



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher Comment:

Reading is for life! This was the phrase used by Miss Beard in our Tuesday evening staff meeting after school. Reading is one of our key priorities this year as we want to improve reading outcomes further and build on the children's love of reading. Miss Beard could have said that this was the 'Year of Reading' but that would be daft. Every year is a year of reading at Larchwood; every day is!

I always talk about how reading is a life skill and by making sure we read every day when we are young, we will be developing good reading habits, good reading skills and a lifelong love of reading as well as improving our career chances. I know there were times when I was a child that I didn't read as much as I should, but I developed a love of reading when I was in primary school that meant I was able to do well at school and love reading now.

This summer, we ran the Larchwood Summer Reading Challenge which over 150 children took part in, with nearly 50 completing all 8 challenges (and receiving a reading medal as shown below). As I wasn't as busy as I am during term time, I read 4 good books. Two of the books were lent to me by my mum and when I had finished them, I called her to discuss them. This isn't something I normally do, but afterwards I reflected on why I did this. The conclusion is that I developed a love of reading thanks to my parents and I wanted to share that love with someone else who had read the book.

When I was at primary school, my parents always listened to me and my sister read. They encouraged us and took time to read to us. My granny did the same and I remember it was her who got me into reading *The Famous Five*. My primary school expected me to read and taught me, but it was my parents who worked with the school and shared a book with us every day.

That is why it is so important that you listen to your child read every day and write it in the reading record. We don't set homework at Larchwood except reading. Reading is that important. Put bluntly, if you aren't sharing a book with your child at least the minimum 4 times a week, you are not doing your job as a parent.

On Tuesday I went and checked the reading charts in each class. I was really pleased to see that only 7 children didn't have a tick on the charts. This is still 7 too many, so I called all 7 parents and by Wednesday all had ticks. Every time you listen to your child read, you are giving them a better chance in life. As Miss Beard said, 'Reading is for life!'



DISCOVERY
EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Chief Executive Officer: Mr R Duff

Larchwood Primary School is proud to be part of the Discovery Educational Trust



www.larchwoodprimary.co.uk



@LarchwoodPS



office@larchwood.essex.sch.uk

LPPA and Asda Shopping

Asda and Parent Kind have recently teamed up to raise money for schools. Every time a parent does their shopping via the Asda rewards App a % is donated to the school and the first time it is used a £50 donation is made. The LPPA are already part of Parent Kind so this is a really easy way to raise some additional funding. (Last year the LPPA raised over £8,500). More details can be found [here](#) to sign up.

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
-	Assemble	Objective	Cacophony	Significant	Potential	Synchronise



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Bobby in 4B for demonstrating the value of responsibility for the summer reading challenge.



Stars of the Week

RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C
Mia	Missy	Bella	Bailey	Sophia	Liliana	Wilf
3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R
Dilan	Ian	Ava	Braydon	Sana Aman	Rubie	Vita



Reading at Home

A great start to the new year with 6 certificates given out and 4T as the winners. The 18 children who read either 2 or 3 times need to make it 4 next week.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 9 September to Friday 13 September			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	-	-	-	-
RT	-	-	-	-
1B	3 (14%)	7 (25%)	17 (61%)	23 (86%)
1G	4 (13%)	9 (30%)	17 (57%)	26 (87%)
2P	0 (0%)	8 (28%)	21 (72%)	29 (100%)
2W	0 (0%)	8 (27%)	22 (73%)	30 (100%)
3C	4 (13%)	5 (17%)	21 (70%)	26 (77%)
3M	3 (9%)	3 (10%)	25 (81%)	28 (91%)
4B	1 (4%)	5 (17%)	23 (79%)	28 (96%)
4T	0 (0%)	3 (11%)	25 (89%)	30 (100%)
5L	3 (11%)	6 (22%)	18 (67%)	24 (89%)
5P	0 (0%)	6 (20%)	23 (80%)	29 (100%)
6H	0 (0%)	7 (23%)	23 (77%)	30 (100%)
6R	0 (0%)	6 (21%)	23 (79%)	29 (100%)
Total				94%



DISCOVERY
EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Chief Executive Officer: Mr R Duff

Larchwood Primary School is proud to be part of the Discovery Educational Trust



www.larchwoodprimary.co.uk



@LarchwoodPS



office@larchwood.essex.sch.uk



Diary Dates

Below are some of the of the important dates coming up this term, including Christmas events!

Monday 16 September	Clubs start this week
Tuesday 17 September	Year 5 Science Dome in school
Thursday 17 October	Don Rae with Reception
Tuesday 22 October	Individual school photographs
Wednesday 23 October	Flu vaccinations
Wednesday 23 October	Parent Consultations 15.30-18.00
Thursday 24 October	Parent Consultations 17.30-20.00
Friday 25 October	Break up for two-week half term
Monday 11 November	Return to school
Tuesday 10 December	Reception Nativity 14:00
Wednesday 11 December	Reception Nativity 14:00
Thursday 12 December	Year 1 sing-a-long 13:00
Monday 16 December	Christmas sing-a-long 2P, 3C, 4B, 5L, 6H (pm)
Tuesday 17 December	Christmas sing-a-long 2W, 3M, 4T, 5P, 6R (PM)
Friday 13 December	Junior Governing Board trip to Parliament
Wednesday 18 December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20 December	Break up



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 9 September 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	98.6%	100%	94.7%	98.7%	98.3%	96.3%	97%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	97.4%
Attendance	99.4%	96.8%	97.2%	99.3%	94.3%	97.3%	95.2%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
RT	3M	5L



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 3 September 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	98.8%	10%	94.4%	98.9%	98.3%	95.4%	96.1%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	96.6%
Attendance	98%	97.8%	96.6%	99.4%	92.3%	95.7%	94.8%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
RT	5L	1G



DISCOVERY
EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Chief Executive Officer: Mr R Duff

Larchwood Primary School is proud to be part of the Discovery Educational Trust



www.larchwoodprimary.co.uk



@LarchwoodPS



office@larchwood.essex.sch.uk