



Friday 26th March 2021

NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher's Comment:

Well we have made it to the end of another very strange term. It started in the cold days of January, the start of lockdown and home learning and finishes with children back in school and learning. It has been great to have all the children in school.

It seems strange breaking up after what seems like a short period of time in school, but it has been a very busy time. Excellent learning happens from the first minute of the day until the last and teachers are seeing great progress already. We have also had a number of additional events including Don Rae, author visits as well as the artist Darrell Wakelam working with nearly all the classes virtually this week. I think everyone is going to need a good rest after the home learning and now the last three weeks back in school.

COVID reporting

We hope that there are no positive COVID cases over the holidays, but if any children develop symptoms (a temperature, a new persistent cough or a loss / change of smell or taste) within 2 days of being in school please notify us by emailing the office email which is office@larchwood.essex.sch.uk. If your child develops any symptoms from Monday onwards, you don't need to inform us.

Traffic update

This week I've got some good news regarding the traffic situation. One of our local councillors, Barry Aspinall, has been in touch with me regarding the contact I had with them in December about the parking and traffic. He has confirmed that the council will be repainting the zig-zags outside the school and will be installing some '20's Plenty' signs. This is a start. Hopefully further measures can be put in place.

Local Elections

Also, on May 6th, part of the school near Year 6 will be used as a polling station for the local elections. The school will **not** be closed and we will be open for **all** children. After many conversations with Brentwood council we have found a way to do this without voters coming onto the main site and not coming into contact with pupils.

Easter Competition

Yesterday my office was filled with all the designs for the 'Design an Easter Egg' competition



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that the LPPA have been running. There have been well over 200 entries. The ladies in the office who did the judging enjoyed looking through the designs after school yesterday and found it very hard to decide which were their favourites. A special mention to RS who had the most entries with 27. It was really hard to choose the winners in there. Well done to everyone who took part. There are 2 winners per class and they are:

RS – Nancy and Jamie

RT – William and Olivia

1P – Harrison and Hannah

1Pr – Aaryan and Skylar

2B – Esther and Ruby-Leigh

2G – Esme W and Ruby

3A – Poppy and Carter

3B – Ben and Sage

4D – Sophie and Poppy

4K – Maya and Dalia

5R – Ella and Finlay

5S – Connie and Stefanie

6PA – Stevie and Callum

Well done to all of you. If you didn't win don't worry, the LPPA have been very generous this year and have purchased a chocolate Easter treat for every child. Thank you very much.

Looking ahead to next term we don't know if government guidance will change regarding how we operate. However, we are planning to start clubs from the second week back.

In the meantime, the weather will keep getting better and from Monday we will be able meet others outside. Have a great break and we will see you back in school from 8:30am on Monday 12th April.



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Ruby-Leigh in 2B – for friendship and respect.



Stars of the Week

RS	RT	1P	1PR	2B	2G	3A
Zac	Jude	Matty	Leah	Archie	Mia	Sonny
3B	4D	4K	5R	5S	6PA	
Lily-Anne	Harry C	Bradley	Damian	Connie	Jessica	



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Reading at Home

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages from Monday 22nd March to Friday 26th March (percentages are rounded) Times Read						Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	0	1	2	3	4	5	
RS	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	3 (10%)	26 (87%)	97%
RT	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	1 (3%)	4 (13%)	22 (74%)	90%
1P	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	6 (21%)	23 (79%)	100%
1PR	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	6 (22%)	21 (78%)	100%
2B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	6 (20%)	23 (77%)	97%
2G	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	2 (7%)	5 (17%)	21 (70%)	87%
3A	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	2 (7%)	24 (85%)	92%
3B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	1 (3%)	2 (7%)	25 (83%)	90%
4D	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	1 (3%)	2 (7%)	25 (83%)	90%
4K	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	28 (94%)	97%
5R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	7 (24%)	20 (70%)	94%
5S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	6 (21%)	22 (79%)	100%
6PA	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	4 (13%)	24 (80%)	93%
Total							94%



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 22nd March 2020

Class	RS	RT	1P	1PR	2B	2G	3A	Whole school
Attendance	98.7%	98.7%	99.7%	95.7%	97.4%	96.6%	98.0%	
								97.4%
Class	3B	4D	4K	5R	5S	6PA		
Attendance	98.3%	98.7%	100%	97.2%	93.3%	93.8%		

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
4K	1P	RS, RT & 4D



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 4th September 2020

Class	RS	RT	1P	1PR	2B	2G	3A	Whole school
Attendance	98.4%	98.6%	98.9%	96.7%	97.1%	98.2%	96.4%	
								97.1%
Class	3B	4D	4K	5R	5S	6PA		
Attendance	97.6%	96.8%	95.2%	96.9%	95.8%	96.0%		

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1P	RT	RS



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