



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher Comment:

Keeping children safe and children feeling safe in school and in life are key priorities for all schools and it is something that we focus on daily at Larchwood. We do lots of things to ensure that our staff are able to support children with all their needs, whether they are educational needs, physical needs or emotional needs.

All our staff receive regular safeguarding training so that they are able to spot any signs that may be concerning regarding children coming to harm or being abused. This includes abuse they may get online or even with their peer group. Just last week, staff were asked to undertake midyear refresher training before we have a longer session again in September.

More and more children need emotional support and help with their mental health. That is why Mrs Jaycock has been trained as our Senior Mental Health Lead, why we have Heads to Minds in school providing Pet Assisted Therapy and why they did workshops with every class as well as running well attended parent workshops last term.

We have really close links with the school nursing team who work closely with us and families, not just on health-related matters, but also supporting children with things like anger, anxiety and dealing with the pressures of secondary school.

A visitor to the school this week, commented to me how good our staff's relationships were with pupils. We are fortunate to have a teacher and LSA in every class and this allows us to provide both the academic and emotional support that is needed for the children. Each child needs to feel that they can be themselves and be unique.

Lots of what we do with the children comes from our Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE) curriculum which is designed to support children with many aspects of their lives including keeping safe, being responsible and keeping physically and mentally healthy.

Outside of school there are many organisations that can support parents and families and it's worth signposting you to a few of these. Last week I was made aware of a brilliant app called Frontline Referral that has details of lots of organisations that can help. Find it [here](#).

If you are concerned about a child, it can be reported [here](#) at the Essex Children's and Families Hub.

Details of the Brentwood foodbank can be found [here](#).

St Georges Church runs a food hub and offers various community events, details can be found [here](#).

The [safeguarding](#) and [online safety](#) pages on our website also hold lots of useful information

Myself and Mrs Jaycock are always around if you need any specific help or advice.

Clubs

Clubs started this week (30 of them) and I'm sure you will join me in thanking all the staff who are giving up their time to do this, as well as the office and Mrs Pirie for organising. All except football are free. Trying to organise it so all children can attend a club is not easy, so please remember this if your child doesn't get into all of their choices.



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LPPA News

As are now in the summer term, there are a number of events that the LPPA have planned including donut sales, ice cream sales, a bingo night and this year, the Big Barbeque and Bounce. On 5th July there will be a range of manned bouncy castles set up on the school field and parents and children will be able to come on site after school to enjoy a barbeque and bouncing (probably not in that order!) for a set cost. Details will emerge later in the term.

Some of the dates for these events have been added to diary dates below.

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Layer	Contact	Collapse	Alter	Ensure	Distribute	Specific



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Isabella in 6C for demonstrating the values of perseverance and friendship.



Stars of the Week

RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B
Ava	Sienna	Lois	Poppy	Jaxon	Cassian	Iyla-Mai
3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R
George	Mia	Lacey-Ann	Dolcie	Harry G	Harry P	Skye



Reading at Home

Well done 6R for 100% reading 5 times and 4T for all reading at least 4 times. Reading 4 times is the **minimum** expectation.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 22nd April to Friday 26th April			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RM	6 (25%)	4 (14%)	18 (64%)	22 (75%)
RT	9 (33%)	3 (11%)	15 (56%)	18 (67%)
1A	5 (17%)	8 (26%)	17 (57%)	17 (87%)
1P	2 (6%)	5 (18%)	21 (76%)	26 (94%)
2C	1 (3%)	6 (21%)	22 (76%)	28 (97%)
2G	7 (26%)	2 (7%)	18 (67%)	25 (74%)
3B	6 (20%)	5 (17%)	19 (63%)	24 (80%)
3C	2 (14%)	6 (21%)	19 (65%)	25 (86%)
4LC	3 (10%)	6 (20%)	21 (70%)	27 (90%)
4T	0 (0%)	8 (30%)	19 (70%)	27 (100%)
5L	4 (14%)	5 (17%)	19 (63%)	24 (68%)
5P	2 (7%)	3 (11%)	23 (82%)	26 (93%)
6C	2 (6%)	2 (8%)	24 (86%)	26 (94%)
6R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	26 (100%)	26 (100%)
Total				86%



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Diary Dates

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

Thursday 2 nd May	Local election in Year 6 wing – school still open for all.
Friday 3 rd May	Year 4 Trip – Duxford IWM
Friday 10 th May	LPPA donut sale
Monday 13 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Thursday 6 th June	Year 5 Trip – Colchester Zoo
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 – Colchester 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 done to 3B who had the best. Still just above average for the school this week.

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 15th April 2024

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	95.0%	94.1%	95.3%	98.3%	97.3%	90.3%	98.7%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	95.3%
Attendance	94.7%	98.3%	95.9%	93.8%	95.2%	96.1%	91%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
3B	1P, 4LC	6C



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 6th September 2023

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	95.7%	92.8%	95.3%	95.8%	96.3%	95.2%	96.2%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	95.3%
Attendance	95.9%	95.2%	94.6%	94.9%	95.8%	96.6%	93.4%	

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



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