



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher Comment:

It has been another busy week here at Larchwood as we get more and more into the Christmas spirit. This all started on Friday last week where we had the amazing Christmas Market. Once again it was a huge success. The LPPA believe they have made around £2,700 in profit – a new record by about £800. Thank you to all the helpers and for all the parents and children who came to support the event. My headteacher for the day will be Sophie in Year 5 who will take on the role next Friday; she has already got a busy day planned. Max in Year 6 was delighted to win 'Freezy' the elf in 'guess the name of the elf' and the staff baby pictures proved very entertaining.

Since Tuesday we have been celebrating the '12 days of reading' with activities such as sharing a book on the first day (photos below), recommending 2 books on the second day and talking about books with food in them for 3 meals a day on day 3! It is proving great fun.

I would like to say a big thank you to Hogarth Primary School, one of the other primary schools in our academy trust for hosting us in an excellent football match on Wednesday. Both teams were closely matched and the game was played in a fantastic spirit with Hogarth coming out on top 2-1 with a late goal.

Finally, just a reminder of the importance of good attendance and being on time for school following my letters about both yesterday. The simple fact is that the more you are in school and on time, the better you do. There should be nobody late! As the letter said, we will be celebrating the good attendees even more going forward.

Staff Update

You may be aware Mr Duncan has been off for the last two weeks on paternity leave. Leaf Fox Collins-Duncan was born on 24 November. Baby and family are all doing well. Congratulations to them all.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Mrs Brown today. Mrs Brown has been working as an LSA at Larchwood for nearly 12 years and over that time has made a significant contribution to the children's lives. Both her children attended Larchwood and now that they are older and have finished school, she is taking the opportunity to pursue a different career. She will be greatly missed.



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Gifts and Hospitality Policy

As we approach the Christmas break, we appreciate some of you may wish to buy gifts for members of staff as a Christmas present. While this is never expected, it is always appreciated. With this in mind, please can we make you aware of our Gifts and Hospitality policy which states the following; "Staff and Local Governors/Trustees/Members can accept gifts and hospitality, which are small gestures, that are isolated gifts of a minor or trivial nature, and that have a value of £25 or less, without approval". For more information please click [here](#) for the DET Gifts and Hospitality policy.

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attach	Seek	Error	Dominate	Whereas	Ambiguous	Benefit



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Caleb in 3M for demonstrating the value of responsibility.



Stars of the Week

RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C
Connie	Eden	Sienna	Jaxon	Frankie	In'iyah	Alisa
3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R
Jaxon	Zoe	Vania	Bodie	Hannah	Ruby-Leigh	Ethan



Reading at Home

Well done 5P for winning the trophy for the most readers reading 5 times.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 2 December - Friday 6 December			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RA	1 (3%)	5 (17%)	23 (80%)	28 (97%)
RT	2 (6%)	9 (30%)	19 (64%)	28 (94%)
1B	3 (11%)	9 (33%)	15 (56%)	24 (89%)
1G	4 (14%)	5 (18%)	19 (67%)	24 (86%)
2P	1 (4%)	2 (8%)	21 (88%)	23 (96%)
2W	2 (7%)	13 (48%)	12 (45%)	25 (93%)
3C	7 (23%)	5 (17%)	18 (60%)	23 (77%)
3M	1 (3%)	2 (7%)	27 (90%)	30 (97%)
4B	1 (3%)	10 (32%)	20 (65%)	30 (97%)
4T	0 (0%)	5 (18%)	23 (82%)	28 (100%)
5L	0 (0%)	4 (15%)	22 (85%)	26 (100%)
5P	0 (0%)	5 (19%)	21 (86%)	26 (100%)
6H	1 (4%)	7 (26%)	19 (70%)	26 (96%)
6R	0 (0%)	10 (36%)	18 (64%)	28 (100%)
Total				94%



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Diary Dates

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

Tuesday 10 December	Reception Nativity 14:00
Wednesday 11 December	Reception Nativity 14:00
Thursday 12 December	Year 1 sing-a-long 14:30
Friday 13 December	Junior Governing Board trip to Parliament
Friday 13 December	Year 3 and 4 to attend concert at Brentwood Centre
Monday 16 December	Christmas sing-a-long 2P, 3C, 4B, 5L, 6H 14.30
Tuesday 17 December	Christmas sing-a-long 2W, 3M, 4T, 5P, 6R 14.30
Wednesday 18 December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 18 December	LPPA Christmas discos
Thursday 19 December	End of term reports sent home
Thursday 19 December	Don Rae in with Year 5
Friday 20 December	Break up
Monday 6 January	Pupils return to school



Weekly Attendance

Well done RA – nearly perfect attendance.

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 2 December 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	99.7%	97.9%	92.1%	97.9%	91.7%	89%	92.3%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	94.8%
Attendance	95.2%	97.4%	97.2%	94.3%	94.6%	91.4%	95.9%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
RA	RT	1G



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 3 September 2024

Class	RA	RT	1B	1G	2W	2P	3C	Whole school
Attendance	95.9%	96.3%	93.4%	97.8%	97.1%	97%	94.5%	
Class	3M	4B	4T	5L	5P	6H	6R	96.1%
Attendance	96.6%	96.6%	96.2%	97.9%	95.2%	94.8%	96.3%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
5L	1G	2W



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