



# NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



## Headteacher Comment:

Keeping everyone safe online is a vital part of our job as a school and as part of this, Internet Safety day was celebrated in school on Tuesday. I know many of the older classes watched the BBC live lesson on AI which was really informative. I've spoken about AI previously when talking about things like ChatGTP, but we often don't realise it is AI that allows us to open our smartphone with our face or to use predictive text. The live lesson talked about these useful tools, but also talked about how AI can be used to create 'deep fake' photos and videos and how to question and spot these.

I know my own children get a lot of their news and interesting facts from things like TikTok and Instagram. They will be shown videos that these apps have chosen for them based on an algorithm that finds similar videos to the ones they have already watched. The problem is, that if they watch a video that is deliberately showing false information (or disinformation) they will likely see more that are false. In our online safety lessons (and the live lesson) we teach our children how to spot them and question what they see.

I mentioned before how our computer network filters out things like pop-up adverts when children are online. We can also check what children are searching for online. Without fail, the most searched for thing is TTRS! Finally, this week our digital leaders met with Mr Weston to choose the winner of the online safety poster competition. A big well done to Thomas in 3B, whose poster will be appearing around school in the coming days.

### Parent Consultations

Next Wednesday and Thursday sees our termly parent consultations taking place. These are really important opportunities for teachers and parents to work together to support the children. More importantly, they are a really good opportunity for the children to hear about all the good things they are doing and to hear that being fed back to you. Please make sure you book an appointment via this link <https://larchwood.schoolcloud.co.uk>. If you are unable to make an appointment, please speak to the class teacher to make a separate appointment. We want 100% attendance.

### Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) Battle of the Bands

With only 2 rounds to go it is becoming clearer who will be in the semi-finals. The big match this week was 5L vs 3C which was won by 5L. Will they meet again in the final? This week's table and fixtures are below:

	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 5 battles:

5L vs 4T

4LC vs 5P

6R vs 3C

3B vs 6C



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## Music of the Month

As part of our music curriculum we have a listening focus each month. February saw the start of our focus on the classical period from around 1750 to 1820. Every day in assembly we listen to a piece of music from this era and children listen to them in class too. The children should be able to talk about this era at home and by the end of the month they will have heard music from well-known composers such as Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Haydn and Rossini. You can get a small taste of some examples [here](#).

## 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

Riley in 6C for always 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

Well done 4T who were the overall winners and well done to 2C and 5P. Those of you reading 3 times just need to do one more next week.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from <b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>			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%



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# Diary Dates

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

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Author visit Year 3 - 6
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultations (3:30pm-6:00pm)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultations (5:30pm-8:00pm)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 Mayan civilisation workshop
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Back to school
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	LPPA quiz night
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Larchwood World Book Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	LPPA Rainbow non-uniform day
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	LPPA Easter pop-up shop
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Don Rae dance workshop Year 4
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Reports sent home
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter discos
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Break up
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Summer Term



# Weekly Attendance

Hopefully we will see a healthier week for the last week of half term.

## Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
3B	RM	4T



# Yearly Attendance

## Yearly Attendance – from 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
RM	6C	2C



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