



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher's Comment:

Developing a love of reading is one of the aims of our curriculum. That is why we want to encourage children to read at home as much as possible – at least 4 times per week. If all the children in the class manage to do this and it is written in the reading records the class gets presented with a certificate in assembly on Friday and they get 5 minutes extra play. That is why we publish the reading figures each week to encourage reading with you.

A love of reading also comes from the books we read in school and the experiences we have. That is why next week Miss Beard, our English leader, has organised two events. Firstly, as part of National Poetry day on Thursday children will be listening to and writing poetry based on the theme 'This is Me'. Then on Friday, we have the author Beatrice Blue coming to talk to some of our younger children. All of this helps to develop that love of reading we are aiming for.

Harvest

Don't forget, donations for the Harvest collection for St Georges' Church Food Hub can be brought in from Monday.

Governor Updated

Rachel Fossey, our Chair of Governors for the Local School Committee (LSC) writes:

Last week the Larchwood Governors held our first meeting of the year and welcomed our newest member Mary Seriki. We spent time in the workshop discussing our monitoring priorities for this academic year to ensure we are approaching our duties as effectively and efficiently as possible. We will be building on some of the work we did last year with joint activities carried out by Governors responsible for monitoring different areas, and then pooling our information so that school staff are not overburdened. Our monitoring roles link to the School Improvement Plan as well as statutory areas such as Health and Safety and Safeguarding. This year our responsibilities are:

Health and Safety – Gillian Walsh

Safeguarding, Online Safety and Healthy Schools – Lisa Wenham

SEND – Helen Witty

Teaching and Learning – Steph Hakes

Curriculum – Mercedes Romero-Fernandez (Vice Chair)

Leadership and Management – Rachel Fossey (Chair)

Disadvantaged – Paul Bailey and Mary Seriki.



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Please look out for further updates on our activities.

And finally... Thank you to everyone who filled in our survey at the Celebration Evening in July – the outcomes were overwhelmingly positive with over 90% of parents rating the Leadership of the school as ‘Excellent’ and indicating that the school’s missions statements were strengths of the school. The top rated one ticked by over 94% of parents was that ‘All children learn within a safe, secure and caring environment’ – something to be proud of indeed!



The governors pictured from left to right (top row), Rachel Fossey, Paul Bailey, (front row) Mercedes Romero-Fernandez, Steph Hakes, Gillian Walsh, Lisa Wenham, Mary Seriki (not pictured Miss Beard (staff governor) and Mr Bowsher (headteacher governor)).

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
-	Illustrate	Conclude	Invisible	Consume	Interject	Hypothesis



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Brody in 4T for demonstrating the value of Friendship



Stars of the Week

RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B
Bailey	Bella	Marnie	Sophia	Finley	Wilf	Freddie
3C	4LC	4T	5P	5L	6C	6R
Grace	Mason	Kian	Charlie S	Tomiwa	Brooke	Maxwell



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Reading at Home

Definitely an improvement this week as we have 5 whole classes and nearly 400 children reading at least 4 times.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 25th to Friday 29th September			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RM	4 (13%)	5 (17%)	21 (70%)	87%
RT	6 (21%)	5 (17%)	18 (62%)	79%
1A	1 (3%)	12 (41%)	16 (55%)	97%
1P	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	26 (94%)	97%
2C	2 (7%)	6 (20%)	22 (73%)	93%
2G	3 (9%)	4 (13%)	23 (78%)	91%
3B	0 (0%)	7 (23%)	23 (77%)	100%
3C	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	26 (90%)	100%
4LC	1 (3%)	6 (20%)	23 (77%)	97%
4T	4 (14%)	6 (22%)	18 (64%)	84%
5L	3 (9%)	7 (24%)	20 (67%)	91%
5P	0 (0%)	8 (27%)	22 (73%)	100%
6C	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	26 (90%)	100%
6R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	28 (100%)	100%
Total				94%



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 25th September

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	99%	94.3%	99%	94.7%	100%	98.7%	94.8%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	
Attendance	98.7%	95.7%	96.2%	97.3%	97.7%	96.3%	95.9%	

1st	2nd	3rd
2C	RM, 1A	2G, 3C



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 6th September 2023

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	99.4%	95.9%	95.6%	97%	97.9%	97.6%	95.4%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	
Attendance	96.7%	97.3%	96%	92.5%	96.9%	97.2%	94.8%	

1st	2nd	3rd
RM	2C	4LC



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