



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher's Comment:

Educational visits play an important part of a child's education. As adults we often remember our school trips a lot more than some of the other things we did at school. I have very clear memories of mine. Educational visits provide an opportunity to enhance the learning we have done in the classroom and take it outside or to other venues. It also gives children the opportunity to experience new things.

Each year we ensure that children get to experience a school trip culminating in the 5-day residential that Year 6 take to Mersea. We also undertake additional trips throughout the school year for example to see performances undertaken by local secondary schools or to take part in as many sporting events as we can.

This week we have had two school trips take place. On Wednesday, Mrs Bailey and I took a group of Year 5 and 6 children to the Shenfield Sports Partnership basketball tournament. The team were excellent and were undefeated in their group, winning one game and drawing two.

The bigger trip this week though was the Year 4 trip to the Imperial War Museum Duxford. This compliments their history unit they are currently studying. Our history units are enquiry based and Year 4's enquiry question is: Which had the bigger impact on WWII: The Homefront, The Battle of Britain or The Blitz? This is why Year 4 visited Duxford as they have many WWII planes there and activities related to The Battle of Britain. By all accounts they had a fantastic day.

If you want to get a snapshot of our trips, make sure you check out our twitter page [@LarchwoodPS](https://twitter.com/LarchwoodPS) where photos always get posted.

Below are the dates for the other trips planned for this year. Details to follow nearer the time:

Thursday 25th May – Year 3 Caveman Day at Thorndon Park

Friday 23rd June – Junior Governing Board trip to the Houses of Parliament

Wednesday 28th June – Year 1 trip to Barleylands

Wednesday 5th July – Reception trip to Boydells Farm

Monday 10th July – Year 6 residential to Mersea Island (all week)

Wednesday 12th July – Year 2 Habit Day at Thorndon Park

Thursday 13th July – Year 5 trip to Colchester Zoo

New Staff

This week we have welcomed three new members of staff. Mrs Field has joined us as the new LSA in 3C. Miss Morris started in Reception as our new Early Years Lead and the class teacher of RR. Finally, Miss Gregory has also joined us as part of the office team. All three are excellent



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additions to the Larchwood team and I'm sure you will all join me in welcoming them to the Larchwood community.

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attach	Contact	Collapse	Alter	Ensure	Distribute	Specific



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Kian in 3C for demonstrating the value of perseverance.



Stars of the Week

RR	RT	1A	1P	2B	2G	3B
Adalee	Grayson-James	Joseph	Oliver	Sophie	Lily E	Charles
3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6R	6C
Isla	Gabriel	Freddie T	Freddie N	Tennyson	Zachary	Amelia A



Reading at Home

6R again – super as always. Please make sure everyone is reading over the bank holiday.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages from Monday 24th April to Friday 28th April (percentages are rounded) Times Read						Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	0	1	2	3	4	5	
RR	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (17%)	23 (83%)	100%
RT	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (19%)	10 (37%)	12 (44%)	81%
1A	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	11 (38%)	16 (56%)	94%
1P	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (16%)	21 (84%)	100%
2BC	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	4 (15%)	20 (77%)	92%
2G	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	5 (17%)	24 (80%)	97%
3B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	7 (23%)	22 (74%)	97%
3C	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	6 (20%)	23 (77%)	97%
4B	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	2 (7%)	2 (7%)	6 (20%)	19 (63%)	83%
4S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (13%)	26 (87%)	100%
5D	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	5 (17%)	24 (80%)	97%
5L	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	8 (31%)	17 (65%)	96%
6C	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	5 (18%)	21 (72%)	90%
6R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	28 (93%)	100%
Total							95%



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Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 24th April

Class	RR	RT	1A	1P	2BC	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	96.4%	94.3%	93.8%	92.9%	92.9%	97.7%	96.3%	
Class	3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6C	6R	96%
Attendance	96.7%	98.7%	97.7%	96.7%	93.8%	98%	98.3%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
4B	6R	6C



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 2nd September 2022

Class	RR	RT	1A	1P	2BC	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	94.9%	95.1%	94.5%	94.7%	95.3%	96.3%	93.9%	
Class	3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6C	6R	95%
Attendance	95.8%	95.5%	95.4%	94.3%	95.9%	94.2%	94.5%	

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



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