



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher's Comment:

All of our reception children have now joined Larchwood, so 420 children are now in school. There is a real buzz of learning going on every day and it is a pleasure to see.

As it is the start of a new school year you will probably want to find out more about what your child is learning. The links to the Curriculum Overviews are below which show what children will be studying each week. Our curriculum page on our website has lots of additional information on it too and class teachers will be happy to fill you in on anything else in more detail.

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One of our main aims as a school is for children to develop a love of reading. It is therefore disappointing that we haven't had every child reading at least 4 times. From next week, reception will be included in the reading numbers and I expect to be able to give all classes a certificate and extra break for achieving this. This is a minimum expectation, well done to those who meet it.

This year, like every year we have a number of enrichment activities planned for the children. Today for example, Year 3 were taking part in a scooter workshop and teachers have been booking visitors for their year group. We also have events like author visits and science workshops planned. This all adds to the experience at Larchwood.

LPPA News

I had a very productive meeting with the Larchwood Primary Parents Association (LPPA) this week to discuss funding and future events. I am very pleased to say that after the huge success of last year where the LPPA made a profit of over £9,000 they have agreed to pay for the removal and installation of new playground markings in both playgrounds. This should be happening at half term. We also agreed dates for all the exciting events that they have planned. They are always looking for new volunteers and people to help run the LPPA so if you don't already, keep a look out on their Twitter / X page [@LarchwoodPA](#) and sign up.

Governors Meeting

On Monday our Local School Committee governors met to discuss the year ahead and in particular



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their focus for monitoring visits. Each of the Governors monitors an area of our school improvement plan as well as things like safeguarding, health and safety and online safety. They are very committed and more details of their work will appear in the coming weeks.

Have a great weekend and keep up with the reading!

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
-	Assemble	Investigate	Identify	Export	Differentiate	Precise



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Demiee-Lee in 6R for demonstrating the value of Responsibility.



Stars of the Week

RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B
Alexandra	Freddie	Lois	Indie	Daisy	Niam	William
3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6R	6C
Agaran	Sophie	Amelia-Lily	Harley	Vita	Izzy	Harry R



Reading at Home

Two weeks in a row 6C – well done. As mentioned above, we need more 100%^s. 21 children not reading enough should be 0.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 18 th September to Friday 22 nd September			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RR	-	-	-	-
RT	-	-	-	-
1A	2 (8%)	6 (21%)	20 (71%)	92%
1P	5 (16%)	8 (27%)	17 (57%)	84%
2C	2 (7%)	6 (20%)	22 (73%)	93%
2G	3 (10%)	7 (24%)	19 (66%)	90%
3B	1 (3%)	3 (11%)	23 (86%)	97%
3C	0 (0%)	11 (14%)	24 (86%)	100%
4LC	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	26 (90%)	100%
4T	3 (11%)	5 (19%)	19 (70%)	89%
5L	4 (13%)	6 (21%)	19 (66%)	87%
5P	0 (0%)	9 (30%)	21 (70%)	100%
6C	0 (0%)	2 (6%)	28 (94%)	100%
6R	1 (4%)	2 (7%)	24 (89%)	96%
Total				94%



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Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 18th September

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	100%	96%	95%	98.3%	96.3%	96.3%	90.3%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	95.6%
Attendance	96.3%	98%	93.8%	93.7%	96%	98.3%	90.7%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
RM	1P & 6C	4LC



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 6th September 2023

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	99.8%	97.1%	94.4%	97.9%	97.3%	97.2%	95.8%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	96.5%
Attendance	96%	97.9%	95.9%	94.5%	96.9%	97.6%	94.4%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
RM	1P & 4LC	6C



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