



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher's Comment:

We all know our school values – Friendship, Fairness, Responsibility, Respect, Honesty and Perseverance. However, there could be other values we could have and two I have seen in abundance this week are – resilience and teamwork.

As you will know from last week, Year 6 had their SATs. Children undertake assessments all the time in school. These can be as simple as answering teacher questions or simple quizzes, but at certain times there are more formal tests. Year 2 are currently doing some assessments in their classes, whilst Year 1 are preparing for a phonics check in June and Year 4 for a multiplication tables check, also in June. These are assessments that are done nationally, but are always undertaken in a very low-key way at Larchwood – the children barely know it is happening.

However, by the time it gets to Year 6 SATs it is more formal. The majority of the children have taken the tests in the hall and it felt a little more like it does when we do exams in secondary school. This is the first time that the tests have been taken since 2019 and the way that the children have just got on with it has been amazing. They have had such positive attitudes and shown such resilience. Well done Year 6.

Of course, the children aren't able to demonstrate this resilience (and the other values) without teamwork. We take great pride in working with the children and you as parents to make sure the children are as great as they can be. I finished calling the new Reception parents for September this week. This is when the teamwork starts – 4 months before your child starts here. Over the next 7 years we watch the children grow and develop until they become the excellent children we have seen taking their SATs this week.

I can't finish without mentioning one other thing that I was delighted to see happening this week. The first class trip since March 2020. Year 1 went off to Barleylands on Wednesday and had a fabulous time. The children and adults were all so excited when they left and were just as excited when they returned – just a little tired. It is so good to get back to doing these amazing things.

Have a great weekend.

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Environment	Estimate	Energy	Alternative	Version	Accumulate	N/A



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Brooke in 5L for demonstrating the value of friendship.



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Stars of the Week

RS	RT	1A	1P	2B	2G	3B
Freya	Ada	George	Stefan	Annabelle	Brody	Harley
3C	4D	4S	5B	5L	6R	6S
Charlie S	Harry R	Sonny	Samantha	Bella	All of 6R	All of 6S



Reading at Home

Well done 6S. Leading from the front. Come on the 7 classes that didn't read enough.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages from Monday 9th May to Friday 13th May (percentages are rounded) Times Read						Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	0	1	2	3	4	5	
RS	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	10 (36%)	18 (64%)	28 (100%)
RT	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	3 (10%)	3 (10%)	21 (71%)	24 (81%)
1A	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	6 (20%)	22 (73%)	28 (93%)
1P	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	5 (17%)	23 (79%)	28 (96%)
2B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	8 (27%)	21 (73%)	29 (100%)
2G	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	23 (88%)	24 (92%)
3B	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	2 (7%)	2 (7%)	22 (78%)	24 (85%)
3C	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (13%)	26 (87%)	30 (100%)
4D	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (14%)	25 (86%)	29 (100%)
4S	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	2 (7%)	26 (87%)	28 (94%)
5B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (14%)	25 (86%)	29 (100%)
5L	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (11%)	25 (89%)	28 (100%)
6R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	5 (16%)	25 (81%)	30 (97%)
6S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	29 (97%)	30 (100%)
Total							96%



Weekly Attendance

Our best attendance for a long time at 97% and unsurprisingly Year 6 won. Well done.

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 9th May 2022

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Class	6S	6R	5B	1A	3C
Attendance	99.3%	99%	98.6%	98.3%	98.0%



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