



# NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement &amp; Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



## Headteacher's Comment:

### Governance Update

Our Chair of the Local Schools Committee, Rachel Fossey, writes:

Last week we had our formal Governors meeting of the Larchwood Local Schools Committee. We were pleased to officially welcome our two new members Stephanie Hakes (Parent Governor) and Stephanie Lloyd (Co-opted Governor) into the team. They have both hit the ground running taking on School Improvement Plan monitoring responsibilities.

During the meeting Mr Bowsher presented his Heads Report for the term and we were able to ask questions about the most recent pupil progress data as well as budgeting information and policy updates. He shared the results of the extremely positive parent survey that was completed at parents evening and it is great to see how well supported the school is.

We are all now undertaking monitoring visits to the school with recent ones including SEND (Anona Stanley), Teaching and Learning (Steph Hakes), Leadership and Management (Rachel Fossey) as well as Safeguarding (Lisa Wenham) and Health and Safety (Gillian Walsh).



Stephanie Lloyd  
Co-opted Governor  
Early Years



Stephanie Hakes  
Parent Governor  
Teaching and Learning

As mentioned above, the governors approved a number of policies and documents. Our behaviour policy was approved (with only minimal changes). Governors also approved the term dates for 2024-25. The term dates for the rest of this year, next year and 2024-25 can be found [here](#) on our website and have also been sent out to you.

### Science Week

You will have seen from the letter sent to parents earlier in the week that next week is Science week. As with most of our foundation curriculum, we block our science units, but next week each class will be doing an additional science investigation to mark the week as well as a



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number of other activities. Mrs Calver, our science subject leader, has also set the children a challenge for them to undertake at home about a scientist they feel a connection to. As Mrs Calver's letter said, these need to be in school by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. I know a number of children have already been planning and preparing things.

### Comic Relief 2023

Just a reminder that children can come to school in non-uniform on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March and pay £1 for this worthwhile charity. There will also be 'Mr Bowsher's Joke Competition' again. Each child will be given a slip of paper at the start of the week to write their best original joke on and enter it into the competition. A donation of 50p to enter will add to the amount we raise and winning jokes will be displayed on class doors and my favourite 3 will be printed in News and Views. Unlike previous years, we won't be selling the red noses in school. They are available to order from Amazon for £2.50 with free delivery and can be worn in school.

### Local Area

Year 4 are about to do some work on the history of the local area. If you have any old pictures of the school, Pilgrims Hatch or Brentwood they would love to be able to use these. Please bring them in to the office or email [office@larchwood.essex.sch.uk](mailto:office@larchwood.essex.sch.uk).

### Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Odd	Feature	Unique	Formation	Subsequent	Policy	Commit



## Reading at Home

Much better this week, especially from 1P and Year 2. I will be speaking to the few that didn't read at least 4 times.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages from <b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b> (percentages are rounded) Times Read						Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	0	1	2	3	4	5	
RR	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	12 (43%)	15 (54%)	97%
RT	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	4 (14%)	11 (39%)	12 (43%)	82%
1A	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	8 (27%)	19 (63%)	90%
1P	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	6 (21%)	23 (79%)	100%
2BC	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	7 (23%)	23 (77%)	100%
2G	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (13%)	26 (87%)	100%
3B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	8 (30%)	18 (67%)	97%
3C	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	12 (40%)	18 (60%)	100%
4B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	7 (24%)	19 (68%)	92%
4S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	4 (14%)	23 (82%)	96%
5D	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	5 (18%)	22 (78%)	96%
5L	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (15%)	23 (85%)	100%
6C	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	3 (11%)	24 (86%)	97%
6R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	28 (93%)	100%
Total							96%



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## Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Ava-Mai in 6R for demonstrating the value of Responsibility.



## Stars of the Week

RR	RT	1A	1P	2BC	2G	3B
George	Sophia	Caleb	Layton	Ava	Georgia	Eleanor
3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6R	6C
Mia	Ruby-Leigh	Emmy	Demiee-Lee	Ben	Dalia	Poppy



## Weekly Attendance

Well done to 6R (and RR in a close 2<sup>nd</sup> place) – nearly perfect again.

### Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Class	RR	RT	1A	1P	2BC	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	99.3%	95.3%	94.3%	95%	96.1%	98%	93%	
Class	3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6C	6R	94.9%
Attendance	97.3%	96.4%	90%	91.7%	91%	92.3%	99.7%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
6R	RR	2G



## Yearly Attendance

### Yearly Attendance – from 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

Class	RR	RT	1A	1P	2BC	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	94.9%	95.4%	94.8%	95%	95.5%	96.3%	94.4%	
Class	3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6C	6R	95.2%
Attendance	96.2%	95.4%	95%	94.1%	95.9%	94.5%	94.5%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2G	3C	5L



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