



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher's Comment:

Two of my favourite days occurred this week – our two sports days. The weather was on our side, the field was perfect and there was a huge turnout. This is a day for everyone. It is always great to see so many parents, carers, grandparents, siblings and family members present and I know how much the children appreciate the support. Without all your support, which includes providing the coloured T-shirts it wouldn't work so well.

It also wouldn't work so well without Mrs Pirie's excellent organisation supported by Mr Collins-Duncan – sports day is a big event. The LSAs do a fab job with each event explaining what to do and giving out the points and it wouldn't run as well without them either. Finally, I need to mention the children, I think you will agree they demonstrated all our school values on the days, supporting each other, behaving so well and generally enjoying themselves. Thank you everyone and well done for such a great 2 days.

Now the other important part. It was announced on each day the day winners. As a reminder, Reception, Year 1 and 2 was won by Yellow team on Monday. Year 3 – 6 was won by Yellow team. As revealed in assembly today the overall winners were, unsurprisingly, Yellow team!

Active Travel

You will have seen the new bike shelters have been installed now at both entrances and I am delighted they are being well used. Both were full this week and this definitely helped Year 6 as they were doing their Bikeability training (cycling proficiency if you are as old as me). I was also pleased to see that there were helmets with each bike. If you are using the bike shed in the top playground can you please not leave scooters in there, but continue to take them home as there isn't enough room.

Miss Dow, who has been coordinating our Active Travel campaign has asked me to remind you to continue to walk / scoot / park and stride as much as possible. Active travel is now up to 86%. Well done.

Finally, on this topic, I have a meeting with Essex council about Larchwood Gardens and the parking on 17th July, so I'm hopeful we will have some improvements in the Autumn term.

NEU Strikes

You may have seen in the news that the NEU teaching union is currently planning industrial action for 5th and 7th July related to funding and pay. I will be able to confirm next week which classes are likely to be impacted, but we don't believe that this will impact the Reception trip planned for 5th.

Job opportunities at Larchwood

We are currently looking for additional midday assistants to join our experienced team of middays. The role is a vital one in the school and would suit someone who enjoys working with and interacting



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with children in a more relaxed situation please take a look at the advert. We are also looking for a suitably qualified person to work as an LSA in school. Both positions are advertised on the [Essex School Jobs website](#) (just search for Larchwood).

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Visible	Item	Range	Generation	Scenario	Psychology	Enhance



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

George in 2BC for demonstrating the value of Responsibility.



Stars of the Week

RR	RT	1A	1P	2B	2G	3B
Leo	Violet	Kian	Charlie	Grace	Oliver	Callum
3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6R	6C
Annabelle	Dolcie	Abina	Carter	Holly	Freddie	Brandon



Reading at Home

Well done to the winners, especially 6R who had 29 out of 30 reading every day.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 19 th June to Friday 23 rd June			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RR	3 (11%)	7 (26%)	17 (63%)	89%
RT	7 (27%)	8 (31%)	11 (42%)	73%
1A	0 (0%)	8 (28%)	21 (72%)	100%
1P	4 (14%)	4 (14%)	20 (72%)	86%
2BC	2 (7%)	7 (25%)	19 (68%)	93%
2G	1 (3%)	2 (7%)	27 (90%)	97%
3B	0 (0%)	8 (26%)	22 (74%)	100%
3C	1 (3%)	7 (23%)	22 (74%)	97%
4B	5 (17%)	5 (17%)	20 (66%)	83%
4S	1 (3%)	4 (15%)	23 (82%)	97%
5D	0 (0%)	7 (23%)	23 (77%)	100%
5L	2 (7%)	3 (10%)	25 (83%)	93%
6C	2 (8%)	4 (15%)	20 (77%)	92%
6R	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	29 (97%)	100%
Total				93%



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Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 19th June

Class	RR	RT	1A	1P	2BC	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	91.4%	92.4%	97.3%	93%	95.2%	96.7%	94%	
Class	3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6C	6R	95.1%
Attendance	98.7%	96%	95.3%	96%	98.3%	88.3%	99%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
6R	3C	5L



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 2nd September 2022

Class	RR	RT	1A	1P	2BC	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	94.5%	93.8%	94.9%	94.5%	94.7%	95.8%	93.9%	
Class	3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6C	6R	94.9%
Attendance	96.3%	95.4%	95.2%	94.5%	96.1%	93.9%	94.8%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
3C	5L	2G



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