



# NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



## Headteacher's Comment:

We have made it to the end of another hugely successful year at Larchwood. For those of you who have children in Reception you are probably wondering where the first year of school has gone. For those of you with children in Year 6, you are probably wondering where the last 7 years have gone. As Year 6 move into secondary school, I'd like to wish them and their families all the best – please come back and visit.

We are rightly proud of the children here. As you know, our motto is Achievement and Enjoyment. We have seen so many things this week where children have been enjoying themselves which included the disco, the leavers BBQ and today, Larchwood's Got Talent! Our achievements are also worth celebrating. Once again, all the reportable data on children's academic performance which includes Reception, Year 1 phonics, Year 2 SATs, Year 4 multiplication check and Year 6 SATs are above national levels overall. Children achieve and enjoy school.

### Smith Family Award

As you know we gave out the sunflower awards yesterday to the worthy winners – well done again Penny – and today I gave out another special award. Each year the Smith Family Award, which is sponsored by one of our former families, is awarded to one student in Year 6 who we feel represents our values and our school in the best possible way. This is not an easy decision as there are 60 excellent candidates each year. It isn't necessarily the person who does the best academically, or the sportiest or the most popular – it is the person who 'is Larchwood'. This year the Smith Family Award has been awarded to Lily in 6C. Congratulations to you Lily, you are a great role model.

### Mrs Stanley

Another special award I gave out today was to Mrs Stanley. This is a name many of you will know. For the last 13 years Mrs Stanley has been one of our school governors and has been instrumental in helping the school to become the success it now is. Mrs Stanley's connection with Larchwood goes back even further though. For nearly 20 years she was a teacher at the school, probably teaching many of our parents. From all accounts I think many people will remember her as strict but fair and she is held in great respect by those who knew her. Thank you for all you have done over the years for Larchwood and the community.

### Road Update

I met with Councillor Aspinell (Brentwood) and Councillor Scott (Essex) on Monday. They have already informed me that we are one of 3 schools to be given School Street status in South Essex and they have now agreed to stricter parking restrictions around the school which will include stricter enforcement which I am led to believe will be fixed cameras. We know that when parking attendants come, like they did this week, the road is clear and a lot safer, so this should help. They are also conducting a traffic survey in September as part of a plan to get a crossing patrol in place. Fingers crossed these things all materialize.



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## LPPA Update

The LPPA have confirmed that the Colour Run has raised over £4,100 for the school. This is after all their costs and is a truly amazing achievement and easily the largest amount they have raised. Well done to Albie in 3C and Indie B in RT who raised the most individually. Thank you to everyone for all your amazing efforts, it was a fantastic event and was worth all the showers I had to have to get the paint off.

## Roof Update

The work on replacing the old part of the hall roof starts tomorrow. This is part of the same project that replaced the old flat roof last summer and autumn. The interior work will be completed over the holiday, with a few weeks of external work continuing into September. This will mean a small section of the playground will be out of use again. By the time we get to autumn we will have a well-insulated, waterproof school.

On that note, I would like to wish you all a very pleasant 6-week break. Don't forget the Larchwood Summer Challenge that was sent out yesterday - I'm hoping Twitter will be busy with this and any other fun things people are getting up to. If you are starting in Reception in September, don't forget to tweet what Larchie Bear is up to.

See you all on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 8:30am.

## Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Final	Portion	Contribute	Pursue	Philosophy	Fundamental	Technical



## Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Lei in 6C for demonstrating all of our values, especially Perseverance, and for making us all laugh lots.



## Stars of the Week

RR	RT	1A	1P	2B	2G	3B
Lois D	Rowan	Zarish	Omar	Kai	Penny	Jack/ Leo
3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6R	6C
Harrison	Amber	All of 4S	Zachary	All of 5L	All of 6R	All of 6C



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## Weekly Attendance

Well done RR for being the final winners of term.

### Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Class	RR	RT	1A	1P	2BC	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	99.3%	98.6%	93.5%	92.7%	97.7%	96%	97.7%	
Class	3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6C	6R	96.8%
Attendance	97.7%	95.3%	94.7%	97.7%	95.7%	96.3%	96.3%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
RR	RT	2BC/3B/3C/5D



## Yearly Attendance

Well done 3C for being the overall winners this year.

### Yearly Attendance – from 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

Class	RR	RT	1A	1P	2BC	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	94.7%	93.9%	95%	94.3%	95.5%	96.3%	94.2%	
Class	3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6C	6R	95%
Attendance	96.5%	95.6%	95.2%	94.8%	96.2%	94%	95%	

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