1st May 2015

Headteacher’s Comment
Last week I went to see the London Marathon. As previously reported, Cameron and Bradley’s uncle was running and the good news is, he finished and we raised, via our non-school uniform day, £200 for St. Francis Hospice. Well done!!

The main reason for my visit was due to my cousin’s wife, Emma, participation. Taking the Docklands Light Railway towards to start, we were accompanied by a lady with a killer whale strapped around her and then Captain Jack Sparrow came aboard. Both were running and certainly made for an interesting train journey.

We found our spot, by the 10 km marker, and waited for Emma to come along. The phrase which came to mind was “needle in a haystack” but against the odds we did see her. Having given her a huge cheer, we then starting clapping and cheering on the other competitors. Some of these had their name on the front of their t-shirts, so we started to personalise our encouragement. It was amazing to see the boost you could give someone by telling them they were doing a great job and to carry on.

Having moved to different spots and saw Emma twice more, we continued cheering on complete strangers, letting them know how fantastic they were. The last markers we stood at were the 23 and 25 mile mark, when the runners were in touching distance but you could see they had started to run out of puff. Having spoken to Emma after the race she said she would had never of got through if it wasn’t for random people cheering and supporting her along the way.

The whole event is a total inspiration and I cannot believe I have waited so long to witness it. At the end of the day my hands were sore from all the clapping and my voice was hoarse from all the cheering but I am going to do it all again next year. Why, because 37,000 people ran the London Marathon to raise money for great causes. They need people to support them and get them over the line. The day was invigorating, inspirational, emotional and lots more to add. If you have never done it, supported not entered (let’s not get too carried away!) maybe 2016 is a good time to give it a go. I am trying to get Miss Pohl to sign up, so we have someone from the school to cheer on, but at the moment, I am not doing too well convincing her!

Italian Themed Lunch
We will be holding an Italian themed lunch day on Thursday 21st May. A letter will be sent out next week giving you all the details.

Larchwood Primary Parents Association (LPPA)
The LPPA now have a Facebook page which is a closed group and is for Larchwood parents only. This can be found by searching: Larchwood Primary Parents Association – LPPA.

We are delighted with all the generous donations being made by local businesses for our school fete. Big thank you, to date, to: Bentley Golf Club, Best Nails – American Style, Brentwood Golf Club, Brentwood Aquatics, Brentwood Kitchen, Calcott Hall Farm, Chris’ Fish, Chicken & Ribs, Mitchells Barbers, Piccola, The Dairyman and the Olive Branch.

School Uniform
Leaflets have been sent home today from our uniform supplier Tesco. If anyone orders uniform during May the school will get 10% (we normally get 5%).

Moses Basket
Pilgrims Hatch Baptist Church run a project called Moses Basket. Donations of infant clothes and baby equipment are needed. These donated items are available from Moses Basket to people who come for help. There is more information on their website www.mosesbasketbrentwood.org.uk or telephone 07443 606102. If you would like to donate or receive any items please email or call.
## Reading at Home

The table below shows results from Monday 27th – Friday 1st May 2015 (percentages are rounded)

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**Whole Year**

1st – Year 2  2nd – Year 1 & 4  3rd – Year 6

#### Outside School Achievements

Macy in year 2 dances at Sally's Dance Academy. She danced in the show 'Bright Lights, Big Night' at the Kenneth More Theatre and received a medal.

Ed in Year 5 played in the Essex Rugby Festival on Sunday for the U10 Brentwood team. Ed scored the team’s only try in their game against Ongar.

Congratulations to Macy and Ed😊

## Stars of the Week

- **Reception – Lily-May**  
- **Year 1 – Matthew**  
- **Year 2 – Tegan**  
- **Year 3 – Cameron**  
- **Year 4 – Lola**  
- **Year 5 – Daniel & Walter**  
- **Year 6 – Joseph**