



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher's Comment:

Last week I talked about our curriculum aim of giving children a wealth of experiences. It ties in really well with all our aims, but particularly the fifth, children leaving Larchwood with an understanding of the world around them so that they are fully equipped to be part of it.

Understanding of the world around them is something we teach children all the time. Sometimes their worlds are very small and close to home other times they are far away related to the past. Two examples of this from different ends of the school can be seen in Reception and Year 6 where I spent some time yesterday. Reception were looking at daffodils, partly connected to St David's Day last week and partly to do with their word of the week – Spring. There was writing, painting and art going on all based on something they can see outside their window.

Meanwhile in Year 6 they were reading a book that is set in America whilst also learning about Mayans in their history. So very different to the flowers growing outside, yet still helping to develop and understanding of the world around them.

Next week sees Comic Relief taking place on Friday 18th. This is another example of how we are teaching children about the world around them and how they can help others less fortunate than themselves. We have 300 red noses ready to sell from Monday at £1.50. It will be 1 nose per child until they are all gone and they can be worn on Friday, with normal school uniform. Children are also coming home with a piece of paper today for our Comic Relief joke competition. Simply write a joke – the more original and funnier the better – and return it to school by Friday with a suggested donation of 50p. Each class will vote on their favourite and the winning ones will be shared on doors and around school.

Cross Country

This week over 40 children took part in the district cross-country. There were 21 schools taking part and over 100 children racing in each race from Year 3 to Year 6. As always, our children (and parents) were amazing. I'm not made for running despite my long legs and am always in awe of the children who take part. A special mention to the Year 5 girls who came 5th and the Year 5 boys who came 4th. An even bigger special mention to Brandon in Year 5 who will be representing the school at the district finals as the 2nd best placed boy in Brentwood. I can't finish without saying a big thank you to all the staff (and especially Mrs Pirie who co-ordinated it all) who gave up their time to take children, help with the kit, get people ready and made sure everyone was busy learning still.



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Finlay in 6R for demonstrating the value of friendship.



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Stars of the Week

RS	RT	1A	1P	2B	2G	3B
Caleb	Robyn	Marlowe	George	Jake	Ralphie	Ronnie
3C	4D	4S	5B	5L	6R	6S
Laila V	Andreas	Carter	Brandon	Bobby	Jamie	Tom



Reading at Home

Well done to 6 classes. The expectation is all children read at least 4 times.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages from Monday 7th March to Friday 11th March (percentages are rounded) Times Read						Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	0	1	2	3	4	5	
RS	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	3 (12%)	5 (20%)	16 (64%)	21 (84%)
RT	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (11%)	5 (18%)	20 (71%)	25 (89%)
1A	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (9%)	6 (26%)	15 (65%)	21 (91%)
1P	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	26 (94%)	27 (97%)
2B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	2 (7%)	25 (90%)	27 (97%)
2G	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	5 (17%)	22 (77%)	27 (94%)
3B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (18%)	23 (82%)	28 (100%)
3C	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (15%)	23 (85%)	27 (100%)
4D	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	3 (11%)	24 (86%)	27 (97%)
4S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	4 (14%)	24 (83%)	28 (97%)
5B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	27 (96%)	28 (100%)
5L	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	25 (93%)	27 (100%)
6R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (12%)	27 (88%)	31 (100%)
6S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (17%)	24 (83%)	29 (100%)
Total							96%



Weekly Attendance

Well done 2B, 100% is an excellent number.

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 7th March 2022

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Class	2B	2G	6R	RT	5B
Attendance	100%	98.0%	97.1%	96.7%	96.6%



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