



# NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



## Headteacher's Comment:

At Larchwood we value the fact that we work together with families and our community to achieve the best outcomes for children. We are part of the community and as such work with as many people as we can to make sure the children get the best education possible. Examples of how we work with others can be shown this week by the fact we have taken part in the district cross country (Well done Nancy for your amazing 2<sup>nd</sup> place), attend a Panathlon games event which we won (from 22 schools), collected multiple crates of food for the St Georges' Church Food Hub and have had Reception parents in yesterday for a workshop and today to see their children perform with Don Rae.

Working with you as parents and carers is so important and that relationship is one of the keys to children succeeding at school. Next week is Parent Consultation evenings and if you haven't yet booked an appointment please do so via <https://larchwood.schoolcloud.co.uk>.

This News and Views is a good way to share things with our families each week. That is why it contains the names of the Stars of the Week and my Superstar. It also contains the percentage of children in each class reading at least the expected four times. This has never been 100% for the whole school and there are still between 10 and 20 children who don't manage this each week. I know I have spoken to many of these parents recently to make sure it is happening. We want children reading and developing a love of reading as it means that they are developing a skill that is vital in all areas of life. I was also shown the graphic below this week by Miss Rimmer which I thought was powerful. It isn't just the reading every day that is important it is the length of time.

Why Read 20 Minutes at Home?		
STUDENT A	STUDENT B	STUDENT C
• Reads an average of 20 minutes per day.	• Reads an average of 5 minutes per day.	• Reads an average of 1 minutes per day.
• 3,600 minutes/school year	• 900 minutes/school year	• 180 minutes/school year
• 1,800,000 words per year	• 282,000 words per year	• 8,000 words per year
By Year 6, the student has read for an equivalent of : <b>60 school days</b>	By Year 6, the student has read for an equivalent of : <b>12 school days</b>	By Year 6, the student has read for an equivalent of : <b>3 school days</b>
In order for children to become better readers, they need time to read.		



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A child who reads for 20 minutes a day compared to 1 minute will have read for an additional 57 whole days by the time they leave primary school!

We expect children to work hard and demonstrate good behaviour at school and they do that well here. Similarly, staff are expected to work hard and be professional at all times and are held to account if they aren't by myself and the Trust. We are very lucky to have a very supportive parent body here, but very occasionally we have parents who don't behave in the way we would expect. Although it is very rare, it is not acceptable for parents to come in to school shouting, swearing or being aggressive. Similarly, behaviour like this on social media such as Twitter / X or WhatsApp is not ok. As a result of this the Trust has put together a Code of Conduct for parents which can be found [here](#) on our website. It is something that I don't expect to have to reference very often or at all, but it is something we all need to be aware of.

I'll finish on another positive note. I met with the LPPA on Tuesday evening for their AGM. The last year was the most successful ever and the total profit raised was £9,949. This is the most money they have ever raised and means that we are able to have new playground markings installed during the October half term. However, it isn't just the amount raised that is important, it is the fun to be had and the fact it should be cheap and accessible for all. They provide book bags for our new Reception children and leavers hoodies for Year 6 as well as running events such as the discos, cake sales and raffles to the Christmas market and Colour Run. These are events that bring the community together and are always aim to be fun and affordable.

At the meeting they also discussed the events for the coming year. The first of these big events will be the Christmas shop and Christmas market and we have it confirmed that Santa will be there! Perhaps even more exciting for the children (and me as I get the day off!) the 'Headteacher for the Day' raffle will take place once again!

Well done to all of the LPPA volunteers for such a good year, all the effort and the support the school gets. And thank you to you as parents and carers for supporting the events.

### Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Injure	Collapse	Constant	Deny	Structure	Conform	Theory



## Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Reece in 2G for demonstrating the value of friendship.



## Stars of the Week

RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B
George H	Aubrey	Harper-Rose	Rowan	Millie	Arnie	McKenzie
3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6R	6C
Sienna	Myron	Annabelle	Hermione	Theo	Daisy	Robyn



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# Reading at Home

Well done to the classes with 100% and well done to RM for getting 100% for the first time. Overall winners were 6R with 100% reading 5 times.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from <b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RM	0 (0%)	6 (20%)	24 (80%)	100%
RT	6 (22%)	4 (14%)	18 (64%)	78%
1A	3 (11%)	6 (22%)	18 (67%)	89%
1P	2 (7%)	8 (26%)	20 (67%)	93%
2C	2 (7%)	6 (20%)	22 (73%)	93%
2G	2 (6%)	5 (17%)	22 (77%)	94%
3B	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	29 (97%)	97%
3C	0 (0%)	6 (21%)	23 (79%)	100%
4LC	0 (0%)	6 (23%)	21 (77%)	100%
4T	1 (3%)	8 (28%)	20 (69%)	97%
5L	1 (3%)	6 (20%)	23 (77%)	97%
5P	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	26 (96%)	100%
6C	1 (3%)	2 (7%)	26 (90%)	97%
6R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	29 (100%)	100%
Total				95%



# Weekly Attendance

## Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	99.7%	95%	94.8%	99.3%	98.3%	95.7%	98.4%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	
Attendance	94.3%	93.2%	98%	99%	94.7%	95.9%	98.6%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
RM	1P	5L



# Yearly Attendance

## Yearly Attendance – from 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	98.8%	94.9%	95.4%	96.7%	98%	97.1%	96.7%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	
Attendance	96.4%	96.7%	96.2%	96%	97%	97.4%	95.5%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
RM	2C	6C



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