



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher's Comment:

I wanted to talk today about online safety. With the Christmas holidays a fading memory and January in full swing, many children will now be getting to grips with new gadgets and games that they got for Christmas. Many of these they will be able to use online to play with friends.

As a school we work with our children on online safety every half term and when we feel it is necessary. To help parents, our school website has its own section for online safety [here](#) (it is under the Safeguarding tab). We are adding resources to this all the time. It has some really useful guides to things like Tik Tok, Youtube, Fortnite and setting parental controls on phones. This week we added three new resources - a parent guide to the [metaverse](#), an additional guide to [Fortnite](#) and an article on [building healthy relationships when socialising online](#).

Finding games for children which are appropriate for their age, which work on the devices the children use and the children will actually enjoy playing can be a minefield, particularly when parents are being bombarded with the 'but everyone else is playing this game' guilt trip. To help you find appropriate games [this website](#) has a Game Finder and is particularly useful.

As an example, Fortnite is a particularly popular game with children and has 350 million registered players. Originally it involved people controlling a character and using guns to find other characters and fighting to be the last one standing. It has a chat function where you can talk to other people you play with. It has an age rating (PEGI) of 12. This is clearly not a game designed for young children.

To help parents gain even more knowledge of online safety, Miss Beard, our online safety lead, will be sending out Tech Tuesday emails again this term. Watch out for them.

Respect

At Larchwood we do a lot of work with the children about Respect. As you know it is one of our school values. On Monday we had a representative from Essex fire and police come and talk to the children in Year 3 and above about respect and discrimination out of school and the consequences of anti-social behaviour. They gave lots of examples of how sometimes, older children may not show our school values out of school e.g. at the park, and the consequences if they do behave in an anti-social way that are reported to the police. This kind of assembly helps to strengthen children's understanding of our values and why they are important.

Reception Admissions September 2023

Just a reminder that if you have a child who is due to start in Reception in September, then applications for a school place need to be made by this Sunday, 15th January. This is via the

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Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Author	Link	Flexible	Enable	Clarify	Coherent	Undertake



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Evie in 5L for demonstrating the value of Responsibility



Stars of the Week

RR	RT	1A	1P	2B	2G	3B
Archie	Ronnie-Rose	Zachary	Rayzel	Kai	Ian	Abigail
3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6R	6C
Beheshta	Max	Abina	Maxwell	Brooke	Francesca	Amelia M



Reading at Home

Well done Key Stage 2 (and 1A). Only a handful of children not reading enough.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages from Monday 9th January to Friday 13th January (percentages are rounded) Times Read						Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	0	1	2	3	4	5	
RR	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (6%)	7 (24%)	21 (70%)	94%
RT	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (14%)	5 (18%)	19 (68%)	86%
1A	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (17%)	25 (83%)	100%
1P	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (6%)	1 (3%)	6 (20%)	21 (71%)	91%
2BC	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (6%)	8 (27%)	20 (67%)	94%
2G	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	2 (7%)	23 (86%)	93%
3B	2 (7%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	7 (23%)	21 (70%)	93%
3C	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	26 (90%)	100%
4B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	7 (25%)	21 (75%)	100%
4S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (17%)	25 (83%)	100%
5D	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	26 (93%)	100%
5L	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	28 (100%)	100%
6C	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (8%)	24 (92%)	100%
6R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	27 (90%)	100%
Total							97%



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Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 9th January

Class	RR	RT	1A	1P	2BC	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	94.7%	98.9%	98.7%	100%	100%	93%	98.7%	
Class	3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6C	6R	97.1%
Attendance	98%	98.6%	98.7%	94.3%	95.5%	95.5%	94.7	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1P & 2BC	RT	1A, 3B & 4S



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 2nd September 2022

Class	RR	RT	1A	1P	2BC	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	94.3%	93.7%	94.6%	94.8%	95%	95.7%	94.4%	
Class	3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6C	6R	94.7%
Attendance	96.2%	95.3%	95.1%	93.4%	95.8%	94%	93.4%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
3C	5L	2G



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