



Friday 15th July 2022

NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher's Comment:

Despite school not finishing until next Thursday, this is the last News and Views of the academic year so I thought I would take some time to reflect on the year that has passed as well as look ahead to next year.

So many things have happened this year it is hard to remember them all. The impact of Covid this year can't be ignored. It has had a significant impact on both pupils and staff, yet we have continued to make sure that children are learning and getting back on track from the lost learning over the previous two years. Now we are at the end of the year we can see that through the hard work of pupils, staff and parents we are getting back to where we used to be. The data for things like the number of children who get a Good Level of Development in Reception, the percentage who pass the phonics screening test and the SATs results in KS1 and KS2 are all strong and above the national comparison.

We have also had success in other areas. We have taken part in more sporting events than ever, winning the district KS2 Panathalon games and the archery as well as securing the gold again in the School Games Mark. All of our school trips were hugely successful, sports day was amazing, our Jubilee afternoon was a brilliant event and just yesterday the Year 6 leavers play was performed to a thrilled audience.

We are about to say farewell to the first cohort of sixty children that joined the school as part of the expansion. Those seven years have flown by and it is both a little sad to see them go, but also exciting to know they are ready for the next stages of their education at secondary school. Please keep in touch and I look forward to hearing how you are all doing.

Each year we present the Smith Family Award to a child in Year 6. The Smith family have a long connection with Larchwood. It isn't necessarily awarded to the child who does the best academically or who achieves the most, but the child that we feel best represents our school ethos and values. It was extremely difficult to decide this year who that person would be, but yesterday the trophy and book token was awarded to Hassan in 6S. Congratulations to him; his name will be added to the honours board in the lobby.

As you already know, we are also saying farewell to Mr Sumner who has taught in Year 5 and 6 for the last nine years and to Mr Shrimplin who has taught in Reception since 2019. Mrs Wagner, who has worked as one of our cover teachers is also moving on. A big thank you to all of them for their contributions to the school and the children. You will be missed.

Over the summer we are having significant work done at the school. The paths into the school are being replaced, but more significantly we are having a new roof put on large parts of the school. The older parts of the building which incorporates Year 1, Year 4, Year 5, the computer suite, half the hall and the kitchen has an old flat roof that is close to leaking and is very worn. This year we were successful in a bid to the government for funding to replace this roof with a



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grant of over £400,000. Scaffolding is due to go up next Friday and work will start the week after. This will be continuing in the autumn term, but school will continue to run as normal. We will of course be prioritising the safety and well-being of the children during this time.

The summer holidays also present an opportunity for everyone to do exciting things as a family. In the next few days we will be sending home a letter about the '**Larchwood London Challenge**'. Watch this space for details.

However, sometimes the holidays can also be a struggle for families, especially financially as the cost of living rises and food becomes more expensive. If you are struggling to make ends meet I know St Georges Church has been running a food hub on a Saturday from 10am-12pm. You may also be interested in the details below which have been circulating on Twitter.

Which?

CHEAP AND FREE THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR KIDS THIS SUMMER

It's showtime!

During August, children aged 17 and under go free at West End theatres when accompanied by a full-paying adult. Seeing shows such as Disney's *Frozen* and *Grease*.

The BIG screen

Vue and Odeon are offering heavily discounted tickets for mid-morning screenings every day during the school holidays, with prices as low as £2.49 for both adults and children.

Fun at the museum

Many museums around the country offer free activity sessions. Find out what's going at www.museums.co.uk

Theme park thrills

Look out for vouchers on packs of Kellogg's cereals or Tesco Clubcard offers that allow kids free/discounted entry at a variety of theme parks across the country. See their websites for more details.

Cheap dining

Yo! Sushi is letting children eat free from 3.30pm to 5.30pm Monday to Thursday. And at Bella Italia, kids eat for £1 with the purchase of every adult main meal from 4pm to 6pm Monday to Thursday.

Grow your own plants

BBC Radio 2 is giving away free fruit, vegetable and plant seed packs across the nation. Pick up a pack from your local B&M or Homebase store.

KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022

MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.

ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.

DUNELM

One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the in-store cafe.

YO!

Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.

HUNGRY HORSE

Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.

IKEA

Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).

BELLA ITALIA

Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.

DOBBIES

Kids eat free with an adult main meal.

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.

CAFE ROUGE

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.

MORE TO COME!!

M&S, TESCO and more expected soon, see websites for latest information.

September

Attendance at school is vitally important and we have recently updated our attendance policy which can be found [here](#). As we still recover from the effects of the last two years we will continue to prioritise attendance. Please **do not** book holidays or long weekends away during term time. All term dates are on our website and children should legally be in school every day.

School starts again on Friday 2nd September (teachers will be in on 1st September). Although this is a one day week for children, it is vitally important that **ALL** children are in that day.

Please also take the summer to make sure that you have all the correct uniform, shoes (no trainers) and PE kit first day.

We have a few days still to go this term and as you know there is a lot planned next week despite having to cancel the discos because of the heat. The celebration evening will be going ahead as planned, so hopefully we will see you then.



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Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Catherine in 6R for demonstrating the value of responsibility.



Stars of the Week

RS	RT	1A	1P	2B	2G	3B
All of RS	Olivia	Revin	Iyla-Mai	Kian	Hunter	Erick
3C	4D	4S	5B	5L	6R	6S
Mia	Ben	Charlie	Logan	Robbie	Serenity	Connie



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 11th July 2022

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Class	4D	2B/3C	1A/6R	1P/4S	3B
Attendance	96.5%	95.6%	95%	94.9%	94.6%



Reading at Home

Congratulation 5L. You finished the year strongly.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages from Monday 11th July to Friday 15th July 2022 (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%)	9 (31%)	20 (69%)	29 (100%)
RT	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (8%)	5 (21%)	16 (67%)	21 (88%)
1A	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	6 (21%)	22 (79%)	28 (100%)
1P	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	3 (11%)	23 (80%)	26 (91%)
2B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	2 (7%)	24 (86%)	26 (93%)
2G	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	2 (8%)	5 (22%)	19 (66%)	24 (88%)
3B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	3 (11%)	24 (86%)	27 (97%)
3C	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	24 (86%)	26 (93%)
4D	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	6 (21%)	22 (79%)	28 (100%)
4S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (11%)	5 (18%)	20 (71%)	25 (89%)
5B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	28 (93%)	30 (100%)
5L	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	28 (100%)	28 (100%)
6R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	3 (10%)	25 (87%)	28 (97%)
6S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (17%)	24 (83%)	29 (100%)
Total							95%



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