



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021

# NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



## Headteacher's Comment:

Fairness, Friendship, Responsibility, Respect, Honesty and Perseverance. I think I've started News and Views with these 6 words before so I will make no apology for doing so again. They are our six school values and they come into everything we do. The winner of my superstar award each week demonstrates one, some or all of these. The words are up in our classrooms and talked about in assemblies. They are key to helping us achieve and enjoy our time at school.

A lot of work that we do on these happens in our weekly PSHCE lessons. For those of you who aren't familiar with this acronym it stands for Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education. We do work on lots of different things in these lessons, things like friendships, money, democracy, keeping safe, treating each other equally – the list is long.

Sometimes we may have to talk about things that aren't always as comfortable to discuss. Things like racism, gender discrimination and peer-on-peer abuse. The way we talk about these things with children, when we talk about them and what we say varies depending on the age of the children but they are all relevant, especially as the children become older.

It is not ok to discriminate against someone based on their skin colour or their gender. It is not ok to make jokes about people because of the way they look or if they are male or female. Our children know this and are fully aware of why. We don't tolerate anything like this at Larchwood and all schools are the same. It is very rare that we have to deal with anything like this because we educate the children.

Sadly, the world isn't always like Larchwood. There are people who will say and do things that discriminate against others, that are racist or sexist. The online world we live in can often make exposure to this kind of behaviour more likely.

As much as school is a big influence on children, the biggest influence on them is their parents. That's why we as parents have a responsibility to uphold the six school values as well. This weekend spare some time to talk to your child, at an appropriate level, about treating others equally, what discrimination is and help them challenge the kind of behaviour we know is not acceptable. Talk to them about what they see and read online and by working together we can help prepare our children for the next stage in their school journey.

### Warm weather

It is essential that children have a water bottle in school every day as well as wearing sun cream and preferably having a hat. This will be especially important on sports day.



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## Sports Day

As you know on Monday morning we have sports day for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, while on Wednesday we have sports day for Reception, Year 1 and 2. COVID has once again meant that it won't be the way it normally is as we are going to have to make sure there is plenty of social distancing and sanitising. The good news being it is happening. As much as we would like to have parents onsite, we really can't as guidance doesn't allow and even though we may well have no restrictions after 21<sup>st</sup> June, we can't be sure and the diary is very full. For those parents of Reception and Year 1 children who won't have experienced a sports day, I'm sure it will be back as normal next year and you will have plenty more to see. Teachers will be busy taking action-shots and these will be posted on Twitter throughout the 2 days.

## Celebration Evening

This is scheduled for Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July. This is when children usually get to share their work with their teachers. As this date is set in the diary further in the future, I'm hopeful we can still do this or a version of it. I'll be able to give further details as we get closer to the date.

## Half-Term Lunchbox Competition

Thank you to all the families who entered this over half-term and a big thank you to Miss Dow for organising it. We loved seeing the creative meals you all prepared and shared via email or on Twitter. All those who entered will be getting a Headteacher's Award. The staff voted for their favourites - it was a very hard choice.

The winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ava in RT

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Poppy in 4D

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Sophie in 1P

## Allotment sign competition

You may be aware that each class has a small allotment with vegetables starting to grow. Well done to 1Pr who today won the best sign competition for their allotment. Will they win best allotment at the end of term?



## Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Isobel Chamberlain in RS – for demonstrating all the school values.



## Stars of the Week

RS	RT	1P	1PR	2B	2G	3A
Sienna	George	Joshua F	Logan	Ronnie B	Charlie	Blake
3B	4D	4K	5R	5S	6PA	
Riley L	Demi-Mai	Riley G	Ariz	Kaine	Callum	



## Reading at Home

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages from <b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b> (percentages are rounded) Times Read						Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	0	1	2	3	4	5	
RS	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	12 (40%)	17 (57%)	96
RT	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	7 (23%)	21 (71%)	94%
1P	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	4 (14%)	24 (80%)	94%
1PR	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (6%)	2 (6%)	26 (88%)	94%
2B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	7 (24%)	22 (76%)	100%
2G	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	4 (13%)	25 (84%)	97%
3A	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	4 (13%)	25 (84%)	97%
3B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (13%)	26 (87%)	100%
4D	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	7 (25%)	20 (72%)	97%
4K	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	27 (90%)	100%
5R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	4 (10%)	24 (83%)	93%
5S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (15%)	5 (18%)	18 (67%)	85%
6PA	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	5 (16%)	25 (81%)	97%
Total							96%



## Weekly Attendance

### Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Class	RS	RT	1P	1PR	2B	2G	3A	Whole school
Attendance	100%	97.3%	98.7%	99.7%	98.2%	99%	99.7%	
Class	3B	4D	4K	5R	5S	6PA		98.2%
Attendance	98.3%	96.5%	97.3%	99%	96.6%	96.5%		

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
RS	1PR, 3A	2G, 5R



## Yearly Attendance

### Yearly Attendance – from 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Class	RS	RT	1P	1PR	2B	2G	3A	Whole school
Attendance	98.2%	98.3%	98.8%	97.2%	97.3%	98.2%	97.1%	
Class	3B	4D	4K	5R	5S	6PA		97.2%
Attendance	98%	96.7%	96%	96.8%	95.4%	95.9%		

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
1P	RT	RS

