



# NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



## Headteacher's Comment:

Larchwood's expansion to two forms is now complete. The final Reception children joined us this week and we are now full. This marks a significant moment for Larchwood. Plans that were put in place nearly a decade ago have now been completed. Seeing all 420 children in assembly this week has been amazing.

As a school we are always looking at ways to improve what we do and how we can provide our children with an even better education. A good example of this is the hugely successful 'meet the teacher' event we held on Tuesday where there were well over 200 parents from Year 1 to 6 joining the class teachers to find out about what children will be learning this year. The information shared is also on our website [www.larchwoodprimary.co.uk/curriculum](http://www.larchwoodprimary.co.uk/curriculum) if you missed the event.

Another way we are going to continue improving is working with our academy trust, the Discovery Educational Trust (DET). You will all know that Mr Duff is the Executive Headteacher of the DET and he oversees things across the three schools in the trust (Larchwood Primary School, St Martin's School and Chase High School). The DET has recently appointed two new members of staff to develop and improve all of its schools. Yesterday you may have noticed that I was with another teacher at the gate. This was Mr Lewis who works within the Trust's team in the role of Development Lead for Personal Development, Behaviour and Attitudes. He spent the day touring the school, popping into lessons, finding out about some of the things we do at Larchwood and speaking to children. I know he had a great day.

You will also get to see Mr Lelliott who is the Trust Development Lead for Quality of Education – in fact he is coming to Larchwood next Thursday.

Both of these roles will enhance the provision we provide at Larchwood.

### Lateness

Children need to be in school by 8:40am. After this time children are late. There are still too many children arriving after this time. There should be none.

### Parking

A few parents have complained about other parent's parking this week. Please make sure you are not stopping somewhere where you are endangering children or blocking the road. The bus was unable to get down Larchwood Gardens one day this week.

### Clubs

Clubs start next week for children in Year 1 to 6 and you will receive a text about which one your child is in. Thank you to all the staff who are giving up their own time to run these.



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## End of day arrangements

If you have changes to who is picking up your child at the end of the day can you let the office know, rather than the class teacher. All messages about pick up and late booking for afterschool club need to be phoned in by 2pm at the latest.

## Fire Drill

We had our first fire drill of the term today. The children were amazing at evacuating sensibly and quietly and everyone was accounted for very quickly before heading straight back to learning. Well done everyone.

Have a great weekend.



## Stars of the Week

RS	RT	1A	1P	2B	2G	3B
Rose	Carley	Maya	Daniel	Alexis	Calum	Stanley
3C	4D	4S	5B	5L	6R	6S
Claudia	Maja	Robyn	Kyle	Amy	Katie	Kaine



## Reading at Home

8 classes read at least 4 times and 99% of the whole school read at least 4 times. This is a record. Amazing! 100% next week.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages from Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September (percentages are rounded) Times Read						Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	0	1	2	3	4	5	
RS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1A	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	4 (14%)	24 (83%)	97%
1P	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (6%)	28 (94%)	100%
2B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (14%)	24 (86%)	100%
2G	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (11%)	24 (89%)	100%
3B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	5 (17%)	23 (80%)	97%
3C	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	5 (18%)	22 (79%)	97%
4D	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (13%)	26 (87%)	100%
4S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	6 (20%)	23 (77%)	97%
5B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	26 (90%)	100%
5L	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	27 (90%)	100%
6R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	8 (27%)	22 (73%)	100%
6S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (13%)	25 (87%)	100%
Total							99%



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## Weekly Attendance

A good week overall. Well done to the 3 winners.

### Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Class	RS	RT	1A	1P	2B	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	97.9%	98.6%	99.3%	94.8%	99.3%	96.0%	98.6%	
Class	3C	4D	4S	5B	5L	6R	6S	97.4%
Attendance	99.3%	98.6%	96.7%	96.6%	98.0%	95.5%	94.3%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
1P, 2B, 3C	RT, 3B, 4D	5B



## Yearly Attendance

### Yearly Attendance – from 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

Class	RS	RT	1A	1P	2B	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	98.5%	98.3%	97.5%	97.0%	99.7%	97.4%	96.7%	
Class	3C	4D	4S	5B	5L	6R	6S	97.6%
Attendance	97.8%	99.3%	98.3%	97.9%	97.6%	96.2%	94.6%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2B	4D	RS



## Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Sage in 4D – for demonstrating the value of Responsibility



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