



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher's Comment:

Christmas is a time for celebration so I wanted to celebrate with you some of the things we have been doing at Larchwood over the last week.

I'll start with the Christmas themed events. This time last week we were holding the Christmas Market which was run by the LPPA. Each year the event gets better and better and runs like clockwork. The whole event is organised and run by the fabulous LPPA team and this year managed to make a record £2,000 profit. The mayor of Brentwood was on hand to draw the raffle and I then selected the winner of the 'headteacher for the day' competition which was Joshua in 2G. He will be in charge next Friday and is already planning his day – watch this space.

We have had two fabulous Reception nativities this week and I'm sure all those who watched it are still singing the 'Baabaa Boogie' like I am. Meanwhile, the rest of the school has been busy practising their singing for the sing-a-longs next week. Make sure you know which one your child is in. Entry will be via the top gate.

Also, on a Christmas theme we had the Mayor of Brentwood in with us again on Monday. Each year we enter the Mayor's Christmas card and Christmas poem competition. The children who enter spend their lunchtimes with Mrs Bean doing their designs and this year we were the winners of both competitions – the Christmas card design was won by Seb in 6R and the poem was written by Kendra in 6C. An amazing achievement. Kendra even got to read out her poem at the Mayor's Christmas carol service in South Weald on Wednesday. Well done both of you.

Finally, in non-Christmas related news, some of our Year 3 and 4 children took part in an excellent dance workshop at Shenfield High School on Wednesday. This was the scene of more sporting success for Larchwood the day before, where we won the district Boccia competition. Well done to the team. As you can see, lots worth celebrating once again this week.



Our winning Boccia team.



Our competitions winners with the Brentwood Mayor



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Uniform

Today after school our old uniform supplier, Pauls are holding a half price sale as they reduce their stock before closing. We will be in a position to announce details of our new supplier and how to order uniform from them early next week.

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attach	Image	Core	Microscopic	Tradition	Bias	Revenue



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Vania in 3B for demonstrating the value of friendship.



Stars of the Week

RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B
All of RM	All of RT	Leon	Penny	Daisy F	Cody	Betty
3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R
Zoe	Josh F	Molly	Lucca	Kai	Maja	Lily

Reading at Home



Well done to the winning classes and to 6C who had the most read 5 times. Of those that didn't read 4 time nearly all read 3 times – 1 extra next week please.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 4 th December to Friday 8 th December			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RM	2 (8%)	6 (22%)	19 (70%)	92%
RT	9 (31%)	6 (21%)	14 (48%)	69%
1A	1 (4%)	7 (25%)	20 (71%)	96%
1P	3 (12%)	8 (32%)	14 (56%)	82%
2C	1 (3%)	5 (17%)	23 (80%)	97%
2G	3 (9%)	9 (32%)	17 (59%)	81%
3B	5 (17%)	6 (21%)	18 (62%)	83%
3C	3 (12%)	4 (15%)	19 (73%)	88%
4LC	0 (0%)	7 (24%)	22 (76%)	100%
4T	0 (0%)	6 (23%)	20 (77%)	100%
5L	0 (0%)	8 (29%)	20 (71%)	100%
5P	3 (11%)	7 (25%)	18 (64%)	89%
6C	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	25 (90%)	100%
6R	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	24 (96%)	100%
Total				91%



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Diary Dates

Below are some of the important dates coming up in the next few weeks:

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 (2pm)
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas sing-a-long 2C, 3B, 4T, 5L, 6C (2:30pm)
Friday 15 th December	Reports sent home Years 1 - 6
Monday 18 th December	Christmas sing-a-long 2G, 3C, 4LC, 5P, 6R (2:30pm)
Monday 18 th December	Christmas jumper day and Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 19 th December	LPPA Christmas discos
Wednesday 20 th December	Break up
Thursday 4 th January	Return to School
Tuesday 30 th January	Young Voices at the O2
Wednesday 14 th February	Parent Consultations (3:30pm-6:00pm)
Thursday 15 th February	Parent Consultations (5:30pm-8:00pm)



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 4th December

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	93.7%	98.6%	93%	88%	98%	95.7%	95.2%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	93.9%
Attendance	90%	96.7%	89.3%	92%	96%	98.6%	90.7%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
RT & 6C	2C	4LC



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 6th September 2023

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	97.1%	94.9%	95.6%	95.5%	97%	96.1%	96.1%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	95.9%
Attendance	96.3%	96%	94%	95.8%	95.9%	97.4%	94.9%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
6C	RM	2C



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