



# NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



## Headteacher's Comment:

### Science Week

This week has been science week and we have had many exciting things taking place. The week started with a visit from a Back to the Future DeLorean in the playground which got the children, staff and parents excited. We then had workshops on Tuesday followed by our Science Fair on Thursday. It was fantastic seeing the things the children have created at home on a time theme and the range was huge, from models and experiments to art and presentations. Well done to all those that took part. There are photos on the last page from the week and on X (Twitter). A big well done to Mrs Calver and Mr Weston who coordinated the week.

### Comic Relief

Today I had the pleasure of judging the biannual joke competition for comic relief. There were some really funny ones this year, but the two winners were Myla in RM with this:

*Q. Why do bees have sticky hair?*

*A. They use honeycomb!*

*Q. And Byron in 4LC with this:*

*Q. What do you call a bear with no teeth?*

*A. A gummy bear!*

### TTRS Battle of the Bands

After a colossal battle (with over 215,000 times tables questions answered!) between 5L and 3C this week, 5L have been crowned the winners of the TTRS Battle of the Bands competition 2024. 5L generously agreed to split the extra break-time with 3C after agreeing that they deserved some of the reward too! Thank you to all classes who participated and we hope to see TTRS still being practised at home!

### Governance Update

Last week the Larchwood Local Schools Committee gathered for this term's meeting. We received an update from Mr Bowsher about all key aspects including the most recent assessment information for all year groups, SEND and behaviour data, financial reports, staffing and premises. Mr Bowsher always prepares for these meetings very thoroughly ensuring that we have all the information we need to check that the school is being led and managed effectively. But we don't just rely on what he tells us! This term we have carried out visits to school to look into leadership and management, curriculum, teaching and learning and SEND as well as regular Health and Safety and Safeguarding checks. We also surveyed all subject leaders in the school to ask them about their roles, what is working well and what could be improved. Even though we



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are all volunteers, we take our jobs as school governors very seriously. We work hard to support and challenge the school to provide the best possible education and care for all Larchwood children, and we think it does just that! Mr Bowsher also shared the results of the Parents Survey which was completed at Parents Evening, and those results show that the vast majority of parents are very satisfied with the provision at Larchwood too.

### New Website and Important Policies

If you have visited our school website this week, you may have noticed it looks slightly different. This is because it has been made using a newer piece of software which means it is easier to build, maintain and navigate. Essentially on the surface it looks the same with small changes. It is also worth highlighting a couple of policies that have recently been updated. The school's updated behaviour policy was approved by governors at their recent meeting and can be found [here](#). The Trust's parent code of conduct has also been updated and can be found [here](#).

### Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Recover	Feature	Unique	Formation	Subsequent	Policy	Commit



## Diary Dates

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

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	LPPA Rainbow non-uniform day
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	LPPA Easter pop-up shop
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Don Rae dance workshop Year 4
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Reports sent home
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter discos
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Break up
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Summer Term
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception, Year 1 and 2 sports day (am)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 – 6 sports day (am)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Celebration Evening
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term



## Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

John in 3C for demonstrating the value of responsibility and showing kindness by donating his pocket money and tooth fairy money to Comic Relief.



## Stars of the Week

RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B
Elise	Tommy	Victoria	Lilly	Layla-May	Oliver	Diana
3C	4LC	4T	5P	5L	6C	6R
Marlowe	Lewis	Alexander	Raasu	Ruby-Leigh	David	Charlie W



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# Reading at Home

Well done everybody who read at least 4 times this week, especially as it is World Book Week. Make sure everyone reads over the weekend.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from <b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RM	1 (4%)	7 (27%)	18 (69%)	18 (96%)
RT	7 (29%)	8 (34%)	9 (37%)	17 (71%)
1A	5 (17%)	9 (30%)	16 (53%)	25 (83%)
1P	3 (11%)	8 (28%)	17 (61%)	25 (89%)
2C	3 (10%)	4 (14%)	22 (76%)	26 (90%)
2G	3 (12%)	5 (19%)	18 (69%)	23 (88%)
3B	1 (3%)	5 (18%)	22 (79%)	27 (97%)
3C	5 (17%)	8 (28%)	16 (55%)	24 (83%)
4LC	1 (3%)	7 (24%)	21 (73%)	28 (97%)
4T	0 (0%)	12 (41%)	17 (59%)	29 (100%)
5L	5 (16%)	8 (27%)	17 (57%)	25 (84%)
5P	1 (4%)	5 (21%)	18 (75%)	23 (96%)
6C	0 (0%)	7 (25%)	21 (75%)	28 100%
6R	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	27 (94%)	27 (97%)
Total				91%



# Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	88.7%	92.5%	95.7%	95.9%	98.7%	93.7%	97%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	
Attendance	93.3%	96%	96.3%	97.9%	90%	97.5%	95.2%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2C	5L	6C



# Yearly Attendance

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

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	95.9%	92.4%	95.4%	95.7%	96.2%	95.2%	96%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	
Attendance	96.1%	95%	94.4%	95.3%	95.8%	96.4%	93.6%	

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



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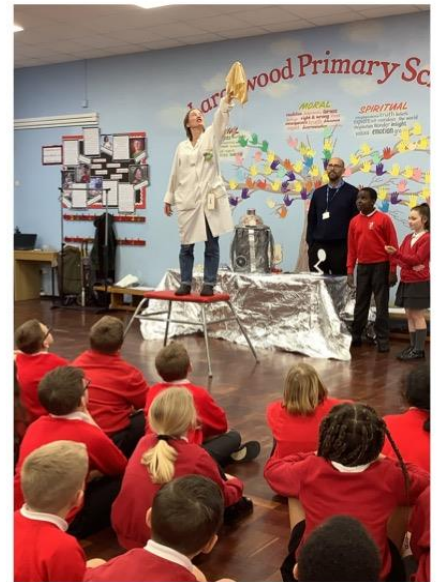
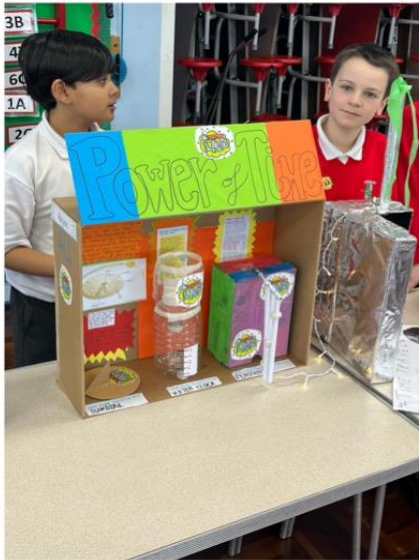


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