



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher Comment:

In our assemblies, in class and in lessons we often learn about important historical figures or current role models. Mrs Jaycock was talking to me earlier in the week about the fact that today is the birthday of Malala Yousafzai who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014. Malala was persecuted for her role in campaigning for women and girls to be able to go to school and her prominence rose in 2012 when she was attacked for this belief. To us it may seem unthinkable that women can't attend school, but in some parts of the world this is the case still. Her campaigning has led to many more countries around the world accepting that women and girls should be allowed to attend school.

We are fortunate in Britain that all of us are entitled (in fact legally compelled) to attend school and remain in education until the age of 18. We take for granted the fact that we get the opportunities to do this, when in fact it is a privilege for some. It is good to see that this week our attendance has been above our average and well above the national average. However, I have spoken many a time about the fact that having a term time holiday is not acceptable and is not a right. Similarly, not sending your child to school because you had a late night or you disagree with a school rule is not ok. People in this country in the past and other parts of the world have suffered for the right to education.

Every day it is pleasing to see all the children who come into school happily here at Larchwood. As well as all the amazing learning that takes place, we have all the multiple opportunities for children's personal development including things like the 30 clubs we offer, the visitors we have in and the trips we organise. Just this week we have had Year 2 on a trip, Year 6 performing their amazing end of year play and a visit from the Met Police Commercial Vehicle Unit (see photos below) Not to mention the LPPA Big BBQ and Bounce today. All these things are why school is not just a right, but a pleasure.

Next week it continues with 15 children joining us from China and Year 6 are away on their residential. In the meantime, if you are into football, enjoy the game on Sunday – let's hope it's coming home!



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Sunflower Competition

Don't forget that the annual sunflower competition has only got one more week to run so keep looking after them and get ready to send in photos of your potential winner by the end of the day on **Thursday 18 July**. All you have to do is email in a photograph of your child with the sunflower and a clear photograph of the height measurement to office@larchwood.essex.sch.uk. All entries to be in by 4:30pm on the closing day.

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Remove	Design	Reveal	Persue	Percent	Biography	Prejudice



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Seb in 6R for demonstrating the value of perseverance and being one of many amazing performers in the Year 6 production.



Stars of the Week

RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B
Kai	Freddie	Riley	Amelia	Max	Omar	Tilly
3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R
Valerie	Mason	Kian	Theo	Tomiwa	All of 6C	All of 6R



Reading at Home

Once again 6R are superstars. Next week it needs to be more classes.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 8 July to Friday 12 July			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RM	6 (21%)	7 (24%)	16 (55%)	23 (79%)
RT	8 (27%)	9 (30%)	13 (43%)	22 (73%)
1A	5 (17%)	6 (21%)	18 (62%)	24 (83%)
1P	2 (6%)	11 (38%)	16 (56%)	27 (94%)
2C	8 (26%)	2 (7%)	20 (67%)	22 (74%)
2G	7 (23%)	8 (28%)	14 (49%)	14 (49%)
3B	2 (6%)	1 (3%)	26 (91%)	26 (91%)
3C	3 (10%)	7 (23%)	20 (67%)	20 (67%)
4LC	1 (3%)	8 (27%)	21 (70%)	29 (97%)
4T	3 (10%)	5 (17%)	22 (73%)	27 (90%)
5L	2 (8%)	5 (19%)	19 (73%)	24 (92%)
5P	1 (4%)	7 (26%)	19 (70%)	26 (96%)
6C	4 (12%)	8 (24%)	17 (64%)	25 (88%)
6R	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	27 (97%)	28 (100%)
Total				84%



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Diary Dates

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

Monday 15 July	Year 6 residential trip – Mersea Outdoors
Monday 15 July	Students from China in (all week)
Wednesday 17 July	Reception Trip – Boydells Dairy Farm
Wednesday 17 July	Year 3 – 6 French day
Friday 19 July	Reports sent home (Reception – Year 5)
Friday 19 July	Year 6 residential trip returns
Monday 22 July	Reports sent home (Year 6)
Monday 22 July	Move Up Morning / meet your new teacher
Monday 22 July	Celebration Evening
Tuesday 23 July	Don Rae – Year 6
Wednesday 24 July	Year 6 Leavers BBQ
Wednesday 24 July	Junior Governing Board trip to Parliament
Wednesday 24 July	End of year discos
Thursday 25 July	Larchwood's Got Talent and Last day of term



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 8 July 2024

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	97.7%	99.6%	97%	95%	98.7%	95.3%	97.3%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	96.8%
Attendance	96.8%	99.3%	99.7%	93.1%	93.8%	96.6%	95.9%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
4T	RT	4LC



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 6 September 2023

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	95.8%	93.5%	95.3%	95.4%	96.4%	95.1%	96.1%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	95.4%
Attendance	96%	95.9%	94.8%	95.1%	95.8%	96.4%	93.8%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
2C & 6C	3B	3C



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