



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

It has been another brilliant week here at Larchwood with lots of learning taking place as usual. Myself and the senior leadership team visited all the classes this week to watch the teaching and learning taking place which continues to be impressive.

On Monday we had 45 children and staff from Hong Kong come and visit us. They last came to the UK 5 years ago and visited us then. They are over here to take part in an education show called BETT, but wanted to see what a great school looks like so obviously chose Larchwood again! After a brief reception in the hall where our choir sang to them and we exchanged gifts, the children went and spent the morning in classes. It was a great experience for all sets of children and I was very proud at how welcoming our children were. They were very impressed.

On Tuesday we had Ruth in from Essex Libraries to talk about the work they do including the winter reading challenge that takes place until the end of half term. This [short video](#) gives more information so pop to Brentwood library and sign up today if you haven't already.

Wednesday saw the choir visit the O2 in Greenwich to take part in Young Voices. The 36 children had a really long day (they left at 12.00 and got home at about 10.30), but it was a fantastic experience singing as part of a mass choir with a large audience. This will be something that they remember for life as I'm sure the parents who attended will as well. A special thank you to Mrs Wickenden, Miss Beard, Miss Colesell, Mrs Field and Mrs Milliken who accompanied the children.

Some photographs from the week are on the last page.

Have a great weekend and keep reading.

Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) Battle of the Bands

Well done to everyone for the TTRS scores this week. 4B won against 3C, 4T won against 3M, 6R won against 5L and 6H won against 5P. Still all to play for.

	W	D	L	Points
4B	2	0	0	6
6H	2	0	0	6
3C	1	0	1	4
5L	1	0	1	4
4T	1	0	1	4
6R	1	0	1	4
3M	0	0	2	2
5P	0	0	2	2

Week 5 battles:

3M vs 4B

3C vs 4T

5L vs 6R

5P vs 6H



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Larchwood Gardens

As I'm sure many of you will have seen one of the '20s plenty' sign has been hit by a vehicle this week. It has been reported to Essex who have sadly had to remove it. I hope this will be replaced, but it is a timely reminder of the dangers of driving on the pavement, driving too fast or parking irresponsibly and make them think more carefully.

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Create	Injure	Confirm	Aware	Concept	Hence	Legislate



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Mrs Wickenden for demonstrating the value of responsibility by once again producing an amazing choir and organising the brilliant Young Voices trip.



Stars of the Week

RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C
Lexi	Kiki	Ocean	Myla	Lukas	Briar-Rose	Ada
3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R
Freddie	George	Scarlett	Lacey-Ann	Calum	Drishti	Esme



Reading at Home

Well done to the 2 classes with 100%. Especially well done to 5P who had all the children reading 5 times.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 20 January to Friday 24 January			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	3 (11%)	5 (19%)	19 (70%)	24 (89%)
RT	3 (10%)	10 (35%)	16 (55%)	26 (90%)
1B	4 (15%)	5 (18%)	18 (67%)	23 (85%)
1G	3 (12%)	3 (11%)	21 (77%)	24 (88%)
2P	5 (18%)	3 (10%)	21 (72%)	24 (82%)
2W	3 (12%)	7 (28%)	15 (60%)	23 (88%)
3C	5 (15%)	8 (25%)	19 (60%)	27 (85%)
3M	6 (22%)	8 (30%)	13 (48%)	21 (78%)
4B	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	30 (97%)	30 (97%)
4T	2 (7%)	4 (13%)	24 (80%)	28 (93%)
5L	2 (8%)	3 (11%)	21 (81%)	24 (92%)
5P	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	25 (100%)	25 (100%)
6H	0 (0%)	8 (30%)	19 (70%)	27 (100%)
6R	2 (7%)	3 (11%)	22 (82%)	25 (93%)
Total				90%



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Diary Dates

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

Thursday 30 January	Don Rae in with Year 1 and 2
Wednesday 12 February	Parent Consultations 15.30-18.00
Thursday 13 February	Parent Consultations 17.30-20.00
Friday 14 February	Break up for half term
Monday 24 February	Return to school
Thursday 6 March	LPPA quiz night
Friday 7 March	Larchwood World Book Day
Friday 7 March	Come and read with your child morning
Friday 14 March	LPPA non-uniform day
Wednesday 19 March	Don Rae with Year 3
Friday 21 March	LPPA Easter pop-up shop
Tuesday 1 April	Reports go home
Thursday 3 April	Easter discos
Friday 4 April	Break up



Weekly Attendance

Well done to the 2 classes with over 98%.

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 20 January 2025

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	89.3%	95.2%	91%	93.1%	96%	96.4%	98.4%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	94.6%
Attendance	89%	95.5%	98%	96.6%	96.3%	94.3%	95.1%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
3C	4T	5L



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 3 September 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	95.3%	95.2%	93.5%	97.5%	96.3%	95.9%	94.8%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	95.6%
Attendance	95.8%	96%	96.5%	97.3%	95.1%	94.1%	95.6%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1G	5L	4T



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