



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher Comment:

Next week there are two important events taking place – Safer Internet Day and Children's Mental Health Week. The theme for Safer Internet Day this year is 'Inspiring Change: making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online. Mr Weston will share more about this next Tuesday when Safer Internet Day takes place so I will talk about Mental Health Week.

Over recent years we have all become much more aware of our mental health and that of children. It is really important that we have conversations with children about what mental health is and what we can do to keep our mental health as good as possible. Children's Mental Health Week 2024 is about 'My Voice Matters'. It is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.

When we feel empowered, there's a positive impact on our wellbeing. Children who feel that their voices are heard and can make a difference have a greater sense of community and self-esteem. This year, we want children of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to be empowered to work together to create a positive change for their mental health and wellbeing.

With this in mind, children will have an assembly with Mrs Jaycock and the Junior Governing Board (JGB) next week where they will introduce some new ways for children to have their opinions heard in school. Then going forward, every Friday, each class will create a short list for 'Three Good Things Friday'. This will be three events / lessons that were good during the week. It ends the week in a positive way, gives the children three good things to talk to you about at home and sets them up for a good weekend.

To finish, I'll start 'Three Good Things Friday' a week early. Three good things from this week (out of many) are: The choir singing at the O2 – what an experience, the children representing the Brentwood district at the Panathlon bowling final for South Essex and the learning in history that Year 5 have been doing about Henry VIII so they can compare him to Elizabeth I.

Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) Battle of the Bands

The TTRS competition is now just over half way and it is becoming clearer which teams may be in the semi-finals. However, there is still time to make it to the final 4. Keep learning those tables and having fun. This week's table and fixtures are below:

	W	D	L	Points
3C	4	0	0	12
5L	4	0	0	12
6C	3	0	1	10
4T	2	0	2	8
6R	1	0	3	6
3B	1	0	3	6
4LC	1	0	3	6
5P	0	0	4	4

Week 5 battles:

5L vs 3C

3B vs 5P

6R vs 4T

4LC vs 6C



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Parking

Please remember to park responsibly at drop off and pick up. This week I've witnessed more and more cars parking on the double yellow lines and the pavement. I continue to lobby the council. Action is in the hands of Essex highways and both Cllr Aspinell and myself are trying to get an update on the promised actions.

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Focus	Comment	Fraction	Secure	Access	Scheme	Considerable



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Bella in 1P for demonstrating friendship to all members of her class.



Stars of the Week

RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B
Sofia	Lukas	Charlie	Mabel	Grace W	Robyn	Sonny
3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R
Maya	Aaryan	Bodie	Max	Harry G	Ben	Joshua



Reading at Home

Well done 1P and 6R! Every single child in those classes read at least 4 times this week earning their class 5 minutes extra play.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 29th January 2024 to Friday 2nd February 2024			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RM	1 (4%)	8 (27%)	20 (69%)	96%
RT	7 (24%)	6 (21%)	16 (55%)	76%
1A	4 (16%)	4 (15%)	18 (69%)	84%
1P	0 (0%)	8 (28%)	20 (72%)	100%
2C	2 (7%)	7 (25%)	19 (68%)	93%
2G	1 (4%)	7 (26%)	19 (70%)	96%
3B	2 (7%)	3 (11%)	23 (82%)	93%
3C	4 (14%)	13 (45%)	12 (41%)	86%
4LC	1 (4%)	7 (26%)	19 (70%)	96%
4T	2 (6%)	13 (45%)	14 (49%)	94%
5L	2 (8%)	6 (22%)	19 (70%)	92%
5P	1 (4%)	4 (14%)	23 (82%)	96%
6C	1 (3%)	4 (14%)	24 (83%)	97%
6R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	26 (100%)	100%
Total				93%



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Diary Dates

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

Thursday 1 st February	Early Years Maths workshop (2:30pm)
Tuesday 6 th February	Year 6 Mayan civilisation workshop
Wednesday 7 th February	Road safety day for Year 5 and Reception
Thursday 8 th February	Don Rae dance workshop for Year 1 and 2
Thursday 8 th February	DET Trustee meeting at Larchwood
Friday 9 th February	Author visit Year 3 - 6
Wednesday 14 th February	Parent Consultations (3:30pm-6:00pm)
Thursday 15 th February	Parent Consultations (5:30pm-8:00pm)
Friday 16 th February	Break up for half term
Monday 26 th February	Back to school
Friday 8 th March	Larchwood World Book 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



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 29th January 2024

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	97%	94%	88.3%	97.6%	95.7%	91.3%	95.7%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	%
Attendance	94%	96.7%	96%	90%	93.7%	96.6%	93.8%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1P	RM	4LC



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 6th September 2023

Class	RM	RT	1A	1P	2C	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	96.7%	94.1%	95.3%	95.4%	95.7%	95.8%	95.6%	
Class	3C	4LC	4T	5L	5P	6C	6R	95.3%
Attendance	96.1%	95.3%	93.9%	95%	95%	96.7%	93.5%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
RM & 6C	3C	2G



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