



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher's Comment:

I have spoken before about collaboration at school and how important it is. The most important collaboration is with you as parents. Your support for your child's learning and the school is so important and something that we never take for granted. Sometimes parents find it hard and sometimes we don't get things quite right. However, we are all working for the same goal and that is the children. This collaboration so why Larchwood's children do so well.

We also collaborate with other professionals outside of the school. All of our teachers are subject leaders and champion one of the curriculum subjects. Last week the teachers all met with other teachers in the Brentwood Collaborative Partnership (BCP) to discuss their subjects and to look at how we can work together to improve it. Working with Hogarth and Kelvedon Hatch who are now in the Trust (or about to join it) is also an important collaboration we now have.

Another exciting collaboration that is being reignited as I write, is our work with our partner school, Dingshan Experimental Primary School in China. As you know Mr Duff is currently visiting the school and talking at a conference on the subjects of teaching and school improvement. Below is a picture of Mr Duff (and Mr Watson from Hogarth Primary School) with the senior leaders of our partner school. I look forward to hearing about all the new opportunities to collaborate with them when Mr Duff returns.



Reception Places 2024

I have been busy conducting tours for prospective parents who will have children starting Larchwood in September 2024. This is one of my favourite things to do because it means everyone gets to see the amazing things going on each day. So far, I think I must have shown



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around at least 60 parents and there are 5 more tour dates to go. If you have a child due to start school in September or know someone who has, then please call the office if to book a tour – spaces are limited. I know many of you won't need another tour as you are already familiar with what happens, but feel free to book if you wish. Please don't forget the deadline for applications is 15th January and applications are made through Essex's website [here](#).

Anti-bullying Week

This week has been anti-bullying week. We take bullying very seriously at Larchwood and although our pupils say they feel safe and know who they can talk to if they are worried about something, we are also fully aware that pupils can sometimes be unkind to each other and children don't always speak up about it. This is why we take bullying seriously and won't accept any behaviour that is unkind, discriminatory or persistent. Bullying is persistent behaviour and can happen in person or online. On Tuesday Mrs Jaycock held an assembly to talk about anti-bullying and this year's theme is 'Make some Noise'. Essentially make sure you speak up about it so we can deal with any issues before they become too serious. Our updated Anti-Bullying policy is available on our website [here](#).

Gifts and Hospitality Policy

We have been asked to share with you the Trust's Gifts and Hospitality policy as we approach the Christmas break. We appreciate many of you may wish to buy gifts for members of staff as a Christmas present. While this is never expected, it is always appreciated. We do have to be mindful of accepting gifts that are deemed expensive. With this in mind, please can we make you aware of our Gifts and Hospitality policy which states the following; "Staff and Local Governors/Trustees/Members can accept gifts and hospitality, which are small gestures, that are isolated gifts of a minor or trivial nature, and that have a value of £25 or less, without approval". "Where a collective gift is given, i.e. from a group of parents/carers or pupils, the gift can be accepted if worth more than £25, provided that the average contribution per person is no more than £25." For more information please click [here](#) for the DET Gifts and Hospitality policy.

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Visible	Trace	Thermometer	Hydrate	Consent	Ignorance	Civil



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Freddie in 3B for demonstrating all the school values, especially perseverance.



Stars of the Week

RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B
George T	Remi	Esther	Patrick	Joseph	James	Grace
3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6R	6C
Oliver	Holly	Harrison	Gabriel	Alexander	Joel	Riley



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Reading at Home

100% reading 5 times in 6R – amazing. This should be happening in all classes. 390 children reading at least 4 times – let's make it 420!

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 13th November to Friday 17th November			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RM	3 (11%)	3 (11%)	22 (78%)	89%
RT	6 (23%)	9 (35%)	11 (42%)	77%
1A	2 (6%)	5 (12%)	23 (77%)	94%
1P	3 (10%)	7 (24%)	19 (66%)	90%
2C	4 (14%)	7 (24%)	18 (62%)	86%
2G	3 (10%)	3 (10%)	24 (80%)	90%
3B	2 (7%)	7 (23%)	21 (70%)	93%
3C	1 (3%)	3 (10%)	26 (87%)	97%
4LC	1 (4%)	5 (17%)	23 (79%)	96%
4T	0 (0%)	16 (57%)	12 (42%)	100%
5L	4 (14%)	5 (17%)	20 (69%)	86%
5P	0 (0%)	5 (19%)	22 (81%)	100%
6C	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	28 (97%)	100%
6R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	28 (100%)	100%
Total				93%



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 13th November

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	95.3%	92%	99.3%	94.7%	96.7%	96.3%	98.1%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	
Attendance	98.7%	98.3%	92%	95.7%	93.7%	100%	94.5%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
6C	1A	3C



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 6th September 2023

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	97.8%	94.4%	96.1%	96.8%	97.3%	97%	96.7%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	
Attendance	97%	96.2%	95.2%	96.2%	96.2%	97.7%	95.1%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
6C	RM	2C



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