



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher Comment:

This is the last full News and Views of the term, but before I look ahead to next year, I thought I would share some of the great things taking place in school this week.

The biggest and most exciting event has been having 13 students from China join us for the week. Although they have been mostly in Year 4, 5 and 6, they have been in other classes and have been around the school all week. They also got to join football club, cricket club and netball club. Today we have had a fantastic celebration assembly in the hall with them and the whole school. Each student has had a 'buddy' in their class and it has been brilliant to see how good they have been. It has been a fantastic cultural experience for all of us.

Meanwhile, as I'm sure you will be aware from the photos on X (twitter), Year 6 have been on their residential in Mersea. They have had a fantastic time and feedback from staff has been about how great they have all been. I'm sure they will all sleep for the entire weekend (staff and pupils).

We have also had Reception on their trip this week and a really enjoyable French Day for the children in the upper school to reinforce the subject that they start learning from Year 3.

Today reports come home. Having read all 420 of them, I have been impressed with each and every child. The teachers clearly know the children and it is clear how well the children are doing. Monday sees our annual celebration evening taking place from 16.30 pm until 19.00 pm. Although there is an opportunity to discuss the report informally with the class teacher, it is more an opportunity to come and share your child's work with them, tour the school and visit their new classroom. Pabulum, our caterers will be doing food tasting and drinks in the hall where there will also be some of the children's artwork on show and our governors will be conducting a survey. This event is open to our new Reception parents too. We look forward to seeing everyone.

At this time of year, we always have a few staff changes. Miss Adams (one of our Assistant Headteachers) is leaving us to pursue an opportunity outside of teaching that better suits her family situation. Miss Adams has been with us for eight years and has been instrumental in helping the school to become the fantastic place it is. Her hard work as both a teacher and our curriculum leader has been invaluable and she will be sorely missed. Also leaving us are Miss Sweetman and Mrs Holland who support children in different parts of the school. Thank you for all the help you have provided. Finally, although technically not a permanent member of our staff, Mr Weston, who was seconded over to us to help with our maternity cover, will be leaving to join a new school. Mr Weston's experience has added to our capacity as a school this year – not least as he was in Mersea this week with Year 6. Thank you.

Although it is not goodbye, Mrs Chalkley and Miss Morris will be going on maternity leave at the start of next year – I'm sure you will join me in wishing them well with their new families. We will be joined next year by Mrs Hyde who will be teaching in Year 6, Miss Markey who will be teaching in Year 3 and Mrs Holder who will be class sharing in Year 2 with Mrs Pirie (who will also be one of our SENDCOs).



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Gifts and Hospitality Policy

We know that some of you may wish to purchase a small gift for your child's teachers at this time of year to say thank you. While this is never expected, it is always appreciated. We do have to be mindful of accepting gifts that are deemed expensive. For more information please click [here](#) for the DET Gifts and Hospitality policy.

Sunflower Competition

Thank you for all the amazing photographs of the sunflowers in the annual competition. The office are busy working out the winners as we speak ready to present the trophies and declare the overall winner early next week.

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Goal	Portion	Contribute	Prohibit	Philosophy	Fundamental	-



Stars of the Week

RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B
All of RM	All of RT	Elijah	Sebastian	Kadheera	Dylan	Ava
3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R
Penny	Leon	Indie-Blue	Joshua	Freddie	-	-



Reading at Home

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 15 July to Friday 19 July			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RM	4 (14%)	6 (21%)	19 (65%)	25 (86%)
RT	14 (47%)	12 (40%)	4 (13%)	16 (53%)
1A	4 (14%)	3 (10%)	22 (76%)	25 (86%)
1P	5 (15%)	9 (31%)	16 (54%)	24 (85%)
2C	5 (17%)	4 (14%)	20 (69%)	23 (83%)
2G	5 (18%)	9 (32%)	14 (50%)	25 (82%)
3B	3 (10%)	5 (17%)	21 (73%)	26 (90%)
3C	6 (21%)	5 (17%)	18 (62%)	23 (79%)
4LC	1 (4%)	10 (35%)	17 (61%)	27 (96%)
4T	4 (14%)	10 (34%)	15 (52%)	25 (86%)
5L	6 (21%)	7 (24%)	16 (55%)	23 (79%)
5P	2 (8%)	6 (23%)	18 (69%)	24 (92%)
6C	No reading numbers due to Mersea Trip			
6R	No reading numbers due to Mersea Trip			
Total				83%



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Diary Dates

Below are some of the important dates coming up:

Friday 19 July	Reports sent home (Reception – Year 5)
Friday 19 July	Year 6 residential trip returns
Monday 22 July	Reports sent home (Year 6)
Monday 22 July	Move Up Morning / meet your new teacher
Monday 22 July	Celebration Evening
Tuesday 23 July	Don Rae – Year 6
Wednesday 24 July	Year 6 Leavers BBQ
Wednesday 24 July	Junior Governing Board trip to Parliament
Wednesday 24 July	End of year discos
Thursday 25 July	Larchwood's Got Talent and Last day of term
Monday 2 September	Staff return
Tuesday 3 September	First pupil day of next academic year



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Quynn in 4LC for demonstrating the values of responsibility and friendship.



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 15 July 2024

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	97.3%	96.8%	97%	99.7%	95.7%	95.3%	97.3%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	95.8%
Attendance	94.8%	94.7%	94.6%	96.3%	91.6%	96.9%	93.4%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1P	RM & 3B	1A



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 6 September 2023

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	95.9%	92.7%	95.4%	95.6%	96.4%	95.1%	96.1%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	95.1%
Attendance	95.9%	95.9%	94.8%	94.1%	94%	96.3%	93.8%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
2C	6C	3B



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