



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher Comment:

I had the privilege of attending the Multi-Schools Council meeting via Teams on Monday with 4 members of Year 4 and 6. This is where children from different Brentwood schools meet to discuss a range of ideas to help shape what education looks like in Essex and to feedback on the good work Essex schools do. Topics discussed included how children help those less fortunate than them, what training and support schools might need in the future and what else schools could be teaching. Our children made excellent contributions, as did all schools, and it was really pleasing to have Seb from Year 6 named star of the meeting.

Responsibility is one of our 6 values and we talk about it a lot in school. Attending the meeting was a perfect example of children demonstrating that responsibility. Our children love taking on additional responsibilities and helping others and we have many examples happening daily at Larchwood.

We have children helping the younger children at lunchtime in the dinner hall as well as being play leaders in the playground. Some of our children also help with clubs. On a Monday, we have Year 2 bike club and Year 6 children help teach the Year 2s to ride a bike. This week after one of the Year 2s managed to cycle without any help from one end of the playground to the other for the first time he was understandably delighted. However, the Year 6 who was helping him was also delighted. He was delighted for the Year 2 boy, but also, he felt really good about what he had done to help him. This is why taking on responsibility is such a good thing. It can make everyone feel good. This week's Superstar is another person who shows this value.

Have a restful, healthy and relaxing half term and we will see you all back on Monday 26th February.

Events coming up

Don't forget, Larchwood will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8th March. Miss Beard has plenty of excellent activities planned for the day. Children can also dress as their favourite book character. I've already got mine planned.

In the past for Comic Relief we have sold red noses and children have paid £1 to wear their own clothes for comic relief. This year Comic Relief falls on the same day as the LPPA Multi-colour non-uniform day on Friday 15th March. Children will still be able to take part in the now traditional joke competition for a small donation and each class will be voting for their favourite.

On Multi-colour non-uniform day children can wear own clothes (any colour) for a donation of an item in their Year groups' colour. There are: Reception – Red, Year 1 – Yellow, Year 2 – Pink, Year 3 – Green, Year 4 – Orange, Year 5 – Purple, Year 6 – Blue.

Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) Battle of the Bands

We are nearly at the business end of the competition and semi-finalists are becoming clearer. This week's table and the final round of fixtures are below:



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| | W | D | L | Points |
|-----|---|---|---|--------|
| 5L | 5 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| 3C | 4 | 0 | 1 | 13 |
| 6C | 4 | 0 | 1 | 13 |
| 4T | 3 | 0 | 2 | 11 |
| 3B | 2 | 0 | 3 | 9 |
| 6R | 1 | 0 | 4 | 7 |
| 4LC | 1 | 0 | 4 | 7 |
| 5P | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 |

Week 6 battles:

5L vs 4T

4LC vs 5P

6R vs 3C

3B vs 6C

Word of the Week

| Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|-----------|--------|----------|----------|----------|--------|---------|
| Expose | Seek | Evaluate | Interact | Contrast | Obtain | Sustain |



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Sophie and Betty in 3B for demonstrating the value of responsibility.



Stars of the Week

| | | | | | | |
|----------|-------|---------|--------|---------|--------|--------|
| RM | RT | 1A | 1P | 2C | 2G | 3B |
| Daniella | Ellie | Liliana | Amy | Freya W | Carley | Jude |
| 3C | 4LC | 4T | 5L | 5P | 6C | 6R |
| Leighton | Leon | Aarian | Kieran | Ashton | Alex | Miller |



Reading at Home

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| Class | Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 12 th February 2024 to Friday 16 th February 2024 | | | Percentage Read 4 & 5 times % |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------------------|
| | Less than 4 | 4 | 5 | |
| RM | 4 (13%) | 7 (23%) | 19 (64%) | 96% |
| RT | 8 (33%) | 3 (13%) | 13 (54%) | 67% |
| 1A | 6 (20%) | 6 (21%) | 17 (59%) | 80% |
| 1P | 2 (7%) | 7 (25%) | 19 (68%) | 93% |
| 2C | 0 (0%) | 10 (37%) | 17 (63%) | 100% |
| 2G | 2 (8%) | 6 (21%) | 20 (71%) | 82% |
| 3B | 2 (6%) | 4 (14%) | 24 (80%) | 94% |
| 3C | 4 (15%) | 4 (15%) | 19 (70%) | 85% |
| 4LC | 1 (3%) | 3 (11%) | 25 (86%) | 97% |
| 4T | 0 (0%) | 8 (27%) | 22 (73%) | 100% |
| 5L | 1 (4%) | 6 (21%) | 21 (75%) | 96% |
| 5P | 0 (0%) | 9 (32%) | 19 (68%) | 100% |
| 6C | 1 (3%) | 3 (11%) | 24 (86%) | 97% |
| 6R | 1 (4%) | 2 (7%) | 25 (89%) | 96% |
| Total | | | | 92% |



Diary Dates

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

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Friday 16 th February | Year 6 Mayan civilisation workshop |
| Friday 16 th February | Break up for half term |
| Monday 26 th February | Back to school |
| Thursday 7 th March | LPPA quiz night |
| Friday 8 th March | Larchwood World Book Day – dress as your favourite character |
| Monday 11 th March | Science Week |
| Tuesday 12 th March | Science Workshops |
| Friday 15 th March | LPPA Rainbow non-uniform day |
| Wednesday 20 th March | LPPA Easter pop-up shop |
| Friday 22 nd March | Don Rae dance workshop Year 4 |
| Tuesday 26 th March | Reports sent home |
| Wednesday 27 th March | Easter discos |
| Thursday 28 th March | Break up |
| Monday 15 th April | Start of Summer Term |
| Monday 13 th May | Year 6 SATs week |
| Monday 17 th June | Reception, Year 1 and 2 sports day (am) |
| Wednesday 19 th June | Year 3 – 6 sports day (am) |



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 12th February 2024

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|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
| Class | RM | RT | 1A | 1P | 2C | 2G | 3B | Whole school |
| Attendance | 98.3% | 86.1% | 96.7% | 96.2% | 94.7% | 92.3% | 99.3% | |
| Class | 3C | 4LC | 4T | 5L | 5P | 6C | 6R | 94.2% |
| Attendance | 86.3% | 96% | 98% | 92.4% | 94.1% | 94.5% | 93.8% | |

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|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd |
| 3B | RM | 4T |



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 6th September 2023

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|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
| Class | RM | RT | 1A | 1P | 2C | 2G | 3B | Whole school |
| Attendance | 96.8% | 94.1% | 95.4% | 95.5% | 96.1% | 95.6% | 95.8% | |
| Class | 3C | 4LC | 4T | 5L | 5P | 6C | 6R | 95.4% |
| Attendance | 95.6% | 95.3% | 94.1% | 95.4% | 96.1% | 96.6% | 93.6% | |

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|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd |
| RM | 6C | 2C |



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