%)	8 (29%)	18 (64%)	26 (93%)
6R	0 (0%)	4 (15%)	23 (85%)	27 (100%)
Total				89%



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## Diary Dates

Below are some of the important dates coming up this term:

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception, Year 1 and 2 sports day (10am)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 – 6 sports day (10am)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	LPPA Bingo Night
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Trip – Chelmsford Museum
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Trip – Barleylands
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 taster day at St Martins
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	LPPA Big Barbeque and Bounce (after school)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Trip – Thorndon Country Park
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Residential Trip – Mersea Outdoors
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception Trip – Boydells Dairy Farm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Celebration Evening
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Junior Governing Board trip to Parliament
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year discos
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Larchwood's Got Talent and Last day of term



## Weekly Attendance

**Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	97.7%	99.3%	97.7%	89.7%	95.3%	93.3%	97%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	95%
Attendance	97.7%	94.3%	91.3%	96.6%	91%	95.9%	93.4%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
RT	RM, 1A, 3C	3B



## Yearly Attendance

**Yearly Attendance – from 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	95.8%	93.2%	95.3%	95.5%	96.4%	95.1%	96.2%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	95.3%
Attendance	95.9%	95.6%	94.6%	95.1%	95.6%	96.4%	93.5%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2C/ 6C	3B	3C



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