



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher Comment:

'It's all about learning'. These aren't my words but by a very wise and enthusiastic Year 1 child when asked what she liked about school by one of the Discovery Educational Trust (DET) staff. It was clear to see from this comment that we are succeeding in our aim to develop a love of learning.

This wasn't an isolated case. Last week we had a number of visitors in school who I was showing around. In each class we went in, I asked them what they were learning and in each classroom we were enthusiastically told what that particular lesson was on and how it fitted into the other lessons they had done. These were clearly children who were enjoying learning.

I often speak about all the wonderful things we do each week in school. Some of this week's highlights included us taking part in the (rainy) district rounders, Year 5 having a BMX workshop with the amazing Mike Mullen including him jumping over 4 teachers and Mrs Pirie balancing on a wheel and the great writing I saw in Year 2.

I was at a meeting over at St Martins for all the Trust Headteachers and Mr Duff, our CEO, on Wednesday. It was a useful meeting discussing the ways the Trust continues to develop and support its schools and how we can work together even more. Walking from the entrance to the Trust office at the back of the site it was great to see a number of former students from Larchwood who stopped to say hello. Meeting our children who are now at another one of our schools and seeing how they continue to grow, both academically and literally was very rewarding.

I've selected a few photos from the ones I've put on X (formerly Twitter) to show some of the highlights of this half term including sporting events, out of school achievements and Year 4's trip.



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We are now at the end of another busy half term and I'm sure everyone is looking forward to a break. Next half term there are even more exciting things going on, some of which you will see in the Diary Dates below. Have a fantastic week off, keep looking after the sunflowers and keep us updated on what you are up to via X. See you all back on Monday 3rd June.

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Decline	Minor	Aid	Aspect	Assume	Implement	Component



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Beheshta in 4T for demonstrating all the school values in so many ways.



Stars of the Week

RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B
George	Ryan	Finley	Jamie	Mackenzie	Freddie	Wyatt
3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R
Zac	All of 4LC	All of 4T	Jessica	Mia	Tennyson	Demiee-Lee



Reading at Home

Well done to 6R and 4T. Some disappointing numbers, especially from Reception. **Please read throughout the half-term.**

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 20th May to Friday 24th May			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RM	8 (28%)	8 (28%)	13 (44%)	21 (72%)
RT	8 (30%)	6 (22%)	13 (48%)	19 (70%)
1A	5 (18%)	7 (25%)	16 (57%)	23 (83%)
1P	4 (15%)	4 (14%)	20 (71%)	24 (85%)
2C	3 (10%)	7 (23%)	20 (67%)	27 (90%)
2G	4 (15%)	5 (19%)	17 (66%)	22 (85%)
3B	3 (10%)	7 (23%)	20 (67%)	27 (90%)
3C	7 (25%)	6 (21%)	15 (54%)	21 (75%)
4LC	2 (7%)	7 (25%)	19 (68%)	26 (93%)
4T	0 (0%)	11 (38%)	18 (62%)	29 (100%)
5L	3 (12%)	5 (20%)	17 (68%)	22 (88%)
5P	2 (7%)	3 (11%)	22 (82%)	25 (93%)
6C	2 (8%)	3 (11%)	23 (82%)	26 (92%)
6R	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	25 (93%)	27 (100%)
Total				87%



Diary Dates

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

Friday 24 th May	Last day of half term.
Friday 24 th May	LPPA sweet sale
Thursday 6 th June	Year 5 Trip – Colchester Zoo
Tuesday 11 th June	New Reception parents' meeting – 6pm.
Monday 17 th June	Reception, Year 1 and 2 sports day (am)
Wednesday 19 th June	Year 3 – 6 sports day (am)
Thursday 20 th June	LPPA Bingo Night
Thursday 27 th June	Year 3 Trip – Chelmsford Museum
Friday 28 th June	Year 1 Trip – Barleylands
Friday 5 th July	LPPA Big Barbeque and Bounce (after school)
Wednesday 10 th July	Year 2 Trip – Thorndon Country Park
Monday 15 th July	Year 6 Residential Trip – Mersea Outdoors
Wednesday 17 th July	Reception Trip – Boydells Dairy Farm
Monday 22 nd July	Celebration Evening
Thursday 25 th July	Last day of term



Weekly Attendance

Well don 3B and 2C, nearly perfect attendance again.

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 24th May 2024

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	94.7%	94.1%	94%	97%	99%	89.7%	99%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	94.6%
Attendance	95.3%	94%	96%	89%	93.8%	96.1%	92.4%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
2C & 3B	1P	6C



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 6th September 2023

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	95.8%	93%	95.2%	95.8%	96.4%	95.1%	96.3%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	95.3%
Attendance	95.9%	95.5%	94.9%	95%	95.7%	96.6%	93.5%	

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



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