



Friday 15th October

NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher's Comment:

Safeguarding children from harm is a massive part of a school's role. All staff at Larchwood receive safeguarding training throughout the year and when a school is inspected safeguarding will be one of the first things that Ofsted will look at to make sure it is effective. As I'm sure you are aware Mrs Jaycock is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Mr Sumner, Mrs Belle and myself are also part of the team.

The work we do to make children aware of how to keep safe and how to report any concerns is extensive. An example that many of you will be familiar with is the NSPCC Pants song which I'm sure you will have heard your child singing at some point. We also do lots of work around online safety and how to keep yourself safe online. Ten years ago, this would have meant when you were online on a computer, but now most children are online using phones, tablets or game consoles.

As a parent it can be mind boggling the number of apps and games children play, especially when children get towards the end of primary school and they are allowed a phone. There is lots of content out there that we wouldn't want our children to see and we want them to behave responsibly when using devices to communicate. The key thing is to educate children on what is appropriate and what is not. If a child sees something online they don't like and tells you and your first reaction is to take the device away or ban it, don't be surprised if they don't tell you again. The key thing is to educate them about what to do if it happens.

In the last few weeks there has been a lot on social media about a Netflix show called Squid Game. The title sounds innocent enough and for a young person this sounds like something fun. For those of you not aware it is a 15 age rated show that is 100% not appropriate for children in any shape or form. However, there are videos on TikTok that refer to it, the children's game Roblox has versions people have made called Squid Game and when you turn on Netflix sometimes the trailer may play. I'm not advocating you talking about this TV show with your children, but you can see as parents how easy it is to find references to it.

A recent trend on TikTok for secondary school aged children is to steal things from school. Children will definitely see videos on there if they search for it. Both of these examples are why it is important to teach children what to do if they see something they don't like online.

To help you as parents become more aware of some of the apps and games children will be wanting to use, Miss Beard, who is responsible for online safety at Larchwood, will be sending out some information every Tuesday for the rest of term in what we are calling "Tech Tuesday". Hopefully this will be informative and will help you to keep your child safe online.



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School Photos

Next Tuesday (19th October) the children will be having their class photographs taken. Proofs and forms will follow a short while later. I'm sure children will look even smarter on this day than they normally do.

PE kit

Now that we are getting into the autumn and winter children will need to have a dark (black or navy blue) tracksuit in school. This is a top and trousers. If they don't they may not be able to do PE and don't be surprised if the office contacts you. PE kits will be sent home over half term to be washed. Please return the full kit when we come back.

Parent Consultations

As you will be aware, it is parent consultation evening on Wednesday and Thursday next week. It is in person, but bookings are made using school cloud on the following link www.larchwood.schoolcloud.co.uk. 70% of parents had booked in the first few hours yesterday so if you haven't please do so. All parents are expected to book an appointment so if you need help making the booking, please contact the school office.

Unnamed Jumpers

We repeatedly have parents saying their child has lost their jumper in school. We have a large pile of these that are now in lost property but can't be reunited with their owners because they are not named. These jumpers will be available to be claimed at parent consultations next week. Please, please, please make sure you put your child's name in every item of clothing. I can't stress this enough.

Reception Dance Workshop

Today we have had the excellent Don Rae in doing a dance workshop with Reception. He always finishes the day with a short performance and today the children performed to the children in Year 1, Year 2, their older siblings and parents as well as our special guest Mr Duff the Executive Headteacher. It was fantastic to welcome parents into the hall to watch and we hope to do this every time Don Rae comes in to work with a year group.

Have a great weekend.



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Grace M in 1P for demonstrating all of the school values.



Stars of the Week

RS	RT	1A	1P	2B	2G	3B
Alex	Dylan	Isobel	Freddie	Isla	Betsy	Millie
3C	4D	4S	5B	5L	6R	6S
Vita	Kendra	Joel	Lily	Francesca	Ella	Wajih



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Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 11th October 2021

Class	RS	RT	1A	1P	2B	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	98%	98.7%	96.5%	99%	98.6%	97.3%	94.9%	
Class	3C	4D	4S	5B	5L	6R	6S	97%
Attendance	97.1%	99.7%	99%	87.7%	96.7%	98.6%	97%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
4D	1P, 4S	RT



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 2nd September 2021

Class	RS	RT	1A	1P	2B	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	97.4%	94.4%	97.1%	97.5%	99.4%	96.4%	97.2%	
Class	3C	4D	4S	5B	5L	6R	6S	96.9%
Attendance	97.2%	98.6%	97.9%	95.0%	96.9%	96.9%	95.2%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
2B	4D	4S



Reading at Home

Well done to the 7 classes who read enough. Still half of you need to get there.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages from Monday 11th October to Friday 15th October (percentages are rounded) Times Read						Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	0	1	2	3	4	5	
RS	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	2 (7%)	0 (0%)	4 (14%)	21 (76%)	90%
RT	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (14%)	6 (20%)	19 (66%)	86%
1A	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	3 (11%)	24 (86%)	97%
1P	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (16%)	25 (84%)	100%
2B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	2 (7%)	24 (86%)	93%
2G	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (8%)	4 (15%)	20 (77%)	82%
3B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	24 (92%)	96%
3C	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	4 (15%)	21 (81%)	96%
4D	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	29 (100%)	100%
4S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	28 (97%)	100%
5B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	26 (90%)	100%
5L	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	28 (93%)	100%
6R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (11%)	25 (89%)	100%
6S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (14%)	24 (86%)	100%
Total							96%



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