



Friday 23rd July 2021

NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher's Comment:

I don't think there are words that could fully describe the last year. It has been a year like no other. Sending home bubbles at Christmas and not fully reopening in January was probably the low point. However out of adversity we have seen so many positives (no pun intended). The resilience of children, parents and staff has been amazing. Whatever we have had to do every one has got on with it to make sure that we are doing the best for the children. All this week 4K have been doing remote learning and the way that the staff, parents and children have just got on with this, sums up what I mean – they have all been fantastic as has everyone. It is what makes Larchwood great.

We don't know what the future will look like, but we know what the aim is – back to normal. This week we have been doing more and more 'normal' things. There was the Year 6 play, the discos, the leavers BBQ, a Don Rae workshop performed to several year groups, 'move up morning' where children met their new teacher, plus all the usual amazing learning.

The letter about the arrangements for September went home yesterday and without getting ahead of ourselves, we are really looking forward to the new academic year.

Well done to each and every one of you (children, parents and staff) for your hard work and support this year. You have all been amazing.

Sunflower Competition Winners

We had a record number of entries for the competition this year with nearly 100 and a display of some of the photos will be going up in the lobby. The winners in each year group receive a trophy and they are:

Reception – Zoe in RS

Year 1 – Joshua in 1P

Year 2 – Millie in 2B

Year 3 – Ario in 3A

Year 4 – Stanley in 4K

Year 5 – Joshua in 5S

Year 6 – Max in 6PA

Staff – Mrs Carter

The overall winner was Zoe in RS. Her name will be added to the honours board in the lobby.



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Smith Family Award

For the last three years we have given this award to one of our Year 6 children. The Smith family have a long association with Larchwood as their children attended Larchwood and Mr Smith was a governor of the school. Each year the Smith Family Award is awarded to a child in Year 6 who typifies Larchwood and its values; someone who works hard and is a fantastic role model to others. The winner receives a trophy, a gift voucher for the Chicken and Frog bookshop and their name written on the honours board in the lobby where it will be remembered forever. This year's winner is Leona and is very well deserved.

Allotment Winners

Each class has been busy tending to their allotments this term. These have been very productive e.g. today 5S picked some unusual shaped carrots and 2B had to have three children pull up an enormous turnip. Pictures will be on twitter. 3B were the class with the best kept patch. Well done.

Attendance

Yesterday I gave out 100% attendance certificates to 98 children who have all been here every day that the school was open this year. This is a new record. Well done. Attendance during this year has been excellent despite the pandemic. Well done everyone.

Twitter

As per normal, Twitter will be open during the summer. Keep your tweets coming. If you are joining us in Reception in September make sure you are tweeting what Larchie Bear is up to.

End of Term Gifts

Cards and gifts are never expected but always appreciated. Thank you to everyone that has bought or made items for staff, including myself.

Returning to School

Even though the summer holiday starts today, just a quick reminder that term starts for children on Thursday 2nd September for all children in Years 1 to 6. We expect 100% attendance on this day. Reception children all have their own individual start dates.

Have a fantastic and well-deserved break.



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

4K for working so well at home this week.



Stars of the Week

RS	RT	1P	1PR	2B	2G	3A
Iyla-Mai	Teddy	Whole Class!	Byron	Stanley	Pippa	Poppy
3B	4D	4K	5R	5S	6PA	
Ellis	Amelia	William	Rayan	Tom	Whole Class!	



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Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 19th July 2021

Class	RS	RT	1P	1PR	2B	2G	3A	Whole school
Attendance	98.3%	97.8%	98.3%	94.8%	92.4%	98.3%	91.8%	
Class	3B	4D	4K	5R	5S	6PA		96.3%
Attendance	99.6%	94.0%	-	94.4%	96.9%	99.2%		

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
3B	6PA	RS, 1P, 2G



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 4th September 2020

Class	RS	RT	1P	1PR	2B	2G	3A	Whole school
Attendance	98.2%	98.1%	98.5%	96.9%	95.7%	98.0%	97.0%	
Class	3B	4D	4K	5R	5S	6PA		96.8%
Attendance	98.0%	96.6%	96.3%	96.9%	95.1%	96.0%		

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1P	RS	RT



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