



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher's Comment:

I had the privilege of taking 24 Year 4, 5 and 6 children to the district tag rugby tournament this week. This was the 4th or 5th time I have done this and without doubt the children this year were the best we have taken. We didn't win the tournament, although we won 6 out of 10 with one draw. The winning games was great, but the thing that impressed me most was the teamwork of all the children and their perseverance. The way that they never gave up was impressive. This was particularly the case in one of the Year 5 / 6 games against the eventual winners. We were losing 3 tries to 0 with only a few minutes left, but the team continued to tag the opposition, win the ball back and score tries. It ended 3-3 and the sense of achievement was fantastic.

This example of perseverance fits really well with the fact the value we are looking at in assemblies this week is perseverance. Miss Morris spoke about it on Wednesday as did Rev Bywater on Tuesday. I was also able to demonstrate it with Reception. I make a big effort to learn all the children's names when they start in September. However, like everything, I forget some. This week I went back to their classes to see how many I could recall. It wasn't quite all of them, but it was nearly all of them. I told them I would persevere and practice them! By not giving up we are able to achieve things we often think are too difficult.

Naming Clothing

The amount of clothing that we accumulate each day that children have left in the cloakroom or the playground and is 'lost' is increasing. Children do misplace items and they are easily reunited with them if they are named. **Please name everything!** Jumpers are the main thing that seem to go unclaimed and are not named but it also includes coats, PE kit, shoes, socks hats and gloves.

Parking

It seems like I haven't mentioned this for a while. Twice this week I had to drive in or out of school at the end of the school day. I must say, I wasn't impressed. Cars parking on single and double yellow lines, cars on pavements and cars parking in the second car park. I contacted Cllrs Aspinell and Scott again this week. Things have stalled there as Cllr Scott is no longer in charge of Essex highways. However, we are still considered a priority and I am still chasing them for action. In terms of the crossing patrol, we were way off the numbers of children crossing the road and the amount of traffic needed to qualify for a crossing person.

This just means that we all need to take more responsibility for the way we drive and park. Firstly, walk / cycle / scooter where you can. If you have to drive, park and stride. For this to be as safe as possible, please don't park on the double yellow lines, don't drive onto the pavement, don't drive up and 'throw' the children out of the car at the gate and don't park in the second car park. A lot of don'ts in that sentence and for the vast majority of you it doesn't need to be said. We all need to be responsible for our actions. I will persevere with this cause for as long as it takes!



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Vacancies at Larchwood

We are currently looking for midday assistants to join our lunch time team. We also have a couple of vacancies for additional learning support assistants. If you think you might be the right person or know the right person to join our team, have a look at Essex School Jobs [here](#) and search for Larchwood.

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Vehicle	Identical	Edit	Imply	Culture	Immortal	Hence



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Freddie in 5P for demonstrating the value of perseverance.



Stars of the Week

RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B
Jimmy	Jesse	Briar-Rose	Theo	Freya	Ivan	Skylar
3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R
George	Frankie	Beheshta	Islay	All of 5P	Elliot	Yvette

Reading at Home



Well done 2C, 4LC and 6R. We seem to be having less classes reading the full 4 times. Next week needs to see a big improvement.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 20 th November to Friday 24 th November			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RM	3 (10%)	5 (17%)	21 (72%)	90%
RT	3 (11%)	6 (22%)	17 (67%)	89%
1A	3 (10%)	6 (20%)	21 (70%)	90%
1P	3 (10%)	4 (15%)	21 (75%)	90%
2C	0 (0%)	5 (19%)	22 (81%)	100%
2G	6 (20%)	8 (28%)	15 (52%)	80%
3B	4 (17%)	7 (26%)	15 (57%)	83%
3C	1 (4%)	3 (10%)	24 (86%)	96%
4LC	0 (0%)	5 (17%)	25 (83%)	100%
4T	6 (22%)	7 (26%)	14 (52%)	78%
5L	1 (3%)	4 (14%)	24 (83%)	97%
5P	1 (4%)	4 (14%)	23 (82%)	96%
6C	1 (4%)	3 (10%)	25 (86%)	96%
6R	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	25 (93%)	100%
Total				87%



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Diary Dates

Below are some of the important dates still to come this half term:

Friday 1 st December	LPPA Christmas market
Wednesday 6 th December	Reception Nativity 2pm
Thursday 7 th December	Reception Nativity 2pm
Tuesday 12 th December	LPPA pop up Christmas shop
Wednesday 13 th December	LPPA pop up Christmas shop
Wednesday 13 th December	Year 1 sing-a-long
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas sing-a-long 2C, 3B, 4T, 5L, 6C
Friday 15 th December	Reports sent home Years 1 - 6
Monday 18 th December	Christmas sing-a-long 2G, 3C, 4LC, 5P, 6R
Monday 18 th December	Christmas jumper day and Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 19 th December	LPPA Christmas discos
Wednesday 20 th December	Break up



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 20th November

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	96%	95.5%	98%	94.7%	95.3%	92.7%	87.4%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	95%
Attendance	96%	94.7%	91.3%	97.3%	96.7%	99.3%	94.8%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
6C	1A	5L



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 6th September 2023

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	97.4%	94.5%	96.3%	96.6%	97%	96.6%	95.7%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	96.2%
Attendance	96.9%	96%	94.8%	96.4%	96.2%	97.8%	95.1%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
6C	RM	2C



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