



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher's Comment:

I like to think that people read all of News and Views right to the end. I could fill it with photos and information about things that have happened in school each week, but Twitter is where most of these things go ([@LarchwoodPS](#)). This week on twitter for example you can see some amazing Year 6 writing, some cooking, the Mike Mullen BMX workshop, Year 3's trip, the Axel Sheffler virtual workshop and children who competed for the school at the Quadkids tournament – it's been busy! However, I'm aware that some people may skim read parts of it, particularly towards the end where the reading figures and attendance figures are. So, it begs the question why do we put them there each week if it becomes wallpaper that we don't always look at?

Well the simple answer is that coming to school and reading every day are two of the biggest things that can be done to improve everyone's chances of doing well later in life. If we come in every day and if we read everyday we will develop good habits and skills for life. We want everyone to be reading at least 4 times and being in every day.

I spoke about the importance of reading at home last week in News and Views and to make the table below easier to read and more noticeable, we have changed how it looks. Remember the expectation is to read at least 4 times. Well done to the 2 classes who all managed this, it needs to improve next half term.

The attendance figures are there to remind everyone of the importance of coming to school. Currently, the school averages 95% attendance. Pre-pandemic the national average was 96% (we were above this), but is now lower. This year there have been incidents of illness, for example Reception had a bout of chicken pox that impacted their attendance, but there has also been an increase in the number of families taking unauthorised holidays. Parents have a legal duty to make sure their children are in school every day (illness excepted) so for next academic year, please book holidays in holiday time.

I'll finish with a well done to 3C who had the highest attendance this week, receive a certificate and 5 minutes extra break and to 2G and 3C who have the best attendance in the school this year.

Online Safety

I just wanted to highlight an app that you may hear about, especially with older children called Omegle. Omegle is a popular video chat site that pairs random users together to chat online via video, text or both. As I'm sure you can see this isn't good from an online safety point of view. Users must be at least 13. Please make sure that children are not using this app. More information can be found [here](#).

Exciting News

Miss Short who is the class teacher for 4S and also works as part of our Special Educational Needs team with Mrs Jaycock is getting married in half term. I'm sure you will join me in



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wishing her and her partner all the best for the big day and the future. On our return from half term Miss Short will be known as Mrs Chalkley (although the class will still be 4S).

Have a great half term and we will see you all back on Monday 5th at 8:30am.

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Remove	Minor	Aid	Aspect	Assume	Implement	Component



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Ethan in 4S for demonstrating perseverance.



Stars of the Week

RR	RT	1A	1P	2B	2G	3B
Elijah	Lilly	Joel	Ivan	Olivia	Zoe	Braydon
3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6R	6C
Jake	Henry	All of 4S	Izzy	Alfie	Stanley	Sam



Reading at Home

Well done all those who read this week, especially 6R who have won the trophy again.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 22 nd May to Friday 26 th May			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RR	0 (0%)	5 (23%)	18 (78%)	100%
RT	4 (17%)	8 (35%)	11 (48%)	83%
1A	1 (4%)	3 (11%)	23 (85%)	96%
1P	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	25 (92%)	96%
2BC	2 (7%)	5 (17%)	22 (76%)	93%
2G	1 (5%)	4 (17%)	18 (78%)	95%
3B	2 (6%)	5 (18%)	22 (76%)	94%
3C	4 (13%)	7 (23%)	19 (64%)	87%
4B	5 (21%)	7 (24%)	17 (55%)	79%
4S	1 (4%)	4 (13%)	25 (83%)	96%
5D	2 (7%)	2 (7%)	26 (86%)	93%
5L	1 (4%)	5 (17%)	23 (79%)	96%
6C	1 (3%)	5 (18%)	22 (79%)	97%
6R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	27 (100%)	100%
Total				93%



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 22nd May

Class	RR	RT	1A	1P	2BC	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	93.9%	89.3%	92.3%	91.3%	97.4%	88.3%	96.3%	
Class	3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6C	6R	94%
Attendance	100%	94.7%	95.7%	96.7%	95.7%	89.7%	94%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
3C	2BC	3B



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 2nd September 2022

Class	RR	RT	1A	1P	2BC	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	94.7%	93.7%	94.7%	94.4%	95.2%	96.2%	94.1%	
Class	3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6C	6R	95%
Attendance	96.2%	95.5%	95.3%	94.5%	96%	94.3%	94.6%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
2G & 3C	5L	4B



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