

## **Headteacher Comment:**

Another busy week at Larchwood and the summer weather finally turned up as well. Our Geography fieldwork month continued this week with both Year 2 and Year 5 going on a local walk (although Year 2's was related to their English book). Year 2 also had a visit from a bee keeper who came and spoke to them all about looking after bees and today was our music day which included a drumming workshop for Year 3 and 4.

Of course, the highlight of the week was the two sports days. I took quite a few photos for X and when looking back at them the overarching theme was one of children trying their best and enjoying themselves – there is no doubt that the children demonstrated the Larchwood values. The day would not be a success without all of your support or without the hard work of Mrs Pirie and Mr Duncan, the parent volunteers and all the staff who help to make the day run smoothly. The overall final results are: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Green Team, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Blue Team, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Red Team, 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Yellow Team.

### **General Election 2024**

At previous general elections we have had to close the school due to the hall being used as a polling station. The good news this year is that the election office at Brentwood Council have agreed that they can use the two rooms they use at local elections at the Year 6 end of the school. As this can be kept locked and access is via the carpark, we are able to keep the school **fully open**. While I'm talking about the election, BBC Essex were in on Thursday talking to some Year 4 children about the upcoming election and what they would do if they became Prime Minister. I'll let you know when the item is being played on the breakfast show – I'm sure they've had some excellent suggestions. Below are some photos of events that have happened in school this week – have a great weekend!





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### **National College Resources for Parents**

As a school we subscribe to The National College. This is a fabulous resource for staff training on hundreds of topics. It also comes with a parent subscription option that gives parents access to training and resources in online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate education. To access this excellent resource just use sign up using the link below: https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/larchwood-primary-school

#### Word of the Week

| Reception | Year l | Year 2 | Year 3  | Year 4   | Year 5     | Year 6  |
|-----------|--------|--------|---------|----------|------------|---------|
| Similar   | Item   | Range  | Consist | Scenario | Psychology | Enhance |



## **Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award**

Elliot in 6C for showing the value of responsibility in the community when helping a young child.

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# **Stars of the Week**

| RM       | RT    | 1A  | 1P      | 2C    | 2 <b>G</b> | 3B     |
|----------|-------|-----|---------|-------|------------|--------|
| Scarlett | Max   | Leo | Sophia  | Darcy | Wilf       | Parker |
| 3C       | 4LC   | 4T  | 5L      | 5P    | 6 <b>C</b> | 6R     |
| Nino     | Byron | Yug | Stanley | Ralph | Hudson     | Miller |



## **Reading at Home**

Well done 6R, amazing as always. There are too many classes where children are not reading enough this week – please read 4 times a week at least.

| Class | Table shows numb | Percentage<br>Read 4 & 5 times |          |           |
|-------|------------------|--------------------------------|----------|-----------|
|       | Monday           | %                              |          |           |
|       | Less than 4      | 4                              | 5        |           |
| RM    | 6 (20%)          | 4 (13%)                        | 20 (67%) | 24 (80%)  |
| RT    | 5 (19%)          | 4 (15%)                        | 17 (66%) | 21 (71%)  |
| 1A    | 5 (17%)          | 6 (21%)                        | 18 (62%) | 18 (83%)  |
| 1P    | 2 (6%)           | 10 (36%)                       | 10 (58%) | 20 (94%)  |
| 2C    | 5 (18%)          | 7 (25%)                        | 16 (57%) | 23 (82%)  |
| 2G    | 3 (10%)          | 9 (31%)                        | 17 (59%) | 26 (80%)  |
| 3B    | 2 (8%)           | 4 (14%)                        | 22 (78%) | 26 (92%)  |
| 3C    | 7 (22%)          | 8 (26%)                        | 16 (52%) | 24 (78%)  |
| 4LC   | 1 (4%)           | 7 (25%)                        | 20 (71%) | 27 (96%)  |
| 4T    | 2 (7%)           | 9 (32%)                        | 17 (61%) | 26 (93%)  |
| 5L    | 9 (32%)          | 4 (14%)                        | 15 (54%) | 19 (68%)  |
| 5P    | 1 (4%)           | 7 (25%)                        | 20 (71%) | 27 (96%)  |
| 6C    | 1 (4%)           | 5 (19%)                        | 20 (77%) | 25 (96%)  |
| 6R    | 0 (0%)           | 3 (11%)                        | 24 (89%) | 27 (100%) |
| Total |                  |                                |          | 86%       |



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

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

Year 3 Trip – Chelmsford Museum Year 1 Trip – Barleylands LPPA ice cream sale Year 5 taster day at St Martins LPPA Big Barbeque and Bounce (after school) Year 2 Trip – Thorndon Country Park Year 6 end of year production – 1:45pm and 6:00pm Year 6 Residential Trip – Mersea Outdoors Reception Trip – Boydells Dairy Farm Year 3 – 6 French day Move Up Morning Celebration Evening Junior Governing Board trip to Parliament End of year discos Larchwood's Got Talent and Last day of term



# Weekly Attendance

#### Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024

| Class      | RM    | RT    | 1A    | 1P    | 2C    | 2 <b>G</b> | 3B    | Whole  |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------|--------|
| Attendance | 95.9% | 93.3% | 95.3% | 95.4% | 96.3% | 95.1%      | 96.1% | school |
|            |       |       |       |       |       |            |       |        |
| Class      | 3C    | 4LC   | 4T    | 5L    | 5P    | 6 <b>C</b> | 6R    | 95.3%  |
| Attendance | 95.9% | 95.6% | 94.6% | 95.2% | 95.6% | 96.4%      | 93.5% |        |
|            |       |       |       |       |       |            |       |        |

| lst | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------|
| 6C  | 2C              | 3B              |



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

| Class      | RM    | RT    | 1A    | 1P    | 2C    | 2G         | 3B    | Whole  |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------|--------|
| Attendance | 98.7% | 96.3% | 95.3% | 92%   | 95%   | 92.7%      | 93.7% | school |
|            |       |       |       |       |       |            |       |        |
| Class      | 3C    | 4LC   | 4T    | 5L    | 5P    | 6 <b>C</b> | 6R    | 95.3%  |
| Attendance | 96.5% | 97%   | 93.7% | 96.9% | 95.5% | 96.2%      | 94.5% |        |

| lst | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | $3^{\mathrm{rd}}$ |
|-----|-----------------|-------------------|
| RM  | 4LC             | 5L                |



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